

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CITY OF SOUTHLAKE RANKED IN TOP TEN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Every two years, the magazine ranks some fifty plus suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth region, the State of Texas' largest metropolitan area. Southlake was ranked number three on this year's top ten after receiving top marks as a community dedicated to its school's athletics and music. D Magazine also noted the city's efforts to encourage resident involvement through SPIN (Southlake Program for the Involvement of Neighborhoods), which "helps residents communicate with the city government." As a congressman, I appreciate Southlake's efforts to encourage civic engagement because constituent communication is essential to improving our communities.

I applaud Mayor Andy Wambsganss and the City Council of Southlake for building the City of Southlake into a distinguished community. I am proud to represent such a vibrant city.

CONGRATULATING AN EXCEP- TIONAL GROUP OF NORTHWEST INDIANA RESIDENTS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I wish to congratulate an exceptional group of Northwest Indiana residents. The Lake County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be honoring several local heroes for their bravery and selfless acts of kindness during the "In Honor of Heroes" banquet on Thursday, September 9, 2004 at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana. They will also be recognizing two fallen military heroes and two fallen police heroes.

The First Congressional District is proud to commend the following youth for their acts of bravery. Thomas Jones displayed courage when he dialed 9-1-1 while his mother was having a seizure. The 9-1-1 dispatcher, Debbie Kochis, kept 5-year-old Thomas calm and feeling secure while she dispatched help. Thomas bravely responded to Kochis's request for information needed to get help and followed her instructions to help save his mother. Five-year-old Bobby Bodnar's grand-

mother fell unconscious while on a shopping trip. Bobby freed himself from the car seat and tried to help her. The young hero stayed calm, showed an employee where his grandmother was, and gave valuable information to the police. While on his way to school, Mike Spurlock came upon an accident scene. Assisted by other heroic citizens, Mike broke out one of the automobile's windows and removed the badly injured victim from the car. After the incident, he continued on to school as usual to take his final exam.

The Red Cross is also recognizing the following Northwest Indiana residents for using their training in life saving techniques to assist victims in life threatening situations. Mr. Daniel Luczak, an EMT, administered care to an injured worker which reduced further injury to the victim's lumbar spine. Lt. Yvonne Hogan Foster used CPR to revive a 90-year-old female who was unconscious. The tragic outcome of this heroic attempt to save a life should not diminish the fact that Lt. Hogan-Foster reacted quickly to the situation and put her lifesaving training to use. Dave Mays and Kandis Pigg are lifeguards trained and certified by the YMCA. Dave Mays activated the YMCA's emergency procedure and safely rescued a young man in the water complaining of severe back pain. Ms. Kandis Pigg's training in delivering oxygen proved to be a lifesaving technique after she was able to remove a man from the water who complained of shortness of breath. This heroic rescue resulted in the man's full recovery. The members of the Courage Aktion Club feel that they are in good hands whenever James Harris is around. While having lunch, James noticed a woman choking and performed the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge the food. A week later, while riding the bus, James helped a passenger who was having a seizure. Without the courageous efforts of these individuals: Karl Samuel, Higinio Martinez, Hank Carmona, Brian Gregory, Paul Jacques, Sam Rhoten, and Bill Curtis, a heart attack victim would not have survived. Their CPR/AED training revived the victim until the EMS arrived.

Carrie Clemens, Laura Layman, Stacey Gibbons, Sarah Udchitz, Stephen Kolodziej, Adam Wythe, and Matt Plassman were all working at a local Schoops restaurant when a tragic automobile accident occurred. The driver of a pickup truck suffered a fatal heart attack that resulted in the truck crashing into the restaurant. The heroic employees stepped right in to assist and aid the injured. Also being recognized are Randy Edmaiston and Martin Chelich, two courageous men that entered the home of a senior citizen while her home was on fire and evacuated the woman. Because of this selfless act, the woman's life was saved.

It takes dedication and hard work to make a blood drive a success. Hyles Anderson College and First Baptist Church work together to make blood drives successful. Due to the hard work of Kris Grafton, Karen Basham, Pastor Jack Schaap, and all the others involved, they have increased their blood collections by 40

percent and helped save 1,026 lives. Blood donors like Beth Groff truly give the gift of life. She has graciously donated 18 gallons of blood.

John D. Amos II and Luis A. Perez were two residents of Northwest Indiana who sacrificed their lives during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and their deaths come as a difficult setback to a community already shaken by the realities of war. These fallen soldiers will forever remain heroes in the eyes of this community, and this country.

I would like to also honor Trooper Scott A. Patrick and Detective William Rolniak, Jr. Trooper Patrick was the 40th Indiana State Police Officer to be killed in the line of duty. While stopping to aid a stranded motorist, he was shot by the motorist who had stolen the car. Detective William Rolniak, Jr, a 14-year police veteran, was killed in the line of duty when a suspect took him as a hostage and later killed him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending and acknowledging these outstanding heroes of Northwest Indiana. Their bravery and selfless deeds to others are worthy of the highest honor and respect.

MARRIAGE PROTECTION ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 3313, which would bar federal courts, including the Supreme Court, from hearing cases related to provisions in the Defense of Marriage Act [P.L. 104-199]. Under that law, the definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman extends to all aspects of federal law and prevents states from being forced to recognize same-sex marriages from other states. In addition to P.L. 104-199, 38 states—including Kansas—have adopted laws limiting marriage to a man and a woman. H.R. 3313 would not bar state courts from hearing cases related to same sex marriage.

While Congress has broad authority under Article III of our Constitution to regulate the jurisdiction, procedures and remedies available in state and federal courts, this power is generally not used as a means to affect substantive law. Over the years, various proposals have been made—but not enacted—to limit the jurisdiction of federal courts to hear cases regarding particular, controversial areas of constitutional law, such as school busing, abortion, prayer in school, and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Congress' Article III authority is generally used to address broad issues of court efficiency and resource allocation, rather than to allocate judicial power in a way that affects or influences the result in

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cases concerning specific constitutional issues. Limiting the jurisdiction of any court for any particular class of cases raises questions regarding both the separation of powers doctrine and the Equal Protection Clause of our Constitution.

Additionally, it is not settled doctrine that Congress has the power to eliminate Supreme Court review of constitutional questions. As President Reagan's first attorney general, William French Smith, noted: "The integrity of our system of federal law depends upon a single court of last resort having a final say on the resolution of federal questions. The ultimate result of depriving the Supreme Court of jurisdiction over a class of cases would be that federal law would vary in its impact among the inferior courts. State courts could reach separate conclusions on identical questions of law and the Supreme Court would not be able to resolve the inevitable conflicts."

For all of these reasons, Mr. Speaker, enactment of H.R. 3313 would be unwise and quite possibly unconstitutional. I agree with the late Senator Barry Goldwater who opposed similar "court stripping" bills during his Senate service, stating that "the frontal assault on the independence of the Federal courts is a dangerous blow to the foundations of a free society."

I noted with great interest a letter I recently received from former U.S. Representative Bob Barr, who authored the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996. In his correspondence to members of the House, dated July 19, 2004, former Congressman Barr urged the House to defeat H.R. 3313, stating that it will "needlessly set a dangerous precedent for future Congresses that might want to protect unconstitutional legislation from judicial review. . . . The fundamental protections afforded by the Constitution would be rendered meaningless if others follow the path set by H.R. 3313."

Former Congressman Barr also notes in his letter that, "where I differ with the supporters of H.R. 3313 is in my confidence that the Supreme Court will not invalidate DOMA [the Defense of Marriage Act]. During the lengthy consideration of DOMA, the House of Representatives heard detailed testimony on the constitutionality of DOMA. A parade of legal experts—including the Justice Department—determined that DOMA is fully constitutional. Although there are a few naysayers and wishful thinkers who opined that DOMA is unconstitutional, the overwhelming weight of authority was clear that DOMA is constitutional. Based on the exhaustive review of these opinions, Congress overwhelmingly passed DOMA and it was signed into law by President Clinton. DOMA remains good law. It is a sound and valid exercise of congressional authority, pursuant to the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the Constitution."

Further, former Congressman Barr comments in his letter that "because H.R. 3313 does not strip state courts of jurisdiction to hear challenges to the cross-state recognition section of DOMA, the result will be that each of the 50 state supreme courts will be the final authority on the constitutionality of a federal law. The chaotic result could be 50 different interpretations reached by state supreme courts, with no possibility of the U.S. Supreme Court reversing any incorrect interpretation of the federal DOMA. The potential for mischief by these courts is obvious. Ironically, I fear an increased likelihood of an adverse decision on

DOMA's constitutionality if H.R. 3313 becomes law."

Mr. Speaker, for all of these reasons, H.R. 3313 is neither good law nor good policy. My personal belief is that marriage is a union between a man and a woman, but that the regulation of marriage should be left to the states. Amending the Constitution of the United States is a serious matter not to be taken lightly and neither is enactment of legislation that would alter the careful balance of power and responsibility that the founders of our nation apportioned between the three branches of the federal government. I oppose H.R. 3313.

HONORING LOUISIANA EMPLOYER
BAKER OIL TOOLS—THE FIRST
RECIPIENT OF THE MANUFACTURING
EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP OF LOUISIANA'S ANNUAL
PACE AWARD

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, our local employers are dedicated contributors to our local economies. Each day our local manufacturers not only produce valuable products in our communities, they employ the skills of area workers and resources to get the job done. Manufacturers like the one I am recognizing today are committed to success, and their success directly benefits our communities.

One such local manufacturer is Baker Oil Tools located in Lafayette, Louisiana. Baker Oil Tools is a leader in oilfield services and today they are being honored by the Manufacturing Extension Partnership of Louisiana (MEPoL) with the first-ever Platinum Award for Continued Excellence (PACE Award).

MEPoL—a non-profit business resource based at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette—has a distinguished history of providing business and technical assistance to manufacturing firms throughout the State of Louisiana. They have worked with over 550 Louisiana businesses—including Baker Oil Tools—since 1997 to increase the productivity and profitability of their clients.

MEPoL educated, encouraged and empowered Baker Oil Tools to embrace the principles of 'Lean Manufacturing,' a systematic approach to identifying and eliminating waste in the manufacturing process through continuous improvement. This efficient approach enabled the organizational advancements that led to the receipt of this prestigious award.

Thanks to a committed workforce and leadership dedicated to excellence, Baker Oil Tools has made significant advances in driving productivity, quality and technology throughout their organization. Baker Oil Tools is a local manufacturing leader and this award is an outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to Baker Oil Tools on receipt of MEPoL's first annual PACE award and to their long standing commitment to the people and prosperity of our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
ASSISTED LIVING WEEK

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September 12 to 18 as National Assisted Living Week. Created in 1995 by the National Center for Assisted Living, National Assisted Living Week is being celebrated this year for the first time in collaboration with the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging and the Assisted Living Federation of America.

Along with good health and access to family and friends, nothing is more important to the senior citizens of our communities than their independence. National Assisted Living Week recognizes senior citizens who prize their independence and honors the professionals, volunteers, and investors who support the facilities and services that help them keep it.

The 2004 NALW theme, symbolized by a family tree and a heart, is "Caring for Our Heritage". The focus is on diverse cultural traditions that enrich our communities at all stages of life and are especially meaningful and comforting to residents of assisted living environments.

Mr. Speaker, I commend NCAL, AAHSA, and ALFA for working together to promote National Assisted Living Week, beginning this Grandparents' Day. We as a nation are grateful to the members of these three organizations for their mission and expertise in advocating and caring for and preserving the quality of life of our senior citizens.

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Every two years, the magazine ranks some fifty plus suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth region, the State of Texas' largest metropolitan area. Coppel was ranked number nine on this year's top ten after receiving top marks for its diversity. D Magazine also noted the city's predominantly younger residents and made specific mention of the Coppel Community Garden. Started in 1998, the Coppel Community Garden seeks to promote community "cohesiveness" through volunteer gardening. The Community Garden operates in conjunction with Coppel's Share the Harvest program to provide fresh produce to local food pantries.

I applaud Mayor Doug Stover and the City Council of Coppel for building the City of Coppel into a distinguished community. I am proud to represent such a vibrant city.

HONORING MR. JOHN DANIEL
ARTIS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mr. John Daniel Artis for being selected as the East Chicagoan of the Year. For fifteen years, the Twin City Community Services in East Chicago, Indiana, has awarded this title to prominent members of the community who have greatly contributed to the city and people of East Chicago. This year's festivities will take place Friday, August 20, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in East Chicago. During this prestigious event, John's friends and family will accompany him in a roast held in his honor.

Throughout his education and career, John D. Artis has accomplished many admirable goals. He graduated from Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee, with a Bachelor of the Arts in political science and history and later received his masters in public administration from Indiana University Northwest's School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

After finishing his undergraduate education, John selflessly devoted two years to working as a caseworker for the Crippled Children Division of Gary's Department of Public Works. John then served as the Assistant Director of the Cooperative Area Manpower Planning Agency followed by a two year term as the Supervisor of Relocation for the Department of Redevelopment. As a hardworking, disciplined, and dedicated leader, John was promoted to Deputy Director of Redevelopment in 1975 and to Director of Housing and Redevelopment in 1978, a position he continues to hold. John has been an integral part of several programs that have bettered the lives of those in his community: he aided in designing The Project 10 Program for rehabilitating multi-family buildings and created the First Time Homeownership Program and the Planned United Development to expand public housing. Through these and other projects, John has been spotlighted as an accomplished citizen devoted to providing affordable housing to his fellow man.

Beyond his full and active career, John has also held several positions in an effort to further serve East Chicago. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Community Reinvestment Project, St. Catherine's Hospital, the Healthy East Chicago Board, and the Enterprise Development and Management Corporation. He is also a board member of the Northwest Indiana Urban League, the Quality of Life Council of Northwest Indiana, the Lake County Integrated Services Delivery Board, the Northwest Indiana Discovery Center, and the National City Community Development Foundation. Additionally, John is President of the Partners in Contracting Board of Directors, Treasurer of the Urban Enterprise Association, and a Member of the Gary, Hammond, East Chicago Empowerment Zone Oversight Committee. John's list of memberships continues and includes several other committees that strive to improve East Chicago, illustrating that John has dedicated his life, his time, and his energy to improving the housing, health care, and economic future of East Chicago.

The Knights of Columbus Hall will be filled Friday night with friends and family who have been blessed with the opportunity to know and work with John and who wish to celebrate with him as he receives his award. John's work, which has earned him East Chicagoan of the Year, has been improving his community and the lives of East Chicagoans for over thirty years. Though John is dedicated to his career and the community of East Chicago, he has never limited his time and love for his family. John and his wife, Karen, have been happily married for over thirty years and have one son, Christopher.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. John Daniel Artis on being recognized as the East Chicagoan of the Year. It is my privilege to extend my personal thanks to Mr. Artis for his lifelong dedication to the citizens of the First Congressional District of Indiana. I confidently await Mr. Artis' future contributions to society and wish him continued personal and professional success.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL J. WATKINS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to note the passing of Daniel J. Watkins, of Prairie Village, Kansas, who passed away peacefully at his home with his wife and children around him on Wednesday, July 21, 2004, the feast day of his patron, St. Daniel the Prophet.

Dan Watkins was born on December 18, 1923, the second of four children of Thomas J. and Theresa A. Watkins, and raised on the family farm near Albia, Iowa. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and was commissioned and assigned to the 37th Spec. Construction Battalion (Sea Bees) in the Pacific Theatre, where he was Asst. Company Commander on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, near Pearl Harbor. Following his service in the Navy, Dan completed his studies at Iowa State University, where he earned a degree in civil engineering. He was a member of the Phi Kappa fraternity and the track team. He was also inducted into the Tau Beta Pi, the Knights of St. Patrick and the Iowa Engineering honorary societies.

Dan married Barbara L. Van Cleve on September 9, 1946. They moved to Kansas City in 1947 when Dan accepted a position with the firm of Howard Needles Tammen and Bergendoff. His entire professional career was spent with HNTB, culminating as the chairman of the Executive Committee. He took great satisfaction in the many roads, bridges, airports and other projects that HNTB designed. In 1989, Dan was awarded the Marston Medal by his alma mater, Iowa State University for outstanding achievement in engineering. He was also the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the National Society of Professional Engineers and by the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers.

Dan was also very active in civic and charitable organizations serving the metropolitan area. Dan was a member of the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, serving as a Director from 1985 to 1988. He was also Chairman of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce in 1982-1983, after serving on the

Board for several years. Dan served two terms as Chairman of Carondelet Health Corporation, after serving on the Board from its inception from 1983 until 1989. He was on the Board of Directors of St. Joseph Hospital for six years. Dan and Barb also spent many years fundraising for the St. Martin of Tours League, which sponsors the annual Snow Ball benefiting Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas. Dan was President of the League in 1985. In 1987, Dan was selected as the Catholic honoree of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Dan served on the Rockhurst College Board of Regents, the Board of Trustees for the Midwest Research Institute and the Board of Directors of UMB South. He also served as a Prairie Village City Councilman for six years.

Above all else, Dan was a faithful servant of Christ, a loving husband, and devoted father. His greatest gift to us was his example, including his strong Catholic Faith and his devotion to the Rosary. Perhaps the greatest testament to Dan's trust in the Lord was his willingness, together with Barb, to welcome each of their fifteen children into the world and provide all of them with abundant love. Dan will be missed dearly by the family, and his passing is a loss for the entire community.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas J. and Theresa A. Watkins, and one infant son, Paul, in whose name Dan sponsored a church built in Africa. Dan is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 57 years, Barbara, who continues to reside at the family home, and by his children and their families: Daniel and Phyllis Watkins, Lawrence, KS; Robert and Julie Watkins, Dallas, TX; Alice and Jim Scherzberg, Olathe, KS; John and Melissa Watkins, Lawrence, KS; Marianne and Paul Horvath, Prairie Village, KS; Jeanne and Gene Schinstock, Hutchinson, KS; Thomas and K. Watkins, Prairie Village; James and Ruth Watkins, Australia; Barbara Sack Hodges and Gene Hodges, Merriam, KS; William and Connie Watkins, Leawood, KS; Molly and Dan DiCarlo, Covington, GA; Frances Hunt, Prairie Village; David and Theresa Watkins, and Patrick and Shannon Watkins, Overland Park, KS; and by his forty grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, and by his sisters, Mary Mahoney and Charlene Coady, and his brother, Robert Watkins, of Iowa.

The Watkins family would like to acknowledge the kind, compassionate care of the Sisters, Servants of Mary at the end of Dan's life. I join with all of them, and with Dan and Barb's many friends and neighbors, in mourning the passing of this remarkable man, who gave so much to so many during his rich, full life.

IN HONOR OF MARINE DAVID
PAUL BURRIDGE OF LAFAYETTE,
LOUISIANA

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a fine American, a devoted son and a brave soldier who gave his life serving our Nation in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

David Paul Burrige served with the U.S. Marine's 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. On the afternoon of the 6th of September, was killed outside Fallujah, Iraq when a suicide bomber detonated a vehicle near a U.S. convoy.

David had been stationed in Iraq since April and most recently, his Marine unit was charged with securing the volatile western Anbar province.

David was one of seven brave Marine's killed outside Fallujah on Monday. While we here in the United States honored America's workers on Labor Day, David and his colleagues were hard at work defending our freedom. In the line of duty, David bravely gave his life to help make this world a better place for his fellow soldiers and indeed for us all.

A 2004 graduate of Lafayette High School, David's principal remembered him as "happy-go-lucky," saying "he was just the kind of kid that if I were a teacher, that's the kind of kid that you say, 'I'd take a whole class of them.'"

Mr. Speaker, please join David's friends, family and me as we honor his memory and thank him for his heroic service to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO EAST BAY AREA FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND LOVED ONES AFFECTED BY CANCER

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention the accomplishments of the Wellness Community of the San Francisco East Bay area.

The Wellness Community provides support, education, and hope for people with cancer and their loved ones, serving more than 1,000 participants in the Bay Area annually.

Cancer affects three out of four families across our Nation, over 1.3 million Americans each year. Cancer does not discriminate, crossing all ethnic, racial, age, national origin, sexual orientation, and socio-economic lines. It is one of the most devastating diseases afflicting Americans today.

The Wellness Community of the San Francisco East Bay area provides services to improve the quality of life for cancer patients, their families, and loved ones. Services include weekly and monthly support groups, monthly educational programs, stress management and gentle movement programs, and a cancer resource library.

In addition to providing a close-knit, home-like atmosphere, the Wellness Community's programs also enable those with cancer to take an active stance in combating the disease by forming a support network for patients and their families.

The Wellness Community believes that hope is a valuable tool for combating cancer. Rather than identifying themselves as passive victims, the Wellness Community empowers patients to play an active role in improving their own lives by working directly with their healthcare teams to bring about the possibility of recovery.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the Wellness Community on over

twenty years of dedicated service in improving the lives of individuals, families, and loved ones who are affected by cancer in the San Francisco Bay area.

I urge the House of Representatives to recognize their declaration of September 18, 2004 as "The Wellness Community Day of Celebration."

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Every two years, the magazine ranks some fifty plus suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth region, the State of Texas' largest metropolitan area. Colleyville was ranked number five on this year's top ten after receiving top marks as a "laid back" community. D Magazine also noted the city's recognition for being a national "Kid Friendly City," "Tree City U.S.A." and "Texas' Safest City."

I applaud Mayor Joe Hocutt and the City Council of Colleyville for building the City of Colleyville into a distinguished community. I am proud to represent such a vibrant city.

COMMENDING DR. MILDRED C. HARRIS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to announce that the God First Ministries East Chicago, Indiana Chapter will be hosting a heavenly breakfast on Saturday, September 18, 2004, at the Dynasty Banquets Hall, in Hammond, Indiana.

This year's guest speaker, Dr. Mildred C. Harris, is one of the most caring, dedicated, and selfless citizens of Illinois. Dr. Harris graduated from DePaul University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Development with an emphasis on Communication Science. She then obtained a Master of Arts degree from Governors State University, a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, and a Doctorate in Ministry from the International Bible Institute and Seminary. Dr. Harris also holds two honorary doctorate degrees.

Dr. Harris has demonstrated a sincere love for the community in which she lives. In addition to improving the lives of others through her professional career as a retired school teacher, Dr. Harris is an ordained minister. She is the President and CEO of God First Ministries in Chicago, Illinois, and she has also established other God First Chapters in

the states of California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Dr. Harris was selected as one of the 6 leading ministers from the City of Chicago to participate in the Chicago Remembers September 11th Observance in leading the Prayer of Hope for Chicago. She has also volunteered her time to champion many causes aimed at bringing comfort to those in need of assistance. Under her leadership, God First Ministries has fed thousands of people, given scholarships to graduating high school seniors, and hosted a clothing drive in which 21,000 clothing items were distributed to those in need.

Among her many contributions to the care of all people, Dr. Harris is a member of several boards and organizations, including: the Independent Assemblies of God, the National Religious Conference Management Association, the Administration Interacting with Ministers/Concerned Clergy for a Better Chicago, African American Religious Connection, the United Negro College Fund Advisory Board, Chicago Department on Aging Task Force, Women's Board of the Goodman Theatre, and the Local Government Advisory Board for the state of Illinois.

Although she dedicates her life to serving her community, Mildred never limits the time she gives to her loving family. She is the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Jordan Clopton and she is married to Dr. Herbert C. Harris.

For all of her conscientious efforts, both professionally and voluntarily, Dr. Harris has been recognized by her peers by earning numerous awards for excellence. She has authored three books and was awarded the Popular Music Award from the American Society of Composers. Dr. Harris was also featured on billboards and busses throughout Chicago promoting a citywide organ donation drive. In 2000, she was awarded the Woman of the Year Award from the American Biographical Institute. She was then honored with the Dominick's Fresh Spirit Award as one of Chicago's Leading Women Religious Leaders in 2001. Dr. Harris was also featured in the Religious Conference Management Association, Who's Who 2002-2003.

Mr. Speaker, throughout Dr. Harris's career in ministry she has touched the lives of many around the world. Her unselfish and lifelong dedication to those in need is worthy of the highest commendation. I am proud to commend her for her lifetime of service and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE RICHARD A. BLOCH

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the passing of Richard A. Bloch, of Kansas City, Missouri, who was a co-founder of H&R Block, Inc., and a passionate crusader for cancer patients.

In 1955, Richard Bloch and his brother, Henry, relaunched a small family-owned bookkeeping service as H&R Block, focusing on income tax preparation. Richard Bloch was a primary force behind the company's rapid expansion in the two decades thereafter.

Diagnosed with terminal lung cancer and told he had 3 months to live in the late 1970s, he was declared cured after 2 years of aggressive therapy. After that, Richard Bloch dedicated the rest of his life to helping others fight cancer. He and his wife, Annette, founded the R.A. Bloch Cancer Management Center and the R.A. Bloch Cancer Support Center at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, which became models for more than 100 similar organizations nationwide. As he once said, "Our sole goal is to try to get people to fight. If they fight, they have a chance to win."

Another of his signature achievements was creating the Physicians Data Query, a computer program now used by the National Cancer Institute that provides treatment for all forms of cancer. To honor Bloch, the Federal Government named the Bethesda, Maryland, building that is housing the program as the R.A. Bloch International Cancer Information Center.

Born on February 15, 1926, in Kansas City, Missouri, he is survived by Annette, his wife of 58 years, their four children, and fourteen grandchildren. Earlier, I had introduced House Resolution 376, which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the Bloch Cancer Foundation; its text aptly summarizes the many public contributions made by Richard Bloch, and I include it here:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the Bloch Cancer Foundation.

Whereas Richard and Annette Bloch are founders of the Bloch Cancer Foundation, established in 1980;

Whereas Richard and Annette have gifted to the University of Missouri-Kansas City the Bloch Support Center, a center which reaches out to cancer-stricken patients, their supporters, and caregivers, through education, counseling, and research designed to achieve the highest quality of life while living with cancer, and, in addition, offers professional education opportunities for students to receive training and research skills that deal with the psychological aspects of cancer;

Whereas Richard Bloch, along with the National Cancer Institute, implemented a computer program called PDQ ("Physicians Data Query") that gathers information from every cancer center in the United States and 22 foreign countries and gives the state of the art treatment for every type and stage of cancer in addition to all available experimental therapies;

Whereas Richard and Annette Bloch authored three books: "Cancer . . . There's Hope" about Richard's battle with his 'terminal' lung cancer; "Fighting Cancer", a step-by-step guide showing cancer patients how to fight the disease; and "Guide for Cancer Supporters", geared exclusively to supporters of cancer patients;

Whereas Cancer Survivor Parks have been established to help cancer survivors, to be a tribute to these survivors, and to be a celebration of life in Kansas City, Missouri; Houston, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Cleveland, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio; Indianapolis, Indiana; Rancho Mirage, California; New Orleans, Louisiana; Santa Rosa, California; Jacksonville, Florida; Bakersfield, California; Phoenix, Arizona; Baltimore, Maryland; Chicago, Illinois and Omaha, Nebraska;

Whereas Dick and Annette's foundation has gathered a wide variety of volunteers including doctors sharing their time, computer specialists creating informative and helpful web sites, home volunteers making calls to offer guidance and hope to new patients, and in-house volunteers answering phone calls, e-mails, and being there when called upon;

Whereas Richard and Annette Bloch in 1980 founded the Bloch Cancer Hot Line, an organization composed of more than 500 cancer survivors that has fielded over 125,000 calls in the last 20 years, which on June 4, 2003, celebrated its 23rd anniversary of giving hope, support, and information to those who call;

Whereas June 4, 2003, also marked the 18th anniversary of the first Cancer Survivor Day Rally, held originally in Kansas City, Missouri, and now held in over 700 communities throughout the United States; and

Whereas the Cancer Survivor Day Rally glorifies the attitude that cancer and death are not synonymous and that a cancer diagnosis does not represent a decrease in the quality of life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives commends Richard and Annette Bloch and the Bloch Cancer Foundation and their network of invaluable volunteers on behalf of 8,400,000 Americans living with cancer.

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an article surveying Richard Bloch's life and accomplishments that appeared in today's Kansas City Star:

A SUCCESS IN BUSINESS—AND AT HELPING

OTHERS

(By Gene Meyer)

Richard Bloch, a passionate crusader for cancer patients and co-founder of the world's largest tax preparation company, H&R Block Inc., died of heart failure Wednesday morning at his home.

He was 78.

Bloch and his brother, Henry, relaunched a small family bookkeeping service in 1955 as H&R Block, specializing in what then was the newly emerging field of income tax preparation.

Although Henry Bloch may be more widely associated with the company because of the advertising campaigns in which he appeared, Richard Bloch is credited as a driving force in the company's rapid expansion in the 1960s and later.

"Dick was a true entrepreneur, and his energy and talents helped create the path that makes H&R Block the professional and accessible company it is today," said Mark Ernst, the company's current chairman and chief executive.

"His personal integrity and commitment to helping people remain an important part of our company's culture," Ernst said.

In addition to his business accomplishments, Richard Bloch in his later years touched tens of thousands more lives through his courageous personal battles with cancer, and his tireless advocacy for cancer patients.

Bloch was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer in 1978, and was told he had three months to live. But he fought the disease and was declared cured after two years of aggressive therapy. He was diagnosed in 1989 with colon cancer, which he also fought aggressively and survived.

Bloch always attributed his successful fight to the support of his family, finding the right skilled medical help and keeping a positive attitude.

"Our sole goal is to try to get people to fight," he said in a story last year commemorating his 25 years of helping other cancer survivors. "If they fight, they have a chance to win."

Bloch returned briefly to Block as chairman after fighting his lung cancer, but sold his interest in the enterprise in 1982 to become a full-time crusader for cancer patients everywhere.

Henry Bloch could not be reached for comment Wednesday. A spokesman said he was occupied with funeral arrangements.

Richard Bloch and his wife, Annette, who survives him, founded one of the first cancer

hot lines in the U.S. in 1980, which has since logged more than 125,000 calls from newly diagnosed cancer patients. The Blochs also founded the R.A. Bloch Cancer Foundation Inc., plus the R.A. Bloch Cancer Management Center and the R.A. Bloch Cancer Support Center at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The centers have become models for a national network of more than 100 similar organizations across the United States that provide medical, moral and other support for cancer patients and their families.

"He was always one of our best volunteers," said Vangie Rich, administrator of the cancer support center.

"He never hesitated to share his home phone number with anyone who wanted to talk about cancer," Rich said.

Bloch also conceived the Physician Data Query, a computer program at the National Cancer Institute that provides the latest treatment options for all types of cancers. He started an annual Fighting Cancer Rally now held in several U.S. cities on the second Sunday of each June. He financed the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Survivors' Park in Kansas City. And he wrote several books supporting cancer education, awareness and support for survivors.

He served on the advisory board of the National Cancer Institute and was a member of the Institute of Medicine and the President's Circle of the National Academy of Sciences. Late in life, he pushed for laws making second opinions mandatory for patients diagnosed with cancer.

"He definitely will be missed," said Anne Mueller of Mission, whose husband, David, has survived four kinds of cancer since 1978 and has worked with Bloch as a hot line volunteer.

"He's been an inspiration to David and many others," Anne Mueller said. "Now we look at it as cancer with a small c, not cancer with a big C."

Bloch was born Feb. 15, 1926, in Kansas City. He attended Bryant Elementary School, Southwest High School and the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday at Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Ave.

The R.A. Bloch Cancer Foundation, at 4400 Main St. in Kansas City, can be reached online at www.blochcancer.org or by calling 1-(800) 433-0464.

HONORING ARMY SPC. JOSEPH C. THIBODEAUX, III OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a fine American, a devoted son, brother and friend who gave his life serving our nation in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Spc. Joseph C. "Joe" Thibodeaux, III served with the U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Unit stationed in Hawaii. On the 1st of September, while in a convoy on a mission in Iraq near Hawija, Joe was killed by enemy sniper fire.

Joe is survived by his parents Rebecca and Joseph, Sr. as well as a half-sister, Jennifer Karen Savoy; brothers Greg Thibodeaux, Army Maj. Maxwell Thibodeaux and Jerome Thibodeaux; and a younger sister, Brittany Thibodeaux.

He is also survived by his maternal grandmother, Thelma Istre of Egan, LA and his uncles Daniel Istre, Johnny Istre, O'Neil Istre, James Istre and John R. Thibodeaux, all of Lafayette, as well as many proud nieces and nephews.

An Army sharpshooter, Joe had just re-enlisted in the service and planned to teach at the Army sharpshooter school when he returned from Iraq. Family and friends describe him as a "kind-hearted soul" who loved what he did and took great pride in serving his country.

On September 1, Joe undoubtedly approached what would be his last assignment with that same pride and determination. He bravely gave his life to help make this world a better place for his fellow soldiers and indeed for us all.

His brother Jerome remarked that Joe "lived as if he were invincible, and now he'll be forever invincible." Joe's selfless bravery and commitment to country are an example to each of us.

Mr. Speaker, please join Joe's friends, family and me as we honor his memory and thank him for his heroic service to our country.

TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND
RANKED IN TOP TEN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize five communities within my district for being acknowledged as among the "Top Ten Suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area," by D Magazine, a regional monthly publication. Top honors went to Southlake, Colleyville, Highland Village, Flower Mound, and Coppell based on these communities' excellent schools, affordability, and low crime rates.

Every two years, the magazine ranks some 50 plus suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth region, the State of Texas' largest metropolitan area. The Town of Flower Mound received the number eight spot on the list and was recognized for its ability to "maintain a balance between city luxuries and country simplicities." With a population of 59,350 people and an annual growth rate of 20 percent, Flower Mound is the largest suburb to make the Top Ten.

Because of its astonishing growth rate in recent decades, the Town has implemented two highly effective programs seeking to enhance quality of life for its residents. Flower Mound's SMARTGrowth plan has successfully preserved the area's natural beauty without compromising growth. The Progressive Capital Improvements Program has been important in addressing the needs of residents from roads to recreation.

I am proud to say that I am a resident of Flower Mound, and I would like to offer my congratulations to the Town of Flower Mound and Mayor Jody Smith.

RECOGNIZING MR. ERNIE DILLON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate one of the most selfless and caring citizens of the First Congressional District of Indiana, Mr. Ernie Dillon. Ernie has dedicated his life to serving the people of Northwest Indiana. His career as a public servant has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous people. In honor of his faithful service to his alma mater, Hammond Tech High School, Ernie will be recognized by the Hammond Tech Appreciation Society for his dedication to their mission at a recognition dinner on September 12, 2004 at Dynasty Banquets in Hammond, Indiana.

Ernie Dillon has held many offices and positions throughout his career as a public servant. He is currently the Director of the Lake County Department of Veterans Affairs Service Office and Chairman of the Hammond Port Authority. Prior to that, he was elected Councilman-at-Large for the City of Hammond. While on the Council, Ernie served as Vice-President and Chairman of the Finance Committee, overseeing a budget of \$95 million. Ernie has also served the City of Hammond as Commissioner of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Along with the countless hours of dedication that Ernie has provided to the people of Northwest Indiana, he has also been involved with many organizations in the community. Ernie has been a longtime member and past Commander of American Legion Victory Post #168, and he is currently serving a second term as Vice Chairman for the State of Indiana Veterans Homeless Committee. Ernie has also been a committed member of the Calumet College Alumni Association, the Hammond Central Lions Club, the Hammond Elks, the Hammond Jaycees, the Hammond Kiwanis Club, the Hammond Moose Club, and he has also been a member of the T.K.E. Fraternity.

I have known Ernie for many years and I can truly say that he is a dedicated, distinguished and committed citizen. Through his loyal service to his community, Ernie has been responsible for the development of numerous programs and activities, which have become sources of pride for the people he has served. As a dedicated member of the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, Ernie was instrumental in designing and bringing the Indiana Welcome Center to Hammond, Indiana. Ernie's foresight also enabled him to found the City of Hammond's first city festival, Octoberfest, in 1979. This later became the Augustfest and is now known as the Festival of the Lakes. This festival continues to provide entertainment to residents and visitors of Hammond.

While Ernie has dedicated a considerable amount of time and energy to his community, he has never limited the time he gives to his most important interest, his family. Ernie and his wife Margie have four children, Steven, Lori, Elizabeth, and Kathleen. They are also the proud grandparents of Elija, Corey, and Faith.

Mr. Speaker, Ernie has given his time and efforts selflessly to the people of Lake County

throughout his years of service. He has taught the true meaning of service to all members of the Northwest Indiana community. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Ernie Dillon for his outstanding contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District. I am proud to commend him for his lifetime of service and dedication.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE FOR S. 1576

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I request that the attached cost estimate for S. 1576, the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2003, be submitted for the RECORD.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE
S. 1576—Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2003

As reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 14, 2004

S. 1576 would expand the boundary of the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park in West Virginia by about 1,240 acres. The act would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire the added acreage by purchase, donation, or exchange, except that lands that are already owned by the federal government would be acquired by transfer. Finally, the act would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary for these purposes.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1576 would cost the federal government about \$5 million over the next year or two. Of this amount, we estimate that \$4 million would be used to purchase about 190 acres of private property, and \$1 million would be used to develop that land. The remaining acreage that would be added to the park is either already owned by the federal government or would be donated by the nonprofit Civil War Preservation Trust. CBO estimates that additional costs to operate and maintain those additional lands would be less than \$200,000 a year. This estimate is based on information provided by the NPS.

S. 1576 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On March 25, 2004, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1576 as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 9, 2004. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the estimated costs.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis, who can be reached at 226-2860. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

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Every two years, the magazine ranks some 50 plus suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth region, the State of Texas' largest metropolitan area. Highland Village was ranked number seven on this year's top ten after receiving top marks for its prime location on Lake Lewisville. D Magazine also noted that the city was ranked by the FBI as North Texas' Safest City two years running. Highland Village residents enjoy spending time around the lake and walking around the 12 foot wide walking trail that traverses the community.

I applaud Mayor Bill Lawrence and the City Council of Highland Village for building the City of Highland Village into a distinguished community. I was a long-time resident of Highland Village, and I am proud to represent such a vibrant city.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL TERRY E. JUSKOWIAK, COMMANDING GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY COMBINED ARMS SUPPORT COMMAND AND FORT LEE, VIRGINIA, FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Major General Terry E. Juskowiak, Commanding General of the United States Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee, for his loyal service to the United States and Virginia's Fourth District.

Major General Juskowiak's dedication and loyalty to the advancement of our district and the nation as a whole is to be commended.

Major General Juskowiak's devotion to duty has reflected the highest standards of the military profession through a number of command and staff positions. He served with the 82nd Airborne Division as a member of the division staff and participated in Operation Just Cause in Panama. He went on to command the 407th Supply and Transport Battalion (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He also served as Commander of the Division Support Command, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) in Fort Drum, New York. He deployed to Haiti for Operation Uphold Democracy. He also participated in an eight-month rotation to the Bosnian Theater as the Assistant Division Commander for Support with the NATO Stabilizing Force for Operation Joint Endeavor/Guard. In 1998, Major General Juskowiak served as the Commanding General of CJTF-Kuwait during Operation Desert Fox. In 2000, he earned the position of Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics at Headquarters, United States Army Forces Command. He then went on to additionally take on the responsibility of Commanding General of the Combined Arms Support Command and Fort

Lee. His military education is extensive and includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Major General Juskowiak also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Citadel and a Masters degree of Science in Contract and Acquisition Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Major General Juskowiak's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with OLC, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with OLC, the Army Achievement Medal, Master Parachutist Wings, the Ranger tab, the Parachute Rigger Badge, the General Staff Identification Badge, the Australian, the Canadian, the Greek and the Israeli parachute badges.

Major General Juskowiak has shown tremendous commitment and devotion to his country. Today we recognize him for his unwavering patriotism and dedication to both his profession and the American people.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Major General Terry E. Juskowiak.

HONORING BELLEROSE MAYOR
THOMAS VAN BUSKIRK

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Thomas Van Buskirk, the Mayor of Bellerose Village and a person I am pleased to call a friend. After serving the village for almost 20 years, the last 11 as Mayor, he is taking a well deserved retirement. I thank him for his dedicated and loyal service.

Tom moved to Bellerose Village with his family, wife Roberta and their two sons Tom Jr. and Christian, in 1985 and immediately immersed himself into the town. He became a member of the fire department in 1986 and within six years was the Second Deputy Chief. In 1988, he was appointed to the Village's Board of Trustees as well as Recreation Commissioner. In 1991, in his election victory for the Board, Tom received more votes than any other candidate in the history of Bellerose Village.

By revitalizing the Recreation Commission, Tom was able to improve the community by providing residents with opportunities to enjoy leisure activities. He also installed the first children's play area in the recreation area. Maintaining his focus on energizing the community, Tom, along with Roberta, instituted the Annual Food Drive to help the less fortunate in the surrounding areas. They also started the Village Bellerose Summer Children's Program in 1989, which gives children and teenagers a place to participate in sports and arts and crafts for two summer weeks. One of Tom's major successes has been the revamping of Bellerose Village Day, one of the town's best attended functions, which culminates in a barbecue for over 400 people.

Elected as Mayor in 1993, Tom put his energy into moving the Village forward into the new millennium. He renovated Village Hall, upgraded the fire departments and first re-

sponders, repaired the drainage system, and on and on. As Mayor, Tom has always taken pride in his relationship with the residents of Bellerose. He has taken the time to quickly help resolve peoples' issues.

As for all Americans, particularly New Yorkers, 9/11 was, and is still a difficult day. Although he was hurting, Tom led the town through the difficult time by bringing everyone together and honoring those lost and supporting our country. On the first anniversary of 9/11, he orchestrated the development of a Memorial Garden to the victims of 9/11 and dedicated the garden and a monument to those lost.

In Tom's tenure as Mayor he has revitalized the infrastructure of the Village and the spirit of the residents. Through hard work, dedication and his love for his hometown, Tom has made Bellerose Village's slogan come to life, "Bellerose Village . . . an American Beauty." I am happy Tom and his family have no plans of leaving Bellerose because although he is no longer Mayor, I know he will be active in his community. Once again Tom, thank you.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4613,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for the conference report for H.R. 4613, the Department of Defense Appropriations FY05. At a time when our brave men and women in uniform are serving their country with great honor and distinction, this legislation will provide valuable funding for personnel, equipment, and so many other great needs our military faces. This money is critical to their continued success in their current missions. As long as our troops are in harms way, fighting the war on terrorism, we must continue to make sure they receive our full support.

The district I represent includes well over one hundred thousand soldiers at Fort Meade and the Aberdeen Proving Ground. This bill provides a 3.5 percent pay raise for our uniformed personnel—a critical step in the right direction. This bill also includes important funding for our Active Guard Personnel for their missions abroad and here at home.

This conference report includes the proper balance of tactical military and necessary diplomatic funding. For example, I am pleased to see money for many important projects like the Shadow 200 TUAV and the F/A 22 fighter as well as support for humanitarian initiatives. The Shadow 200 TUAV, which is a product of one of the vital military companies in the Maryland 2nd Congressional District, allows for secure surveillance operations to be performed with optimal safety for our military personnel. I am also pleased to see that the F/A-22 fighter program has received the full appropriation request. And I believe that the \$95 million dollar appropriation to aid State Department efforts in Sudan and Chad represents an important part of our responsibility to ensure that stability and security are brought to this region of the world.

The strong fabric of our Nation is held together by those who are willing to put their lives on the line to defend our core values, and we need to support these brave men and women by putting the proper resources in place to allow them to most safely complete their mission. I am pleased with the results of this bill as it gives crucial assistance to our brave military service members.

UNITED STATES-MOROCCO FREE
TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I deeply value the close relationship between the United States and Morocco and the effort to strengthen our economic ties. Morocco is one of our strongest partners in the war on terrorism. The Kingdom, under the leadership of King Hassan II and now his son King Mohammed VI, has long been a steadfast supporter and key player in the Middle East peace process. Its recent designation as a major non-NATO ally is an important step toward further enhancing coordination between our countries on security issues.

In many ways, this free trade agreement, or FTA, is a tribute to the significant economic and political reforms that Morocco has recently undertaken to stimulate growth and development. I strongly support the FTA's robust anti-piracy standards to protect the transmission of digital, satellite, and other copyrighted material, as well as broad market access for a wide array of audio visual products and services. I regretfully rise in opposition to this agreement, however, because of a number of other troubling provisions that could have profound public health consequences for the Moroccan people.

At the crossroads between Africa and Europe, Morocco is actively engaged in the battle against the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. With 19 percent of its people living in poverty, the country's healthcare system is stretched thin and heavily reliant on the availability of generic drugs. It is shocking to me that despite this reality, the Bush administration's trade negotiators demanded intellectual property restrictions that will severely curtail Morocco's generic market.

Most egregiously, the FTA requires Morocco to grant an automatic five-year monopoly to all new drugs introduced in the market, freeing them from competition with less expensive generic copies even if their patents have already expired. The Bush administration maintains that it negotiated the standard based on U.S. laws like Hatch-Waxman, which provides similar protections for new drugs introduced in the United States. But this is a distortion of the bill I co-authored. When Hatch-Waxman was devised in 1984, virtually no generic drugs were available in the United States. The law was passed to increase competition by easing the approval of low-cost generics while providing specified periods of exclusive marketing to help pharmaceutical companies recoup development costs. In sharp contrast, Morocco is a country with a robust generic market where

the introduction of this measure will only reduce competition and cause drug prices to soar.

As a co-author of Hatch-Waxman, I cannot emphasize enough that this carefully balanced legislation represented a tailored solution to a specific regulatory problem in the United States. It is irresponsible for U.S. trade negotiators to apply the same policy in a developing country like Morocco whose generic drug market, health-care regulatory system, and public health needs look nothing like those in the United States.

Although the Bush administration has cited the inclusion of similar provisions in the Jordan FTA as a precedent, there is clear evidence that the restrictions on the availability of generics have already had a terrible impact there. First, as the Wall Street Journal recently reported from an interview with the Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, AIDS drugs purchased in Jordan with Global Fund money cost an average of \$7,000 a year per patient, compared with the average \$250 to \$400 paid in other countries. Second, the U.S.-Jordan FTA was signed before the WTO's Doha Declaration on trade and health authorized developing countries like Jordan to resist such regulatory changes and preserve access to affordable drugs for life-threatening diseases.

Under this agreement, the Moroccan government could not import generic copies of drugs if domestic prices became too expensive because the FTA codifies U.S. and Moroccan laws that allow patent holders to block the importation of their product. Here in the United States this provision undermines the ongoing debate in Congress over the legalization of re-importation of low-cost drugs. In Morocco, however, it is much more damaging because it makes it impossible for Morocco to change its laws, as permitted by the Doha Declaration, to import drugs if a public health crisis arises.

In the event of a public health emergency, the only recourse Morocco would have is to strip a drug of its patent and issue a compulsory license for another company to produce a generic copy and distribute it at a lower cost. Even then, however, Morocco would be vulnerable to a trade challenge because the FTA's investment chapter allows companies to sue for the expropriation of intellectual property. Although the agreement specifies that a challenge could not be made over the use of the patent in order to produce the generic copy, it does permit challenges over the use of a company's undisclosed safety and efficacy testing data to approve its distribution.

The pharmaceutical industry has spoken openly about its efforts to raise drug prices and profit margins around the world. I do not think we should let drug companies use trade agreements to undermine the Doha Declaration and get health policy changes they could not otherwise achieve. Unfortunately, these provisions have become part of a cookie-cutter mold that also appears in the recently negotiated U.S. FTAs with middle and high-income countries like Chile, Singapore, Australia, and Bahrain, as well as poverty-stricken developing countries like Thailand, Southern Africa, and the countries in the Andean and Central American regions.

Another serious public health problem posed by the U.S.-Morocco FTA is its across the board cuts in agricultural tariffs that will

eliminate Morocco's 25 percent tariffs on imported cigarettes. Although Morocco's 65 percent excise taxes on cigarettes will remain in place, I am disappointed that the FTA could increase cigarette consumption in a country where smoking is common among youth. In fact, in July 2002, I sent a letter asking the Centers for Disease Control a series of questions about the impact of tariff reductions in trade negotiations on cigarette consumption. After two years the letter has gone unanswered even as trade agreements with Morocco and Thailand have moved forward without regard to the crisis of tobacco addiction in these countries.

I believe in the benefits of free trade, but not at the expense of public health. While I strongly support our alliance with Morocco and want to support this trade agreement, I cannot do so in good conscience. I hope that future trade negotiations will work for more progressive and forward-looking agreements that both expand markets and advance positions more respectful of our trade partners' public health needs.

HONDA'S 25 YEARS OF
MANUFACTURING IN OHIO

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, September 10, 2004 marks a significant milestone for a major international motor vehicle company located in my congressional district. Twenty-five years ago, the first Elsinore motorcycle rolled off Honda's Marysville motorcycle plant assembly line with 64 associates, marking the beginning of Honda's manufacturing presence in Ohio.

From motorcycle production, Honda became the first Asian automaker to manufacture vehicles in the U.S., a 1983 Honda Accord produced on November 1, 1982. Engines and transmissions are among the other products Honda has added to the Ohio production list over the last 25 years. In 2003, Honda was the top manufacturer of motor vehicles in the state. The company's facilities produced 677,000 automobiles and 108,000 motorcycles and ATVs last year alone.

Today, that Ohio presence represents 16,000 jobs at Honda, investments of \$6.1 billion in plants and equipment, as well as 154 Ohio supplier companies that employ more than 40,000 Ohio residents. Over this time period, Honda's Ohio manufacturing facilities have produced 10 million automobiles, 830,000 motorcycles and 1.2 million ATVs. In 25 years, Honda has never laid off one employee, a remarkable achievement.

A recent study of Honda's economic impact provides some further insight into the company's presence in Ohio and its positive impact on the state economy. Among the findings, in 2003, seven jobs were created for every individual directly employed by Honda. That results in 128,000 additional jobs and means \$3.30 is generated for every \$1 Honda pays in wages. Total statewide earnings were \$4.85 billion in 2003. In addition, state and local taxes paid by Honda and its associates total \$1 billion.

Across the U.S., Honda employs more than 25,000 associates. Their facilities include eight

factories and ten research and development facilities. In the U.S., Honda's capital investment exceeds \$7 billion with more than \$12 billion in parts and materials purchased annually from 580 suppliers in 33 states.

Honda's philosophy of respect for the individual is the cornerstone of placing responsibility and accountability with each associate. That philosophy and accountability has allowed its U.S. workforce to produce the highest quality products at an affordable price and great reliability. Honda's involvement in the communities where its facilities are located has been another key to its success because it has treated state and local leaders as well as parts suppliers as equal partners. Honda is a great example of a company that has invested and reinvested significant financial and human resources in its plants, equipment and associates here in the U.S.

I want to offer my congratulations to Honda on the occasion of the 25th anniversary and look forward to another 25 years of growth and success in Ohio and throughout the U.S.

CONGRATULATING DIANA ROY-CROFT ON WINNING FIRST PLACE IN THE JUNIOR HISTORICAL PAPER CATEGORY OF THE 2004 FLORIDA HISTORY FAIR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Diana Roycroft and congratulate her on winning first place in the Junior Historical Paper category at the Florida History Fair and also for her participation at the National History Day competition.

Sponsored by the Museum of Florida History, the Florida History Fair is an annual statewide activity that enhances the teaching and learning of history at both the elementary and secondary levels. The first and second place winners in each category and division of the fair earn the right to represent the State of Florida at the National History Day competition. The 2003–2004 theme was “Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History”. Participating students analyzed and interpreted information they gathered from primary and secondary resources and expressed their findings in a paper, exhibit, performance, or documentary.

Diana Roycroft is a student at the PATS Center and Workman Middle School in Escambia County, Florida. Diana received first place in the category of Junior Historical Paper for her paper entitled “Heroes in the Bubble” at the Florida History Fair on May 9 in Tallahassee, Florida. Diana's paper detailed the courageous fight of the ball turret gunners in the B–17 and B–24 bomber planes during World War II. Those brave young men who served as gunners deserve great honor and respect for their service to this nation. Diana's first place award at the Florida History Fair earned Diana the distinct honor of representing the Sunshine State at the 2004 National History Day competition in College Park, Maryland, on June 13–16.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate and offer my sincere appreciation to Diana Roycroft and all the participants of the Florida

History Fair and the National History Day competition. It is because of bright students like Diana Roycroft that America is a hopeful nation destined for a bright future.

HONORING MARK F. GRADY, DEAN OF GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark F. Grady for his years of dedicated service to the George Mason University School of Law.

Dean Grady has been a pivotal member of the George Mason community for 6 years, both as Dean and professor of law. Students enjoy his wisdom and expertise in the area of law.

As the dean of the School of Law, Mr. Grady has played an important role in the success of the school and its students. Through his guidance, George Mason has become the youngest law school ranked in U.S. News and World Report's top tier.

Under Dean Grady's direction, the School of Law has become a national leader not only of law but also economics and technology. In 1999, the National Center for Technology and Law was established. This center examines the causality of the existing legal structure and the society's evolving economy. Through this relationship, new fields of course work were created that allow the student to gain the necessary skills to succeed in both technology and communications.

George Mason School of Law is one of the most innovative schools in the country. Due to its emphasis on intellectual property, technology law and the legal application of economic methods, George Mason was also ranked in the top 10 in the Nation for an outstanding faculty in law and economics in University of Texas Professor Brian Lieter's Ranking of Law Faculty Quality for 2003.

Professor Grady should be honored and commended for his dedication to not only the School of Law but also the surrounding community. With his instruction and guidance, he has enabled Mason Law graduates to pursue careers in numerous fields and become successful attorneys who practice law with great distinction and honor.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Dean Grady for his years of service and dedication to George Mason University. His contributions and efforts are noted and greatly appreciated. I wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ERNEST J. GREGORY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Mr. Ernest J. Gregory is retiring after 37 years of exemplary Federal service, initially with the United States

Air Force and then as a career civil servant in the Department of Defense (DoD). Mr. Gregory is a gifted leader and manager, and has served his country with dignity, honor and integrity.

Ernest Gregory, a native of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is a 1967 graduate of the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and holds a Bachelor of Science in accounting from that institution. He began his service to the Nation in 1968, when he entered the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft maintenance officer at the Strategic Air Command, Loring Air Force Base, Maine.

Upon completing his military term in 1972, Mr. Gregory was hired as a staff auditor for the U.S. Army Audit Agency in Philadelphia. He proved to be quite skilled and soon was promoted to auditor-in-charge. Mr. Gregory continued his illustrious civilian career at the U.S. Army Security Center with various assignments, including: chief, internal review (1976–1979), financial systems analyst (1979–1980), deputy comptroller (1980–1981) and senior financial systems analyst (1981–1982). During his time at the Army Security Center, Mr. Gregory played a key role in developing and implementing financial management performance objectives. He simultaneously earned a Masters of Business Administration in 1979 from Syracuse University.

In 1982, Mr. Gregory was selected to join the Army secretariat staff as assistant comptroller for internal review, office of the comptroller of the Army. He was a relentless master in reviewing financial management systems and integrating measures to address shortcomings uncovered during the process. In recognition of his talent and dedication, Mr. Gregory was promoted in 1987 to director, internal review, office of the assistant secretary of the Army (financial operations). He again challenged the financial management community and was a model civil servant, embracing opportunities and creating new methodologies in an environment of continual development. Additionally, in 1988, he attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

In January 1993, the Army acknowledged Mr. Gregory's abilities and leadership, elevating him to the Senior Executive Service and the position of deputy assistant secretary of the Army for financial operations. As deputy assistant secretary, he was responsible for all Army policy, programs, systems and procedures associated with the service's accounting and finance operations, financial systems and internal review and controls. He took charge of combating fraud, waste and abuse. He also was the primary ambassador on financial management issues to external stakeholders. Mr. Gregory's efforts to integrate financial requirements and responsiveness with emerging functional systems, such as the Single Stock Fund and the Defense Integrated Military Human Resource System, were successful and greatly improved Army financial management.

Mr. Gregory was again promoted in February 2002, when Ms. Sandra Pack, then assistant secretary of the Army (financial management and comptroller), chose him as her principal deputy. (When she departed the Army in December 2003, he succeeded Ms. Pack as acting assistant secretary and served in that role for eight months.) During his tenure as principal deputy, Mr. Gregory shared responsibility for the development, formulation

and advocacy of policies and programs to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of U.S. Army resource management. He took bold and decisive measures to improve business procedures, and tirelessly pursued financial system integration and streamlining of Army processes. For instance, Mr. Gregory led the Army-wide effort to eliminate the Installation Supply Buffer and associated annual maintenance costs, while integrating supply management and financial processes. These changes reduced processing cycle time from four days to one, improving the flow of spare parts to tactical units and saving taxpayers \$9 million. Mr. Gregory also helped to steer the Army's transformational business initiatives program and the Army Business Initiative Council, through which the Army has gleaned more than \$1 billion in monetary benefits. He administered implementation of Army Budget and Performance Initiatives, as well, including designing and deploying a training package and reviewing metrics for the fiscal year 2005 budget.

Mr. Speaker, in this final position Mr. Gregory also had a significant impact on the House Government Reform Committee. His forthright information and proactive attitude assisted our committee in addressing the financial management challenges of mobilized Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve soldiers. He identified the problem—processing limitations caused by separate pay and personnel systems—and played a significant role in crafting a solution. His commitment to solving pay issues for all soldiers, whether active or reserve component, exemplifies his devotion to our men and women in uniform.

On every day of his service to our country, Mr. Gregory demonstrated honor, integrity and personal courage. He projected the values and the broad perspective of the government, and provided the solid executive skills demanded by the American public. He helped to ensure that the Army was of the highest quality and was responsive to the needs, policies and goals of the Nation.

Mr. Gregory's leadership and attention to people were truly outstanding. He actively participated in the personal and professional development of both military and civilian subordinates and peers. He was a premier team builder within the office of the assistant secretary of the Army (financial management and comptroller) and a truly exemplary leader, empowering those with whom he worked and motivating them to achieve at higher levels than they thought possible.

Mr. Gregory's character and accomplishments have earned him numerous awards. He was the first civilian to be honored with the Finance Corps Regiment Award. He also has received two Meritorious Presidential Rank Awards, the Executive Excellence Award for Executive Achievement, the Special Act Award—Kuwait Reconstruction Program, the Leonard H. Kerman Memorial Award, the Meritorious Civilian Award, the Superior Civilian Service Award, multiple Outstanding Performance Awards and several Significant Accomplishment Awards.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ernest J. Gregory, a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia, retires after 37 years of Federal service to the United States of America on the 2nd day of October, 2004. He, his lovely wife, Johanna, and their children, Maura, Ernie and Jason, deserve the thanks and praise of this grateful Nation,

which he has faithfully served for so long. I know the members of the U.S. House of Representatives will join me in wishing him and his family all the best in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF MISS NICOSIA
YOUNG AND MISS HEATHER
ADAMS

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary performance of two young women who have greatly contributed to my office through Congressional Black Caucus intern programs.

Heather Adams, after undergoing a rigorous selection process, came to my office in late May of this year as a Congressional Black Caucus Foundation intern. She has been a constant help to my staff and myself in the performance of the office operation. Though currently residing in Pickerington, Ohio, she originates from my district, Detroit, Michigan.

Heather earned her Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing at West Virginia State University. Moreover, she was a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon-International Honor Society in Economics as well as a consistent Dean's List honoree.

Heather has helped my legislative staff maintain correspondence with my constituents. She conducted research regarding constituent demographics, issues, and policies and organized and presented me with informative memos on key issues. As a participant in the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Summer Congressional Internship Program, Heather has expressed her interest in public policy and the political process. Heather aspires to one day to work on Capitol Hill focusing on domestic and international development issues.

I would also like to congratulate my Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Eleanor Holmes Norton, High School intern, Nicosia Young. Nicosia is a rising senior at Cesar Chavez Public Charter high school for Public Policy in the District. Aside from providing exceptional support to my staff, Nicosia brings with her a positive spirit and infectious laugh everyday with her to work. Always understanding and eager to help, she expresses true determination to succeed and extraordinary work ethic.

Aside from her outstanding work ethic, Nicosia is also an outstanding student. While maintaining a 3.33 GPA, she has been awarded the honor of Student of the Month, and student ambassador from her high school. Her goal is to attend college following her senior year, and she aspires to become a doctor. She is a vibrant, intelligent, and unique young woman, and I am happy to have had the opportunity to get to know her, and have her in my office.

I am sure that both young women will succeed in whatever they put their minds to, just as they have succeeded within my office. Again, I would like to thank both Nicosia and Heather for being such outstanding interns, and I wish them both the best in future endeavors.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST
CLASS WILLIAM R. DWYER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, during this time of war, our thoughts are constantly with our active duty military personnel overseas, and also with all of the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States military through the years. I rise to honor an individual who retired last month following a long period of outstanding military service to this country. Sergeant First Class William R. Dwyer has served this nation with distinction and honor for the past twenty years, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to honor him today.

Sergeant First Class William R. Dwyer enlisted in the United States Army in February 1984. During his career, he served as a communications and intelligence specialist in a number of challenging assignments, including overseas tours in Germany, Panama, Korea, and England. Throughout his service, he has been a leader and always used his knowledge and extensive experience to better our defense and our community.

Throughout his successful and noteworthy career, Sergeant First Class Dwyer focused on his duties to our nation and the United States Army. He concludes his remarkable career as a Vietnam War analyst at the Department of Defense where he has pushed toward resolving the still open cases of Americans missing from the Vietnam War.

Sergeant First Class Dwyer is highly regarded by his peers as someone who has demonstrated by his example the values, respect for family and hard work that is so central to our Armed Forces, and which has been the cornerstone of our nation's democratic freedoms. I am certain for these reasons, among others, he will be greatly missed by his colleagues and others who have worked with him over his years of service.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and congratulating Sergeant First Class William R. Dwyer for his dedicated and committed service to the United States. I wish him and his family the best as they look toward the future.

TRIBUTE TO CROFTON, MARYLAND

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the town of Crofton, Maryland, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Located near Annapolis, Baltimore, and Washington, Crofton has contributed to Maryland's cultural and economic life since 1964.

This celebration is designed to commemorate Crofton's growth from its beginnings as a small farm town to the large suburban community it is today. Crofton was established when Hamilton Crawford, a Louisiana developer, designed a community convenient to Washington and Baltimore that appealed to both residents and businesses.

In 1965, one year after its establishment, the town experienced major growth and development, becoming home to more than 500 residents in its first year. A civic center, recreational facilities, schools, stores, and restaurants quickly followed. This expansion continued during subsequent decades, and today Crofton is a thriving community with more than 30,000 residents.

Crofton prides itself on the fact that it has experienced economic growth while retaining its safe, family-oriented, and close-knit roots. Residents today still enjoy the amenities that originally attracted them—tree-lined streets, suburban environment and convenience to two major cities.

Crofton's 40th anniversary celebration features children's activities, concerts, athletic events, banquets, and parades. The events began in April and will continue through the end of November. Local businesses, sports teams, armed forces, and firemen are all participating in these events.

I hope my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in commemorating this milestone in Crofton history, as we celebrate 40 years of this dynamic Maryland community.

HONORING MR. JEFFERY J. DAAR

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join in saluting Mr. Jeffery J. Daar, Chair of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley, who is being honored on August 14 by the Sherman Oaks Democratic Club. Jeffery is a remarkable man with many accomplishments in both politics and law.

Since founding his own professional law firm 22 years ago, Jeffery has handled cases that are both highly complex and in the public interest. As a specialist in complex litigation, he represented California municipalities in 5 years of insurance insolvency court proceedings, resulting in a legislative amendment to the California Insurance Code. He has led important consumer class action cases that have reached the highest courts in California, and has authored several influential publications covering varied topics from the insurance industry to election law. He is a leader in his field.

Jeffery was born and raised in Los Angeles. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Claremont Men's College and his Juris Doctorate in 1982 from University of California Davis. His strong interest in politics was first evident during his college years when he served as President of the Student Democratic Coalition, a statewide organization of more than 20 college Democratic Clubs.

Jeffery has taken an active part in his community's school system, serving as an elected member of the managing councils of both Dearborn Elementary School and Holmes Middle School. He also serves as a Member of the Board of Directors of The Zacaries Foundation, a nonprofit education foundation. In addition, he helps promote our community through his work as a Member of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

Jeffery is married and has four children.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in saluting Jeffery J. Daar for his impressive career and dedication to the people of California and to congratulate him on earning the Democratic Volunteer of the Year Award.

A TRIBUTE TO BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF NORTH ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an important group of individuals whose hard work and dedication has made a tremendous impact on the lives of numerous children throughout North Alabama.

For over twenty years, the Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Alabama has provided hundreds of children with a positive influence and a strong foundation to help guide them through adolescence. Every volunteer does a great deal to improve the quality of life of these children and to help them develop goals and aspirations of their own. For its hard work and continued commitment, Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Alabama is recognized nationally for its performance as one of the best agencies in the country.

Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 100th year of the national Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and on August 14th, a reunion and centennial picnic was held in Huntsville. This picnic was an opportunity for everyone involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters to come together, trade success stories, and relive the times each volunteer and child has had together.

Mr. Speaker, I've always believed that our children should have an opportunity to succeed and be an active participant in our communities. I'm pleased that there are a large number of individuals who are committed to helping less fortunate children in our area. I rise today to commend each and every person who is involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters and join in their centennial celebration.

SUPPORTING GOALS OF NATIONAL MARINA DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 647, which expresses Congress's support of the goals of National Marina Day.

I would also like to recognize Mr. Marshall Funk of Marinas International for his work with Pier 121 Marina on Lake Lewisville, Scott's Landing Marina and Silver Lake Marina in Grapevine, and Twin Coves Marina in Flower Mound, located in my Congressional District.

National Marina Day will be celebrated this year on August 14. This annual celebration promotes the United States' marinas and recognizes the importance of marinas across the country. National Marina Day focuses on two

central themes: the important role that marinas play as family-friendly and environmentally-friendly gateways to the water.

There are more than 12,000 marinas nationwide, which employ over 140,000 people. Marinas provide the public with a safe way to enjoy outdoor activities like sailing, cruising, and fishing.

I've spent many enjoyable hours boating with my family and, as a member of the Congressional Boating Caucus, I am glad to support House Resolution 647.

RECOGNIZING MR. BILL GARRETT OF EL CAJON, CA

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bill Garrett of El Cajon, CA and his commitment and accomplishments for his community, his family and his country. He began by preparing himself with the finest education by earning a Masters Degree in Public Administration with specialty in personnel and labor relations from California State University, Fullerton. He also earned a Masters in Science in Urban Planning from the University of Arizona and a Bachelors Degree in Political Science from the University of Washington.

Bill has a history of public service that began with his commitment to his country when he joined the United States Army. After his military commitment, Bill worked as an urban planning consultant in Arizona and California before becoming City Manager of the City of Corona. In 1996, Bill became the City Manager of El Cajon and brought a "can do" attitude to every department.

For the past eight years, Bill Garrett has played an integral role in the shaping of El Cajon and the surrounding communities. His efforts with the downtown corridor, the expansion of housing rehabilitation and his role in assisting first time home buyers are well-known. His strong belief that the employees of El Cajon are its greatest resource has caused the city to excel far beyond expectations. His obedience to the dictates of his council and the elected mayor has created a team effort second to none.

Bill Garrett is highly respected by his peers from around the nation but his greatest satisfaction comes from the accolade and respect from his fellow employees for the City of El Cajon. He has nurtured, trained, educated, and assisted his fellow employees through the good and tough times. He has also shared his insight and knowledge with the California City Management Foundation, the International City Management Association, the San Diego City-County Managers Association and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

In addition, Bill is a vital player as President of the Cuyamaca College Foundation Board, a member and past President of the El Cajon Rotary Club, Secretary of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca College District Auxiliary, founding member of El Cajon Sister Cities Committee and President of the El Cajon Historical Society.

Bill Garrett has allowed his experience to lead him into great service for his community,

his country and his family. His great partner in life, Judy Garrett, is a great public servant in her own right and has many accomplishments to her credit. The couple live in Fletcher Hills in El Cajon. Bill has decided to retire and to spend his time with family traveling and doing those things retired people do. He has received great praise from every sector of the community for his unselfish commitment to his profession and the people he represents.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in thanking Bill for his public service and wishing him the very best future possible.

DAVE AND MARY COSTIGAN'S 50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dave and Mary Costigan on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on August 21, 2004. They have five children and nine grandchildren and have lived in Quincy, Illinois for most of their marriage.

Dave and Mary were both born and raised in Bloomington, Illinois. Mary Ensenberger graduated from Fontbonne College in St. Louis and majored in Physical Education. David Costigan graduated from Notre Dame University and received his Masters and PhD in History from Illinois State University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953–1955 and was honorably discharged.

Since 1957 David Costigan has taught history at Quincy University. He has held the Aaron M. Pembleton Chair in History and is now Professor Emeritus at the University. After many years and many awards for outstanding teaching, Dave continues to lecture and teach particularly in his areas of interest which include local Quincy history, the Civil War, and U.S. foreign policy.

Throughout her life, Mary Costigan has been an extraordinary teacher in her own right. Upon graduation from college, she taught Physical Education at my alma mater, Alleman High School in Rock Island. For many years, she also served as a tennis instructor in the Quincy area. Mary won many area tennis titles in Quincy as well as throughout the tri-state area of Illinois, Iowa and Missouri during her years on the courts.

Both Mary and Dave have contributed their time and energy to a variety of community and civic projects during the past 50 years. They have been very active in their church and local schools and regularly attend church services at St. Francis Solanus Church. Through their church they helped sponsor a family from Laos, bringing a Laotian family to Quincy to escape war and poverty in Southeast Asia.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. Costigan on this joyous occasion. I wish them all the best as they celebrate the life they have created and as they enjoy their many years to come.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF LORENZO
CHAVEZ

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, last month my home state of New Mexico lost a great man. Lorenzo Armijo Chavez, who spent his entire life in the Land of Enchantment, died at the age of 90. Born and raised in Magdalena, Lorenzo rose from modest beginnings to become a celebrated attorney, state legislator, and father of Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez. He was a legend in his own time, and he leaves a long and unique legacy.

Afflicted with polio, Lorenzo received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Mexico in 1941. Attending Georgetown Law School as a full time student, Lorenzo earned his Juris Doctor degree while working 70 hours per week in charge of the Reading Room at the Library of Congress. He was a member of the Georgetown Law Journal Staff for 2 years and co-authored "Insurance-Rate Making," graduating third in his class.

Upon graduation, Lorenzo became a law clerk for Justice Ambrose O'Connell in the Court of Custom & Patent Appeals in Washington, D.C., followed by work for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the District of Columbia, in charge of War Risk Insurance. He then became a special assistant to the Attorney General of the U.S. in charge of land condemnation in New Mexico. In this position, he obtained for the Federal Government the land where Sandia Corporation is now located for \$3.00 per acre.

In 1946, he started his law practice in Albuquerque. During these early years, he was elected to the House of Representatives in the New Mexico Legislature representing Socorro County where the press characterized him as one of the two most effective freshman legislators. Despite pressure from influential and other friends, he refused to run for any other public office; during ensuing years, he refused appointments as a judge in the various courts, preferring to represent the injured workmen whom he felt had been sorely neglected by the courts for years. He helped create new law protecting injured workers. Additionally, he tried the first Federal court case where a Native American served in the jury.

During the Johnson Administration, he served his country for \$1.00 per year as a special advisor on Minority Enterprises to Howard Samuels, head of the Small Business Administration, where he encouraged and promoted loans to Spanish Americans and other minority businessmen throughout the United States. In the 1960s he was a member of Civilian Orientation Corps for the Defense Department.

In 1962, Lorenzo founded and became the first president of the American Savings and Loan Association in Albuquerque, NM. Also in the 1960s, he served on the Board of the prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers, of which he was a member for many years. After the death of U.S. Senator Dennis Chavez, he raised the funds necessary, contributing substantially himself, to have a statue of the Senator cast and placed in Statuary Hall in the Capitol in Washington, D.C. where

it will remain for posterity. He made the presentation himself, along with Senator Hubert Humphrey, Vice President Lyndon Johnson, and other distinguished statesmen, to U.S. Congress.

Lorenzo's love and compassion for the poor and the underdog manifested itself in legal representation, despite lucrative offers from the insurance companies. He handled over 16,000 plaintiffs suits in every county of the state where there was a court, winning over 90 percent of them, and handling 68 cases in the Supreme Court of New Mexico, winning 99 percent of those cases. During his 52 years of law practice, he tried cases in every surrounding state as well as in California and Illinois. He handled some 12 cases in the Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit and handled cases in the Court of Claims in association with eventual U.S. Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas. He handled cases in the New Mexico Federal District Court. His pro-bono cases were numerous. These accomplishments led to him being the first New Mexican accepted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and he was regularly named in America's Best Lawyers.

Lorenzo served as a mentor to many up-and-coming Hispanic lawyers, including former Governor Toney Anaya. He was a founder of the G.I. Forum, a Hispanic veterans' political group. Former Governor David Cargo recalls Lorenzo approaching him in the 1960's and urging broader Hispanic representation on boards of regents throughout the state.

When taxpayers complained about the high income tax they paid, Lorenzo's favorite comment was that he was delighted to pay taxes, that he remembered only too well when he didn't make enough money to pay taxes at all. He had firm principles—and, I believe, right ones. He expounded them clearly, he acted upon them decisively.

Lorenzo is survived by his wife, Sara Chavez, three sons, Larry, Phil and Martin, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. When Martin was running for office and he was asked to name his heroes, his father was always the first person he named.

Mr. Speaker, Lorenzo Chavez lived a long, productive and admirable life. He was a kind and loving husband, father and grandfather and enjoyed his life with family and friends to the fullest extent. His life left an indelible mark in the most significant of ways. He never forgot the foundations of family values, love and concern for others, a good education, and a solid work ethic. A great man is no longer with us, but will always be remembered in the minds and hearts of everyone who knew him. I cannot think of a more honorable legacy than that.

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL
MARK E. ENGEL

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret and heartfelt admiration that I rise today to honor a fallen Marine from my district, Lance Corporal Mark E. Engel. Lance Corporal Engel sadly succumbed to injuries he suffered during combat in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was on his second deployment.

During a routine patrol on July 6th, Lance Corporal Engel's light armored vehicle struck a roadside bomb. After a valiant fight that lasted the better part of a month, Lance Corporal Engel passed away with his family at his side, just one day before his 22nd birthday.

Mark was an active young man. He attended West Middle School, and later attended Cherry Creek High School, where he played varsity football as a fullback. By all accounts, Mark was an avid athlete, an outdoorsman, a neighbor and a friend. Mark was a bright star that will be dearly missed by his family, his friends, his fellow Marines, and our community.

Mr. Speaker, my deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Lance Corporal Mark Engel. Mark served his country with distinction, making the ultimate sacrifice for freedom and liberty in defense of a grateful nation. All of us owe him a great debt of gratitude.

His dedication and bravery will not be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERTRUDE McDONALD ON THE OCCASION OF HER 88TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Gertrude "Gert" McDonald, a lifelong New Yorker and dedicated public servant. On August 5, 2004, many of Mrs. McDonald's friends and colleagues will gather in her longtime neighborhood of Sunnyside, Queens to celebrate her 88th birthday. I am very pleased to offer my best wishes to Mrs. McDonald for a truly memorable and enjoyable evening.

Gertrude McDonald's decades of service to our community are truly worthy of celebration. Born in New York City, Gert moved to Sunnyside when she was seven years old. For more than sixty years, Gert has worked tirelessly to improve the well-being of her fellow New Yorkers. Gert has been a Democratic District Leader and a Downstate Representative of the Steering Committee of the Women's Political Caucus; additionally, she continues to serve as the President of the Queens of Angels Senior Center Club and the Corresponding Secretary of the 108th Precinct Community Council. Mrs. McDonald is a member of Community School Board 24, the United Forties Civic Association, the Borden Avenue Veterans Residence Advisory Board, the Queens Correctional Facility Advisory Board, the Mayor's Volunteer Task Force and, significantly, has been a loyal member of Queens Community Board Two for nearly thirty years.

Gert has also been a prominent figure in local politics for decades. At a time when women were usually relegated to a supporting role, Gert took the bold step of tossing her own hat into the ring. Her legacy as the first woman to run as a Democratic candidate for public office in Queens is truly inspirational. Although Gert did not prevail in her 1968 candidacy for the New York State Assembly, this bold act encouraged other women, including me, to run for public office.

With a quick wit and undeniable charm, Gert has a reputation for finding clever ways to

make her point. When the mayor proposed cutting garbage pickup in Queens to once a week, while leaving Manhattan pickup at three times per week, Gert suggested that Queens residents should take their garbage to work.

I continue to be in awe not only of Gert's contributions to the public good, but also of the level of energy and enthusiasm she brings to her many activities. Mrs. McDonald's life and accomplishments are a reflection of the strength and vitality of New York City itself.

I would like to join Gert McDonald's friends and family in marking this special occasion; I trust that she will be surrounded by the warmth of happy memories, good cheer and loving friendships.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Gertrude McDonald, a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and cherished friend of New York City. To Mrs. McDonald and her dedicated colleagues and friends at Queens Community Board Two, I offer my continuing admiration, respect and support.

HONORING MICHAEL PHELPS

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michael Phelps for his performance representing the United States in Athens at the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad.

Michael Phelps, who was born in Baltimore and now lives in Towson, is a lifelong resident of Maryland's Third Congressional District.

So, we Marylanders have been following Michael's career long before these Olympic games. At age seven, he joined the North Baltimore aquatic club, and at age sixteen, he won his first world title at the 2001 world championships in Japan. This was only the beginning of many recordsetting victories.

This August, joined by the rest of the world, we watched with extraordinary pride as Michael earned eight medals.

Through seventeen races in eight days, Michael did much more than beat his competitors—he exemplified true sportsmanship.

After winning his fourth individual gold medal, Michael stunned the athletic world by giving up his spot in the men's 400 meter medley relay on July to team mate Ian Crocker. The relay team won a gold medal, setting a world record. Michael's words say it best, and show why for him "world-class champion" is an understatement.

When asked about his decision, Phelps responded, "Ian is one of the best relay swimmers in U.S. history . . . when we want to put the four fastest guys up there, we look at everything, all the past swims, and we make the best decision . . . we came into this meet as a team and we're going to leave as a team."

Those words demonstrate why Michael Phelps is recognized as an outstanding role model, not just for athletes, but for all of us, no matter what our life's work.

As Michael leaves our state this fall to pursue his studies at the University of Michigan, we offer him our hearty congratulations and best wishes for the future.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me today in thanking Michael Phelps for representing our country with such honor and grace.

TRIBUTE TO BILL LAMBERT

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting my very good friend and an all around great guy, Bill Lambert, who for 40 years has served the United Teachers of Los Angeles as their Political Director. His colleagues will honor him at the UTLA Leadership Conference this summer.

Bill has worked tirelessly for decades on behalf of the teachers and the students of Los Angeles. He has counseled me on the intricacies of many difficult education issues, provided special insights on many bills I've sponsored, and hounded me mercilessly to work harder for his schools, find more funding for his projects and solve more problems for his teachers. He has demonstrated a special commitment to improving vocational education for students who are not college bound.

When Bill began his involvement in Teachers' organizations in 1957, teachers in Los Angeles had no family health insurance plans and no added bonuses for teaching over 30 years. He was a founder and key member of advocacy groups including the Elementary Teachers Association of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Teachers Association. An extremely successful negotiator, he has succeeded in winning both an excellent salary increase and improved benefits for Los Angeles' teachers.

Bill was born in the Bronx, but spent most of his life in Los Angeles. An alumnus of UCLA with a Masters Degree from Cal State Los Angeles, he began his long career in education in 1955 as a teacher at Montague Elementary School. He soon gained leadership positions among his fellow teachers and eventually became a legislative advocate on their behalf. He helped lobby along with United Teachers of Los Angeles for the revolutionary Rodda Act, which in 1975 became the first collective bargaining bill for teachers in California history.

Among his finest accomplishments is Bill's work for Children of the Dream, a program that puts children of diverse backgrounds—Israeli and Arab, Pakistani and Indian—together to help shatter stereotypes and create understanding. In 1997 he won the NEA Applegate Doros International Understanding Award.

Bill and his wonderful wife, Lenore, have four fine, successful children.

Please join me today in honoring my close friend, Bill Lambert, for his outstanding contributions to our community and for his steadfast commitment to the education of our children and to their teachers.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF VERONICA ZASADNI (RONNE) FROMAN, REAR ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY, RETIRED

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Veronica Zasadni

(Ronne) Froman, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy Retired.

Ronne Froman serves as Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross of San Diego and Imperial Counties. Froman joined the American Red Cross in 2003 and through her leadership quickly and decisively developed "The New American Red Cross" in San Diego by refocusing the organization on its core mission of disaster relief and emergency preparedness.

Admiral Froman comes to the American Red Cross from the San Diego Unified School District, where she served as Chief of Business Operations for one-and-a-half years. As the Chief Business Officer, she was responsible for the modernization and automation of the district's finance, technology and logistics support operations and infrastructure.

She is a retired Rear Admiral from the United States Navy and the former "Navy Mayor of San Diego." Admiral Froman brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the American Red Cross of San Diego and Imperial Counties, with over 31 years of service as a Naval Officer leading similar reform efforts.

Her expertise is reorganizing, saving money and improving services. Froman is a no-nonsense "efficiency expert" and whether she's helping the military, education or human service organizations, Froman is always ready to meet any challenge head-on.

Admiral Froman has received the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal, and the United States Navy Distinguished Service Medal, as well as various service and unit awards.

In the civilian community she currently sits on the Board of Directors of 1st Pacific Bank of California, the Monarch School, and the San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum. She was recognized by the San Diego Mediation Center with the Peacemaker of the Year Award (2004), and by San Diego Magazine as one of the "50 People to Watch in 2004." In 2003, she was honored to serve as the Chair of Fleet Week and received the Girl Scouts' Cool Woman Award. Other awards include: the "YMCA TWIN" Award, (2002), the San Diego Soroptimists' Woman of Accomplishment (1998), the National Association of Women Business Owners' Advocate of the Year (1998), the San Diego Press Club's Headliner Award (1998), and a San Diego Women Who Mean Business Award (1997).

With 20-years senior executive experience in complex, multi-functional, multimillion dollar organizations; with extensive experience in operations, facility management, marketing and human resources; being skilled in building teams through collaborative management; being a strategic planner and proven executor of the plans; being a designer and implementor of major organizational change; always being people and customer focused; and extremely comfortable handling community relations, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Veronica Zasadni (Ronne) Froman and commend her accomplishments to my colleagues.

RECOGNIZING MARSHA COBB

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Marsha M. Cobb for her recent recognition by the Texas Council for the Social Studies as "Elementary Teacher of the Year" for 2004.

Mrs. Cobb is a second-grade teacher at Polser Elementary School in Lewisville, Texas, located in my Congressional District. She is now up for consideration as the national Social Studies Teacher of the Year award, given by the National Council for the Social Studies.

Mrs. Cobb has 16 years of experience in the classroom. Mrs. Cobb employs a "hands on" educational philosophy and strives to educate her students through experience rather than text books. If you were to walk in her classroom, you would most likely see her students roaming the room looking at various interactive displays rather than with their heads buried in textbooks.

Mrs. Cobb is not the only recognized distinguished teacher in the Lewisville School District. This is the third consecutive year a Lewisville teacher has won the Texas Council for Social Studies Elementary Teacher of the Year award. Last year, Linda Krause, a fifth-grade teacher at Wellington Elementary School in Flower Mound received the award. And in 2002, Janet Davis, a second-grade teacher at Heritage Elementary in Highland Village, earned the award.

I would like to commend Marsha Cobb, as well as Linda Krause and Janet Davis, for receiving this distinguished award.

A TRIBUTE TO HUNTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, on August 9th, students and teachers in North Alabama officially ended their summer break and headed back into the classroom for another year of study. It was also a special day for my high school alma mater, as the students and teachers of Huntsville High School began classes in a new state-of-the-art educational facility.

The original Huntsville High School, built in the 1950s, was no longer able to support its growing number of students. Mr. Speaker, the new school encompasses 280,000 square feet, has 65 classrooms, a small practice gym, a lecture hall of 140 seats, a large auditorium that can hold the entire student body, and a main gym that will seat 2,400.

I strongly believe that a firm academic foundation will help the young people of North Alabama achieve their goals and help raise the overall quality of life in our community. Having outstanding teachers with eager students in this wonderful new facility will be a successful combination for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I was unable to join the administrators and faculty, students, alumni, and friends at the official opening of the new Huntsville High School. However, I rise today

to join in their celebration and welcome them into the new Huntsville High.

CONGRATULATING TODD HAMILTON

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate Illinois native Todd Hamilton on his win at the 133rd British Open Championship on Sunday, July 18, 2004.

Born on October 18, 1965 in Galesburg, Illinois, Todd Hamilton was raised in the town of Oquawka. He practiced golf at Hend-Co Hills Golf Club in Biggsville and attended Biggsville's Union High School. At Union, he petitioned the school to create a golf club, and then went on to win the Illinois state high school golf championships during his junior and senior years. Next, Todd was an All-American golfer at the University of Oklahoma.

Todd Hamilton went pro in 1987, and then spent 11 years golfing in Asia between 1992 and 2003, where he won tournaments such as the Thailand Open, Singapore Masters, Korean Open, and the Japan Golf Tour's Acom International. However, the esteemed PGA Tour eluded him. He finally made the PGA Tour in December 2003 on his eighth attempt, tying for 16th in the qualifying tournament at the age of 38.

The four most important tournaments in golf are known as the "majors." They are the British Open, the U.S. Open, the Masters, and the USPGA championships, which make up the most important events in the golfing calendar. The British Open is golf's oldest national championship and the only one of the majors that is played outside the USA.

When Todd Hamilton was given the opportunity to compete in the Open Championship, as the British Open is known in the United Kingdom, he defeated some of golf's best and most wellknown players, including Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson. Winning this competition has elevated Todd Hamilton to rank among the world's best golfers.

I am proud to represent the place where Todd Hamilton learned to play golf, and I think I speak for everyone in Oquawka and throughout Illinois when I say that we are so proud of Todd's remarkable achievement in the Open Championship. Todd Hamilton has demonstrated the tenacity, perseverance, and skill of a champion in his long journey to the top, and I wish him and his family the best of luck in this new chapter of his career.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILDERNESS ACT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, September 3rd marked the 40th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, which protects the Nation's enduring natural heritage as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Revered by scores of Americans and visitors

each year and spanning two generations, the wilderness areas that can be found from the West to East Coasts are a tangible source of pride, progress, and potential for our Nation.

In 1924, at the insistence of forester and future "A Sand County Almanac" author Aldo Leopold, the Forest Service created the very first federally designated wilderness—the Gila Primitive Area. Located north of Silver City, the Gila Wilderness is a gigantic reserve whose boundaries were eventually made into the 558,000-acre wilderness it is today. Senator Clinton Anderson of New Mexico, chairman of what was then called the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, stated that his support of the wilderness system was the direct result of discussions he had held almost 40 years before with Mr. Leopold. The Wilderness Act made the Gila Primitive Area official 40 years later.

After passing Congress with bipartisan support, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Wilderness Act into law on September 3, 1964. By the stroke of President Johnson's pen, the Act created 9.2 million acres of wilderness across the country. Today the system includes 662 areas covering about 105.7 million acres in 44 states, about 4 percent of the United States.

For the first time in American history, the Federal Government protected land as it is and defined wilderness as a place that "in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a member of the natural community who visits but does not remain and whose travels leave only trails."

The Wilderness Act is a deeply personal law to me. The legislation that President Johnson signed was sponsored by Senator Anderson and was guided through Congress at the urging of my father, then Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall. Serving as Interior Secretary for Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, Stewart Udall's accomplishments during his tenure are numerous: he created new national programs such as the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the Wilderness Act, which pushed the nation toward a deeper appreciation and protection of its remaining wild spaces. He helped create many new national parks and forests and the first national seashores. Perhaps most importantly, he established a bipartisan consensus on conservation issues that would endure for 20 years.

I visited with my father recently in Santa Fe about the Wilderness Act. He recalled that President Johnson awarded him 62 ceremonial bill signing pens throughout his service to the White House. As he signed the Wilderness Act into law, President Johnson spoke of Secretary Udall and his staff "going all over the country, looking for places to save." My father recalls the remark as one of the highest compliments he has ever received; this in a lifetime of distinguished service to his country.

With 2.1 percent of its land area protected as wilderness, New Mexico harbors 23 wilderness areas. I have introduced legislation which would designate the first wilderness approved in New Mexico since 1987—the 10,794-acre Ojito Wilderness Study Area. The Bureau of Land Management recommended wilderness status for the Ojito area in 1992. We have had hearings in both the House and Senate on this bipartisan proposal. The bill is strongly sup-

ported in New Mexico by a diverse coalition. It is my sincere hope we can pass this legislation before the 108th Congress adjourns. Ojito would remain a natural place, perfect for recreation and quiet contemplation.

My legislation would also provide for the sale of about 13,000 acres of adjacent Bureau of Land Management holdings to Zia Pueblo, land that holds much historic and religious significance to the pueblo. All of it would remain open to the public. As such, the pueblo would be able to unite two separate pieces of its reservation, and in total, 24,000 acres would be preserved and protected. Not only is this place incredibly beautiful, it also contains rich cultural and archeological values. Designating the Ojito as wilderness will ensure that this vast landscape remains as it is, in all its natural glory, for future generations to treasure.

Mr. Speaker, the 40th anniversary of the Wilderness Act is an opportunity to rekindle the public interest in safeguarding our Nation's unique natural heritage for future generations to enjoy. I urge my colleagues to join with me to ensure we leave a rich legacy of unspoiled wildlands for our families, for our future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ADAM
AIRCRAFT

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, one of my greatest joys is to see businesses in my district flourish. Today, I am honored to recognize Adam Aircraft based out of Centennial Airport in Englewood, Colorado. Adam Aircraft designs and manufactures advanced aircraft for civil and government markets.

On August 17, 2004, the company marked the first anniversary of the A700's debut, which is undergoing initial flight testing. The A700 being the first personal aircraft with an installed interior featuring seven seats and an aft lavatory.

In addition to the A700, Adam Aircraft has also made a big showing at the EAA AirVenture 2004 with the A500. The A500 has accumulated three national and two world records for speed over a recognized course and is currently approaching FAA certification by the end of 2004.

Adam Aircraft is building a strong customer base and took a record nine orders for its two aircraft models at the EAA AirVenture 2004 show. Currently they have also taken over 60 orders for the A500 and they promise to be a strong employer for Colorado for the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, the back bone of any community is the businesses that operate there. It is my distinct pleasure to honor one of those businesses Adam Aircraft here today, and wish them all the best in her future endeavors.

CAPTAIN SCOTT SHIELDS, HIS GOLDEN RETRIEVER, BEAR, AND ALL OF THE BRAVE RESCUE DOGS WHO SERVED DURING THE 9/11 TRAGEDY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Captain Scott Shields, his golden retriever, Bear, and the more than 300 dogs that served our country at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon after the September 11th terrorist attacks. On that fateful morning, Captain Shields and Bear answered the call for assistance at the World Trade Center and were one of the first search and rescue teams to enter the devastated area. Bear and other highly-trained rescue dogs spent the next few days searching in extremely dangerous conditions for those who lost their lives in the attacks.

Scott Shields raised Bear in Westport, Connecticut, where there were no leash laws. As a result, Bear quickly learned to be comfortable maneuvering and taking direction "off leash." In addition to his regular search training, Captain Shields also took Bear to parks, beaches and even obstacle courses to continue his instruction. This preparation proved remarkably useful on the morning of September 11. Trained in disaster management, Captain Shields felt compelled to respond to the disaster and he and Bear drove to what the world would soon recognize as Ground Zero. Captain Shields and Bear entered the disaster site shortly after the second Trade Center tower collapsed to search for those who might have been trapped in the wreckage. Later that day, Captain Shields organized harbor activities, directing boats to transport emergency workers to the Trade Center site.

Bear and his fellow rescue dogs worked in very harsh conditions without the benefits of protective clothing and gas masks. They climbed through piles of debris and squeezed through tunnels of steel and concrete in their attempts to find any signs of human life.

While working in these dangerous conditions, many dogs, including Bear, were injured. Captain Shields and Bear were walking along a steel beam when a piece of twisted metal gouged Bear's back. Although the gash was deep, Bear kept working. Several months later, however, Bear developed a form of skin cancer around the perimeter of the wound. A veterinarian successfully removed the infected tissue, but from then on, Bear's health declined. Bear passed away on September 23, 2002; the following month, hundreds of mourners gathered at his memorial service aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Intrepid*.

In Bear's memory, Captain Shields, along with the New York law firm Proskauer Rose, established the Bear Search and Rescue Foundation to ensure that all dogs who participated in search and rescue operations at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon receive appropriate health care. Additionally, the foundation works diligently to provide equipment and instruction to emergency response teams throughout the country.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in honoring Bear, Scott Shields and the hundreds of search and rescue teams who

served our nation so bravely on September 11th. To these heroes, I offer my continuing respect, admiration and support.

HONORING NANCY HABERLAND,
OLYMPIC ATHLETE

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Nancy Haberland, for her participation in the Games of the XXVIIIth Olympiad.

In her Olympic debut this August, Nancy Haberland was forward in the Yngling boat. Ms. Haberland, along with skipper Carol Cronin and middle Liz Filter made up Team Atkins. The yngling class was one of the most closely contested races at the U.S. Olympic trials. In a remarkable achievement, Team Atkins beat out a field that included a previous Yngling world champion, Betsy Alison, and past Olympians Jody Swanson and Cory Sertl. Ms. Haberland has also won numerous national titles in several classes.

Nancy Haberland grew up in Northbrook, Illinois and started sailing at the age of 13. In 1984, she graduated from Miami University in Ohio with a degree in dietetics and management, and she is a registered dietitian. She serves our country now as a sailing coach at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, and I am privileged to represent her in Congress.

It has been said that the trademarks of a champion are, "The will to prepare, the guts to risk, and the desire to be the best." Ms. Haberland certainly possesses all three, and I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her.

SALUTING AMBASSADOR YUVAL
ROTEM

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Ambassador Yuval Rotem, who served as consul general of Israel in Los Angeles from September 1999 to August 2004. Ambassador Rotem recently wrote an article for the Los Angeles Daily News on his experiences in Southern California that I would like to share with you today.

L.A.'s STORY ABOUT LIVING SIDE BY SIDE
(By Yuval Rotem)

Critics say Los Angeles is only image. The city, they claim, presents an illusion to the world much like the movies Hollywood projects on its big screens. The myth goes that it's a city of facades, with the favored tools being the editor's airbrush or the plastic surgeon's scalpel. There are no friendships here, only contacts and connections.

After five years on "extended vacation" in Southern California, I have found these statements far more superficial than the city they decry. As a permanent resident of the tormented Middle East, my time here has left me in awe of the wide variety of reli-

gions, colors, languages and life philosophies that intermingle in Los Angeles. To be a minority is to be in the majority in L.A., and despite its fragmented sprawl, coexistence is real, with each community adding to the flavor of the city.

That is not to say, however, there aren't absurd aspects about life in Los Angeles. There is, for example, the infatuation with cars and the impossibly tangled web of freeways. When we "bump into" people, it is likely in the most literal sense—a fender bender on the 405.

It is little wonder, then, that I learned one of L.A.'s more important lessons with the help of my car. Traveling on the 10 alone opened my eyes to the multitude of faces, languages, cuisines and cultures that run into each other here.

Starting in Venice, the stereotypical images of L.A.—beach bums soaking in the sun and fitness fanatics pumping iron at Muscle Beach—abound. Moving east, the Jewish neighborhood of the Pico corridor became a second home for me. On my way downtown, I stopped in Koreatown, historic West Adams district and eventually in East L.A.—making friends in each community: each group diverse, each group proud, each group American.

I traveled this freeway and others often during my tenure here—visiting a variety of communities along the way. What I have learned here has given me a Thomas Guide of sorts to maneuver and navigate through our differences to arrive ultimately at our similarities.

Dorothy Parker once described Los Angeles as "72 suburbs in search of a city," but I sometimes wonder how badly they really want to find it. The communities I passed on my drive down the 10 didn't seem to be looking for it; they already appeared to be perfectly at home and at peace as Angelenos. On July 4, for instance, people from all over this city simply don't appear interested to gather en masse at some civic center, but prefer neighborhood parades, local fireworks displays, and backyard barbecues.

Despite this geographic disconnection, the people of Los Angeles are nonetheless remarkably united. They share the same debates about Kobe vs. Shaq, the same frustrations with the traffic, the same concerns about schools and public safety, the same appreciation for the amazing beauty and vibrant cultural life that L.A. has to offer.

Most importantly, the diverse population of this city shares a truly laudable spirit of respect and tolerance for "the other." There have been, of course, many tough times. However, friendships and relationships that transcend ethnicity and religion are the norm here. By and large, people relate to each other as individuals—not as groups, not as categories, not as stereotypes.

As one who comes from the Middle East, where ethnic divisions have paralyzed us, I am in awe of the positive cross-cultural interaction between the people of Los Angeles.

From the inside, it is easy to see the problems—social and economic inequality, tensions that sometimes bubble to the surface, the challenge of educating 750,000 children who collectively speak more than 80 languages. It would be easy to focus on the chaotic events that have marked my time here: the energy crisis, wildfires, earthquakes and the recall election. Yet to me, an outsider, Los Angeles is something of a miracle.

At the end of the day, you see millions of people from every background imaginable living side by side, working together and forging a future under the bright California sun. In today's world, where terrorism, prejudice and hatred widen the already-existing gaps between peoples, this is an inspiration.

As I return to my own homeland, I carry with me the hope and promise that Los Angeles offers to the future—a fitting going-away present from the city of dreams.

TRIBUTE TO PETER VANDERKAAAY

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Peter Vanderkaay, a resident of Oakland Township, Michigan, on his Olympic gold medal he won at the XXVIII Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. He has made all of us from Oakland County and Michigan proud.

Peter won his gold medal on the men's 4 × 200 meter freestyle swimming relay team, swimming the third leg of the race. Peter and his teammates, Michael Phelps, Ryan Lochte, and Klete Keller, set a new American record on their way to beating Australia by 0.13 seconds. It is the first time an American Olympic team has won this race since 1996.

Peter was a standout in high school swimming for Rochester Adams High School where he earned four varsity letters. He is a Michigan State champion in the 200 yard freestyle and a two-time Michigan State champion in the 500 yard freestyle. He was also selected as the 2002 Oakland Press Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Peter will return to the University of Michigan this fall as a junior and will continue to swim for the school and Club Wolverine. His accomplishments are overwhelming and impressive, especially considering it has only taken him two years to reach these achievements. Peter is a seven-time NCAA All-American, was the 2004 Co-Big Ten Conference Swimmer of the Year, the 2003 Big Ten Conference Freshman of the Year, and a six-time Big Ten Champion.

Being a world-class swimmer takes dedication and resolve. It takes sacrifice and long hours of practice. It is not always immediately rewarding and there are many challenges before becoming a champion. I commend Peter on his determination.

I also realize raising a swimmer is not easy and that is why Peter's parents, Mark and Robin, deserve recognition for their hard work over the years. In fact, they have raised four swimmers; Peter's brothers Christian, Alex and Dane are accomplished swimmers in their own right.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Peter Vanderkaay on his Olympic success and wish him all the best in his future endeavors, both in and out of the pool.

HONORING RHADI FERGUSON

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Rhadi Ferguson, a Maryland resident who proudly represented the United States as a member of its Judo Team in the games of the XXVIIIth Olympiad.

A three-time national Judo champion, Rhadi was born in Portland Oregon, and earned a football scholarship to Howard University where he also wrestled and ran track. Rhadi won the 2004 U.S. Judo Trials in June and a bronze medal at the 2004 Pan American Games.

Rhadi Ferguson is an academic champion as well, having earned a master's degree in teaching at Howard University with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average, and he is now pursuing his doctorate in education.

Although many consider judo to be very similar to wrestling, the sport has as its origins in the ancient Japanese art of jujutsu, a system of hand-to-hand combat that is more than 2,000 years old.

Dr. Jigoro Kano, the founder of modern Judo, introduced many of the current techniques used today, and he is largely credited with Judo's inclusion in the 1964 Olympic Games. Kano described the sport as "the way to the most effective use of both physical and spiritual strength. By training you in attacks and defenses, it refines your body and your soul and helps you make the spiritual essence of Judo a part of your very being. In this way you are able to perfect yourself and contribute something of value to the world. This is the final goal of Judo discipline."

I am proud that one of my constituents, Rhadi Ferguson, has achieved the status of national champion, and I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on his participation in the 2004 Olympic Games.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WISCONSIN
FIFTH DISTRICT OLYMPIC
MEDAL WINNERS

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to four Americans who went to Athens to compete in the 28th Olympic Games last month, and came back as Olympic medal winners. With ties to Wisconsin's Fifth District, they are: Chris Ahrens (Whitefish Bay), Paul Hamm and Morgan Hamm (Town of Waukesha), and Beezie Madden (Bayside).

Winner of the gold medal in the U.S. Men's Eight (rowing), Chris started rowing by going out with his dad to the Milwaukee Rowing Club at 6 years of age. After finishing fifth in the 2000 Olympics in the Men's Eight, Chris retired and took 3 years off. Fortunately for America, in 2003, he changed his mind and returned to the sport to represent his Nation with success.

In the sport of gymnastics, Wisconsin was represented by Olympic gold and silver medal winner Paul Hamm, and his twin brother, Morgan Hamm, a silver medalist. Growing up on a farm in Waukesha, the Hamm twins practiced on makeshift equipment—a pommel horse constructed out of a maple tree, and the upholstery of a car; rings hung up in the attic; a trampoline set up in the barn, and parallel bars made from a stairway railing. This goes to show that you don't need state of the art equipment to create champions—you need heart.

In Athens, Beezie (Elizabeth) Madden was an integral part of the U.S. equestrian team that took the silver medal in Team Jumping. Nicknamed after her great-grandmother, Beezie took her first riding lesson at the age of 3. She got her first horse as a Christmas present when she was 4, and 2 years later, she competed in her first horse show.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all four of these athletes for representing our country with such honor, and congratulate them on their success.

RECOGNIZING PURDUE PHARMA
AND LIFETIME LEARNING SYS-
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HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the wonderful work of Purdue Pharma, L.P. and the Weekly Reader to educate America's youth on the dangers of prescription drug abuse.

Purdue has partnered with Lifetime Learning Systems, publisher of Weekly Reader, to distribute drug abuse awareness materials, entitled "Painfully Obvious," in selected schools and classrooms throughout the country. Nearly 13,000 middle schools will receive these materials, which include a student discussion guide and a teacher's instructional guide, for distribution to more than 4 million fifth- to eighth-graders. The distribution will cover students throughout the Northeast, South and Midwest.

An estimated 9 million people aged 12 and older used prescription drugs for non-medical reasons in 1999, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). Also, according to the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, the sharpest increases in new abusers of prescription drugs occur in 12-25 year olds. NIDA's 2003 Monitoring the Future survey, conducted amongst 8th, 10th and 12th grade high schoolers nationwide, found that Vicodin, a prescription drug, was the second most frequently reported drug used among 12th graders in high school, after marijuana. The same survey also found that 10.5 percent of 12th graders surveyed reported using Vicodin for non-medical reasons and 4.5 percent of 12th graders surveyed reported using OxyContin without a prescription. These statistics indicate a growing problem amongst the nation's teens. Individuals may also visit www.painfullyobvious.com to learn more about this important issue.

A critical first step in the prevention of prescription drug abuse by young people is to equip them with knowledge and information about its potentially devastating effects. America's youth will be in a better position to make the right choices because of this effort.

TRIBUTE TO JANET TRAUTWEIN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. I rise today to pay tribute to Janet Trautwein for receiving the

Gordon Memorial Award presented by the National Association of Health Underwriters. Since 1949, The National Association of Health Underwriters have been recognizing individuals that have generously and selflessly given their time and effort to the health insurance industry and the financial protection they provide to millions of Americans.

Janet Trautwein is well deserving of this award. She has served the association well as a staffer, but more notably in her years of uncompensated service as a former agent and active volunteer NAHU member in the state of Texas. Ms. Trautwein has exemplified the character of the Gordon Memorial Award by working hard to better the insurance industry without expecting anything in return.

Mr. Speaker, today, more than ever, volunteers are coveted members of our communities, selflessly giving their precious time and effort for the greater good. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Janet Trautwein for her service and for receiving the Gordon Memorial Award from the National Association of Health Underwriters.

FORT KING

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 10, 2004 Fort King of Ocala, Florida was designated as a national historic landmark in front of 200 guests at the downtown square in Ocala, Florida. Many speakers were present and told of the underlying significance of Fort King, where Osceola fought against the United States, as a key fort in a chapter of American history, the Second Seminole War from 1835-1842. Henry Sheldon, an engineer of Gainesville, Florida, who is a member of the Seminole Wars Historic Foundation, was one of the speakers that evening. Below is his brief account of the historical significance of Fort King:

THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF FORT KING;
FORT KING CEREMONY, MAY 10, 2004

(By Henry A. Sheldon)

Imagine standing at this spot in Florida two hundred years ago. Before you would be an immense forest, unbroken except by rivers, prairies, and lakes. It was said that if a squirrel could leap the rivers, it could walk on the tree tops from St. Augustine to Texas.

The sounds were those of the forest—the wind in the pines, the dying crash of a 500 year old mammoth oak, the cry of a hawk in the clouds, or the scream of a panther at the edge of the hammock.

For thousands of years native Americans passed by this spot in pursuit of deer and buffalo. Maybe a hunter sat right where you stand catching his breath as the pursuit continued. Maybe a town stood here. Maybe there were cook fires and children playing over there. The people were dressed in deerskins.

Then one day a different sound was heard in the forest. It was the sound of wagons, and horses and men shouting orders. "Pull up, veer to the left of that big pine, keep the wagons moving." They were soldiers, heading that way—East, toward the giant Silver Spring. They were dressed in blue and white and carried flintlock muskets similar to those used in the French and Indian War, the American Revolution, and the War of 1812. They had orders to build a fort.

They were looking for a hilltop, near water. They found such a spot 3 miles east of here on the first high ground west of the Silver Spring. Now the sound was of axes and the great pines on the hill began to fall to be used for the walls and blockhouses of the fort. The year was 1827.

The fort was similar to wilderness forts constructed by the French and the English during the 1600's and 1700's. It was the same type of picket fort constructed by George Washington at Fort Necessity in 1754. It was similar to the British Fort William Henry captured by the Marquis De Montcalm in the siege of 1757 and memorialized in James Fenimore Cooper's *Last of the Mohicans*.

Like Fort Leavenworth in Kansas, Fort Sill in Oklahoma, and Fort Laramie, in Wyoming, Fort King advanced the frontier. Many of these frontier forts became our cities. Fort Pontchartrain, became Detroit, Fort Dearborn became Chicago, Fort Pitt became Pittsburgh, Fort Brooke became Tampa, and Fort King became Ocala.

For 15 years (1827-42) Fort King was to be a main stage in the heroic and tragic saga of the advance of the American Frontier in Florida. It was constructed to administrate the Treaty of Moultrie Creek which relocated the Seminoles to central Florida. Fort King was to promote law and order in the wilderness by protecting the Seminoles from trespassing settlers and adventurers.

Initially, Fort King and the Indian Agency were viewed positively by the Seminoles. As Coahajo said to Gad Humphreys, the Indian Agent in Jan 1829, "This house was built for us, so that when we had any difficulty, we might come here and settle it." It represented the 'Great Father's' (i.e., the US President's) commitment to them for their safety and well being. Chief John Hicks said to Gad Humphreys "We know that the Great Father's power is great, and he can do with us as he chooses; but we hope that his justice is as great as his power." They trusted the Great Father and his Indian Agents. To the Seminoles, Fort King was a symbol of hope.

But the Great Father could not stop the overwhelming advance of the white settlers, the whisky peddlers, and the slave hunters. Two years after being constructed, Fort King was abandoned due to budget cuts from the recession of 1829. The Seminoles were left without the soldiers to protect them from marauding whites. Justice lapsed.

The government reduced their annuity. The Seminoles could not buy corn. They began to starve. Captain John Sprague wrote: "The Indian, exasperated by repeated wrongs, was reckless of the future—indeed, cared but little of results. Revenge, ever sweet to him, whatever may be the consequences, was all he sought."

Fort King stood empty for 3 years (1829-32), but the Seminoles did not disturb it. The Seminoles waited for the return of the soldiers to protect them under the terms of the Treaty of Moultrie Creek. However, in May 1832, the Great Father (Andrew Jackson) made them sign a new treaty at Paynes Landing on the Oklawaha River.

In June 1832, one month after the signing of the Treaty of Paynes Landing, the soldiers returned. Fort King was re-garrisoned. But now the Seminoles were told that they must leave Florida entirely and forever. Instead of a symbol of freedom, hope and justice, Fort King and its soldiers became a symbol of hate and oppression.

On to the stage came a new Seminole—His name was Osceola. His first appearance to the world was at Fort King in October 1834. Here, the defiant young war chief rejected the US orders to leave Florida and threatened war unless the Seminoles were left alone. There was no trust left.

Then came the fateful day of Dec 28, 1835. That morning 40 miles to the south along the

Fort King Road, the Seminoles ambushed and annihilated two companies of US Army regulars in route to Fort King. That afternoon, Osceola shot and killed the Indian Agent Wiley Thompson outside the walls of Fort King. The Second Seminole War had begun.

During the seven year guerilla war that followed, every major general and every regiment of the US Army was stationed at or passed through Fort King. Here stood the Generals: Gaines, Scott, Clinch, Jesup, Taylor, and Armistead. Here stood the junior officers Worth, Johnson, Prince, Bragg, Meade, and Pemberton—men who would gain fame in the Mexican and Civil Wars. And here stood the enlisted men: Bemrose, Clarke, and hundreds of others who served in the Florida War.

Following the initial series of engagements, most of which the Seminoles won, US forces withdrew from the interior of Florida abandoning Fort King in May 1836. The Seminoles stood victorious. At this zenith of their success and hopes, the Seminoles burned the hated Fort King to the ground.

But it would be a short lived victory. The Army returned a year later and rebuilt Fort King. It would be garrisoned throughout the remaining 5 years of the war and from here the Army of the South would direct dragoon and infantry units in unrelenting search and destroy missions against the Seminoles.

When it ended in 1842, most of the Seminoles had been killed or captured and relocated to Indian Territory in Oklahoma. These native Americans constitute the Seminole Nation of today. An unconquered and defiant few withdrew to the vastness of the Florida Everglades and survived to the present as the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

In March 1843, Fort King was abandoned by the US Army for the last time and transferred to the people of Marion County. The Fort was used as the County's first courthouse and public building. In 1846, it was dismantled by the citizens of Marion County for its lumber. The great pines had done their job.

Hated and loved, Fort King was the stuff that dreams are made of. To the pioneers, it represented America in the wilderness. It was to these people—the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, The Bill of Rights, and freedom and democracy as we knew it. To the Seminoles—this fort was first a symbol of justice and goodwill and then a symbol of arrogance, intolerance, and persecution. Hated and loved—In the end, Fort King is us.

The historical significance of Fort King is that it links us to our past and to our future. To stand on that hilltop puts us in the footsteps of Osceola and the native Americans who roamed and lived on this land for thousands of years before the Spanish, French, English, and Americans ruled it. It is a place in the modern city that links us to our wilderness past. It reminds us of the difficulties faced by our young republic in maintaining justice and peace on the Frontier. It is how we got here. Here is our story on the exact spot of land where it all happened.

The lesson learned from Fort King is our need to assimilate and accept people of other cultures who in the final analysis value being American as much as we. Can we become a better people? The fact that we stand here as friends with the Seminoles, the very people we oppressed at the start of our State, is a testament that we can. Fort King is a place of hope.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, combating terrorism has emerged as one of the most important U.S. foreign policy and national security priorities. The number of terrorist groups is reportedly growing and the technology to inflict mass casualties is becoming more readily available. The United States and other cooperating nations are confronted with four major tasks, namely, (1) deterring and identifying terrorists and their sponsors and supporters (2) weakening terrorist financial ability and infrastructure (3) making potential targets extremely difficult to be accomplished, and (4) containing damage in the aftermath of terrorist attacks. Given these priorities Congress and the administration should accept the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Report as a guidance document toward effectively combating terrorism without diminishing the people's civil liberties and rights.

Combating terrorism requires government activity designed to gather information on, and restrict the activities of individual terrorists and groups seeking to engage in direct or indirect terrorist activity. This is a challenge facing the Congress as to how—in a growing age of globalization, deregulation, democracy and individual freedom—to institute effective communication between various intelligence agencies, information sharing across Federal, State and local governments and private sectors and the method of implementing regulatory and monitoring systems which will help deter, identify, and track terrorists and stop their activities.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
HONORING THOSE VOLUNTEERS
WHO HELP AMERICA'S MILITARY
FAMILIES

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer, along with my colleague and friend Representative JO ANN DAVIS from Virginia, a resolution honoring those who selflessly volunteer their time and energy to support America's brave military families.

Mr. Speaker, since the conflicts in Afghanistan and in Iraq began, the strain on our military families has been tremendous—with extended tours of duty and several activations and reactivations.

During this time, our military families face unique and trying challenges. While their loved ones are deployed overseas or away for extended periods, these families must cope with the anxiety and a fear of a different kind than experienced in combat.

This anxiety can be just as intense. "Will my husband come home?" "Is my daughter's unit in the line of fire?" "How will I make ends meet while the kids' father is gone?" "How should I explain this to our kids?"

These are the questions that race through the minds of the spouses and the children of

our brave servicemembers while they are courageously fighting overseas. These families and communities need the support of others who can relate to them and comfort them in this time of need.

Working without pay, not expecting recognition, and often using their own resources, military unit family support volunteers have been filling this need for decades. These generous men and women have taken it upon themselves to provide guidance, support, and advice to military families.

Each branch of the United States Armed Forces has organized its military unit family support volunteers into effective networks of support.

Generally, the spouse of a servicemember will serve as a military unit family support volunteer and will work hard to improve the lives of other spouses and their children.

In San Diego, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Navy Ombudsmen and Marine Key Volunteers on a regular basis.

It is an understatement to say that I have been amazed by their dedication. These volunteers spend hours and hours each week to help other military families. Working as a military unit family support volunteer is a full-time job.

They provide these services while at the same time, dealing with the hardships of military life in their own right. But without their efforts, military life for military families would be much more difficult—especially for those who are new to the service.

Next week on Tuesday, September 14, the Navy will honor its selfless volunteers on Ombudsmen Appreciation Day. Each year, the Navy recognizes its 6,000 Ombudsmen on this special day.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot think of a better occasion to recognize the fine efforts of all our military unit family support volunteers from each branch. It is my goal to let each volunteer know that this Congress stands firmly behind your efforts and recognizes the invaluable support you give to America's brave military families.

Today, I am introducing a concurrent resolution to officially recognize the efforts of the Air Force Spouses Together and Ready volunteers (STARs), the Army Family Readiness Volunteers, the Marine Key Volunteers (KVs), and the Navy Ombudsmen.

This Congress stands firmly behind your mission. Thank you very much for your efforts and your dedication.

COMMENDING ARMY RESERVE
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LUIS A.
PEREZ

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and respect that I wish to commend Army Reserve Private First Class Luis A. Perez for his bravery in the field of battle and his willingness to fight for his country. Private Perez was assigned to the 223rd Transportation Company, United States Army Reserve, Norristown, Pennsylvania. Private First Class Perez lost his life on Thursday, August 26, 2004, in Fallujah, Iraq, when the fuel truck

he was driving hit a land mine causing a deadly explosion. His sacrifice will be remembered by a community that has been struck hard by the devastating loss of one of its own.

A native of East Chicago, Indiana, Private Luis Perez attended Morton High School in Hammond for two years, but graduated from a high school in New York where he had gone to live with his father after his parents divorced. He enjoyed playing video games, basketball and he also liked to write poetry. All Private Perez ever wanted was to grow up and be a soldier like his father. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army and two weeks later he was off for training.

It came as no surprise to those who knew Private Perez that he would serve his country. Growing up, he traveled with his parents and two younger sisters all over the world, living in Hawaii and Germany. A true patriot, his love for his country was evident from the time that he was a child. At a young age he told imaginative tales of what his life would be like, he said he wanted to be a green man and continue traveling the world. Relatives urged Private Perez to enroll in college, but he wanted to be a hero like his father, Sergeant Jose Perez, a 20-year veteran of the United States Army. Private Perez felt tremendous pride for his country, and he was willing to endanger his own life to protect the lives of his fellow citizens. His courage and heroism will always be remembered, and his sacrifice will forever live in the hearts and minds of those for whom he battled. He gave his life so that the freedoms and values that he treasured could be enjoyed by those around the world.

Although he loved his unit and his country, Private Perez treasured his family above all else. He is survived by his wife, Theresa, his father, Sergeant Jose Perez, his mother, Lisa Perez, two sisters, and his grandmother, Clara Madrigal.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a fallen hero, United States Army Reserve Private First Class Luis A. Perez. He will forever remain a hero in the eyes of his family, his community, and his country. Let us never forget the sacrifice he made to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF NIST'S BOULDER
LABORATORIES

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, a week from today, the Boulder laboratories of the National Institute of Standards and Technology will celebrate their 50th anniversary. I rise today to honor NIST and its employees on this important occasion.

It wasn't long ago that we celebrated the centennial of NIST's founding, which Congress marked with the passage of a resolution that Representative MORELLA and I sponsored.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology was chartered by Congress on March 3, 1901 as the federal government's first physical science research laboratory. Scientists, engineers, and industrialists first advo-

cated the establishment of a standards laboratory, pointing to the new challenges facing the U.S. as a rapidly industrializing world power.

Today, I'd like to draw attention to the work of NIST's laboratories in Boulder, Colorado, in my district.

In 1950, to address the lack of laboratory space, NIST established a cryogenic engineering laboratory and radio facilities on land donated by citizens of Boulder. NIST's Boulder facilities were expanded in the mid 1960s, when NIST and the University of Colorado (CU) joined forces to create the Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics (JILA), a cooperative effort that has gained widespread recognition in atomic physics and other fields.

The partnership between NIST and CU has led to some amazing discoveries. Beginning in the 1970s, the discipline of cooling and trapping atoms was established in part by experiments with electrically charged atoms by researchers at NIST's Boulder campus. This work inspired Dr. William Phillips and his team to demonstrate both the trapping and the cooling of atoms well below the temperature limits generally believed possible. Dr. Phillips was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1997 for this work.

In 1995, using these same techniques of laser cooling and trapping of atoms, scientists at JILA—NIST's Eric Cornell and CU's Carl Wieman—cooled rubidium atoms to less than 1 millionth of a degree above absolute zero. This was 300 times lower in temperature than ever achieved before and created a new state of matter predicted decades ago by Albert Einstein and Indian physicist Satyendra Nath Bose. The Bose-Einstein condensate is widely hailed as one of the century's major achievements in physics, and has been honored with several internationally prestigious awards.

All of this research has enabled the design and construction of one of the world's most accurate clocks, NIST F-1, which is used by NIST (in cooperation with the Naval Observatory) to maintain the nation's time standard. The NIST-F1 is so accurate that it will neither gain nor lose a second in 20 million years! It is approximately three times more accurate than NIST-7, the previous time piece for the nation. This precise time information is needed by such users as electric power companies, radio and television stations, telephone companies, air traffic control systems, the Global Positioning System, participants in space exploration, the Internet, and navigators of ships and planes—all of whom need to compare their own timing equipment to a reliable, internationally recognized standard, which NIST provides.

I'd also like to mention an interesting tale of "technology transfer" that has resulted from the time and frequency research in NIST's Boulder laboratories.

In the early 1970s, NIST developed a time distribution system that placed a hidden time code on an unused part of the TV signal. While the system was not implemented, this technology provided the basis for closed captioning. In the following years, several networks, working with NIST, took up the project and developed convenient encoding equipment and improvements to the captioning format. Then in 1980, NIST, the American Broadcasting Company, and the Public Broadcasting System received Emmys from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for this development. Today the Emmy is proudly displayed at

NIST's Boulder laboratories and is a wonderful example of federal research that led to significant commercial spin-offs.

These are just some of the contributions NIST's Boulder laboratories have made to the nation in the half-century of their existence. NIST is poised to contribute to even greater advances in the 21st century. I will continue to call attention to the Boulder labs' contributions and the necessity of upgrading the facilities so that the Boulder scientists can continue to produce top-flight research.

As the attached article from the Daily Camera notes, Washington scientists who were reassigned to the new Boulder labs in 1954 weren't happy about moving to what they thought was a "scientific Siberia." It's remarkable what a difference fifty years can make. It turns out that NIST's arrival triggered a "scientific renaissance" that made Boulder the scientific hub it is today.

I am proud to represent the scientific hub of Boulder and all the talented and dedicated scientists and employees who work at NIST, which has rightly been called a "crown jewel of the U.S. government." I would like to express my congratulations again to NIST's Boulder labs for reaching this important half-century mark.

[From the Daily Camera, Aug. 29, 2004]

NIST AT 50

FEDERAL LABS HELPED TURN BOULDER INTO
TECH CENTER

(By Todd Neff)

Half a century ago this Sept. 14, President Dwight D. Eisenhower stepped before a new \$4 million structure south of Boulder and dedicated the U.S. Department of Commerce's Boulder Laboratories. It was a landmark day for the city, then with a population of 20,000, and not just because it was the first visit to Boulder by a sitting president. The 10,000 people who braved the beating sun that Monday could not have known the Boulder labs would, over the course of the next 50 years, bring billions of dollars and thousands of jobs to the area. Nor could those present have imagined the role the labs would play in turning Boulder into a technology center.

The lab's arrival in Boulder was a combination of good fortune and determined effort. Some of the good fortune was President Harry Truman's 1949 secret order to stop clustering major buildings in Washington, D.C., because of the threat of nuclear attack. Yet the National Bureau of Standards' Central Radio Propagation Laboratory needed room to grow. That laboratory, like other NBS labs, had a basic mission that hasn't changed: Establish the standards that form the basis of technological development. Without standards, radio stations would broadcast on one another's turf, manufacturers would have no means of assessing the quality of materials such as steel, and time synchronization critical to communications, navigation and information technology wouldn't be possible.

As a Daily Camera editorial on Sept. 10, 1954, put it "Of all the agencies of the government, the NBS is perhaps the greatest money-saving organization we have. Its huge cost of maintenance is offset many times by what it saves the government, business and the people in money, time and safety." With the Washington, D.C., area out of the question, NBS sought a small-town location with little radio noise, a university and a nearby transportation hub. Boulder, Charlottesville, Va., and Palo Alto, Calif., were the main contenders. Some of the key effort came from the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, led

by Francis W. Reich. The chamber led a 1950 cash drive that raised \$90,000—about \$700,000 in today's dollars—in two weeks. They used \$63,000 to buy 217 acres of pasture to donate to the federal government. Most of the rest bought the land east of Boulder that's now home to Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. The local money tipped the scales. Crews broke ground at the Boulder Labs in July 1952, finishing work in the spring of 1954.

It turned out to be a good investment. A 2002 University of Colorado study projected that the labs would bring \$2 billion in economic benefit to the state between 2001 and 2005—and \$340 million to the city of Boulder alone. About 450 scientists and support staff—some from Washington, other from local NBS field offices—had moved in by the time Eisenhower rode up the Boulder Turnpike on his summer White House at Denver's Lowry Air Force Base. Yet those scientists weren't the first at the site. The Atomic Energy Commission, in a rush to build hydrogen bombs after the Soviet Union's successful nuclear tests, wanted a remote location to produce liquid hydrogen for its Los Alamos labs. It tapped NBS's Washington, D.C.-based Heat and Power Division to build a plant to produce liquid hydrogen. The plant began churning out the super-cold liquid in 1952 that would go into the world's first hydrogen bomb. When a nuclear scientists decided atomic bombs didn't need mass volumes of liquid hydrogen, the operation became the NBS's Cryogenic Engineering Laboratory in Boulder.

By the Boulder NBS' 10-year anniversary in 1964, it employed 1,400 people in two major laboratories. One was the original Central Radio Propagation Laboratory, which tested radio-wave behavior and developed standards associated with all sorts of radio transmission and propagation, including weather radar. The second was the Cryogenics Engineering Laboratory.

The names have all changed, often in mind-bending ways. For example, NBS' Central Radio Propagation Laboratory moved to the U.S. Weather Bureau in 1965, then became the Environmental Science Services Administration and, in 1970, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, as it's known today. The same 1965 move created the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, which did radio-spectrum work. Today, the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences labs make up the whole of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's presence in Boulder. The Cryogenics Engineering Laboratory and a host of additions remained with the NBS until 1988, when NBS became the National Institute of Standards and Technology, or NIST.

Then there were the two NIST joint laboratories with the University of Colorado at Boulder. The Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics, or JILA was created in 1962. Its researchers work in everything from astrophysics to atomic physics. It was two JILA scientists, Eric Cornell of NIST and Carl Wieman of CU, who won the 2001 Nobel Prize in physics for their discovery of Bose-Einstein condensate, a new form of matter. The CU-NIST Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences, or CIRES, was created in 1967 and focuses on atmospheric physics. NIST, NOAA and the smaller NTIA make up today's Boulder labs. Combined, they employ about 1,800 including full-time government researchers, visiting researchers and students. About 750 are associated with NIST, 1,000 with NOAA and 75 with NTIA. Research has evolved even faster than names.

Bob Kamper, 71 a physicist who started at the labs in 1963 and rose to serve as NIST's

director in Boulder from 1982 until his retirement in 1994, described how work evolved in the Cryogenics Division, where he started.

First it was about liquid hydrogen for the U.S. nuclear-weapons program. But by the 1960s, superconductivity—in which certain materials have zero electrical resistance at extremely low temperatures—was a major research interest. Expertise in super-cold temperatures also led to work in metallurgy (metals become brittle when temperatures plummet), work that eventually became part of today's NIST Materials Reliability Division. Among its efforts, that division is investigating the causes of the World Trade Center collapse after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Efforts to establish the behavior of fluids at ultra-low temperatures became part of the NIST Physical and Chemical Properties Division. Kamper said that division played an important role in figuring out characteristics for new refrigerants in the wake of chlorofluorocarbon bans, for example.

Superconductivity-bred expertise in magnetics led to more advanced superconductor work as well as broad research in computer-storage devices. NIST's \$93 million 2004 budget includes \$29 million from outside sources, such as other government agencies and technology companies. "You very much worked on what people would pay for, which is why I would say there is very little dead wood," Kamper said. He said he doesn't think the research ethos has changed. "We were pretty enthusiastic way back when, and talking to the youngsters now, I think they still are," Kamper said. "They're very much absorbed in their work."

John Richardson, 82, arrived in Boulder in 1952 to work in microwave physics. He moved into the new labs when they opened in 1954. Richardson said NBS's arrival in Boulder triggered a "scientific renaissance," strengthening the University of Colorado, luring the National Center for Atmospheric Research to the city and fueling technology companies such as IBM and Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp.

Many Washington scientists reassigned to Boulder in the early 1950s were "very anxious about it, because they viewed Boulder as a scientific Siberia," Richardson said. Half the staff left rather than come to Boulder, said Alan Shapley, 85. Shapley came to Boulder on an NBS scouting mission in the late 1940s and worked at what became NOAA until his retirement in 1983. "There were very few who had ever heard of Boulder," Shapley said. But that changed quickly. Richardson said he and other Boulder labs researchers taught as adjunct professors at CU. The NBS presence attracted major scientific conferences to Boulder, as well, he said. "Visitors came, saw the climate, saw the quality of life, and I have no doubt that many were persuaded to locate here, either individually or in business," he said. He calls NIST a "crown jewel of the U.S. government." "All our measurements and all our scientific progress ultimately can be traced back to NIST," Richardson said. "If there were no NIST, it would have to be invented."

ON THE DEATH OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN ROBERT D. "BOB" PRICE OF TEXAS

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I regret to have to inform the House that our former colleague, Robert D. "Bob" Price, passed away August 24, 2004.

Congressman Bob Price's life was a shining example of a true American experience. Throughout his 76 years, Bob Price compiled an admirable record of service to his community, his state, and his country.

Bob Price was born September 7, 1927 in Reading, Kansas. He received a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry from Oklahoma State University in 1951, the same year he married his wife, Martha, or "Marty", in Oklahoma City.

Also in 1951, Mr. Price began a four-year stint in the United States Air Force. During the Korean Conflict, Mr. Price served as a fighter pilot, flying 27 combat missions and earning the Air Medal. After leaving the Air Force, Mr. Price owned and operated a ranch with his wife in Pampa, Texas for 50 years.

He was first elected to the U.S. House in 1966 and served here for eight years. Mr. Price served on the Armed Services Committee, the Agriculture Committee, and the Science and Astronautics Committee. During his time in Congress, Mr. Price was known as the only member who had flown Mach-3 in the SR-71 Blackbird, the F111-A and the F-4E Phantom. After leaving the U.S. House in 1975, he later served in the Texas State Senate from 1978 through 1980.

Mr. Price was also an active member of his community as a member of the First Baptist Church, the Pampa Masonic Lodge Number 966 AF & AM, the Pampa Shrine Club and the Downtown Kiwanis Club. He was also a member of the El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory and the Khiva Shrine Temple of Amarillo.

Bob Price is survived by his wife, Marty; a son, Carl Price, his wife, Kelly, and their children, Courtney, Grayson, Bridget, and Daniella, all of Houston; a daughter, Janice Johnson, her husband, Marc, and their children, Nicholas, Miles, and Elise, all of Indianapolis, Indiana; and a brother, Ben Price Jr. of Reading, Kansas. Mr. Price was preceded in death by his infant son, David Wayne Price, and another son, Robert Grant Price, who died in 1987.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in extending condolences to the family and friends of former Congressman Bob Price of Texas and in honoring his service and many contributions to our great Nation.

**ROY CAMERON HARRINGTON
MAKES HIS MARK ON THE WORLD**

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Roy and Rhonda Harrington on the birth of their son, Mr. Roy Cameron Harrington. Roy was born on Thursday, July 1, 2004 and he weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces. Faye joins me in wishing Roy and Rhonda great happiness during this very special time in their lives.

As a father of three, I know the immeasurable pride and rewarding challenge that children bring into your life. The birth of a child changes your perspective on life and opens the world to you in a fresh, new way. Their innocence keeps you young-at-heart. A little miracle, a new baby holds all the potential of what human beings can achieve.

With great happiness, I welcome young Roy into the world and wish Roy and Rhonda all the best as they raise him.

**THE RETIREMENT OF DR. CARL G.
ANDERSON**

HON. CHARLES W. STENHOLM

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues a story that appeared in the August 30, 2004 edition of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, regarding Dr. Carl G. Anderson and his retirement, both as the Cotton Marketing Specialist for the Texas Cooperative Extension Service and as a professor with Texas A&M University's Department of Agricultural Economics.

As a West Texas cotton farmer, I will sorely miss Dr. Anderson's expertise, especially the calm, rational manner with which he makes sense of the cotton market. I often had the task of following Dr. Anderson in speaking at many a lunch or dinner, so I can attest to the respect and admiration he has among cotton farmers. He was, and will remain, a tough act to follow. I know my fellow cotton farmers, as well as all others involved in the cotton industry in Texas feel the same way.

I should note that Carl's love of agriculture was passed on to his daughter, Caroline Anderson Rydell, who worked for one of our former colleagues and was a staff member of the House Committee on Agriculture. Caroline remains in Washington and is working on behalf of American farmers and ranchers at the American Farm Bureau Federation.

It is my understanding that Carl will continue to be play a role on a part-time basis for another year. Those of us involved in cotton production in Texas will have Carl's expertise for one more year before we have to get through a planting, harvesting, ginning and marketing season without him!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his 22 years of service as the Cotton Marketing Specialist for the Texas Cooperative Extension Service, and I wish him well as he begins to enjoy a well-deserved retirement with his wonderful wife, Shirley.

AG EXPERT HAS COTTON IN HIS BLOOD
ANDERSON RETIRING BUT STAYING IN FIELD
(By Joe Gulick)

Carl Anderson's involvement in the cotton industry began as a boy. He recalls picking cotton, dragging a heavy cotton sack behind him, and repeatedly hoeing the stubborn and prolific Johnson grass that sprouted in the black Texas soil of the family farm outside Taylor, near Austin.

"We had never even dreamed of Round-Up in those days," he said with a laugh, referring to the modern herbicide.

The many hours of hard work in the hot sun established character and built within him the desire to work hard and do well, he said. They also encouraged him to approach agriculture from a different perspective—one in which he used his head and not his hands. "It got me started on thinking," he said. "Thinking is a lot easier than running a gooseneck hoe and picking cotton."

The intellectual approach led to Anderson earning a doctorate from Texas A&M and becoming one of the top cotton marketing experts in the nation. His many awards and accolades attest to his success.

He will retire on Tuesday as professor and extension economist with A&M's Department of Agricultural Economics. But fortunately for the Texas cotton industry, he will continue to work part-time.

Roger Haldenby, vice president of operations of Plains Cotton Growers Inc., said Anderson is one of the leading cotton economists in the Cotton Belt—from California to the Carolinas—but is especially well known in Texas.

"Carl has been ahead of the curve on all of the market moves and has given sound and solid advice to cotton farmers on how they can market, hedge or keep their cotton from season to season," Haldenby said.

Dale Swinburn, who farms south of Tulia, called Anderson a great asset to the Texas cotton industry.

"He is a real educator and helps farmers understand the futures market. He is a great guy and is very approachable."

Anderson, who attended college on the GI Bill, worked as an economist for the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas for about eight years after receiving his doctorate. He worked with agricultural lenders in the fledgling cattle feeding industry, primarily in the Texas Panhandle and Amarillo area.

In 1978, A&M created the position of cotton marketing specialist, and Anderson returned to his alma mater to take the job.

He recalls that he was surrounded by challenges, not the least of which was the fact that West Texas cotton quality was lacking at that time.

"The producers were very good at producing, but they did not think beyond the gin," he said. "At that point, the producer was pretty much at the mercy of the market—with the exception of a few co-ops."

Improving the quality of local cotton was a gradual process that was helped greatly by the change from hand evaluation of strength and quality of cotton fibers to machine evaluation. Cotton grown in West Texas today has higher fiber strength, longer fibers and better yields, he said.

Asked about the most rewarding part of his career, he replied, "Seeing farmers that have adapted to change, whether it was new systems of farming, new varieties or learning to price cotton when prices were most favorable."

He has seen tremendous changes in the cotton industry since his childhood, from machinery, herbicides and insect control to chemicals and developments in genetics.

"I remember my father plowing with mules," he said. "The first tractors were two-row tractors with steel wheels. Now they have four-wheel drive machines that do at least 12 rows at a time."

Anderson remembers spending the summer of 1949, after he graduated from high school, participating to a small degree in growing and harvesting the Texas cotton crop that still stands as a state record. As he retires, it appears the state will top that record this year.

"It is exciting to me that, with about half the acreage we had then, we can exceed the 6 million bales we had in 1949," he said.

The future of cotton in Texas will probably be on even fewer acres, he said. Some of the marginal acreage for cotton now will probably be used to grow other things, but the acres that remain will be higher-yielding ones.

And the United States will continue to be challenged by international competition, particularly from China, which Anderson said dominates the world in cotton production. One problem has been the shrinking of the U.S. textile industry and the strength of China's textiles, he said.

"The only way we can compete with them is to be the most efficient, from field to fabric," Anderson noted.

He is honored by a graduate assistant scholarship fund that has been established in his name at A&M. While he is looking forward to slowing down a bit, his remaining on part-time status after his retirement will be welcomed by those who have come to depend on him.

"I have heard people introduce him as the dean of cotton," said Billy Tiller, who farms west of Littlefield. "I take my hat off to him for serving us for all of these years. What would we do without him?"

IN MEMORY OF HANNAH H. HAGIN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to a dear friend and constituent, Hannah H. Hagin, who passed away in Cincinnati on August 30, 2004.

There are special people in our lives, and Hannah was one of them. It is especially hard to lose them. She brought love, laughter, and happiness to everyone she met. She was funny and modest and giving. Hannah had an enormous number of devoted friends who adored her. People loved her because her kind of compassion, generosity and dignity is rare.

Hannah's real legacy is her wonderful and accomplished family. She took tremendous pride in them, and she has a special place in each one of their hearts. This is true of her husband of nearly fifty years, Joe; her two sons, Joe and Hunt; her daughter-in-law, Lauren; and her twin granddaughters, Lily and Kate. Hannah was a very proud grandmother, and loved nothing more than spending time with Lily and Kate.

Hannah grew up in Lexington, Kentucky, where she met Joe, whom she married during their junior year of high school. She later attended the University of Kentucky, where she majored in history.

Hannah was also active with gardening, knitting and needlepoint. She was a member of the Indian Hill Garden Club.

All of us in Cincinnati who knew Hannah are grateful to have had her in our lives. She made all of us better human beings.

JOE SERNA, JR.

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, shortly following what would have been former Sacramento Mayor Joe Serna's 65th Birthday, to join with his friends and family in helping to honor Joe's lifelong commitment to bettering the lives of his fellow citizens through the dedication of the Joe Serna Jr. Amphitheater at Delta College.

The great labor leader, Cesar Chavez, once said, "You knock on twenty doors or so, and twenty guys tell you . . . that they haven't got time. But maybe at the fortieth or sixtieth house you find the one guy who is all you need."

Joe was one of those remarkable men Cesar Chavez was looking for. He was a

much rarer breed than one in forty or one in sixty. Joe was, at the very least, one in a million.

He answered this call to service and action at an early age, losing his job at a manufacturing facility by endorsing a strike. He continued this fight on behalf of his fellow man for the remainder of his life. He was often called upon to lend assistance to his mentor, Cesar Chavez, and did not once turn down such a request.

His devotion to others was remarkable and unrelenting; whether as a worker in a trailer factory, as a labor leader, as a volunteer in the Peace Corps, as the civic leader of California's capital city, or as a husband, father and grandfather.

It is fitting that Delta College is naming a building for him. Once Joe had decided to answer Chavez's call and take the path of self-sacrifice and dedication to his community, Delta College was the first place he turned to hone the skills that would allow him to be the most effective advocate he could be.

We can only hope that future generations passing through the campus will have some measure of the integrity and dedication to his fellow man as Joe Serna Jr. displayed his entire life. We are all the better for his efforts and it is my honor to recognize and pay tribute once again to this fine American.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND
JESSE LANGSTON BOYD, JR.

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the exceptional accomplishments and extraordinary life of the Reverend Jesse Langston Boyd. This remarkable gentleman merits both our recognition and esteem as his impressive record of leadership and his invaluable service has done much to improve the lives of our people.

Reverend Boyd's standing within our community is rivaled by few others. He was a dynamic preacher whose counsel was infused with a spiritual fire that moved all of us to do what was right. He lived his life on the front lines of progress and proved to be a powerful champion of economic and social justice. His indomitable spirit carried him through many of life's challenges and molded a life of genuine accomplishment.

Jesse Boyd began his life in St. Louis, Missouri and settled in Los Angeles during the height of the civil rights movement. He joined the Reverend Jesse Jackson's Operation Breadbasket and organized the city's Operation PUSH. In the early 1970's, he spent two years as a missionary in Zambia building schools and houses. He later studied at the Center for the Study of Religions in Jerusalem and earned a degree in divinity from Harvard University.

Reverend Boyd came to our community in 1978 and was pastor of Shorter African Methodist Episcopal Church for over twenty-six years. As a spiritual leader, he advanced the social and educational development of our youth and burnished a reputation as a powerful advocate for civil liberties, inclusion and expanding opportunities for all people. Under

Reverend Boyd's leadership, Shorter A.M.E. became a beacon of hope and remains a positive force in the spiritual and civic life of our community.

He served as President of the Black Ministerial Alliance and in the mid-1980's, he helped create People Against Racism at Coors after William Coors, board chairman, was quoted in the Rocky Mountain News as saying that blacks lacked "intellectual capacity." The newspaper later retracted the story and a suit filed by Coors against the newspaper was also retracted. His civic accomplishments included building a fifty-unit housing development and establishing a park near Shorter A.M.E. Church.

Reverend Boyd was no stranger to political and community activism. He served as director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and chaired the boards of directors of Denver Metro PUSH and the Rainbow Coalition. Former Governor Roy Romer appointed him to the Colorado Wildlife Commission and he co-chaired the state campaigns for the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Gary Hart and Michael Dukakis.

It comes as no surprise that the Muscular Dystrophy Association honored Reverend Boyd with the 2004 Personal Achievement Award for his extensive religious, social and political contributions. Recently, Mayor John Hickenlooper proclaimed June 24th, 2004, as "The Reverend Jesse Langston Boyd Day."

We are indeed grateful for the life of Reverend Boyd and for his inestimable contribution to the spiritual life of our community and to the causes that elevate the human condition. He was a fervent defender of the civil liberties which have deep roots in our republic and we are all diminished by the passing of the remarkable gentleman. His contemporaries, including the Reverend James Peters, the Reverend Paul Martin and the Reverend Gil Caldwell recently noted that Reverend Boyd "was a spiritual giant in our community" who "helped us blaze the trail" and "dared challenge America to become a land 'with liberty and justice for all.'" I would simply add that I believe Reverend Boyd's message to us would be that we must be ever vigilant and continue to affirm the values of equality, inclusion and tolerance—the values which define us as Americans. Please join me in paying tribute to the life of Reverend Jesse Langston Boyd, a distinguished spiritual and civic leader. His service, accomplishments and leadership command our respect and serve to build a better future for all Americans.

REGARDING PRESENTATION OF
THE MILITIA AWARD TO DEBRA
WADA

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, as we return to session following a productive August among the people we represent, it is worth remembering that for the most part, the staff of the House has been here and working through the month.

I believe we do not recognize often enough those dedicated public servants, who get lumped into that antiseptic word "staff."

Among the staff of the House are leading experts in their fields, prize winners, men and women noted in their own right for achievements both professional and prosaic. Many know far more in their fields of expertise than any Member of Congress ever will. And yet they bite their lips and say "Yes, sir," when we hear their counsel yet choose to go another way.

Perhaps the greatest tribute to the selflessness of the staff is the fact that almost any one of them could leave this place tomorrow for jobs with better pay, better recognition, and much better hours, yet their dedication to the common weal binds them to this House. And we Members all wind up looking the better for it.

Fortunately, while we may not say "thank you" often enough, others sometimes take up the slack. And so it is with Debra Wada, a member of the Armed Services Committee staff.

Debra handles matters concerning military personnel for the committee, and does so with zeal and knowledge and grace. She is always looking out for the common soldier. Millions of Americans in uniform owe the improvement of their pay and benefits to Debra and her foresight and dedication. I trust her guidance, and even more admire the energy with which she works and lives.

I am not alone in that sentiment. Not long ago, Debra was recognized by the National Guard Association of the United States, who presented her with their Militia Award. In their words, she was selected "for her exceptional dedication and effort to improve the status, welfare and professionalism of the enlisted members of the National Guard of the United States." That is indeed an honorable achievement, particularly at a time when military personnel are working so hard on our behalf.

While the Association did not formally recognize the effervescent personality that suffuses her work and brings joy to those around her, I have no doubt that those qualities played a role in her selection as well.

Debra has overcome a great obstacle to get where she is today; she was formerly employed in the other body of Congress. I compliment her on surmounting this challenge.

Mr. Speaker, people wonder how Members of Congress can vote one minute on education, the next on health, the next on defense, and understand so many issues in enough depth to make good decisions. The answer is that we are all fortunate to be surrounded by an ocean of talent. People like Debra Wada make our job possible. I salute her not only for her award, but for the unrecognized work that she and other staff professionals perform all year round.

AN APPRECIATION AND TRIBUTE
TO NANCY WILSON

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. Speaker, I join my fellow colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to salute and pay tribute to Nancy Wilson, a living American legend. When one thinks of Nancy Wilson, the word that immediately comes to mind is sophistica-

tion. She is one of the last in line of elegant entertainers who performed naturally onstage exuding refinement, poise and grace.

For years her style has blurred the lines between jazz, R&B and pop, redefining the essence of good music. With a career that has transformed, been translated, and ultimately survived over forty years in the music industry, Nancy Wilson has proven herself as more than merely an entertainer—she is a world-class interpreter of everything from blues and gospel to Broadway showtunes. She is just as at home in front of a full orchestra as she is in front of a jazz quartet. Her multifaceted stage presence has undoubtedly contributed to her staying power.

Born in Chillicothe, Ohio in 1937, Nancy Wilson came of age to the sounds of Nat "King" Cole, Louis Jordan, Dinah Washington, Jimmy Scott, Bull Moose Jackson, Ruth Brown, Billy Eckstein, and LaVern Baker. At age 15 she entered a voice contest with other high school students and so impressed the judges that she won her own television show, Skyline Melodies. Later in her career, Ms. Wilson was a popular guest of TV variety shows from Johnny Carson and Andy Williams to Flip Wilson and Arsenio Hall. Her series' appearances include I Spy, Room 222, Hawaii Five-O, The Cosby Show, New York Undercover, and the films The Big Score and Meteor Man. Noting Wilson's versatility as an artist, her acting talent should be no surprise. As she once said: "Each song is a little play; a little vignette." Her acting simply turned an outstanding career to a stellar one.

Since her beginnings, Nancy Wilson has given voice to those ineffable feelings of heartache, heartbreak, and those first soul-stirring moments when one falls in love. Songs like "Guess Who I Saw Today," "Save Your Love For Me" and "Like in Love" sung in that sultry signature tenor, have given the world a soundtrack for the love experience. Her songs have personified love; but more than that her songs have given us the assurance that someone else has experienced love deeply.

Nancy Wilson has without question served us all well from the stage and on the airwaves—her voice a soothing balm to life's multiple wounds. But her service extends beyond the entertainment realm. Over the years she has contributed her time and energy to causes such as the Martin Luther King Center for Social Change, the Cancer Society, and the National Heart Association. She has been the recipient of numerous awards from the United Negro College Fund, CORE, and the NAACP including the NAACP Image Award. She is an Essence Award winner and has been honored with the Paul Robeson Humanitarian Award. She has received honorary degrees from the Berkeley School of Music and Columbus Central State College.

As we honor this great entertainer, this great artist, and this great American, we give thanks for the inspiration future artists will find in her voice, her life, and in Nancy. Although we know no one will ever fill the shoes of Nancy Wilson, we already find traces of her—the voice of pure velvet, the self-assured performance, and the entrancing gaze—in the burgeoning songstresses of today. We only find traces—bits and pieces of her and never the whole because there will only ever be one Nancy Wilson.

TRIBUTE TO LUCIOUS WOOTEN,
ROSIE BRAISHER, IRENE CHAR-
LOTTE SMITH, ELSIE LOUISE
LAROY AND BESSIE GILMORE

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to five residents of the South Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community, in southwest Michigan who have achieved the great milestone of 100 years of life. This grand feat is especially important today, since these very special individuals have lived for a century or more and in two different millenniums.

The vast experiences and accomplishments of these five people is awe-inspiring. I can only imagine the wonder and amazement of watching our country progress and grow through two world wars, international flight, the Internet, cell-phones, and the many other advances that have occurred over the last century.

It is my fortunate honor to extend my very best wishes to Lucious Wooten who became 107 years old on February 6, 2004, Roxie Braisher who became 100 years old on February 22, 2004, Irene Charlotte Smith who became 100 years old on June 1, 2004, Elsie Louise LaRoy who became 100 years old on June 29, 2004, and Bessie Gilmore who became 102 years old on July 16, 2004.

Along with the entire Sixth District of Michigan, it gives me great pleasure to send wishes for much love, health, and happiness to each in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO YU-AI-KAI'S 30TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and commend Yu-Ai-Kai, a Japanese American Community Senior Service, based in the San Jose enclave of Japantown on their 30th anniversary of providing services to the senior citizen community.

Yu-Ai-Kai's mission is to advance the health, education and well being of older adults in the community. Yu-Ai-Kai does this by developing cultural programs, providing educational resources about ailments affecting older adults, and making all of its services available in various languages. These services are open to all. No one is excluded.

The activities hosted by Yu-Ai-Kai are as varied and diverse as the community they serve. Activities such as their annual crab and spaghetti feed and springtime walk/run race help fund Yu-Ai-Kai's efforts to provide a healthy and supportive environment for senior citizens.

In addition, Yu-Ai-Kai's volunteers assist in outreach to homebound seniors and provide invaluable services such as transportation to doctor appointments, shopping, and regular visits just to make sure no one is too isolated.

My district office is located within a few blocks of Yu-Ai-Kai, and I can tell you from first-hand experience that I am proud of the

leadership, volunteers and network of supporters whose dedication has built Yu-Ai-Kai into an integral part of the fabric of our local community.

SALUTING THE LAMAR LITTLE
LEAGUE ALL-STARS

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lamar National Little League All-Stars of Richmond, Texas, on their magnificent performance in the Little League World Series this year.

I want to thank Jim Michalek, the team's manager, not only for leading the Lamar All-Stars to Williamsport for the second straight year, but for doing it the right way—by teaching his players the fundamentals of baseball and of teamwork and sportsmanship.

If he keeps this up, I wouldn't be surprised to hear the Astros want him in their dugout next year.

Mr. Michalek and his coaches—Tommy Abraham and Bobby Murski—gave more than their time and energy to this team. They gave themselves to it, and the character the boys displayed during their tournament run showed the Houston community and our nation once again that there is no substitute in a boy's life for the strong influence of good men. I want to thank them for their dedication and example.

As for the players—Joey Scheurich, Dustin Moehlig, Chance Murski, Stephen Michalek, Tyler Ford, Steven Crawford, Cody Abraham, Ray Cervenka, Randal Grichuk, Christian DeLeon, Matt Daniels, and Daniel Homann—well, I'm certainly glad these young men are from my district. They did Richmond and Fort Bend County proud this year, and I'm honored to represent them and their families here in Washington.

It is often said that sports teach kids important lessons about life. Well, Mr. Speaker, I think the Lamar All-Stars taught us a thing or two this year.

Throughout their season, they modeled the virtues of hard work, perseverance, courage, and determination. Their amazing performance this summer is a testament to their talent, certainly, but most of all a testament to their character.

I offer every player, coach, parent, and friend who followed the Lamar All-Stars this year my congratulations for their success, but more importantly, my thanks for their example.

THE EUGENE O'NEILL FOUNDATION
30TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of The Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House, in Danville (Contra Costa County), California, and the unrelenting work this organization has accomplished in realizing its mission of cele-

brating the life and works of the only American playwright to receive the Nobel Prize and four Pulitzer Prizes.

The all-volunteer foundation is headquartered at Tao House, which was the residence where O'Neill and his wife Carlotta lived from 1937 to 1944. It is here that O'Neill wrote his last six plays, including the classics "A Moon for the Misbegotten," "A Long Day's Journey into Night," and "The Iceman Cometh." O'Neill's works helped shape American theater as we enjoy and appreciate it today.

I am honored to have played a role three decades ago in helping the foundation realize its goal of preserving Tao House, which is on a 158-acre ranch bordering the Las Trampas open space in the rolling hills west of Danville, with a commanding view of the San Ramon Valley and Mt. Diablo. Our collective efforts resulted in the house and property achieving designation as a National Historic Site under management of the National Park Service. It has also become a valuable resource center that is shared and enjoyed by hundreds of scholars and visitors today and for future generations.

The foundation has brought worldwide attention to Contra Costa County and its cultural activities through development of Tao House into a center for literary, performing, and visual arts and a resource center for scholars studying O'Neill and the American theater, as well as historians and producers of film and television documentaries on O'Neill.

The library at Tao House houses a rare collection of O'Neill memorabilia that has been amassed through the efforts of individual board members and donations from close friends of Eugene and Carlotta Monterey O'Neill. The priceless collection includes photographs, letters, signed and annotated editions of O'Neill's plays, and personal clothing.

In 1991, the foundation established a program for encouraging creative expression in talented high school students. Through the program, students learn about O'Neill and are given an opportunity to spend time in the environment that O'Neill found so inspiring. Instruction in art, photography/video, writing and drama is provided by college professors and actors.

Five years later, the foundation initiated the Playwrights' Theatre in the Old Barn on the Tao House estate, where staged readings of plays are presented on Sunday afternoons. Prominent Bay Area directors and actors take part. The name of the series honors O'Neill's Playwrights' Theatre, formed in 1916 in New York City by the Provincetown Players who committed themselves to fostering American playwrights.

Each year, Bay Area artists are selected to create new works in the natural setting of the Tao House estate. Works are displayed during the O'Neill Festival in the Danville Fine Arts Gallery.

This month September 2004, the foundation will present its fifth annual Eugene O'Neill Festival, a community celebration that includes performances of O'Neill works, lectures and seminars by authorities on O'Neill, discussions with prominent actors, authors and O'Neill scholars, and exhibits.

While a tribute to the great literary genius O'Neill, the festival is also a fitting tribute to the Eugene O'Neill Foundation and its 30th anniversary. The foundation represents not only a significant resource and asset in the

cultural life of America, but for actors, artists, authors, playwrights, scholars and visitors from throughout the world.

I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating the foundation staff on its 30th anniversary.

THE JOSHUA FOUNDATION

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning in recognition of the tireless work of the Joshua Foundation, operating out of our capital city of Albany, New York, to bring much needed life-saving medicines to the poor regions of Africa. I want to especially applaud the work of Mr. Lorenzo Hodges, founder of the Joshua Foundation, for his vision and determination in his efforts to help save the lives of adults and children in Africa by providing medicines to treat HIV/AIDS, malaria, diphtheria and other debilitating diseases.

Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, the Joshua Foundation has served to provide humanitarian aid in the form of medicines and clinical support facilities in Kenya and most recently in Tanzania to ensure that deprived areas in these countries receive the medical supplies they need. My further understanding is that the Joshua Foundation has plans underway for additional deliveries of medicines to Liberia, Mozambique and a second delivery to Tanzania. It is well known, Mr. Speaker, that while health care is often available to those who can afford it, the challenge is to provide these basic medicines to those who can't. To this end, the humanitarian efforts of Mr. Hodges and the Joshua Foundation must not go unrecognized.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in this expression of recognition and support for the continuing humanitarian work of the Joshua Foundation in Africa.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMELIA DODY

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Southwest Missouri educator who each day stands before a class of fourth graders in a 110-year-old building to teach math, science, social studies and English. For Amelia "Mamie" Dody it has been a routine that began its 58th year on August 19.

Forty years earlier, Ms. Dody agreed to be a substitute teacher for two weeks and ended up staying to teach in the same classroom at Rocky Comfort, Missouri. "I only came for two weeks, to help out while they found somebody else. They haven't found anybody yet," she told me with a smile when I visited her classroom in Rocky Comfort on August 25th to wish Ms. Dody well and congratulate her on a lifetime of achievement.

Ms. Dody began her teaching career at age 16 to save enough money to buy her first car. She told me, "My dad asked 'How are you going to buy gas?' so I kept teaching. I guess

you could say I am still working to buy gas for the car."

"She lives to teach. She loves to teach," says Ms. Dody's daughter Donna Waters, who is a principal in the same McDonald County School District. Ms. Dody's teaching career began in 1946 at the one room school at Henneman in Barry County. She taught in Wheaton, North Kansas City, Fairview and Granby before landing at Rocky Comfort in 1966.

After 58 years of teaching, Ms. Dody is not only a role model to her students and their parents, but to other teachers. She spends her summers in workshops and seminars to improve her skills and better deliver information to those young minds she nourishes each day. In addition, Ms. Dody also works on her 275-acre cattle farm near Stark City. While she confesses to no longer brush hogging, her daughter says she still mends fences and works cattle.

Rocky Comfort Principal Shandra Stephens calls Ms. Dody "A neat lady. She is a person I can go to, because she is such a good sounding board. She has credibility and lastability."

Perhaps the greatest compliment to Ms. Dody's skills as a teacher are from parents and grandparents who want Ms. Dody to teach their children. Her career now spans three generations. Among the countless numbers of students who have passed through her classroom in Rocky Comfort are her two grandsons, her son-in-law, and two current members of the McDonald County School Board.

There had been rumors that Ms. Dody would quit teaching last year, but voters in McDonald County approved the construction of a new elementary school in nearby Longview that will replace the Rocky Comfort Elementary School. That was too much for Ms. Dody to pass up. She returned to the classroom this year and will move into her new classroom when the Longview Elementary opens in January. Now, she is telling her colleagues she will try to stay in the classroom for two more years to reach her 60th year of teaching.

Ms. Dody's spirit, dedication and love of teaching shows up every day in the classroom. She shares the joy of teaching with the children, fellow teachers and parents in her community.

America owes much to Ms. Dody and teachers like her who have given a lifetime to educating our elementary school students in American values.

CONGRATULATING ESPN ON ITS
25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate ESPN on its 25th anniversary. At 7 p.m. on September 7, 1979, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network began broadcasting SportsCenter from Bristol, CT in my district. Bill Rasmussen had the crazy idea that a 24-hour sports cable network might be a success. It started with a single building with no running water and a

control truck on cinderblocks showing such odd sports as Australian rules football and darts. Twenty-five years later, he has proven to be right. That single building has grown into nine control rooms, 31 edit suites, more than 2,000 television monitors, and a library of over a million tapes.

ESPN is now one of the most widely known brand names in the world and more than 90 million people are exposed to ESPN each week. It has expanded its networks to include ESPN2, ESPN Classic, ESPNEWS, ESPN Deportes, ESPN Today, and ESPN Radio. ESPN.com receives over 2.3 million page views during peak hours with its instant score updates. Meanwhile, workers stuck in their cubicles from 9 to 5 can find a diversion for a few minutes reading Page 2, Page 3, and the Sports Guy's insight on what it means to be a Red Sox fan. ESPN the Magazine has reached a circulation of 1.7 million in just five years and won the National Magazine Award for General Excellence in 2003. ESPN Zone restaurants in eight cities serve as the ideal place to grab a bite and watch the game.

ESPN's signature program, SportsCenter, has developed a cult following and many viewers will admit to watching multiple episodes of the same sports report back-to-back-to-back. It has touched all corners of the globe with locally produced episodes in Canada and Brazil, a Spanish version for the rest of Latin America, China, India, and Taiwan. SportsCenter has not only helped create sports superstars, its personalities have become stars in their own right. Chris Berman, Keith Olbermann, Bob Ley, Greg Gumbel, Dan Patrick, Stuart Scott, and Craig Kilborn have become celebrities and their vernacular has become the language of the sports fan.

Not to be forgotten is the major role ESPN has played in the expansion of women's sports. Who would have thought in 1979 that the NCAA women's lacrosse national championship game would be shown in front of a national television audience? Or that the highest rated basketball telecast ever on ESPN would be the 2004 NCAA women's basketball championship, won by the University of Connecticut. That includes more than 6,000 men's and women's basketball games. Where else can young girls aspiring to become the next Mia Hamm watch their heroes?

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Bill Rasmussen for his crazy idea and thanking ESPN President George Bodenheimer and all the folks at Bristol U. for their passion and dedication to bringing the wonderful world of sports into living rooms 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I am proud to say that ESPN is in the First Congressional District and I wish you 25 more years of success.

RIBS TO OUR TROOPS IN IRAQ—
COURTESY OF THE HOLTVILLE
ATHLETIC CLUB

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to recognize the Holtville Athletic Club and the entire Holtville community for cooking 1,000 pounds of ribs and sending

them to our troops in Iraq, in the "Ribs to Iraq Project." I also want to give special thanks to the Naval Air Facility in El Centro for assisting in the coordination and transportation of the smoked BBQ pork ribs.

The Holtville Athletic Club is a small, non-profit organization that is known in Imperial Valley for its Rib Cook-off Extravaganza that is enjoyed by visitors from all over the world each winter. The "Ribs to Iraq Project" started from a desire to thank our troops in Iraq for their commitment to our country. The project took about a year to implement. Twenty barbecues were built with the assistance of the Navy base. The ribs were completely pre-cooked, sauced and frozen by club members. Holtville citizens wrote letters to the soldiers that were included in the care package. The project ended up bringing an entire and grateful community together to participate in this project.

The BBQ-Ribs were packaged and frozen for transportation via the USS *Denver*, USS *Howard*, and the USS *Mobile Bay* to the Middle East arriving in July of this year. The Athletic Club attached its own special message to each case of ribs: "These specific ribs were prepared on barbecues built by the club with volunteer assistance of Navy specialists, who we welcome and embrace as a very special part of our community and heart. Please enjoy the enclosed ribs wherever they may find you."

I've seen my constituents show their appreciation to our troops in many ways. And this is just one example of a great community project that brings the residents together to accomplish an extraordinary goal.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Holtville Athletic Club for bringing the community of Holtville together in the "Ribs to Iraq Project." I am sure the troops in Iraq were thankful for a little taste of homemade loving barbecue.

HONORING THE ST. MARY SCHOOL
PAROCHIAL INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT ON
THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the community in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the St. Mary Parochial Invitational Basketball Tournament. This is a remarkable milestone and I am proud to extend my sincerest congratulations to all of those involved in making this annual event such a great success.

What first began as a two-day event with eight competing teams has grown into the longest running and largest parochial school basketball tournament in Connecticut. In this, its thirtieth year, sixty teams from across the state will participate in a two-week long tournament that will also include a cheerleading exhibition. Over seven hundred boys and girls in grades three through eight will participate—making this year's tournament a real landmark event.

Each of the teams which will compete in the St. Mary Invitational have already accomplished so much. Through their hard work and efforts they have already learned one of life's

most important lessons—the value of team work. Basketball, like all sports, teaches us the value of sportsmanship, camaraderie, practice, and commitment to excellence. These are skills which will serve these young people well as they begin to make a difference in the world. I am proud to extend my sincere congratulations and very best wishes to them all as they begin the tournament.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a special note of thanks to the many volunteers who so generously donate their time and energy to making this event possible. Coaches, parents, faculty, administrators, and friends all play important roles in bringing the St. Mary Invitational to life. Without your dedication, commitment, and energies, we would not be able to share this very special event with our young people. The fact that many of the adults who today volunteer their time to the tournament were once players themselves is testament to the legacy of this special event.

In its thirty-year history, the St. Mary Invitational has touched the lives of over fifteen thousand young people across Connecticut. It is with my deepest thanks and sincerest appreciation that I rise today to join the many well-wishers in extending my heart-felt congratulations to the St. Mary School Parochial Invitational Basketball Tournament on their 30th Anniversary. You have made such a difference in the lives of so many and I know that you will continue to leave an indelible mark on our community.

LET FREEDOM RING

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, today my colleague from the 3rd district of California, the Honorable DOUG OSE and I ask all our colleagues to join us in a special commemoration of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. On September 11, 2004, as part of the "Let Freedom Ring—Bells Across America" remembrance, participating churches across the nation will, beginning at noon, toll four bells at one-minute intervals to honor those who perished on the four hijacked commercial aircrafts on September 11, 2001. On the fifth minute, a chorus of bells will be played to recognize and pay tribute to the countless people whose lives were greatly affected by the events of 9/11. As the churches of the Sacramento Region join together to remember one of the most tragic days in our nation's history, we ask all our colleagues to join us in the "Let Freedom Ring—Bells Across America" remembrance.

The "Let Freedom Ring—Bells Across America" remembrance is the brainchild of Mr. Stu Varner, a resident of the Sacramento Region. Like millions of his fellow Americans, Mr. Varner was greatly affected by the catastrophic series of attacks that occurred at New York City, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Varner held a deep conviction that those who lost their lives on 9/11 should never be forgotten, and that they should be properly recognized as heroes. Mr. Varner believed that September 11 should be a day of somber and serious reflection much like Memorial Day and Veterans Day. As a re-

sult, Mr. Varner developed the idea of the "Let Freedom Ring—Bells Across America" remembrance. Mr. Varner wishes that the synchronistic ringing of bells by churches across America will help create a wave of remembrance for the thousands who lost their lives and the many more whose lives were drastically affected as a result of 9/11.

Mr. Speaker, as the churches of the Sacramento Region participate in the "Let Freedom Ring—Bells Across America" remembrance, my colleague Mr. DOUG OSE and I are honored to pay our respect and tribute to the innocent people whose lives were prematurely cut short or greatly altered by the 9/11 tragedy. We ask our colleagues to join us in remembering the tragic events of September 11, 2001 by participating in the "Let Freedom Ring—Bells Across America" remembrance.

TRIBUTE TO LAKE FENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to bring to your attention an event that took place in my district. On Saturday, August 21, 2004 the Lake Fenton Community School district gathered to mark the official ribbon cutting and formal dedication of their newly constructed Lake Fenton High School. The celebration concluded on Sunday, August 22, 2004 with a non-denominational service and community open house.

Lake Fenton High School was first dedicated on May 19, 1961. With increasing enrollment and changing educational needs the Lake Fenton Board of Education and the Lake Fenton Schools Support Services/Facilities Committee implemented plans to build a new high school. Their hard work and dedication resulted in three elective bond activities, and the final product is the first newly built facility within the Lake Fenton School district and the only new high school constructed within Genesee County in over 30 years. This is indeed an accomplishment worth commending.

The new high school boasts state of the art technology, computer and science labs, a media center, auditorium, gymnasium, and an outdoor athletic facility. The labs will allow the school to fully support their new program entitled "Project Lead the Way". This program introduces students to the demanding field of Engineering and Digital Electronics. As stated by their Principal, Julie Clontz, Lake Fenton High School is trying to in every way possible to adjust their curriculum to meet the needs of the students and help prepare them for life after high school. The completion of this beautiful new facility and the implementation of these exciting educational programs is without a doubt a step in the right direction. Superintendent Ralph Coaster has provided excellent leadership in this endeavor.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I consider it both my duty and privilege to work to improve the quality of our public school system. I am glad that communities such as Lake Fenton share this sentiment. They continue to work diligently to ensure students have the tools necessary to compete and succeed. I ask my colleagues of the 108th Congress to

please join me in congratulating this fine community and its school district and in wishing them the very best in future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN BEN HOFFMAN

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Alameda High School Valedictorian, Ben Hoffman. Ben, a resident of Alameda, California, did not use notes or index cards when he spoke with rhyme and rhythm to his fellow classmates during the graduation ceremonies for the Alameda High School Class of 2004. His remarks were met with a standing ovation.

Ben's Valedictory Address, entitled "Responsibility" is an outstanding commentary about the challenges and opportunities facing the youth of today. He shared with his graduating class, remembrances of the past four years, looked at the injustice and violence in today's world and urged his classmates to make the world a better place in the future.

RESPONSIBILITY

(By Benjamin Hoffman)

A lot of people look at graduation, and say that it will give us many new opportunities,

I think its more than that, I think it gives us many new responsibilities

We live in a world where people of different nations

Face starvation, extermination
Exploitation, or discrimination
Based solely on race, religion or sexual orientation

These are the problems that we are facing
Perpetuated by a lack of education
But here we are at our graduation.

For the past four years in this community

We've had a unique opportunity

To get a chance to truly see

The value of growing up in unity

And it'll just take a sec

If we take time to reflect

Bout the great affect

How we learned to connect

Protect and respect everyone we met

Without expecting to collect

And all of this in an atmosphere

That provided not a thing for us to fear

And I'm being sincere when I say I hold dear

The value and promise of these past four years

And now we have a responsibility

Because of our recent history

To promote an end to slavery

And poverty, and adversity

Wherever it may be

Until the world is free.

Free from the confines that define

The lives that so many people are resigned

To be living, without giving

Any hope that mankind is not blind

But much of mankind is blind to the suffering that exists

And our first obstacle is going to be to conquer ignorance.

But we got to start at home

Gotta conquer our own

Before our true potential can finally be shown

Its been so easy to get caught up in only thinking

About doing drugs or drinking,

Or tripping over how your grades are sinking,
Or that one girl you thought you saw winking.
But those days are in the past,
And although they may have been a blast,
This graduation that's come at last, will be marked by contrast.
We are stepping out into a world that's real
Where people feel that they have to steal
Without another way to deal
With the task of finding a meal
No longer is hiding in ignorance acceptable,
No longer can these lives be expendable
Its time for us to put aside the bull
And be commendable and be dependable.
The problems are complex, and have potential to perplex
So we must always continue learning, whatever happens next
And after teaching ourselves, we got to teach one another
We gotta treat the world as if it were our younger brother
Never stop learning from the cradle to the grave
To gain the strength to be brave
And fight for the enslaved
Cuz only through education can this world be saved
If we're not unaware, there is a chance we just don't care
And as we see others despair, we just say "life's not fair"
But this I can't conceive, cuz I know we all believe
That when we care for one another, there is nothing we can't achieve
Today's event will serve as a testament
To represent, the great extent of our discontent
As we lament
A grave injustice long ago
Today several Japanese graduates are recognized
For an opportunity that they were denied
Replaced by internment, and tear-filled eyes
And as we remember with regret, and stifled tears
At the same time we are given hope, that these are better years
Today, people from opposing sides
Of violent historical divides
With their hearts and minds open wide
Can be seen walking hand in hand.
This is what Alameda has been all about
But as we all go off on our own different routes
We'll encounter intolerant people day in and day out
But its important to recall
That these people weren't born with such gall
Its just how they were taught since before they could crawl
And that leaves us with hope, that there's a way off that slippery slope
And all these people need is for us to toss them a rope
To help them replace their ambivalence with tolerance
And begin to appreciate our every difference
As they find some sense, and stop acting so dense
So we've recognized the problem and want to participate
In ending hate, and yet the world awaits, with us trapped behind a gate
A gate created by fear
This Post-9/11, orange alert threat
White powder in the mail making you sweat
Insane with duct tape and cellophane
In this arcane campaign to abstain from pain
Every time we see the world getting scarier
Our first response can't be to build another barrier

We got to tear them down, and stop sounding the alarm
And instead open our hearts and open our arms
To embrace the world, and all those in need
From those who bleed, to those who can't read
In order for us to move ahead
We gotta get out from hiding under our beds
Instead of continuing to spread the fear that we've been fed
And once we're not afraid, we will refuse to fade
And answer those who've prayed
For someone to come
To their aide
But what I fear most
Is that with all the problems we host
You'll think the world's toast
And all that's left is a ghost, cold and morose
From coast to coast
And lose all hope, cuz we're not even close.
And as we see the depression
Caused by years of oppression
And violent aggression
We get the impression
That all the people in possession
Of such lost expressions
Have become resigned to the repression
As we ask ourselves the question
I'm only one person, what can I do?
Well to this, I remind you all, history is made by only a few.
Never let your apathy, impede your sympathy
To the point where you fail to see
That it is WE that hold the key
To unlock the chains and set the world free
Never underestimate
A small group willing to dedicate
Their lives to something great
With intellect, courage and humanitarian trait
And in the four years that I've gotten to know this class, I believe THAT is our fate.
Our lives will have meaning and we'll have stories to tell
Fighting to the end as the world goes to Hell
The journey won't be easy, and we may get beat
But at least we'll be right there, and have a front row seat.

HONORING FR. RICHARD G.
HARTNETT, S.J.

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Fr. Richard G. Hartnett, S.J., who in his lifetime of service to Jesuit High School earned the respect and loyalty of students, colleagues and Jesuit alumni. Through his more than 60 years of involvement with Jesuit High School, Fr. Hartnett left an indelible mark on the school family.

In 1937, Fr. Hartnett, who had been a student at Jesuit, returned to the school after college to teach. In 1940, he left his Alma Mater to attend seminary, but after being ordained as a priest, he came home again to Jesuit High School to teach English, Latin and Religion from 1945 until 1980. Even after his career as a teacher had ended, Fr. Hartnett continued to serve Jesuit High School by working with the alumni department.

Throughout the years, Fr. Hartnett's imposing stature and stern disposition matched the

high standards to which he held his students; yet he had a soft side that shone through as he shepherded students on to greater things. Many alumni also remember how he spearheaded the annual Penny Drive. Each year, students bring in their spare pennies to benefit Jesuit missions in South America.

In 1979, in honor of Fr. Hartnett's continued dedication to Jesuit, the Jesuit High School Alumni Association founded the Father Richard G. Hartnett Golf Classic to raise financial assistance for Jesuit students who cannot afford full tuition. This October marks the 26th anniversary of the fundraiser, which makes the tournament regarded as Tampa's longest running golf charity fundraiser. From now on, the tournament will be called the Fr. Richard G. Hartnett Memorial Golf Classic.

Fr. Richard G. Hartnett, S.J. challenged his students to be their very best, and thanks to his guidance, countless Jesuit students are honorably serving their community and our nation in a host of different ways. On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community, I honor Fr. Richard G. Hartnett, S.J. for his contributions and extend my deepest sympathies to his many loved ones.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 7, I was unable to vote on H.R. 4381, the Harvey and Bernice Jones Post Office Building (rollcall 422) and H.R. 4556, the General William Cary Lee Post Office Building (rollcall 423). Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both measures.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE H.A. KELSO

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Judge H.A. Kelso of Nevada, Missouri. He was 92.

