

black owned supermarket in St. Louis, and developing 162 units of low income housing in St. Louis County. Bishop Anderson's extraordinary leadership is exemplified through his participation as chairman of several boards of directors, membership with many committees and by the numerous honors that have been bestowed upon him.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great privilege that I recognize Bishop Anderson today before Congress. He is well-deserved of our respect, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Bishop Vinton Randolph Anderson.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation. I request that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect that had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 32, "yes" (on H.R. 3796).

Rollcall No. 33, "yes" (on H. Res. 526).

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BELLE AIRE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th year of existence of the Belle Aire Baptist Church of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The congregation will celebrate the church's 50th anniversary on Sunday, March 7, 2004, with a special homecoming and luncheon.

Belle Aire Baptist Church has grown from its original 27 members to more than 2,000 members today. The church has served the community and its congregation well for half a century, a time of tremendous growth and prosperity in the Murfreesboro area.

The church has worked hard to foster relationships with Middle Tennessee State University students. Currently, Belle Aire Baptist Church is helping to start a church near Rutgers University to continue its ministry to students on that campus. Belle Aire Baptist Church also supports missions around the world.

Murfreesboro is a better place because of the work of Belle Aire Baptist Church and its congregation. I am sure the church will continue to make a positive difference in the community for the next 50 years and congratulate the congregation and Pastor Dean Sisk for all the good they have done.

HONORING THE STUDENTS OF ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the students of St. Francois County

in the Eighth Congressional District of Missouri for their outstanding efforts in gathering items to donate to U.S. troops serving overseas.

As a school project in cooperation with the Leadington VFW Post No. 5741, students in the West County and Central school districts have collected personal hygiene products, writing supplies, games, food, and magazines for the men and women of National Guard Unit 1140 Company A, serving right now in Iraq. Many students have also added personal cards to their contributions.

The patriotism of these young students is very moving. I am extremely proud of their selfless efforts. They are providing an example to our communities and our Nation that we must unite behind our men and women in uniform to give our support to their mission and to show our appreciation for their hard work. It is especially heartening to find that spirit in our youngest fellow Americans.

At an early age, these students have learned the value of standing with their fellow Americans for a noble and just cause. They are taking the first steps in good citizenship and community service. Their goodwill is circling the globe and brightening the day of our brave soldiers of the 1140th who have taken on a great task in Iraq.

The 1140th is a combat engineering battalion, but its mission is symbolic for our Nation as well. These men and women from southern Missouri are not going to Iraq with the sword in hand. They are going with the plowshare and the builder's square. Others before them have liberated the Iraqi people from Saddam Hussein, from terror, and from oppression. Their work in Iraq serves a new mission: to liberate the same people from poverty, from fear, and from hopelessness.

Back home, the children in the West County and Central school districts are learning the value of their sacrifices. They are an important link in the supply chain for the 1140th in Iraq. The efforts of these students is connecting our loved ones with their homes in Missouri, and that is a very important mission all of us should undertake.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the sponsors and coordinators from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the community for their help in this project.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING CHIEF
JIMMY LUSTER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that my good friend, Jimmy Luster, will retire as chief of police of El Dorado Springs, Missouri, after a lifetime of service to the various communities in which he has lived.

In 1970, Jimmy accepted the position of chief of police for Fairview Height, Illinois, where he established a completely operational police department for the newly incorporated city. By writing the rules, regulations and operational procedures, he laid a solid foundation for the department.

In 1976, Chief Luster left Illinois for Rogers, Arkansas, taking the position of chief of police in that community. He remained until 1978, when he moved to Missouri to serve the peo-

ple of Cass County in the sheriff's department, supervising night operations.

From 1979 to 1988, Jimmy served as chief of police for the town of Belton, Missouri. During his time there, he proved instrumental in getting a new state-of-the-art police facility built.

Since 1992, the people of El Dorado Springs have had the good fortune to have Jimmy as their chief of police. His retirement brings to a close the career of a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the president of the Southwest Missouri Major Case Squad, a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and a fine and dedicated man.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Members of the House will join me in honoring Chief Luster for his years of service and in wishing him all the best in the days ahead.

HONORING HATFIELD VOLUNTEER
FIRE COMPANY

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company and two of its outstanding volunteer fire fighters, who have each contributed in excess of 50 years of dedicated service to the community.

The Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company was founded on March 10, 1910 after a fire destroyed a local business. The Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company had modest beginnings with 24 charter members and equipment that included a single horse drawn chemical truck. Presently the company has 68 active members and a ladies auxiliary. The current fleet consists of two fully equipped 1,500 gallon per minute engines, a Rescue/Cascade truck, and a 2,000 GPM pump with a special service six wheel pickup truck. The company serves the Hatfield Borough and Hatfield Township and provides mutual assistance across Montgomery and Bucks Counties in Pennsylvania.

Robert Nolen is a lifetime member of the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company, who at age 70 still drives trucks to active fire calls. Isaac Feusner, another lifetime member now 93, has devoted countless hours to his duties as a fire fighter. The dedicated volunteers of the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company have provided critical services to citizens in need, oftentimes endangering their own lives in the process.

I congratulate the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company, specifically Robert Nolen and Isaac Feusner, for embodying the spirit of volunteerism in America through proactive service in the community.

HONORING CHARLES L. HORN

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, rise today to call attention to the accomplishments of a great man and a great Minnesotan, Charles L. Horn.