

Appendix E

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MR. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Airman 1st Class Joshua Edward Woody of the United States Air Force who was a tragic victim of the cowardly terrorist bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia on June 25.

I would like to extend my deepest and most sincere condolences to Joshua's mother and stepfather, Bernadine and George Beekman, Joshua's father and stepmother, John and Carol Woody and to Joshua's wife, Mrs. Dawn Woody. Also, I would like to extend my comfort to his brother, Timothy, his two sisters, Tracy and Jonica, and his stepbrother, John.

Joshua and roommate and best friend Joseph E. Rimkus, were among the 19 brave soldiers who paid the highest price protecting the interests and security of our nation. Joshua, who was a resident of Corning, California and a recent graduate of Corning Union High School, was a very active member in several school activities. A standout in football, Joshua was co-captain of his high school football team and due to his talent on the football field, was chosen to the 1994 Lions All-Star game his senior year. Joshua was also a member of the school wrestling team. Joshua, who exhibited strong leadership qualities and skills in school and in sports, carried on these important attributes in the United States Air Force.

Joshua joined the military in March 1995, where he brought to the Air Force the devotion and leadership skills that he had become noted for in high school. Joshua served as a weapons specialist for the 33rd Fighter Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base in Northeastern Florida. In Dhahran, he was a member of the ground crew which supported the aircraft responsible for keeping the Saudi airspace clear.

Mr. Speaker, I did not know Airman 1st Class Joshua Edward Woody, but I do know that he was a hard working member of the United States Air Force and the Corning community who was dedicated to his family, his country and his community. Those are the best qualities a young person can possess. Let us never forget the contributions and commitment that Joshua has made to our nation and our community.