H.A. Kelso was born on September 6, 1911, in Alma, Nebraska, a son of John W. and Mariam Belle Hereford. He attended SMSU, then known as Springfield Teacher's College and the University of Colorado in Boulder. He received a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree in 1937 from the University of Arkansas.

In 1938, he came to Nevada, Missouri, and was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Vernon County. During World War II, he served in the United States Army as Tech Sergeant with the Judge Advocate's Office.

In 1948, he was elected to the post of Probate/Magistrate Judge and Acting Juvenile Judge. Governor John Dalton appointed Judge Kelso to the bench as Judge of the 28th Judicial Circuit. He served in this position until his retirement in 1976. During his tenure, he also was an Honorary Colonel on Governor John Dalton's staff.

Judge Kelso was a member of the United Methodist Church of Nevada and served there

as a Sunday School teacher. Also, he was a member of Ducks Unlimited, Vernon County Bar Association and the Missouri Bar Association. Judge Kelso was a charter member of the Nevada Jaycees, served on the steering committee for the Nevada Centennial Celebration and was a leader in the Boy Scouts. He dedicated himself to conservation and was voted Farmer-Sportsman of the Year in 1966.

Mr. Speaker, Judge H.A. Kelso will be missed by all who knew him. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family, his wife Doradee and his three daughters, Maridee Kelso Devore, Constance Kelso Beaver and Sylvia Kelso Tucker.

LACK OF FUNDING FOR THE AIDS
DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an emerging health problem. People living with HIV/AIDS are not able to afford the cost of the medications that improve their health and extend their lives. People who have traditionally been able to rely on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) under Title II of the Ryan White Care Act are not able to get the help that they need because we continue to underfund the program.

In my home state and many others, the number of clients served by ADAP is on the rise. If enrollment continues to increase at the current rate in New York, we will soon need to implement waiting lists as 11 other states have already been forced to do.

In the 2004 fiscal year, New York has a federal shortfall in ADAP funding in the tens of millions of dollars. New York bears about 20% of the national HIV/AIDS epidemic impact, as it has for over two decades. Yet this number extends far beyond just money; it equates to people, specifically, 3,137 people in New York who are HIV positive, with gross incomes of less than \$44,000 a year, who cannot afford their AIDS drugs, which can cost as much as \$1,000.00 a month, or more. These 3,137 people are obviously in need of ADAP, but are not receiving assistance. According to the federal poverty statistics, these people are impoverished, but they remain unserved by New York's ADAP.

Today we have more people living with HIV/AIDS as opposed to dying from HIV/AIDS than ever before. AIDS-related deaths have declined drastically since 1996, which can be attributed to the success of HIV/AIDS treatment regimens and ADAP. We can't continue to allow Americans to die of HIV/AIDS when we know how to save their lives.

Yet, as I stand here today, we are allowing Americans to die who cannot afford their treatment regimens because we are not fully funding the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. We cannot allow Americans to die on waiting lists as they have in Kentucky and West Virginia.

ADAP helps people like Annie Ball of New Hampshire, a former nurse who had become too sick to work due to her HIV status. Yet, because of a successful treatment regimen she was able to return to work. Annie relies on ADAP to afford the expensive prescriptions

that have allowed her to become a productive member of society again. Yet, if the ADAP program is threatened, Annie will, in her words, "devastate me, my family and my loved ones, and my community, as I will not be able to work and contribute my talents."

President Bush just allocated an additional \$20 million to help in the relief of the ADAP crisis, however we need a total of \$122 million just to clear all of the waiting lists for ADAP and preserve existing drug access in line with federal standards of HIV care. We need to increase funding above that level to deal with expected demand for new enrollment, and for existing patients in the coming 24 months. The true need for ADAP in Fiscal Year 2005 is \$217 million; the committee fell far short of that mark in the bill we are considering today. I urge that the conference report on this bill fully fund the program so that no American who qualifies for ADAP will suffer needlessly.

HONORING DANIEL R. PORTER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor a great man who has dedicated his life to his country as a Citizen Soldier of the United States Army Reserve. After 10 years of service, Daniel Porter received the Meritorious Service Medal as a Master Sergeant in the United States Army Reserve. This medal was presented for service offered from June of 1986 until June of 1996 as Daniel dedicated his free time to serving our Nation and the great state of Nevada as a military reservist.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I stand today to honor this man. It is men and women such as Daniel Porter that continue to help our country remain safe and protected from the increasing dangers we see every day. I would hope that my colleagues would stand with me in honoring Daniel Porter, and the many other military reservists that protect our freedom and combat terror.

REGI PHELPS: SAN DIEGO LABOR
COMMUNITY AWARD WINNER

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, today I recognize Regi Phelps, as he is honored by the San Diego Labor Community with the 2004 Johns Fellowship Award at the Twenty-Second Annual John S. Lyons Memorial Banquet on September 11, 2004.

Regi was born and raised in San Diego, California, graduating from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics. He served in the United States Navy from 1970-1973 and completed overseas tours of duty in Vietnam and the Philippines.

His job with Bechtel began in 1976. He worked as a subcontracts administrator on the Hope Creek Nuclear Project in southern New Jersey. In 1978, he moved to Richmond, Virginia to work in labor relations for the Virginia

Electric Power Company at the North Anna Nuclear Facility. In 1979, he rejoined Bechtel in labor relations in the early days of construction at the San Onofre Nuclear Project.

Regi has served at Bechtel as Labor Relations Representative, Area Labor Representative, Senior Labor Relations Representative, Labor Relations Supervisor, and Regional Manager. In 2004, he was named Vice-President and Manager/Labor Relations, with overall labor relations responsibility for Bechtel Worldwide.

He has been involved in developing the San Onofre Nuclear Project Labor Agreement—including the recently-renegotiated agreement in effect through 2010—between Southern California Edison (the owner), the San Diego Building Trades, and Bechtel. This labor agreement and project provides employment for thousands of Building Trades Craftspeople.

Regi also serves as a Director to the North American Contractors Association, and as Management Trustee to the Laborers' National Safety and Health Fund. He previously served as Vice-Chairman of the Boilermakers' Health and Welfare fund and as Trustee to numerous local union apprenticeship trusts throughout the western United States.

Regi's grandfather was a proud member of Laborers' Local 89. His father, Ray, retired from Bechtel in 1985, is a current member of IBEW Local 569, and was recently awarded his 45-year membership pin. Regi and his wife, Christine, have been married for 28 years and are currently living in San Francisco Bay area. They have two children: Kevin, who is a junior at the University of Southern California, and Lauren, who is a sophomore at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania.

The banquet at which Regi will be presented his award is named in recognition of the late John Lyons of the Teamsters who was very active in the San Diego community. He was a founder of the San Diego Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America. The friends of Mr. Lyons continue to support his cause, and proceeds from the yearly banquets are used to support bone marrow testing and local research grants. Since its inception, the John Lyons Memorial Banquet has raised over one million dollars.

Regi deserves our highest praise for his dedication to the labor movement and specifically to labor relations. My congratulations go to Regi Phelps as he receives this prestigious Johns 2004 Fellowship Award from his peers.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF OLYMPIAN PAUL HAMM

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Paul Hamm for his historic 2004 Olympic gold medal in the individual All-Around exercise, for his silver medal on the high bar exercise, and for being a member of the silver medal-winning U.S. men's Olympic gymnastics team.

Paul showed to the entire world courage, fortitude, and the American spirit of determination in overcoming adversity during his all-around competition. After the fourth of six rotations, Paul was a distant 12th, but he did not

give up. He willed his way through flawless executions on the parallel bars and the high bars to retake first, claim the gold medal, and make history.

However, this was not the first time that Paul has made history. Paul also became the first American man to win the individual all-around world title last year at the 2003 World Championships in Anaheim, California. Hamm completed a clutch performance on the difficult high bar routine during the final rotation to secure the title. He was only the second American to win a medal in the all-around world competition. Paul also secured a gold medal for the floor exercise, helping to lead his team to a silver medal.

In 2003, Paul was named by the International Gymnastics Federation as the Gymnast of the Year. Without question, gymnastics has no better representative.

Paul was born in Wisconsin, but chose to train for the Olympics at The Ohio State University. Paul is now a distinguished resident of Columbus, and his community is proud of all that he has accomplished.

Again, I congratulate Paul for the dedication and hard work he has demonstrated over the years, and for the incredible achievements that he has made both personally and with his team while representing our great nation on the world stage in Athens.

RECOGNIZING THE OAKLAND LITERACY COUNCIL

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today in America, nearly 1 in 5 adult Americans functions at the lowest literacy level. I rise today to recognize an outstanding organization in Southeast Michigan that is making tremendous strides in the fight against adult illiteracy. The Oakland Literacy Council delivers quality individualized basic reading and English language instruction to Oakland County, Michigan adults, many of whom are English as a second language students.

Since its inception in 1984, the Oakland Literacy Council has contributed more than 527,000 hours of instruction to 7,000 adults. The Literacy Councils' free service has been valued at over \$13.2 million. In 2003 alone, 400 volunteers donated 43,920 hours of their time to give 450 Oakland County residents the literacy skills necessary for a new job, a high school diploma, or just to read a bedtime story to their children.

Mr. Speaker, the Oakland Literacy Council showcases the very best of America's generosity. Besides the thousands of hours of donated time, the Literacy Council is entirely supported by public and private donations to offer free tutoring to all of its students. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding service the Oakland Literacy Council, and its gracious donors and volunteers, have provided to Southeastern Michigan.

HONORING THE REVEREND ABRAHAM MARSACH ON THE OCCA- SION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many family, friends, and community members who have gathered to celebrate the life and legacy of one of our most outstanding leaders, and my dear friend, Reverend Abraham Marsach, as he celebrates his retirement. However, I am quite sure that his retirement does not mean the end of his advocacy and activism.

As we have seen across the Nation, the Hispanic community in New Haven, has grown and flourished over the last several decades. As it has grown, so has its demands for strong, vocal advocates willing to stand and fight for the needs of its members. Reverend Marsach has been just this kind of advocate—a passionate, active leader who has made a real difference in the lives of many. It is not often that you find such dedicated individuals who commit themselves so fully to the betterment of their community.

As both a community and spiritual leader, Reverend Marsach has touched the lives of thousands in New Haven. In his role as President of the Asociacion Ministerial Evangelica Hispana de New Haven, he helped to unite religious leaders across the community and worked with municipal leaders to effect change in the community. The founder of Junta for Progressive Action, he created a social service agency which has helped thousands in New Haven's Hispanic community access the programs and services they need to improve their quality of life. Mentor, leader, advocate, and friend—Reverend Marsach is a true community treasure.

Reverend Marsach has been a fixture in our community for many years and we owe him a great debt of gratitude for the multitude of contributions he has made that have enriched all of our lives. As a spiritual guide at the Star of Jacob Christian Church in New Haven, he has nourished the souls of many, often providing much needed comfort in the hardest of personal trials. I would be remiss if I did not personally thank him for the wonderful tribute that he made to Maria Perez, a member of my staff who passed away just over two years ago. He shared a unique friendship with Maria and his words were of great comfort to her family and my staff during a most difficult time.

Through his hard work and unparalleled dedication, Reverend Marsach has left an indelible mark on the New Haven community and a legacy that will inspire generations to come. For his innumerable contributions and selfless dedication, I am proud to stand today to extend my deepest thanks and sincerest appreciation. It gives me great pleasure to join his wife, Margarita, his three daughters, family, friends, and the New Haven community in congratulating Reverend Abraham Marsach as he celebrates his retirement. My very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE THOMPSON

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in tribute to a man with a distinguished career in public service. Throughout the course of his illustrious career, my great friend, Steve Thompson, served his beloved people of California with great passion, integrity, and distinction. On August 17th, California lost its most influential advocate for healthcare policy when Steve passed away after a brief and courageous battle against cancer. As his family and friends gather to pay tribute and remember Steve's countless achievements and contributions to the people of California, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting one of the Capitol's most well-respected figures, and my dear friend, Steve Thompson.

Steve started his forty-year Capitol career in 1964 as an Assistant Economist for the Department of Water Resources. In 1966, Steve moved to the Legislative Analyst's Office and, a year later, to the Assembly Health Committee. In 1971, Steve took a job as Principal Consultant to then Assemblyman Willie Brown's Ways and Means Committee. At Ways and Means, Thompson was part of what is now considered an all-star team of staffers that included John Mockler, now a leader on education, Phil Isenberg, who eventually became the Mayor of Sacramento and served in the Legislature for fourteen years, Ray Sullivan, who became a fiscal policy leader, and Bob Connelly, who became the Assembly's Chief Administrative Officer. Steve's numerous gifts were apparent to his cohorts from early on in his career. "In politics, you have to have passion, knowledge and perspective to succeed and Steve had all three," said John Mockler, a friend since 1965.

During this early part of his legislative career, Steve drafted California's first bill on autism and helped create the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, California's landmark reform on mental health services. Steve also played a big role in shaping legislation in the 1960s that created the system for caring for severely developmentally disabled people in smaller regional centers rather than in large state hospitals. Steve left the Legislature in 1974 and founded a public policy research firm. Seven years later, Steve returned to the Capitol as the Chief of Staff for the Speaker of the Assembly, Willie Brown. Willie Brown often referred to Steve as being "central" to his operation. In 1986, Steve took over as director of the Assembly Office of Research.

Throughout the Capitol, Steve was affectionately known as "the Health SMIC," short for "smartest man in California" on health care related issues. In 1992, Steve's mastery of health care related issues landed him the post of government affairs director and chief lobbyist for the California Medical Association. Steve used his influence to fight for the issue that he cared about the most: improving healthcare coverage for the medically uninsured. Just last year, Steve was the driving force behind legislation that requires employers to provide health care benefits to workers. Steve's passion to improve health care was so great that he was still testifying before legislative committees a week before his death.

While the loss of Steve Thompson to the state of California and the health care community is great, it is also of great personal loss to me. Steve and I attended grammar school together and were life long friends. I will always cherish my memories of Steve, he was a "good troublemaker" as one of our friends put it. Doris and I will dearly miss his friendship.

Steve is survived by his wife, Nancy; his sister, Dagmar, and his four children, Peter, Schuyler, Hallie, and Scott.

Mr. Speaker, as Steve Thompson's family members and friends gather to honor his legacy and many contributions, I am honored to pay tribute to one of my closest friends. His successes are unparalleled. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in paying my respect and acknowledging the deeds and life of an extraordinary man.

TRIBUTE TO EASTSIDE
COMPASSIONATE MISSION, INC.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to acknowledge the 10th anniversary celebration of the Eastside Mission of Flint, Michigan, which took place on Friday, August 27, 2004, during their fourth annual back to school carnival.

Pastor Bill Burdine and his wife Barbara established Eastside Compassionate Mission Center, Inc. in 1994. The mission is an independent ministry of the Eastern Michigan District of the Nazarene Church. Over the 10 years in operation, the mission has served a quarter million meals, and distributed several tons of food from its food pantry to the needy. Currently the mission has 1,594 households on their rolls and 426 infants registered. The mission is blessed to have a volunteer medical team that visits regularly to provide free health screenings, answer questions, take blood pressure, and make referrals and appointments. The mission also has an optometrist and chiropractor that visit and provide services as needed, also free of charge.

The Eastside Mission is doing marvelous things in the name of our Lord. I commend Pastor and Mrs. Burdine for their leadership, hard work and unwavering dedication to sustain this ministry. Colossians 4: 14-15 reads; "And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." To that fact I also commend the volunteers who donate hours of their personal time and talent to assisting the less fortunate. The Burdines stated that they praise God for the victories however so few and they pray to God for a mighty harvest for their friends.

Mr. Speaker, as a former seminarian, I truly understand the important role the Church plays in our lives, and as such, I am honored to have people such as Pastor Bill and Barbara Burdine in my district. Self-evident is their lifelong commitment to enhancing the dignity and spirit of people, and our community is a better place thanks to their dedication to performing the Lord's work. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in wishing them another decade of success.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
PUBLIC SERVICE OF REVEREND
MICHAEL YOSHII

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Michael Yoshii, a clergyman in the city of Alameda, California. Reverend Yoshii has quickly become an integral part of Alameda's Asian community as a champion in the struggle for both human and civil rights. Reverend Yoshii will be honored for his outstanding contributions at a reception in his honor on Saturday, October 16, 2004.

A third-generation Japanese American, Reverend Yoshii has been a strong advocate and spokesperson for a number of important issues, such as housing for the poor, racial diversity, and civil liberties. Reverend Yoshii has also helped to initiate discussion forums among Alameda's citizens, in an effort to encourage those of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds to become better acquainted.

Reverend Yoshii has also been responsible for the creation of several school and community programs. In particular, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Alameda Multicultural Community Center. This center offers services to the Alameda community ranging from yoga classes to children's art classes. Reverend Yoshii has also contributed to the creation of several youth projects, including the Asian Pacific Youth Institute and the Asian Pacific Peer Counseling Project.

Several years ago, Reverend Yoshii worked alongside community members in lobbying the Alameda School District and the Alameda Board of Education to conduct a diversity audit. The diversity audit produced new hiring goals to increase diversity among the district's workforce. Reverend Yoshii has also helped reinvigorate programs like the Organization of Alameda Asians, which promotes voter registration for the Alameda community. He also was the convener for the Coalition of Alamedans for Racial Equality (CARE), a community response to racial controversy within the Alameda Police Department. Currently, CARE has evolved into a multicultural training program for students to address issues surrounding identity, culture, and racism.

I join in congratulating Reverend Yoshii for his commitment in creating new multicultural relationships in Alameda. I am confident Reverend Yoshii will continue to be an invaluable resource to the city and a tremendous asset.

HONORING ANN GRACE SMITH

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ann Grace Smith, a Tampa Bay native who before losing her own battle with Lou Gehrig's Disease last month, helped countless other ALS patients through their own struggles with this disease.

Ann had been a University of Florida graduate, accountant, dedicated wife and mother of two before she was diagnosed with ALS.

Then, at a time when she was facing her greatest personal challenge, she devoted her energy to helping others.

While struggling with ALS herself, Ann helped found the ALS Association Florida Chapter in Tampa. Throughout her 19 year illness, she served on the board of directors, helping to build up the chapter and its services to our community.

Always able to see the big picture, Ann recognized the need to support not only ALS patients, but also their caregivers. She worked to provide respite relief for caregivers to relieve the stress and burden on those providing constant care for loved ones.

On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community, I honor Ann for her selfless dedication to serving others, and I extend my deepest sympathies to her loving husband David, her family and friends. Ann was a true inspiration.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL CHAMPION
CONEJO VALLEY LITTLE
LEAGUE TEAM

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the coaches and players of the Conejo Valley Little League team, who won 22 consecutive postseason games on their way to earning the title of U.S. Champions on August 30.

To emphasize the enormity of this accomplishment by a dozen 11- and 12-year-old ballplayers from my district, allow me to cite some stats. About 7,400 teams and more than 88,800 players started the post-season quest. It was a two-month odyssey that began on June 29. The boys from Thousand Oaks, California, outscored their opponents 165-29. They played their final games thousands of miles from home, in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania, before an international television audience and more than 30,000 people in the stands.

Talk about pressure.

They also lost their final game, and the world championship, to the Pabao Little League team of Willemstad, Curacao. But they turned that loss into a victory of respect when they circled the field with the Curacao players, tipped their hats to the Curacao fans and threw baseballs into the stands for souvenirs.

The Conejo Valley Little League team displayed class, talent, drive and true sportsmanship in a long string of wins on their way to becoming U.S. Champions, and during a single loss to Curacao.

As manager Tim Ginther told a reporter: "Now we're No. 2 in the world overall. That's not bad."

Political columnist and baseball fanatic George Will once observed that "sports serve society by providing vivid examples of excellence." The members of the Conejo Valley Little League team are vivid examples of excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating manager Tim Ginther; coaches Jim Barrett, Rick Brower and Frank Leon; the players, James Brady, Jordan Brower, Hayden Cronenbold, Derrick Francis, Timmy Ginther, Adam Justinlano, Tyler Karp,

Danny Leon, John Lister, Sean McIntyre, Evan Ocello and Cody Thomson; and their families, for winning the U.S. championship with drive, talent and true sportsmanship.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE
HARRY WIGGINS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I inform the House of Representatives of the passing of my friend, The Honorable Harry Wiggins of Kansas City, Missouri. He was 71.

Harry, a son of Dr. John and Helen Murphy Wiggins, was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on August 1, 1932. He spent the entirety of his life in Kansas City, attending grade and high schools and then Rockhurst College. Harry achieved many honors while at Rockhurst. He was elected the president of the student body. He joined Alpha Delta Gamma fraternity and was president of his chapter and then national president three times. When he was a senior he was chosen to be a member and served as president of the university chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Jesuit honor society. He also was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. After he graduated from Rockhurst College with an AB, he was awarded a three year scholarship to attend law school at St. Louis University.

From 1957 to 1959, Harry served in the United States Army as a legal advisor to the 2nd United States Army Missile Command at Fort Hood, Texas. Upon his discharge, he received a Certificate of Achievement for Distinguished Service.

After his discharge, he came back home to Kansas City and began to practice law. Soon he became a part of John F. Kennedy's 1960 presidential campaign, serving as Kansas City's chairman for the campaign. It was during this time that he met and became good friends with Robert F. Kennedy. Once John F. Kennedy became president, Robert Kennedy became United States Attorney General and then appointed Harry as the assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri. He held this position for over five years and during his tenure he handled cases involving federal grand jury probes into organized crime. During his tenure, he also prosecuted a group of liquor and prostitution cases. Then Governor Warren Hearnes appointed Harry as state supervisor of liquor control. After serving as state supervisor of liquor control from 1967 to 1970, he returned to Kansas City to run for western judge of Jackson County and won.

In 1973, Governor Kit Bond asked Harry to serve in his administration as general counsel for the Public Service Commission. After holding this post for a year, he came back to Kansas City in 1974 to run for the 10th District seat in the Missouri Senate against a two-term Republican incumbent. Harry won by 6,000 votes and would be elected six more times. After serving 28 years in the Missouri Senate, Harry retired in 2002. During his time in the Missouri Senate, he was Kansas City's first majority floor leader from 1980 to 1984. He never missed a roll call vote during his ten-

ure—logging a total of more than 17,000 consecutive roll call votes.

Harry's legislative record is a testament to his commitment to public service. During his time in the Missouri Senate, he had many legislative accomplishments including the creation of 911 emergency calling, laws requiring DNA profiling of convicted felons, anti methamphetamine legislation that would become a national model, legislation to fund and protect the Truman Sports Complex, the establishment of the Parents as First Teachers Program, which would become a national model, and many others.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Harry Wiggins will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I know the Members of the House will join in extending heartfelt condolences to his family.

RICHARD McCLEES: LABOR
LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, today I recognize Richard McClees as the 2004 Labor Leader of the Year. This award will be given by the San Diego Labor Community at the Twenty-Second Annual John S. Lyons Memorial Banquet on September 11, 2004.

Rich, as he is known, is currently Chief International Representative of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association. He comes from a strong union background. His father, Charles McClees, now retired, was a 54-year member of Sheet Metal Workers' Local 206, and two of Rich's brothers, Mike and Chuck, are current members. His older brother, Dwight, recently retired as a San Diego City teacher/school principal with 34 years of membership in the teachers' union. His sister, Margaret, is employed by the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council.

Rich began working on his father's tuna boat at the age of 12. Until he was 18, he spent each summer on the Pacific Ocean, from Mexico to Washington state, fishing for albacore tuna. Upon his graduation from high school in 1968, Rich joined Sheet Metal Workers' Local 206 and began working at California Neon Products. In 1970, he entered the apprenticeship program at Standard Sheet Metal Works. His work during this period included the sheet metal restoration of the historic 1880s Villa Montezuma at 15th and K Streets in San Diego.

Rich completed his apprenticeship in 1974, receiving the Apprentice of the Year Award from Mesa College, winning the Regional 10 Apprentice Contest for Sheet Metal Apprentices, and competing in the National Apprenticeship Contest in Minneapolis. In 1976, he began his eighteen years at the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant, working for University Mechanical Engineering Contractors.

As early as 1979, Rich began teaching apprenticeship classes for Local 206. He also coached his daughter's and son's soccer teams and was an active participant in many other of their extracurricular activities. He was elected Business Representative of the Sheet Metal Workers' Local 206 in 1994. In 1996, he

became the Apprenticeship Coordinator for Local 206, in addition to his duties as Business Representative. He was also a member of the San Diego and California Apprenticeship Coordinators Association.

In 2000, Rich was elected Business Manager/Financial Secretary Treasurer of Local 206, while continuing his duties as Local 206 Apprenticeship Coordinator. He also served on the Executive Board of the Western States Council of Sheet Metal Workers, as a Trustee of the Sheet Metal Workers of Southern California, Arizona and Nevada Pension and Health Funds, as Vice-President of the National City Parks Apartments, as President of the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council, and as an Executive Board Member of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council.

He is currently attending the George Meany National Labor College and will soon receive his Bachelor of Arts Degree. On April 1, 2004, Rich was appointed by Michael J. Sullivan, General President of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, as Chief International Representative/Director of Jurisdiction for the Washington, D.C. office, and he resides in Arlington, Virginia. His daughter and son and their families live in San Diego.

The banquet at which Rich will be presented with his award is named in recognition of the late John Lyons of the Teamsters who was very active in the San Diego community. He was a founder of the San Diego Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America. The friends of Mr. Lyons continue to support his cause, and proceeds from the yearly banquets are used to support bone marrow testing and local research grants. Since its inception, the John Lyons Memorial Banquet has raised over one million dollars.

Through his dedication and willingness to serve, Rich has done much to advance the cause of the labor movement, and my congratulations go to Rich McClees for his significant contributions. He is highly deserving of the 2004 Labor Leader of the Year Award.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF OLYMPIAN MORGAN HAMM

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Morgan Hamm, member of the silver medal winning U.S. men's Olympic gymnastics team, for his contribution and leadership to this team's historic performance.

Along with his twin brother Paul, Morgan made the Olympic team for the Sydney games as its youngest member at the age of 17. After the Sydney Games, Morgan smashed a nerve casing in his left shoulder and struggled with this injury for two years. However, while only partially recovered, Morgan overcame adversity and showed his determination by winning the floor exercise title in the 2002 U.S. National competition. At the 2003 U.S. Nationals, he won another floor title, and later that year, helped the U.S. to a silver medal in the team competition at the World Championships.

As a two-time Olympian, Morgan has provided a strong leadership role to his team and helped the United States secure its first men's gymnastics medal in twenty years.

While Morgan was born in Wisconsin, he chose to train for the Olympics at The Ohio State University and is now a distinguished resident of Columbus. His community is proud of all that he has accomplished.

Again, I congratulate Morgan for the dedication and hard work he has demonstrated over the years, and for the memorable achievements that he has made both personally and with his team while representing our great nation on the world stage in Athens.

HONORING BRANDON MANTHEI

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brandon Manthei. Brandon recently won 1st place in the Nevada TAR WARS poster contest. TAR WARS is an anti-smoking campaign and tobacco-free education program for 5th graders that is sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Brandon's winning poster features a surfer that says "Hang Tough, . . . Don't Puff." This creative and positive message helps to educate his peers and community. Currently, 2% of 5th graders smoke and that number jumps to 28% by the time students reach high school. The Tar Wars program is designed to target 5th graders at this early stage in the hopes of reducing the number of under-age smokers.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to stand here and honor Brandon Manthei with my deepest admiration for his contribution to the State of Nevada. I urge the entire House to join me in congratulating him on his accomplishment.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County, New York, which is part of the 22nd Congressional District that I proudly serve. This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Poughkeepsie. I am pleased to recognize the City of Poughkeepsie and the important contributions it has made to Dutchess County and to the State of New York.

Located along the banks of the majestic Hudson River, the City of Poughkeepsie is situated in the heart of Dutchess County. European settlers chose the site because it was surrounded by unbroken and abundant waterways. These waterways provided the early settlers with the source of energy needed to power their water wheels and mills, beginning a long tradition of economic ingenuity that the City of Poughkeepsie continues to demonstrate today.

Poughkeepsie was the first seat of county government and, during the American Revolution, General George Clinton mobilized the

Continental Army activities from the city. Spared from battle during the war, Poughkeepsie became the second capital city of New York State in 1777. In 1788 the Ratification Convention for New York State, including Alexander Hamilton and John Jay, assembled at the courthouse, debated, and ratified the New York version of the Bill of Rights to be included in the Constitution.

Poughkeepsie has been home to many milestones over time, including the publication of the first newspaper in New York State which, by 1791, became the Poughkeepsie Journal that is still being read today. Poughkeepsie was also home to the introduction of the magnetic telegraph in 1846. By the 1850's manufacturing had become the city's staple, providing employment at businesses such as the Poughkeepsie Glass Works, Poughkeepsie Iron Works, and J.O. Whitehouse Boot and Shoe Factory. Poughkeepsie was home to Governor George Clinton's recommendation that "an act for the encouragement of schools" be passed, leading to the idea of public funding of education in New York State. In subsequent years the city became known as a staunchion for the promotion of education, and was home to numerous learning institutions such as the Eastman Business College and Riverview Military Academy.

In 1854 Governor Myron Clark signed the papers making the incorporation of the City of Poughkeepsie official. Since the late nineteenth century, Poughkeepsie has grown by leaps and bounds. Manufacturing jobs at companies like Fiat Motors and Western Publishing have driven economic growth. The construction industry completed such notable projects as the Mid-Hudson Bridge, the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge and, under the direction of the Works Progress Administration, the U.S. Post Office. Cultural and social initiatives such as John Collingwood's Bardavon Opera House and Vassar Brother Hospital are still icons in the City of Poughkeepsie.

Cities like Poughkeepsie are an essential component of our nation's past, present, and future, and deserve to be honored and recognized for their numerous contributions to our states and country. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the City of Poughkeepsie, New York as it celebrates the 150th Anniversary of its incorporation.

RECOGNIZING THE SELECTION OF STEPHEN WARNER TO THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAM

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishment of Stephen Warner, a constituent of Michigan's eighth congressional district and a member of the United States Olympic Team. Stephen competed in the Men's Lightweight Four division for the United States rowing team in Athens. Prior to his first Olympics in Athens, Stephen won gold at the 2000 World Championships and a silver medal at the 2004 World Cup in Munich.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to stand here today and recognize the accom-

plishments of Stephen and all of our Olympic athletes. The Olympic games stand for more than athletic competition, they also showcase to the world that the similarities that unite us are far greater than the differences that divide us. Through sportsmanship and competition, the athletes of the XXVIII Olympiad are able to build bridges where politics and policy have faltered.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Stephen Warner as an athlete and competitor but also as a good will ambassador to our great nation. I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting their achievements in Athens and wish them all the best in future competition.

HONORING MICHELE MACAUDA FOR HER SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, each year, the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League presents the prestigious Torch of Liberty Award to a leader in the community, in recognition of their commitment and dedication to strengthening diversity. It is with great pleasure that I stand today and join the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League as they honor Michele Macauda with the 2004 Greater New Haven Torch of Liberty Award.

Appointed as the President and CEO of SBC Connecticut, Ms. Macauda is the first woman to serve as the company's top executive. As a business leader in New Haven, she has worked diligently to ensure that the company continues in its commitment to the cities and towns which it serves. That commitment is more than simply delivering a service—it is about contributing to the health, vitality, and progress of the Greater New Haven area. A member of the Governor's Council on Economic Competitiveness and Technology in Connecticut, the executive committee of the Connecticut Science Center for Science and Exploration, as well as the Regional Leadership Council in New Haven; Ms. Macauda is actively involved in promoting the revitalization of both the region and the state.

Just this past year, I was honored to serve with Michele as co-chair of a very special event sponsored by Y-ME of Connecticut—the first annual "Woman of Today" Award. Y-ME is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting women with breast cancer. Through the support of local leaders like Michele, Y-ME has become an invaluable resource to our community. In addition to her work with Y-ME, she is also actively involved in fundraising efforts for victims of domestic violence and volunteers her time with the Connecticut Special Olympics.

Through her professional and volunteer activities, Ms. Macauda has demonstrated her dedication to enriching our communities and the lives of Connecticut residents. I am honored to rise today to join family, friends, colleagues, and the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League in extending my sincere congratulations to Michele Macauda as she receives the 2004 Torch of Liberty Award.

TRIBUTE TO THE CENTER FOR
YOUTH CITIZENSHIP FOR SERV-
ING THE SACRAMENTO REGION

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to an organization with a great record of service to the Sacramento Region. For the past two decades, the Center for Youth Citizenship has worked tirelessly and successfully to enhance the significance of citizenship and the importance of our laws and institutions to the young people of the local region. I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting the Center for Youth Citizenship (CYC), one of Sacramento's most important and respected community organizations.

Founded in 1984, the Center for Youth Citizenship has sought to have young people respect one another, our institutions, and laws; have a working understanding of citizenship, its requirements and responsibilities; appreciate the foundation and privileges of democracy; and have the skills and character to be engaged and informed participants in everyday community matters. To achieve these goals, CYC has worked with a diverse group of school and community partners on award winning and recognized school and community programs such as the Gordon D. Schaber Mock trial & Moot Court Competition, Laws for Youth and Families, and California Conflict Resolution and Youth Meditation Project.

Through its partnerships with a broad-based group of government, business and education leaders, CYC has recently initiated the program, With Liberty and Justice for All, designed to connect the generations and groups in the local communities and recommit to the collective pursuit of equity, justice, and character.

In recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision, CYC, on April 22, 2004, in partnership with the California and Sacramento County Bar Association, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., 100 Black Men of Sacramento and the Sacramento County Office of Education, along with various school districts and organizations, came together to commemorate the historic anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision by bringing students together with corporate, community, and education leaders to view the highlights of the Emmy Award winning film, Separate but Equal. This unique and important educational experience was made possible by CYC's program model, With Liberty & Justice for All and the hard work and dedication of the entire CYC staff.

CYC has worked diligently with Sacramento County of Education; San Juan Unified School District, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, California Department of Education, California Teachers Association and various school districts and organizations to make local school board members, administrators and teachers aware of the Brown v. Board of Education 50th Anniversary. Through the great work of the CYC staff, many school board adopted resolutions and conducted student events to recognize the important Supreme Court decision.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Center for Youth Citizenship. I would like

to especially thank CYC's Executive Director, Dr. Joe Maloney, and his great staff for their commitment and hard work. I am confident that the Center for Youth Citizenship will continue to yield tremendous benefits for the people of Sacramento. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in wishing the Center for Youth Citizenship continued success in all its future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MILES CONRAD
OWENS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of the members of the United Auto Workers (UAW) International Union and UAW local 651 to pay tribute to Miles Conrad Owens who is retiring from the position of UAW International Union Staff Representative.

