

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALL-
EN MISSISSIPPI ARMY NA-
TIONAL GUARD SPECIALIST
(SPC) JAMES ANDERSON
CHANCE, III

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Mississippi Army National Guard Specialist (SPC) James Anderson Chance, III, who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on November 6, 2003, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SPC Chance was killed when his vehicle struck a landmine in Husaybah, Iraq. SPC Chance was assigned to C Company, 890th Engineer Battalion, Army National Guard, based in Columbia, Mississippi.

According to the Associated Press, SPC Chance volunteered to lead his convoy. He did not want his comrades to risk their lives if they had spouses or children. SPC Chance, a Kokomo, Mississippi native, was close to his parents, James and Patricia Ann Chance. Allen Chance, SPC Chance's brother, said he always lived close to his parents so he could look after them. "He was worried and he was trying to get it where he could come home for a few days to see her," Allen said. Mrs. Chance recently said her son was a good man who always made her laugh.

SPC Chance was remembered in a post on a memorial website. "SPC Chance, a true soldier, never complained, and moved out at a moment's notice," First Lieutenant (ILT) Robert Enochs of Saucier, Mississippi wrote. "Thanks for your love, dedication, and sacrifice for our country. I wish there were many more like you. We love and miss you dearly. We will never forget you."

SPC Chance joined the U.S. Army in 1997 after he graduated from Kokomo High School. He served one tour of duty in the Army. In 2002, he joined the Mississippi Army National Guard to pursue higher education opportunities.

A memorial service was held for SPC Chance at the Kokomo United Methodist Church which is located across the street from his childhood home. He was laid to rest at the Kokomo Community Cemetery.

SPC Chance is survived by his mother, Patricia Ann Chance; his brother, John Allen Chance; and his nephew, Samuel Chance.

SPC Chance will always be remembered for the sacrifice he made to protect America. He made his family and our nation proud.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT THOMPSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Robert Thompson, of Afton, Iowa, for receiving the 2017 East Union's Military Service Recognition Award.

The Afton Star Enterprise reported that "Robert Thompson was a 1957 Afton High School graduate who enlisted in the U.S.

Army, serving from 1957 to 1979. He had two assignment periods in Viet Nam during the Viet Nam War, and while there received two Bronze Star Awards and a Silver Star for his action in combat and a Purple Heart for a combat-related injury." In addition to his service in Vietnam, Robert was stationed in other locations, like Iceland and Panama, before returning home to Afton with his family. He retired from the Army in 1979.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent Iowans like Robert in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Robert for receiving this outstanding designation and in wishing him nothing but the best.

RECOGNIZING BILL STANLEY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my dear friend Mr. Bill Stanley on being named this year's William Crawford Distinguished Service Award winner by the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut.

A native of Norwich, CT, Bill began his outstanding public service career in journalism, writing for local publications like the Norwich Bulletin and the New London Day. He then transitioned to government, working briefly as a campaign press secretary for Governor O'Neill before spending the next six years at Rome, Frankel & Kennelly. In 1996, Bill became Director of Corporate Communications for the William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich, where he worked until 1999. He currently serves as vice president of Development and Community Relations at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital. On a personal note, I have known Bill since my days as a rookie state legislator at the Connecticut General Assembly. He is deeply involved in the politics and community of his beloved Southeastern Connecticut, willing to throw himself into any cause that improves the region. Although passionate in his beliefs, he is a true gentleman and respectful of any and all people he interacts with, which is a lot.

Throughout his full and prestigious career, Bill has always found time to volunteer for numerous causes across Eastern CT. Currently he is Board Chairman of his alma mater's foundation, the Three Rivers Community College Foundation. He also sits on the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut's board of directors. Bill served nearly 20 years on the board of directors for the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut, including two terms as chairman. He previously served as chairman of the New London Redevelopment Agency and was a board member at St. Jude Common and the USS Connecticut Commissioning Committee. From 1996 to 1999, he was Chairman of the American Heart Association's Southeastern Connecticut Heart Walk and continues to serve on its Executive Leadership Team.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating my dear friend Bill on receiving this noble recognition. May others always look to

him for a great example of leadership and service.

TRIBUTE TO DIWALI

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the India Association of Indianapolis (IAI). The IAI is a non-profit organization that unites Indian-Americans located in the central Indiana area. It has become a vital cultural bridge between Indian-Hoosiers and the community.

The IAI was founded in 1968 by fifteen families living in the Indianapolis area. Today, the IAI has a membership that exceeds 2,000 families and continues to climb. There are over 30,000 Indian-Americans living in the Indiana. The IAI has been a valuable voice for all Indian-Hoosiers and has increased understanding of India, Indian people, and Indian culture in central Indiana.

The mission of the IAI is to promote the cultural activities of India, to foster cultural exchange between people of India and the USA, and to carry out educational and charitable activities. Over the course of the last 50 years, the IAI has performed its mission admirably and has enriched the community immeasurably. It has played a crucial role to protecting, preserving, and promoting Indian traditions and has showcased the beauty of India to the Indianapolis community.

Whether it's the annual Diwali celebration, the Holi Festival, the yearly marking of India's independence, or a cricket game meant to foster friendship between the Indian and Pakistani-American community, the IAI has been a constant force of goodwill in Central Indiana. The IAI has grown exponentially since it was founded and is destined to do bigger and better things in the future. Indiana is lucky to have such an organization in its midst and I acknowledge the IAI, its leadership, and all its members.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, I would like to salute the India Association of Indianapolis.

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EN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER SER-
GEANT (SGT) COURTLAND
ANSHUN KENNARD

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Army (SGT) Sergeant Courtland Anshun Kennard who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our great nation on November 9, 2006, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SGT Kennard was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq. Also killed was Staff Sergeant (SSG) Gregory W.G. McCoy of Webberville, Michigan. SGT Kennard was assigned to the 410th Military Police Company, 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas.