

who reject wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity, worship without sacrifice and politics without principle.

Mr. Speaker, these are the essential components covering the ideals and objectives of the Order into which Joseph Anton Walters has been received. His fellow knights see in him a quality of resourcefulness and unillusioned self-sufficiency few men possess. These qualities were tested early in his life, and have been sustained through the decades. It is fitting that I here quote in part the language of a citation Joseph Anton Walters received while still a teenager, the occasion being the award of the Bronze Star for Valor.

In this citation the United States Army take pardonable pride in pointing to "meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Biak Island, Netherlands East Indies and in the Philippine Islands" during World War II.

Joseph Anton Walters was a lead scout in the 163rd Regiment, 41st Infantry Division. "On numerous occasions," his citation reads, "He volunteered for dangerous missions of reconnaissance with combat patrols." As a lead scout he displayed

"aggressiveness and exceptional courage" which saved his comrades many casualties and many certain defeats. For much of the war, his comrades-at-arms considered him a one-man army.

However, on Jolo Island, Sulu Archipelago, he was wounded while attacking an enemy position. He was wounded seriously, grenade fragments taking out an eye, and inflicting six other wounds on his body—still he continued to fight. The citation also credits him with annihilation of 18 enemy troops in order to save his comrades.

Finally, with blindness overtaking him to a point where he had to hold open his remaining eye, he withdrew from the field, aiding and guiding three badly wounded soldiers to a battalion aid station over a mile from the action, before he collapsed. The last of the shrapnel was removed as late as 1977. The citation concludes by stating that the "courageous actions of Joseph A. Walters has won him the praise of all men in his company and clearly distinguishes him" above other men.

To a fellow Missourian, Joseph Anton Walters, and to the Order of the Knights of Malta, our congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. Speaker, I should also like at this

time to congratulate all the outstanding members of this Order in the United States and abroad, reaching as it does, all walks of life. Members are such dignitaries as sovereigns, heads of state, princes of the Church, artists, industrialists, leaders in the media—men of all races. Included among those who attended the investiture were Knights of Malta Commander, Peter Gerald; New York TV producer, Alexander Tenzer; Mr. Cutler Godfrey and Kenneth Roger Rooney, all of New York City, as well as Prince George Romanovsky. Also attending were immediate members of his family including Mrs. Russell Hill and two brothers, Albert and Charles Walters, who both reside in the Greater Kansas City, Missouri area.

In closing, may I commend his Excellency Archbishop Lorenzo Michel de Valitch, for his humanitarian efforts and wish him and the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta, of which he is Grand Chancellor, sustained success in their worthwhile endeavor.

*The above is the text containing remarks used by Representative Alan Wheat (Dem.—MO) to inform members of the House of Representatives that Joseph Anton Walters of Independence, Missouri had been made a knight of Malta.*