Miles Owens was born October 19, 1942 in Cairo, Illinois. He graduated with honors from Beecher High School in 1960. Upon graduation he enrolled at the General Motors Institute (GMI), located in Flint, Michigan. With his enrollment came employment within GM's Flint Assembly Plant. Miles studied at GMI until he transferred in 1962 to Mott Community College. He graduated from Mott College in 1967. While studying at Mott he acquired a position with A.C. Spark Plug as an experimental model-maker apprentice and journeyman.

Miles' career within the UAW began in 1962 as a member of UAW Local 651. As a member of the union he held positions as an alternate, district, and shop committeeman from 1968–1981. In 1981 he was elected President, and in 1983 he attained the appointed staff representative position with the UAW International Union, from which he will retire on July 31, 2004. Miles is a strong positive role model for his fellow members and the community. Throughout his career he has made significant, long-term contributions to improving the lives and working conditions of the men and women who build America's automobiles.

In addition to being a strong leader amongst the workforce, Miles is a member of several community boards and organizations. He serves with the Flushing Board of Education, United Way, American Heart Association, Boy Scouts of America, Insight, Greater Flint Health Coalition, and Hurley Hospital HHS Board to just name a few. Miles has achieved much in his lifetime. Some of those milestones include, but not limited to, Explorer Scout, Representative of the Decade from 1960–1970 in the Decades of Education Ceremony for Beecher High School, recipient of the Walter Reuther Award, selected to hold the post of Worshipful Master of Flushing Masonic Lodge #225 in 1991, attained the title of 32nd Degree Mason, and is a member of the Shriners.

Miles is also a devoted husband to his loving wife Shirley Ann and supportive father to their wonderful son Miles.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I consider it my duty and my privilege to protect and defend human dignity and the quality of life for our citizens. I am extremely grateful to have a person like Miles Conrad Owens who shares these beliefs, and has made it his life's

work to see this task achieved. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating Miles, and wishing him the best in future endeavors.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE COMMUNITY RE-
SOURCES FOR INDEPENDENT
LIVING

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) headquartered in Hayward, California. CRIL has been providing exemplary services to individuals with disabilities for the past 25 years.

This outstanding organization was inspired by a group of individuals' awareness of the diverse unmet need for services in their communities to assist the disabled. Through the work of such individuals as longtime Executive Director Johnnie Lacy, CRIL was able to establish itself by occupying and purchasing its own office building in Hayward, California in 1979. Since then, CRIL has expanded its presence by opening its Tri-Cities office in Fremont and its Tri-Valley office in Livermore.

In the years since its founding, CRIL has helped to represent the disabled community by advocating tirelessly for both their rights and needs. As a result, they have helped to eliminate societal barriers to participation, empowerment, and independent living. CRIL has also taken a central role in co-sponsoring the creation of housing for people with disabilities. In particular, CRIL is responsible for the creation of the Olive Tree Plaza and EC Magnolia Court Apartments in Hayward and the Redwood Lodge in Fremont.

For over two decades, CRIL has become a resource for thousands with disabilities. It is my honor to recognize their tireless commitment and hard work to the disabled community and I am confident CRIL will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of the disabled population for years to come.

I join the community in expressing my good wishes to CRIL on its 25th anniversary and sending best wishes for continued success.

HONORING STANLEY W.
ROSENKRANZ

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Stanley W. Rosenkranz, a remarkably accomplished and generous citizen whose dedication to his profession, faith and family earned him the respect of the Tampa Bay community.

Stanley always strived for excellence. After becoming a CPA and serving in the Army, he went on to graduate Cum Laude from the University of Florida Law School and first in his class from the New York University's Masters in Law, LL.M. program. Stanley was extremely supportive of the University of Florida, and its football team, through all his years.

Stanley practiced law in Tampa for over 40 years and earned the high respect of his colleagues in the Bar. He was Of Counsel with Akerman, Senterfitt and a partner at Shear, Newman, Hahn & Rosenkranz, PA for 15 years, 10 of which he was president of the firm. Stanley was named to Best Lawyers in America for the 20 years of the publication's existence.

Teaching and mentoring were two other areas in which Stanley excelled. He formerly taught in the graduate LLM Tax program at the University of Florida. Stanley was currently an adjunct professor in Tax at the Stetson College of Law and also had taught Business Law and accounting at the University of Tampa.

However, Stanley always made time to serve others. Stanley was active in Tampa's Jewish community, serving as president of Congregation Schaarai Zedek, president of the Tampa Jewish Federation, president of the Southeast Region of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of URJ. He also served on the boards of Florida Blood Services and the Children's Home and contributed as a leader of many other civic and charitable causes.

Stanley's family and friends will remember him for all of these things, his rare personal qualities and so much more. On behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I honor Stanley for his service and shining example to us all and send my deepest sympathies to his loved ones.

HONORING LAWRENCE DENARDIS,
PH.D. FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to one of our community's most outstanding leaders, and my good friend, Lawrence DeNardis, as he is honored by family, friends, and colleagues for his 13 years of service as President of the University of New Haven. Larry has dedicated a lifetime of service to the community and we are certainly fortunate to have been the beneficiary of his unparalleled compassion, generosity, and commitment.

For over a decade, Larry has been at the helm of the University of New Haven and under his leadership and direction the University has truly prospered. I have often spoke of our Nation's need for talented, creative educators, willing to help our young people learn and grow—Larry is just that kind of teacher. Larry has spent most of his professional career in higher education. For 16 years he served as Associate Professor and Chairman of Political Science at Albertus Magnus College, Visiting Professor of Government at Connecticut College, Guest Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars of the Smithsonian Institution, and seminar instructor at Yale University. His good work and diligent efforts to provide a quality education to his students has touched the lives of thousands of young people—going a long way in providing them with a strong foundation on which to build their futures.

Larry's outstanding record of contributions to education has been recognized both locally and nationally. Immediately prior to his appointment as President of the University of New Haven, Larry served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Connecticut Policy and Economic Council and was appointed by former Governor Lowell Weicker as Chair of the Connecticut Board of Governors of Higher Education. Larry was also selected by former President George W. Bush for an appointment to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, a group which oversees the accreditation of institutions and associations in higher education.

In addition to his distinguished career in education, Larry has also served in public life where he demonstrated a unique commitment to public service. He served five terms in the Connecticut State Senate as well as one term as the United States Representative for Connecticut's Third Congressional District. After his term in the United States House of Representatives, Larry went on to serve as the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation at the United States Department of Health and Human Services. He was also appointed by former President George W. Bush as a member of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine—a position which he held for four years.

It is not often that you find an individual who so willingly dedicates himself to the betterment of his community. In addition to his professional contributions, Larry has worked with numerous local business and service organizations aimed at providing a better quality of life for the residents of the Greater New Haven area. Our communities would not be the same without people like Larry, who give their time and energy to make a difference in the lives of others.

Through his contributions, Larry has left an indelible mark on our community. For all of his good work, I am proud to rise today to join his wife, Mary Lou; his four children Larry, Jr., Gregory, Mark, and Lesley; family, friends, and colleagues in extending my thanks and appreciation to my friend Lawrence DeNardis. My very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS ROBINSON
GREER

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to legendary civil rights attorney Douglas Robinson Greer. On July 15, 2004, California lost one of its most respected and accomplished advocates for civil rights when Douglas Greer passed away. As we remember and pay tribute to Douglas' many wonderful contributions to his friends, family, and fellow citizens, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting this exceptional man and my good friend, Douglas Robinson Greer.

A native of Los Angeles, Douglas was born on January 27, 1916 to Henry Douglas Greer and Leonie Robinson Greer. In 1920, the Douglas family relocated to Sacramento. Douglas was an accomplished student at William Land and Newton Booth Elementary

Schools, and later, Stanford Jr. High and Sacramento Senior High School.

Douglas joined the U.S. Armed Services in 1942 and was stationed at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. After two years of service, Douglas enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley. Douglas received a Bachelor's degree in 1948.

Disheartened by the racism that surrounded him, Douglas made up his mind that he was going to play an active role in improving the lives of minorities. Douglas earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of San Francisco in 1952. A year later, Douglas opened the office of Douglas Greer, Attorney at Law. In doing so, Douglas became only the second African American to establish a full-time law practice in Sacramento's history.

As a lawyer, Douglas was a trailblazer and an ardent defender of civil rights and civil liberties. Doug fought hard to challenge unfair housing and discriminatory hiring practices. Many of his early clients could only afford to pay meager fees, or often none at all. But, Douglas remained undaunted.

Douglas was once quoted as saying that he was anxious to "get into court and get fighting." In of his cases in the late 1950s, Douglas demonstrated his commitment to justice and equality when he took on a case involving an African American couple that was prevented from buying a house in Sacramento because of their skin color. Douglas filed a malicious interference suit. The suit was then and remains the first such suit filed on the basis of race in California.

Throughout his illustrious career, Douglas showed a deep commitment to stand for justice and take on established entities such as Harrah's Casino, the Greyhound Bus Lines and the Home Loan Bank Board. Douglas gave it his all to test public accommodation laws and other acts of discriminatory practices. In many of his cases, Douglas triumphed in successfully lowering barriers of discrimination and the unfair treatment of minorities.

In addition to his status as one of the area's most well respected attorneys, Douglas was also active in the community. From 1953 to 1957, Douglas served with great distinction as the President of the Sacramento Chapter of the NAACP. Douglas was an icon of hope for many minorities. Douglas often urged young lawyers to challenge "unjust laws and racist systems." Throughout his life, Douglas' quiet courage, fighting spirit and his unwavering pursuit of commitment served as an inspiration to many who looked to his leadership and example. The Observer Newspaper recently recognized Douglas for his countless achievements and contributions by naming him one of Sacramento's "African American Legends."

Douglas was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Leonie Greer, and his sisters, Lucy Amerson and Portia Henderson. He is survived by a niece, Leonie Craddock, a nephew, Gilbert Craddock, three great nieces and a long list of professional associates, friends, and admirers.

Mr. Speaker, as Douglas Greer's family and friends gather to pay tribute to his wonderful life, I am honored to express my respect and gratitude to one of Sacramento's finest citizens. It was truly a privilege for me to count Douglas Greer as a friend. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Douglas Greer's remarkable life.

TRIBUTE TO UAW LOCAL 599
REUTHER AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay special tribute to 17 members of the United Auto Workers (UAW) local 599, who on September 18, 2004 will be presented with the Walter Reuther Distinguished Service award. The recipients of this prestigious award are Jesse W. Perry, Dave Carr, Michael S. Polovina, Gordon Harman, Matthew Yard, Dewayne A. Butterworth, Dan Emerton, Mark Fillmore, Andrew T. Puro Jr., Robert G. Singer, Michael C. Wright, Willie Duncan, John W. Bishop, Bill Gawne, Dave Rinker, James R. Ottaway, Donald P. Sorensen, and Earl W. Stephens.

The Walter Reuther Distinguished Service award is bestowed on union members who have authenticated 20 years of notable service. Walter Reuther believed in helping people. He also believed in human dignity and social justice for all. The awardees have committed themselves to these very ideas and principles. Their leadership and unwavering commitment to securing and keeping automotive manufacturing jobs in the Flint area is without a doubt commendable. They have constantly fought for decent wages, education and training as well as human and civil rights. Their efforts have greatly improved the quality of life for the UAW's membership. It is an honor to recognize these special individuals, for they have faithfully, without reservation served their union and community.

Mr. Speaker, many people have greatly benefited from the leadership and service of these awardees. They are individuals of moral character committed to improving the welfare and dignity of those employed in the automobile manufacturing industry. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating these fine people for 20 years of impeccable service to their union and community.

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK MOSEY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, when Chuck Mosey of Richmond died unexpectedly last month, Richmond lost a leader and, like countless others who had the privilege to know him, I lost a friend. So much attention has rightly been paid to his role as a business leader, a son of Richmond who helped build Mosey Manufacturing into one of the largest employers in our city and rightly so. At a time when so many American business leaders seem willing to take the easy route to profits available to those willing to move jobs out of our community and country, Chuck Mosey traveled the world and proved that Hoosier companies and workers can compete on the world stage and win. Chuck was a fighter and Chuck fought for the jobs of the hundreds of Wayne County families that depended on his courage and vision every day. Chuck Mosey was from

Richmond and he was determined to make his enterprise prosper in his hometown, and he succeeded.

And at a time when so many let work crowd out the most important people in their lives, Chuck Mosey applied the same commitment at home. His utter devotion to his Maxine, wife and mother to Scott and Christopher, was evident to anyone who knew him for more than five minutes. Every time I spoke to Chuck in the last year it was all about Maxine and his profound gratitude to those whose prayers and thoughtfulness had helped carry her through some recent difficult days. And Chuck loved his brothers and sisters but Steve and George were more than brothers, they were Chuck's best friends. As one of four boys myself, I know how challenging sibling relationships can be, but Chuck made it look easy. He did so by taking every opportunity to boast of his brothers, their accomplishments and integrity. I learned a lot about being a brother from Chuck Mosey.

Lastly, Chuck Mosey was a patriotic American who believed in the highest ideals of our Nation. His wit and insight once caused me to refer to him as the "Will Rogers of Eastern Indiana," and so he was. During a recent heated debate in Congress, I called Chuck for some advice. I was determined to take a stand for fiscal responsibility and I figured he was the right guy to call to get a good perspective from home, and I'll never forget what he said. When I explained the latest bloated government proposal being brought before the Congress, Chuck Mosey said, "Don't those people know how much money we don't have?" We both burst out laughing but I was so moved by the simple wisdom of the statement that I returned to the floor of the Congress and used his line in the debate.

A business leader, devoted husband, father, brother and, in my life, a friend was lost to us but gained to heaven last week. Goodbye, Chuck. We will miss you for a while. I can't wait to hear what you have to say about heaven. I'm sure it will be priceless.

USCG RESCUE IN ST. PETERSBURG

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, on the 7th of August, a small Sea Pro fishing boat left Steinhatchee, Florida for a day of fishing. The four passengers, all from Monticello, Georgia were caught in a sudden squall which capsized the 23 foot craft. The next night, while they clung desperately to their overturned boat, the skipper's son, John Fish perished and drifted away from the group.

For three days the survivors clung to their wreckage, hoping against hope that they would be rescued.

The overdue boat was reported to the members of the U.S. Coast Guard St. Petersburg Group who immediately began a search of the vessel's last reported area, while Coast Guard searchers from Yankee Station in the North, worked their way down the coast.

During the day of Sunday the 8th, several helicopters and planes, from as far away as Mobile, Alabama, searched the sea to no avail. On Monday, they continued their search

and a C-130 located a hat and an ice chest floating in the water. A short time later, the newly commissioned Coast Guard Cutter *Hawk* skippered by Lt. j.g. Richard O. Dunagan spotted three weary survivors bobbing in the water. The three men, Jake Fish, Keith Smith, and Michael Jackson, were found weak and dehydrated and medevaced to Shand's hospital in Gainesville, FL, by an HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter from Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, FL. The fourth passenger, John Fish, tragically, was lost to the sea.

The U.S. Coast Guard is a valuable asset in our war on terror, the war on drugs, the navigation of our waterways, and the safety of every American who climbs into a boat. The men and women who volunteer to serve often face the same risks and dangers as our combat troops in the other branches of our military. They are called upon to perform a multitude of duties, and each day they risk their lives in service to our Nation. I am grateful for their service and bravery.

I would like to thank the brave men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard for their selfless dedication and commend them for their hard work and tireless efforts in rescuing these three men.

I would also like to extend my condolences to the family of John Fish who passed away during this tragic incident. Our prayers are with them as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

CONFERENCE OF MAYORS CALLS
FOR ADDITIONAL SUPERFUND
DOLLARS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, as the Representative of a district which contains a number of abandoned industrial sites, I have a particular interest in the Superfund program. Sadly, the priorities of the Congressional majority and the current administration do not include Superfund, and as a consequence, this important environmental clean-up program has been denied the resources needed to meet the promise we have made to many American communities.

In my own district there are three Superfund sites on which I have worked hard, and where we have made some progress, but where inadequate funding threatens to deny the people of the City of New Bedford and the Towns of Fairhaven and Norton the full environmental response to which they are entitled by federal law.

This is a problem of national scope, as evidenced by the fact that the United States Conference of Mayors, one of the leading voices for sensible public policies in our country, recently passed a resolution at its 72nd Annual Meeting in Boston calling for "increasing appropriation levels for Superfund." The resolution notes the slowdown in remediation that is taking place because of the preference for tax cuts for the wealthy over important public needs, and urges us to increase the Superfund appropriation by \$300 million a year for the next five years.

This is a very well informed and important statement from a group of thoughtful public officials who share with us the responsibility for

public policy in this country, and I ask that the Conference of Mayors' very cogent resolution be printed here.

JOSEPH L. NELLIS, FORMER CHIEF
COUNSEL OF HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON THE JUDICIARY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay respect to Joseph L. Nellis, 87, former Chief Counsel of the House Judiciary Committee during the early 1980s, who passed away July 10 from congestive heart failure at his home in Northwest Washington, DC. He also served as Chief Counsel of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control, and Associate Counsel of the Kefauver Committee (the U.S. Senate Committee to Investigate Crime in Interstate Commerce). Joe was also a prominent local businessman, Democratic Party insider, and Washington area resident for more than 60 years. In addition to his public service on Capitol Hill, he argued a number of landmark cases before the Nation's highest courts, developed downtown properties, and founded the G.E.M. (Government Employees Mart) Department Stores.

Born in 1916 in Minsk in what is now Belarus, Joe grew up in Chicago and attended the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin, and Northwestern University's School of Law. He moved to the Washington area to work at the Office of Price Administration and Control in 1944.

His service as a Captain in the Army Air Corps during World War II was marked by several decorations, including one for work with the cryptology team that broke the Japanese Navy's secret code and led to the American victory at Midway.

Following a stint at the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) guiding post-war relief efforts in Greece and Italy in the late 1940's, he returned to Washington to enter private practice. In late 1949, Senator Estes Kefauver (D-Tennessee) called him and asked, "Joe, I'm about to get the Senate to pass a resolution authorizing an investigation of organized crime. It's never been done before. Why don't you come up to the Hill and help me chase some gamblers?" Nellis became associate counsel and the youngest member of the first Senate investigation into the activities of organized crime in interstate commerce. He achieved instant recognition among audiences nationwide when the committee's New York hearings—featuring such legendary mob figures as Virginia Hill and mafia boss Frank Costello—became the first nationally televised congressional hearings. After conducting a 2:00 a.m. "secret" deposition of entertainer Frank Sinatra regarding his connection with then-exiled mob boss Lucky Luciano, Joe determined that calling Sinatra as a public witness would not further the mission of the committee and might only serve to damage Sinatra.

Joe was a prominent advisor to Presidential candidates, including former Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson, and Senator Kefauver during both his 1952 and 1956 bids for the Democratic Party Presidential nomination. In 1968,

he served as Deputy Director of Citizens for Humphrey-Muskie. For a number of years, Joe was also a friend and advisor to Eleanor Roosevelt and later served as general counsel for the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Foundation.

In private law practice, Nellis argued major civil and corporate cases. He challenged the constitutionality of the DC abortion statute in the first abortion rights case accepted for argument before the U.S. Supreme Court (United States v. Milan Vuitch, 1971). In a newspaper interview, Joe commented, "The key questions here are: does a woman have an absolute right to control the reproductive processes of her own body, . . . and does her physician have the freedom to prescribe medical treatment as he sees fit, without vague threats of prosecution for a felony?" He then played a role in the successful argument of Roe v. Wade by assisting the attorneys to prepare for their appearance before the Court.

Joe was also the author of numerous articles in professional and popular journals and coauthor of *The Private Lives of Public Enemies* (McKay, 1974 and Dell, 1974). Surviving family includes his wife, Muriel, sons David M. Nellis and Adam Pressman, daughters Barbara Nellis and Amy Pressman, and nine grandchildren. Because the House Judiciary Committee is a family of sorts, I would like to recognize Joe's extended family.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, we have lost a former Hill staffer who served the House and Senate for many years with distinction on critical issues to this country.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL MATTHEW
BOISVERT OF TYNGSBORO, MAS-
SACHUSETTS

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a brave Marine from my District, Corporal Matthew Boisvert of Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, for his patriotic service to our country. Matthew has twice been deployed to Iraq, where he performed courageously as a squad leader in Um-Qasar and the volatile town of Fallujah.

On August 17, tragedy struck when a roadside bomb tore through the humvee Matthew was patrolling in, leaving him critically wounded. But despite his injuries, Matthew's spirits have remained high and his faith strong. The first words out of his mouth to his mother were not those of anger or sadness, but rather concern for the well-being of his fellow Marines back in Iraq.

Matthew knew the risks of war when he enlisted in the Marine Corps the summer after high school. But he was willing to make the sacrifice necessary to defend his country and protect our democratic ideals. At the young age of 18, he left his friends and family behind to endure the harsh realities of a war-torn land. Our Nation, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, are humbled and grateful for his sacrifice.

Tonight, I plan to visit Matthew at Bethesda Naval Hospital to thank him for his honorable service. I am certain that all of our colleagues will join me in expressing our heartfelt grati-

tude for his courage and wishing him well as he begins to recover from his injuries. I will renew my commitment to him, and to all of our troops stationed overseas, to ensure that they have the equipment and the support they need to perform their duties. These brave Soldiers, Marines, and Airmen are on the front lines defending our national security. We owe it to them to provide the protection they deserve. And when these heroes return home, we must afford them the support, the respect, and the honor they have earned.

VERMONT RESIDENT WINS THE
ROBERT PENN WARREN AWARD
FOR POETRY

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to commend a Vermont resident, Harriet McGraw, known to her friends as Hatsie, for winning the Robert Penn Warren Award for poetry. Her poem, "Neighbors in the North End," was selected as the best of 853 submissions in a competition which saw entrants from 252 poets from 42 states and foreign nations. The competition was sponsored by the New England Writers Conference.

Hatsie McGraw lives in Windsor and works in nearby Springfield, where she is the librarian at the Park Street School. She represents part of what is best about our state: an ongoing creativity that is the hallmark of much in Vermont, a creativity which brings forth not just poetry but handbuilt furniture, innovative small businesses, and popular music. As just one instance of that creativity let me cite her husband Tom, a painter whose works in mixed media were recently exhibited in a show of his work, "Elements of Diversion," at the New England Gallery.

We in Vermont are proud of Hatsie McGraw, and of the countless thousands like her who move ever onward in search of new things to do, new heights to scale, new skills to put to use.

HONORING PARKS CHAPEL AFRI-
CAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Oakland, California for 85 years of ministry and invaluable service to the community.

Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in September 1919 as a mission in West Oakland by the late Reverend J.M. Brown. The church was named in honor of the late Bishop H.B. Parks of Oakland, and was granted a charter in May of 1920. The Congregation's membership has grown steadily over the years, leading it to relocate to larger worship sites twice before settling at its current location on Thirty-Fourth Street in Oakland under the spirited and inspired leadership of Reverend Donna E. Allen.

Since that time, the Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church has played an active role in initiating and expanding a wide range of charitable and community-building activities. In addition to ministering and counseling countless members of the ministry, the church regularly hosts a variety of community gospel events. Furthermore, Parks Chapel sponsors numerous outreach activities that serve to facilitate endeavors such as the education and development of local youth, and the social reintegration of former prison inmates.

On September 5, 2004, the Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church will be celebrating its eighty-five-year anniversary in Oakland, California. I would like to mark this occasion by commending the church for the exceptional service it has provided to the community not only in its capacity as an institution of faith and worship, but also as a leader in working to provide invaluable social and charitable services to the people of Oakland. By remaining committed to the areas of leadership and service throughout its eighty-five years of ministry, the Parks Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church has contributed enormously not only to the Oakland community, but also to our shared goal of world peace.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JOSEPH
A. JABAILY

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sadness that I rise today to remember and honor the life of Joe Jabaily, a thoughtful and dedicated community servant who will be greatly missed by his community of Loveland, Colorado. As his family and friends grieve for the passing of Joe Jabaily, I want to take a few moments to remember his service and commitment to the town and citizens of Loveland.

He began his work by opening the first neurology center in Loveland in 1983. However, the walls of Joe's neurology center could not contain his enthusiasm, love for people, and desire to make a difference for them and their community. In the 20 years that Joe lived in Loveland, he accomplished much.

Beginning in 1984 Joe served on the McKee Medical Center Continuing Education Committee, the McKee Medical Center Credentials Committee; he joined the Loveland Chamber of Commerce; and coached basketball for the Loveland Midget Athletic Association. Joe served as a Loveland Museum Commissioner as well as two terms on the Thompson School District Board of Education. He taught as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurology at the University of Colorado, and volunteered as a facilitator for People Offering People Support at Loveland High School. Joe served as Commissioner for the Loveland Open Space Commission. In 1997 the Jabailys were named the Volunteer Family of the Year. Joe's service continued as he volunteered for the United Way Campaign. Joe ran for the Colorado State House District 51 in 2002, and was running again for the same seat when he was involved in a tragic accident during a charity triathlon.

Joe Jabaily was known to always be there to listen, laugh, and contribute in a positive way. He enjoyed meeting people and hearing their concerns. He was known to occasionally cancel a patient's debt if they could not pay. Joe had courage, and did not hesitate to speak out for the citizens of the community. His premature death has affected the community of Loveland, Colorado, in a major way. He will be missed tremendously. I will always remember him as a man full of life, living it to the fullest.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to pay tribute to the life of this outstanding gentleman. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of Joe Jabaily. May God bless his family and many friends in this time of mourning.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
HELEN K. COPLEY

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to remember the life of Helen Copley. Mrs. Copley passed away August 25, 2004. Mrs. Copley had an amazing commitment to journalism and a distinguished record of service throughout her community and the Nation.

In 1953, Helen Copley answered an ad for a secretary position at the Union-Tribune Publishing Company. She was hired as a secretary to the chief executive officer, James Copley. Twelve years later, Helen and James married. After her husband's death in 1973, many expected Helen to remain in the background, but she was determined to keep the business in family hands.

Mrs. Copley published The San Diego Union-Tribune, the third-largest newspaper in California, for nearly 30 years. The Copley Press also owns nine daily newspapers and other publications. During Mrs. Copley's tenure as publisher, her newspapers won two Pulitzer Prizes.

Helen Copley was also a model of personal involvement. She was a member of numerous local organizations, including the board of the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation and was one of eight trustees appointed in 1984 to oversee the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Locally, Mrs. Copley was instrumental in securing a home for the San Diego Symphony and underwriting the library at the University of San Diego. She also helped launch the San Diego Council on Literacy in 1986.

Mr. Speaker, Helen Copley will be missed by the people of San Diego and her service to the community will not be forgotten. I also want to express my condolences to the Copley family and let them know that my thoughts and prayers are with them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I participated in two important education meetings in my dis-

trict yesterday, and missed two votes on legislation considered on the suspension calendar. As the new school year begins, I greatly appreciated the opportunity to visit with students, teachers and education administrators at the Nashwauk-Keewatin High School and the Crosby-Ironton High School concerning the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 422 to approve H.R. 4381, and I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 423 to approve H.R. 4556.

HONORING LIEUTENANT ROBERT
DEL SOLDO

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. HOFFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Robert P. Del Soldo who is celebrating his retirement from the Horsham Township Police Department after 32 years of faithful and devoted service.

Lt. Del Soldo has served in many different capacities during his tenure on the Horsham Township force, working as Patrolman, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, and Sergeant of Detectives. Since 1995, he has been serving the department at the rank of Lieutenant.

His dedication to the community has never faltered, even during his toughest assignments. Lt. Del Soldo has received commendations for saving an individual from a burning vehicle and for apprehending armed bank robbery suspects. In addition to his commendations, Lt. Del Soldo has undergone professional training in order to better serve his community. He has trained under the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Pennsylvania Chief of Police, Northwestern University and Penn State University.

In addition to his service to the Horsham Township community as a member of the Police Department, Lt. Del Soldo served his country honorably in the United States Air Force in Vietnam from 1965 to 1968. He and his wife Peggy are the proud parents of a son and daughter, Robert and Theresa Lynn.

Our community has been privileged to have such a devoted servant and it is my pleasure to congratulate Lieutenant Del Soldo on his retirement. I wish him all the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL JOEL C.
BRADSHAW III, UNITED STATES
AIR FORCE, FOR HIS SERVICE
AND DEDICATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Colonel Joel C. Bradshaw III, United States Air Force, for his loyal service to the United States and Virginia's Fourth District.

Colonel Joel C. Bradshaw's dedication and loyalty to the advancement of our district and the Nation as a whole, after 29 years of service in the Air Force, is to be commended.

Colonel Joel C. Bradshaw's devotion to duty has reflected the highest standards of the military profession through a number of command and staff positions. He has commanded a civil engineer squadron, and served in a range of civil engineering positions at base level, major command and the Air Staff. At the start of his career, he began as Project Officer and Test Director on the Air Force Weapons Laboratory in New Mexico. Later on in his career, he went on to become Deputy Director of Environment Programs at Headquarters Tactical Air Command, at Langley AFB, VA. He also served as Base Civil Engineer (Commander) at the Sembach Air Base in Germany. He returned to Langley to become Deputy Chief of Programs Division for the Civil Engineer Directorate, Headquarters Air Combat Command. In 1997, Colonel Bradshaw became Command Engineer of the Eleventh Air Force at Elmendorf AFB in Alaska. In 1999, he earned the position of Chief of Air Force Programs, Office of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations, The Pentagon. Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics at Headquarters, United States Army Forces Command. He then went on to additionally take on the responsibility of Chief of Military Construction Programs, Office of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment), The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Colonel Bradshaw also holds a Bachelor of Sciences degree from Virginia Tech in Civil Engineering, and a Masters degree of Science in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech. Additionally, he has a Masters degree in Business Administration from New Mexico Highlands University.

Colonel Bradshaw's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Colonel Bradshaw has shown tremendous commitment and devotion to his country. Today we recognize him for his unwavering patriotism and dedication to both his profession and the American people.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Colonel Joel C. Bradshaw III, USAF.

THE PURPLE HEART

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the Purple Heart is a decoration symbolizing true sacrifice in defense of the United States. Since the days of Gen. George Washington, the Purple Heart has decorated the uniforms of hundreds of thousands of American heroes, including those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for America's freedom.

Last week in New York, at the national convention of our president's political party, the Purple Heart was mocked and disgraced in a tasteless display. Some delegates to this convention transformed the symbol of the Purple Heart into band-aids to minimize and diminish the wounds received in battle during the Vietnam War by their political opponent.

With American men and women fighting and taking casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan today, the Purple Heart is not a band-aid or a joke, but a true symbol of sacrifice. My sup-

port for America's military's men and women and the veterans who have served this nation, given their blood and their lives for our freedom, is absolute. These heroes and the Purple Hearts which honor their sacrifice deserve our respect, never abuse or cynical displays of ridicule.

HONORING BLAINE WILSON

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Blaine Wilson, member of the silver medal winning U.S. men's Olympic gymnastics team. During the Athens Olympics, Blaine, the most experienced member of the team, provided a strong leadership role to the team and helped the United States to its first men's gymnastics medal in 20 years. Blaine received the highest score on the still rings, his favorite event, to push the team from bronze to silver after falling to third for a short time.

Blaine has been a U.S. all-around champion five times and Athens was the third Olympics in which he participated. Despite his familiarity with the Olympic games and competing under pressure, Blaine had an added setback to overcome. In February of 2004 during the American Cup competition, Blaine tore his biceps muscle while competing on the still rings. His determination and skill are highlighted in the struggle he met to compete and medal in Athens.

Blaine was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. He attended Columbus Gymnastics Academy, DeSales High School, and the Ohio State University, where he plans to complete his degree in Psychology after retiring from gymnastics.

Again, I congratulate Blaine for all of his dedication and hard work and the achievements he has met both personally and with his team while representing our country on the world stage in Athens.

A TRIBUTE TO NANCY KRAUS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Nancy Kraus who is retiring after 22 years of dedicated service to the San Mateo Union High School District.

The students, teachers, parents, administrators, and members of the community who had the honor of working with her, first at Capuchino High School, then at the San Mateo Union High School District Office, offer their highest praise and appreciation for her years of service. She exemplifies the highest ideals of loyalty, professionalism, and devotion to duty.

During 8 years at Capuchino High School, as Administrative Assistant to two Principals, Mrs. Kraus was able to involve parents in their children's education like no one had before. She designed and wrote a newspaper for par-

ents, and created a weekly column that praised the accomplishments of students and informed the community of initiatives at the school. She developed activities for the annual Capuchino Open House that celebrated both the high school and the community and resulted in the largest parent participation ever at that event. In addition, she was the recipient of the Martin Luther King Award for Outstanding Leadership, presented by the Capuchino Black Student Union, as well as the Woman of the Year Award from the student government of the school.

At the District Office, Mrs. Kraus served as Executive Assistant to two Superintendents where her immense skills and deep commitment to education earned her the highest esteem and trust by all whose lives she touched. Mr. Speaker, Nancy Kraus was the consummate problem solver tackling issues both large and small with persistence. In recent years, she gave primary and critical leadership during four major bond campaigns that provided \$137.8 million in necessary resources so that the San Mateo Union High School District could renovate and reconstruct its six comprehensive high schools to meet the demands of a 21st century education.

Mr. Speaker, Nancy's involvement went far beyond the duties of the offices in which she worked. She was a founding member of the San Bruno Community Theater and conducted all of its public relations for several years. She encouraged students to participate in the annual Millbrae Lions Club essay contest. She was a co-advisor to student government. She shared her love of opera by offering students voluntary education in opera appreciation which she taught during the lunch hour and then took full busloads on special field trips to performances of the San Francisco Opera.

Mr. Speaker, at the start of the coming school year, Nancy Kraus will be immensely missed. However, her brilliant leadership, the thoughtful, caring and constructive guidance she provided, the complex and difficult problems she helped to solve, and the skills she brought to her work all helped to make the San Mateo Union High School District the excellent educational institution that I am proud to represent. I know she deserves every extra moment that she will get to spend with her husband, daughter and two grandchildren. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Nancy Kraus, whose contributions to students, staff, and community will not be forgotten.

JUNK FAX PREVENTION ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. ARTUR DAVIS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4600, the Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2004. This Bill codifies the reinstatement of an established business relationship exception permitting businesses, associations and charities to send commercial faxes without receiving written permission from the recipient. Additionally, H.R. 4600 crafts reporting requirements granting Congress the authority to regulate the FCC's enforcement activities, and includes an "opt-out provision"

that gives the recipient the opportunity to avoid further taxes.

In 1991, Congress passed the Telecommunications Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), which protected consumers from unsolicited commercial faxes and permitted legitimate businesses and organizations to fax fundraising requests, advertisements, dues renewal notices, and other pertinent information to individuals with an established business relationship. For the past ten years the Commission has continued to follow its 1991 interpretation deeming such publications invited or permitted devoid of any discernable measure of complaints from the general public.

In 2003, the FCC revisited the issue of unsolicited commercial faxes and determined that an "express invitation or permission" must be in writing and include the recipient's signature. Compliance with the FCC's 2003 decision requires every business, association, and charity to obtain written permission from anyone receiving commercial faxes.

Starting on January 1, 2005 the FCC's ruling goes into effect. A majority of the businesses and organizations would be forced to shoulder considerable financial and logistical burdens. Consequently, the Commission's 2003 decision would require everyday customers, requesting specific information such as vacation packages from travel agents or menus from local restaurants, to submit a written, signed statement consenting to the receipt of such publications. Obviously, many small businesses, charities, and associations are concerned with the FCC's recent interpretation and its impact on their lives.

In practice the FCC's 2003 decision would be devastating to a myriad of small businesses that rely heavily on fax publications and advertisements. It has been estimated that two-thirds of small business owners will be required to obtain consent forms from greater than 100 separate fax numbers in the first year alone. Research indicates that if enacted, the "FCC's new rules would cost small business owners at least \$5,000 in the first year and \$3,000 per year in compliance. In addition, the FCC's decision would require greater than 27 staff hours in order to obtain customers' initial consent and 20 hours each year thereafter.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4600 seeks to reverse the FCC's overly burdensome, expensive and unnecessary interpretation. The current measure is necessary to strike a proper balance between an individual's right to protection and privacy from unsolicited and invasive faxes with a business's need for communication and right to free enterprise. I encourage all my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO MR. STEVEN R.
HEAPE

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Steven R. Heape, a proud member of the Cherokee Nation. He was born in Long Beach, California on March 25, 1951. His family eventually moved to Fullerton, where Steven graduated from Fullerton Union High School. Steven also attended Fullerton Junior

College as a Business Administration Major, while working as a Major Account Representative for Armor Food Company.

His interest in motion picture production eventually led him to produce the film titled, "Location to Recovery," one of the first education docudramas to be released from 16mm film to VHS videotape.

In 1994, Mr. Heape and business partner Chip Ritchie formed Rich-Heape Films, Inc., certified by the Cherokee Nation to focus on the history and preservation of the American Indian culture. Today, Rich-Heape Films is an internationally recognized firm with several award-winning films to its credit. The American Indian Chamber of Commerce awarded it the 2003 American Indian Business of the Year.

In August, Mr. Heape was one of five Native American filmmakers invited to participate in the strategic film and video content planning for the new Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. In March 2004, Mr. Heape began the most challenging project of his career, producing a two-hour PBS documentary on the Indian Removal Act of 1830, better known as the Cherokee Trail of Tears scheduled for release in 2005.

On September 12, Mr. Heape is being recognized by the Little Eagle Free Foundation for his contribution and philanthropy in preserving the languages, history and cultures of Native Americans.

It is only fitting that Mr. Heape is to be commended for his extraordinary efforts to document and preserve Native American culture and the part played in American History.

CONGRATULATING MAGNOLIA
PARK UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Magnolia Park United Methodist Church for 75 years of ministry in the City of Burbank.

Magnolia Park United Methodist Church is located in the middle of Burbank's film and television studios as well as its famed Media District. Since 1929, it has been serving the community on the corner of Magnolia and Catalina. It is a welcoming, diverse, and inclusive congregation. The church actively sponsors youth groups such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, Brownies, and Cub Scouts. It strongly supports the Burbank Temporary Aid Center with financial services and food items. The church is also a proud member of the Burbank Chamber of Commerce, and gives several essential community agencies like Kedren Headstart, and Kids of Rock Theater a home.

Magnolia Park United Methodist Church encourages meaningful service in the local community as well as the international community through world missions. The church is not only locally supportive of the Walter Hoving Home, it also partners in missionary work in Nigeria. The church reinforces the importance of unity, charity, dedication, and family.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in celebrating Magnolia Park United Methodist Church's 75 years of exemplary service and ministry, and for its immense com-

mitment to its parishioners in and beyond the City of Burbank.

RECOGNITION OF CPL.
CHRISTOPHER BELCHIK

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Cpl. Christopher Belchik, who was recently killed in the Iraq Province of Anbar.

Cpl. Belchik was a 30 year old native of the Godfrey-Alton area in southern Illinois. He was killed on August 22nd in what is believed to be an ambush that resulted in a mortar detonation killing him and two other soldiers.

Cpl. Belchik was a 1992 graduate of Alton High School, in Alton Illinois. Not enough can be said about the great sacrifice this man made for his country, he made the ultimate sacrifice. He is survived by his wife, Mary Belchik; his mother, Lynn Lenker of Godfrey; his father, Stephen Belchik of Staunton; his brother Brian Belchik of Alton and his sister, Julie Prats of Chicopee, Massachusetts. My thoughts and prayers go out to his families and loved ones.

Cpl. Belchik gave his life in an effort to improve the lives of others. This sacrifice should never be forgotten. Cpl. Belchik, along with so many other brave men and women, put their lives on the line day in and day out. My sincere thanks goes out to them all. God bless them, and may God continue to bless America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed roll call votes 422 and 423 on September 7, 2004 and rollcall vote 424 on September 8, 2004. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all three votes—rollcall vote 422, H.R. 4381, the Harvey and Bernice Jones Post Office Building Designation Act; roll call vote 423, H.R. 4556, the General William Carey Lee Post Office Building Designation Act; and roll call 424, on ordering the previous question for H. Res. 754, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5006) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

Additionally, I would like to voice my support for H.R. 5005, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, for additional disaster assistance. The House of Representatives passed this important legislation last night. Without this action, FEMA would have run out of money and not been able to help those in need.

Mr. Speaker, all of our thoughts and prayers go out to the families in Florida and elsewhere along the East Coast as they recover from

Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Gaston and Tropical Storm Bonnie. H.R. 5005 will provide FEMA with an additional \$2 billion to ensure that they can continue providing without interruption the much needed support and assistance to the victims of these storms.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN LOWELL, MICHIGAN

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the congregation of the First Baptist Church in Lowell, Michigan, which celebrates the 150th anniversary of its formation on Sunday, September 19, 2004.

The First Baptist Church was started on Sept. 18, 1854, meeting for worship originally in the Lowell Schoolhouse under the leadership of their first pastor, the Rev. A.C. Powell. In 1860, the congregation moved into its own building, which was erected by the congregation members themselves. By 1866, the congregation boasted 74 active members.

In 1898, the nearly 40-year-old building was moved approximately 20 feet and expanded to hold about 400 people. The congregation flourished in the community and sent many young men out for church mission work throughout the country. However, by the late 1930s, the church saw major declines in its membership and it temporarily closed its doors. In the early 1940s, the church reopened as a struggling mission church under the Rev. Mel Stadt.

In 1949, the Rev. M.K. McIver took the pulpit, and the church saw such resurgent growth that the old building soon was deemed outdated and inadequate. By 1967, a new church building was dedicated and continues to serve as the church's home today. In 1983, a new auditorium was added and, through the years, staff continued to change and new positions were added.

In the past decade, the church has undergone a three-phase renovation that has added space for programs and staff, while hosting five new missionaries since 1999. Today, the church continues to thrive under the leadership of Pastor of Ministries Rev. W. Lee Taylor and Youth Pastor Wayne Haines.

Mr. Speaker, I'm sure that you and all of my colleagues will join me in congratulating Rev. Taylor, Pastor Haines and the members of First Baptist Church for their 150 years of service and worship in Lowell, Michigan. They have been blessed in their ministry, and their community has been blessed by their presence.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLCHESTER (CT) VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, our Nation's firefighters stand ready to protect lives and

property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Firefighters have no holiday because the types of disasters they face can happen anytime.

In Connecticut's Second District, which I am proud to represent, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Colchester has issued a proclamation recognizing the Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Company's 150 years of service. I come to the floor of the House of Representatives to add my voice to thanking all the members, past and present, of this wonderful Fire Company.

The Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department was established in February 1854, by Nathaniel Hayward. Mr. Hayward donated 200 feet of hose to the fire department, providing the Borough of Colchester agreed to buy the first fire engine. In October of that year the first hand pumper was purchased.

The company grew over the years. In 1913, the first gasoline water pump was purchased. In 1934 the fire station expanded to two engine bays, and by the 1960s the station had four bays. In 1974 the first paid firefighter was hired, and in 1989 the dedication of a new fire station, on Old Hartford Road, took place. In 1993 the fire department began handling emergency medical services, and in 2004 the town of Colchester appointed the first paid fire chief, Walter Cox, who leads more than 125 volunteers.

But despite these changes, one thing has remained constant. Today, as in the past, those who wear the uniform of the Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department have only one goal—to protect the people of their community.

I once saw a bumper sticker that said: "On the eighth day God created firefighters." That's not much of an exaggeration. How many of us would go into a burning building to save a total stranger? How many of us would run towards danger while others are running the other way?

It takes a special person to be a firefighter. For 150 years the dedicated professionals of the Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department have provided quality service. Through their selfless efforts they make their community a better place in which to live, work and raise a family. I urge this Congress to join me in honor of 150 years of the Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department.

CONGRATULATING THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY ON ITS SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate The College of New Jersey on its Sesquicentennial. The College of New Jersey's academic tradition reaches back to 1855 when it was established by the state legislature as the New Jersey State Normal School. It was the first teacher training school in the state and the ninth in the nation. Governor Rodman Price, sometimes called the founder of the New Jersey Normal School, promoted

the idea of a training institute for New Jersey's teachers and mobilized support among influential state leaders.

Originally located on Clinton Avenue in Trenton, the Normal School flourished in the latter 1800s, expanding both its academic offerings and physical facilities. In 1925, the first four-year baccalaureate degree program was established. This change marked the beginning of The College of New Jersey's transition from a normal school to a teachers' college and was accompanied by a change in physical surroundings. In 1928, a beautiful 210-acre tract of land in Ewing Township was purchased as a new site for The College.

Today, education—and higher education in particular—is more important than ever to solving the most pressing problems of our communities and the country. Access to an affordable, quality education is inseparable from our economic prosperity, national security, and civic health.

I believe that The College of New Jersey is part of the solution to our pressing problems. In a world where other nations are investing far more of their resources in education and research, and are producing graduates who rival our own in many areas of manufacturing and development, a high quality education is essential to our future success.

But higher education is more than just the means to achieve higher earning potential or to raise revenue; it is also a life-enriching experience. A key component of the university mission is to foster the academic and personal development of students civic engagement and community service, where students learn how to be active participants in democracy, as well as team athletics and student government, where students gain valuable leadership experience.

The policies that we craft to enhance and advance education must close the achievement gap between the rich and the poor, and minority and non-minority students. They must help to recruit and retain top young college graduates into teaching, nursing, and other high priority fields to meet the country's needs. Our policies must also make a quality college education accessible and affordable for all Americans, and harness the power of higher education to move this country forward.

The College of New Jersey is leading the way in accessibility and affordability. The College of New Jersey emphasizes the undergraduate experience. Academic programs are designed to provide students with an undergraduate education of exceptional quality. More than fifty liberal arts and professional programs are now offered through The College's seven schools; Art, Music and Media; Business; Culture and Society; Education; Engineering, Nursing; and Science.

Today, The College provides academically prepared student with a challenging undergraduate education and a rewarding residential experience, small classes, and a prestigious faculty. Once again, I congratulate The College of New Jersey on its Sesquicentennial and I look forward to another one hundred and fifty years.

PERMITTING LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS TO HIRE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS POLICE EMPLOYEES

SPEECH OF

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution that will restore the Librarian's authority to hire Library of Congress police employees. And I would like to thank my distinguished colleague for bringing this important resolution to the floor.

Madam Speaker, for the past ten months, the Librarian has been without the authority to hire police officers. The result of which has been a significant deficit in the Library's ability to meet its security mission to protect the Library's vast collection and ensure the safety of Members, staff, and visitors in the Library. His authority was repealed in a provision inserted in the last year's conference report by the other body, which also mandated our own United States Capitol Police to detail their officers to the Library, even though the Capitol Police currently lack the jurisdictional authority to police the Library's buildings. This was done in an effort to circumvent the jurisdiction of the appropriate oversight committees who have been engaged in evaluating the merits of merging the two agencies and force the beginnings of a merger of the Library's police force and the U.S. Capitol Police.

The Chairman's committee has been performing his appropriate oversight by reviewing several draft memorandums between the Capitol Police and the Library outlining the detail of officers to the Library. During this process, a multitude of questions have risen to the surface regarding not only how to merge the agencies, but really whether the security of the Capitol complex would be improved if they did merge. I do not believe that there will be any measurable improvement in the overall security. I believe that it is merely a way for the Capitol Police to expand their jurisdiction. I do not support Capitol Police officers being detailed to the Library in what can only be interpreted as a pilot program for a merger. And I certainly do not support the current effort of the other body to merge the Library of Congress police with the Capitol Police.

Additionally, the time and attention being paid to fix the current situation that the Library and the Capitol Police have been put in is putting unnecessary strain on the agencies and distracting them from their primary missions during a crucial time.

Madam Speaker I agree with the Chairman Ney's comments that this growing need for officers at the Library is the Congress' own creation and we need to fix it. Madam Speaker it is vitally important to the security of the Capitol complex that we restore the Librarian's authority to hire police officers. And I will work to ensure that they have the necessary funds to train and pay the officers that will be hired to fill the current manpower gap. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD R. ENGLAND

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of Donald R. England. "Don," as his friends called him, had a distinguished career with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, serving our nation's disabled veterans and their families. Don died from cancer July 2, 2004, in Carbon Cliff, Illinois, at the age of 57. He was buried July 6 in East Moline, Illinois.

Don was born August 18, 1946, in Moline, the son of Robert and Margaret "Jane" (Simpson) England. He was a graduate of United Township High School, Class of 1964, and Northern Illinois University, Class of 1968, where he earned his Degree in Music. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968–1971, where he was stationed in Washington D.C., and played in the U.S. Army Band.

In 1974, while living in Bogota, Colombia, Don played in the Bogota Symphony. In 1976, Don began his career with the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Chicago Regional Office. He held several positions of increasing authority in the Chicago office before coming to VA Central Office as a consultant for Compensation and Pension Service in 1988.

In 1990, Don was promoted to Chief of the Regulations Staff of the Compensation and Pension Service, a position he held until he retired earlier this year due to illness. In that position, he supervised the writing and maintenance of all the VA rules providing compensation and pension benefits for disabled veterans and their families. Don was considered one of the most knowledgeable people in VA regarding those benefit programs. In addition, he was loved and respected by his colleagues for his hard work and compassion to others.

I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Donald R. England and in offering our condolences to his family for their loss.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the emergency supplemental appropriation that will provide financial relief to the residents of Florida that have suffered from the devastation of Hurricanes Charley and Frances. Tragically, this disaster has cost several lives. It also has cost the State of Florida billions of dollars and threatened the livelihood of countless Floridians. I am pleased to voice my support for this legislation.

I am particularly pleased to support this bill because of my perspective as a South Dakotan. We have never suffered a hurricane in my home State—it is one of the many blessings of living in South Dakota. We do, however, suffer from our own brand of weather-related disaster that can be just as economically devastating as a hurricane and be spread over an

even wider geographic area. This weather phenomenon is known as a drought.

Over the past several years, many counties in my home State have suffered from severe drought. In fact, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture has declared 30 counties as drought disaster areas this year alone. Right now, USDA estimates that more than 53 percent of my State is either short—or critically short—of topsoil moisture.

Droughts have ramifications across the entire economic spectrum and social fabric of the State. South Dakota is extremely reliant on the ability of our farmers and ranchers to harvest the bounty of the land and turn that into a profit. Without rain, grass does not grow and watering holes go dry. This forces ranchers to liquidate assets—their cattle herds. Without rain, corn, wheat, and other grains do not grow and farmers have no crop to market at the end of the year.

A successful harvest turns into new clothes, college tuition, home improvements, and farm equipment. The profit that farmers and ranchers receive from the land circulates up and down the main streets of South Dakota's small towns. It pays the mortgages and salaries of thousands of small merchants and service providers. A drought can devastate an economy in exactly the same way that a hurricane can.

I urge my colleagues to support the well-deserved relief that this bill will provide for the victims of these hurricanes. It is the right thing to do. In doing so however, I also request that, if you hear about those suffering quietly from the effects of a drought, you are aware of how devastating this can be and will support relief for this type of weather disaster as well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, on September 7, 2004, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 422 and 423.

PILOT POINT SELECTED AS A PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today to recognize the Town of Pilot Point, Texas as a Preserve America Community. Pilot Point, located in my North Texas District, was one of 26 Texas cities to receive this prestigious designation.

The Preserve America Community program recognizes communities for their dedication to protecting and celebrating America's cultural heritage; for using their historic assets for increased economic growth and community revitalization; and for promoting history education and historical tourism.

The Preserve America Community program is part of the White House's Preserve America

Initiative. This initiative is dedicated to preserving our country's heritage, increasing awareness of what as well as who we are as a nation, and keeping our legacy enhanced, and intact, for future generations. Since the formation of the program, First Lady Laura Bush has recognized more than 100 communities with the Preserve America honor.

Other components of the program include a History Teacher of the Year Award, educational outreach, and grants to assist communities in preserving their cultural and natural resources.

I would like to commend Mayor Jerry Alford and the City Council, as well as all those who participated in the Main Street project, for this distinction.

JAMES J. STUKEL

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on February 1, 2005, James J. Stukel, will be retiring after 10 years of service as President of the University of Illinois. From his days as a teaching assistant in 1961 to his appointment as President in 1995, in his 43 years of service James Stukel has strived to make the University better. Without question, he has succeeded.

As University President, James Stukel has remained steadfast in his commitment to enrich undergraduate education. Under his guidance, the University expanded access to thousands of students through the creation of the University of Illinois—Online system. In addition, the creation of the University of Illinois at Springfield has provided access for an additional 4,500 students.

President Stukel was also tremendously successful in securing increased funding for academic purposes for the University. Under his leadership, the University of Illinois has established itself as one of the world's leading research institutions, meriting a national ranking as high as 5th and no lower than 7th in terms of federal research and development dollars received by any institution. On his watch, federal support for the University of Illinois has doubled.

President Stukel has strengthened the bonds between the University and the citizens of Illinois by logging over 200,000 miles and conducting 50 daylong community visits throughout the State. This unprecedented effort exemplifies why President Stukel is known as "the people's president".

Thus, it is truly impossible to quantify the number of people who have benefited under President James J. Stukel's guidance of the University of Illinois. However, as one of those positively affected and as an alumnus of the University, I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to President James J. Stukel. He will be truly missed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REVEREND P. H. LEWIS, SR., ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS MINISTRY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to pay tribute to Reverend P. H. Lewis, Sr., on the celebration of his 50th anniversary in active ministry.

A native of Wilcox County, Alabama, Reverend Lewis has for the past 34 years served as pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church in Mobile, Alabama. Reverend Lewis graduated from Camden Academy in Camden, Alabama, and later from the Daniel Payne College and Payne Theological Seminary of Birmingham, Alabama. Following his graduation, he shared his gifts and skill as a pastor with several churches and congregations throughout Alabama: Miles Memorial A.M.E. Church in Birmingham, Gaines Chapel in Birmingham, Black Buff Circuit in Wilcox County, St. Mark A.M.E. Church in Tuscaloosa, and Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church in Selma.

Reverend Lewis is also recognized as one of the leaders of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. As the pastor of Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church, he was the only minister in the City of Selma to act against a prohibition on gatherings focused on the discussion of race issues and open his church for such meetings. Many of the early civil rights rallies of the 1960s were held at his church, and he and members of his congregation hosted the now-famous march from Selma to Montgomery that was led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Reverend Lewis marched side-by-side with Dr. King on this difficult march and endured the same arrests, harassment, and abuse that so many of the hundreds of men, women, and children did on that day in March 1965.

He has throughout his life been a strong supporter of public education in Alabama and was the first African-American to serve on the Selma Public School Board. Reverend Lewis has also been extremely active in the life of the Mobile community. He is a member of the City of Mobile's Board of Adjustment, the Interdenominational Alliance of Mobile, the A.M.E. Ministerial Alliance of Mobile, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, the Mobile Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Board of Directors of Drug Free Mobile. During his life he has received numerous awards and citations for his religious, civic, and community involvement. In addition, he has during his career authored three well-respected books: *Illustrations*, *Life is a Symbol of a Baseball Game*, and *Selma: The Other Side of 1965*.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Reverend P. H. Lewis, Sr., for his many significant contributions to his friends, his congregation, his community, and to the citizens of Alabama. He has indeed been a genuine asset and friend to everyone with whom he has come into contact and shared his gifts, and I wish him and his family—his wife, Alice Grady Lewis, his three sons, and his four grandchildren—much happiness and success in the time ahead.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE YOUTHNETWORK CRISIS SHELTER

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor and recognize the YouthNetwork Crisis Shelter. On October 21st, 2004 the YouthNetwork Crisis Shelter will be celebrating their thirtieth birthday. I have known Dave Hoppe, Executive Director of YouthNetwork, and Kyle Boyles, Senior Development Officer and the staff for many years. They have been and will continue to be an integral part of the Charlotte, NC community.

The YouthNetwork Crisis Shelter was founded in 1974 by members of Dilworth United Methodist Church in Charlotte. Originally known as The Relatives, the shelter was established due to the rising concern about the growing number of homeless youths in the center city. Since its founding, it has served thousands of teens and their families over the past 30 years. The shelter continues to be one of Charlotte's most successful charitable causes.

Located on East Boulevard in Charlotte, the Crisis Shelter serves the community as a coed, 9-bed emergency shelter for runaway, homeless and other youth in crisis. The Shelter is one of the Alexander Youth Network's numerous programs for positive growth and improvement of youth. Staff provides 24-hour supervision, individual and family conferences, recreational activities, and community referrals.

I greatly appreciate all their efforts and dedication to the Charlotte community.

RECOGNIZING ARLINGTON COUNTY FIRE CHIEF EDWARD PLAUGHER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chief Edward Plaughter who has recently been named Career Fire Chief of the Year for 2004 by Fire Chief magazine. Chief Plaughter retired as Chief of the Arlington County Fire Department in June and was instrumental in the response at the Pentagon on September 11th.

In recognition of his service in Virginia Fire Departments over the last three decades, the Virginia State Fire Chiefs Association nominated Chief Plaughter for this prestigious award. For 24 years he served with the Fairfax County Fire Department, and in 1993 was named Chief of the Arlington County Fire Department. Throughout his tenure he has been known as a leader throughout the firefighting community. Because of his leadership his fire department was aware and prepared for the threat that terrorism could pose to Arlington County, Virginia, and the United States.

This awareness first began in 1995 after the sarin gas attacks in the Tokyo subway system. Chief Plaughter recognized that something similar could happen in Arlington County and the metropolitan area and began preparing his department and the region for this possibility. One of his top accomplishments was the creation of the first locally staffed terrorism response team in the United States.

It was through this foresight that the Arlington County Fire Department was able to so effectively deal with the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. Chief Plaughter and his firefighters were commended for their quick and organized response to the tragedy. Without the leadership of Chief Plaughter and the dedication of the men and women of the Arlington County Fire Department and other Northern Virginia fire departments more lives would have been lost on that tragic day.

I would like to thank Chief Plaughter for his distinguished service to Arlington and Fairfax Counties. His leadership and vision have helped create some of the premier fire departments in the nation. He is highly deserving of this honor. I wish Chief Plaughter and his family the best as he begins his much deserved retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MRS. ALMA
MURR

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to mourn the life of a remarkable lady from New Castle, Colorado. Alma Murr passed away at the age of ninety-seven this past May. She left a strong impression on all those whom she met, and her life is an example of the constant change and growth that our great country made in the past century. I am honored to stand here with my colleagues before this body and this nation to recognize her life.

Alma was born in 1906 in Madison County, Nebraska, and at a young age began to deal with big changes and responsibilities when the family moved to Lander, Wyoming. When Alma was ten years old, her father died of pneumonia, which put her in charge of raising her younger brothers and sisters while her mother worked as a cook at the Shoshone and Bannock Indian reservations. In 1917, the family moved in a covered wagon to Meeker, Colorado, where Alma attended and graduated from high school. At twenty-one, Alma married Orel Murr and the couple farmed on Beaver Creek, and Rifle before finding their true home near New Castle on Colorado's Western Slope.

Alma and Orel had a working fruit orchard with apples, plums, nectarines, apricots, peaches and all sorts of berries. They sold their produce at their family-run Peach Valley Market, or at a second family-run market in the Fort Collins area, and to wholesale markets in nearby states. When they had to close the fruit market, the couple turned to raising hay. With their hard, painstaking work, Alma and Orel raised three children on the eighteen-acre Peach Valley Homestead where Alma has lived for sixty-nine years.

Alma was a caring person who leaves behind a large family that loved her for her spirit, and kindness—she was the type of person with whom it was easy to become friends. She is survived by her sons Robert and Richard, her daughter Phyllis, her sister Evelyn, fourteen grand children, eighteen great grand children, and one great great grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, Alma Murr was a kind and generous soul who touched the lives of many

of the people who met her. She was a strong woman that led by example and helped to nourish the members of her Colorado community with great devotion and satisfaction in her work. I am honored to recognize her life before this body of Congress and this nation. My thoughts and prayers go out to Alma's family and friends at this difficult time of bereavement.

IN HONOR OF DAVID MEYERS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David Meyers, a dedicated member of the Monterey community. David will be retiring from his current position of General Manager of the Monterey Waste Management District, where he has worked diligently for twenty-five years overseeing the burying and recycling of the peninsula's waste.

During his years of service, David has gone above and beyond his normal duties by playing a leading role in turning the Marina Dump into an innovative recycling and waste management center. While Meyers was working there, the center was one of the first to siphon methane and carbon dioxide gases for electrical uses in 1983. Then, in 1989, when the state passed legislation requiring cities and counties to divert 50 percent of their solid waste from landfills by 2000, David spurred the waste management center into action. Under his leadership the district grew from 10 employees who buried trash to 130 employees whose duties range in a wide variety of recycling tasks.

David's innovation did not stop there. He created a thrift store on the site called the Last Shop Mercantile that sells items that would otherwise have been thrown away. It brings in \$400,000 annually and pays for itself.

Under his stewardship, the Monterey County Waste Management District has been honored with the first ever "Best Solid Waste System in North America" award by the Solid Waste Association of North America. Meyers himself has been given two awards by the Solid Waste Association of North America: the Planning and Management Technical Division's Distinguished Achievement Award and the Robert L. Lawrence Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate David on his much deserved retirement and thank him for his contribution to our community. David has continually gone above and beyond the roles bestowed asked of him and his innovation has led to a cleaner, healthier community. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO CLIFF McDUFFIE OF
ZEPHYRHILLS

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Cliff McDuffie of Zephyrhills in my 5th Congressional District.

Mr. McDuffie is an amazing gentleman who through his years of dedication to public service has continually helped make the city of Zephyrhills a better place. I had the pleasure of honoring him at his retirement on August 27, 2004, in Zephyrhills, FL.

Cliff's tenure as a public servant began at the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. There, he ran the small-business and personnel divisions and was operations manager. Cliff took over in Zephyrhills as the Executive Director of the city's Chamber of Commerce in 1997 after more than 20 years with the Tampa Chamber of Commerce. Despite his retirement, McDuffie will remain active and visible in the Zephyrhills community as the city's mayor.

Cliff McDuffie is a shining example of what a public servant should aspire to become. I join the rest of Florida's Fifth Congressional District in thanking Mr. McDuffie for his years of service and wish him the best of luck with his retirement. I am proud to call him my constituent.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PALISADE,
COLORADO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of Palisade, Colorado. This year marks the celebration of its first centennial, a rare and distinguished achievement. The story of Palisade is one of success, a farming town that thrived around the mouth of a river. As they celebrate their one hundred year anniversary, I would like to join my colleagues here today, before this body of Congress and this nation, in recognizing the town of Palisade, Colorado.

Settlers first started establishing homesteads on the land in the early 1880s. The land that would become the town of Palisade was desirable because it was located close to the mouth of Rapid Creek, making irrigation easier for the fruit farming that would soon thrive. The town of Palisade began to prosper, and with sufficient growth, Palisade became an incorporated town in 1904.

Over the last hundred years, Palisade has seen many of the same changes and attributes of growth characteristic of similar American communities. With the advent of the industrial revolution in America at the turn of the twentieth century, the town saw a boom in its coal mining industry. However, Palisade is primarily known for its fruit orchards. During prohibition, the grape farmers and wine makers suffered hardships, but found success once again when prohibition was lifted. The community infrastructure has grown strong over the years as new friendships were established through common threads by the formation of many social organizations.

Mr. Speaker, after one hundred years, Palisade, Colorado continues to experience success as a tight-knit community. The social institutions and economic infrastructure account for the many years of existence. Our nation was built upon the strong foundation of small communities like Palisade. I congratulate the city of Palisade, Colorado for this important

anniversary and wish the community the best in the future.

IN HONOR OF DAVID PENNISI

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David "Rowdy" Pennisi, who disappeared at sea on June 22, 2004. Commercial fishing was not only his profession, but also his passion in life. He will be lovingly remembered by family and friends for his generous and kindhearted nature.

David Pennisi was raised on a ranch near Hollister, and was an active member with Future Farmers of America. He moved to Monterey when he was fourteen and quickly adapted to his new life on the wharf. Fisherman's Wharf has long been the center of a vibrant fishing and canning industry, made famous in Steinbeck's Cannery Row. David eagerly continued this tradition when he became a commercial fisherman himself.

While David was respected around Monterey for his abilities as a fisherman, he was better known for the kindness and love he showed to all who knew him. In a profession dominated by stereotypes of loud, brash men, David, like his father, was regarded as a gentleman. A good friend of the family, Pat Flanagan, spoke about David at his memorial service, "He died in a dying industry, with dignity and respect."

Mr. Speaker, David Pennisi was dedicated to a profession that is neither easy nor safe, but he loved it nonetheless. Not many people choose to become fishermen in this day and age, but David will continue to provide a shining example for generations to come. He has made a lasting impact on our community and the people with whom he worked. I join the communities of the Monterey Bay, his friends and his family in honoring this truly commendable man and all of his lifelong achievements.

TRIBUTE TO THE DADE CITY SENIOR LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Dade City Senior Little League All-Star Team.

The Dade City All-Stars gave a stunning performance in the World Series Games this year. After capturing the Southeastern Regional U.S. championship, the team ended the season with a batting average of .370 and only six strike-outs. The dedication the players have shown to their team members has made them one of the most successful teams in years.

I commend Manager Dale Maggard, who has worked with some of these young men for almost a decade. I also congratulate our Dade City Senior Little League All-Star Team, for representing our community in Bangor, Maine with an unparalleled level of professionalism and maturity.

The outstanding young men who comprise the first and only All-Stars team from Pasco County to compete in the Senior League World Series and its coaches are as follows: Dominic Brown, Rashaun Capehart, Jamie Cruz, Julian Juarez, Gerald Mathis, Lance Roberts, Hunter Hedman, Zachary Maggard, Will Pullin, Steven Roe, Robbie Shields, Matt Wells, Coach Raul Cruz, Coach Dale Maggard, Coach Tony Karpee, and Coach John Shields.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANN GORSUCH BURFORD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to mourn the death of Ann Gorsuch Buford, who recently passed away at the age of sixty-two after a long bout with cancer. She possessed a strong intellect that she utilized to become an eloquent and passionate environmental advocate. President Ronald Reagan appointed her as the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency where she brought economic and fiscal discipline to the agency. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation to recognize her many accomplishments.

Ann was born in Casper, Wyoming, but spent most of her life growing up in Denver, Colorado. She earned both her masters and law degrees from the University of Colorado by the time she was twenty-one, and went on to study in India for a year on a Fulbright Scholarship. After completing her studies, Ann served as an assistant district attorney in Denver and Jefferson counties before being elected to the Colorado state House of Representatives in 1976. She spent 4 years leading the initiative to cut the grocery sales tax and stiffen criminal sentences, and was named outstanding freshman legislator. In 1980, when Reagan was elected president, Ann was selected to be the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), making her the second highest-ranking woman in the Reagan Administration.

At the EPA, Ann was able to efficiently cut-down on government waste inside the executive agency while enforcing environmental regulations. When she left Washington, Ann returned to a Denver law practice working primarily on children's advocacy. She is survived by her mother, Dorothy O'Grady McGill, her children, Neil, Stephanie, and J.J. Gorsuch, five grandchildren, her brother, Joe McGill, and her sisters, Mary Edwards, Theresa Peace, Dorothy McGill, Veronica Urban, and Rosie Binge.

Mr. Speaker, Ann Gorsuch Burford was a diligent public servant of this Nation, who worked to improve the quality of our air and water in Colorado and the Nation. I am honored to recognize her before this body of Congress today. My thoughts and prayers go out to her friends and family at this difficult time of bereavement.

IN HONOR OF DR. RAY CLIFFORD

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Ray Clifford, a long-time Salinas resident and Chancellor of the Defense Language Institute. Dr. Clifford is retiring from the Defense Language Institute after 24 years of dedicated service, leadership and mentorship to his students and country.

During his years of service, Dr. Clifford honorably fulfilled the Institute's mission to educate, sustain, evaluate and support foreign language specialists, ensuring that our military forces are prepared to meet ever-changing global foreign language requirements. As the academic leader of the world's largest language school, he has represented the Institute in national, international and professional forums including regular briefings to members of Congress and senior leaders in the Department of Defense.

Under his leadership, the Defense Language Institute has been continually regarded as one of the finest schools for foreign language instruction in the world. Specifically, Dr. Clifford has improved the language performance results four-fold in over 80 percent of major programs, created and implemented the first standardized language proficiency testing program for the Department of Defense and spearheaded the Institute's response to terrorism with the addition of new instructional and testing programs for military personnel.

In addition to his commitment to the Defense Language Institute, Dr. Clifford served in the United States Army, worked for the Bureau of Land Management and the Central Intelligence Agency. His dedication to national service is embodied in his overall belief in community service and education. He has published many papers and articles on teacher development, language proficiency assessment, curriculum design and educational program administration.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Dr. Clifford on his retirement and thank him for his contributions to our community and country. Dr. Clifford has dedicated his life to public service and his contributions to the Defense Language Institute have been instrumental in the Institute's recognition as a world renowned language instruction institute. I wish him the best in his retirement.

EXTENDING THE BAN ON MILITARY STYLE ASSAULT WEAPONS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, Congress has three legislative days to vote before the ban on military assault weapons expires and weapons of terror, like the AK-47, will be legal in America. The Republican leadership won't even allow the 136 bipartisan supporters of the ban a vote on the House floor.

Just last night, Congress could have voted to extend the ban, but instead Republican leaders decided it was more important to

name four post offices. While I support the post office bills, I oppose the Republican's misdirected priorities. As a result, I chose to vote present on these post office bills.

On September 14th, either the ban will be extended and our communities will remain safe or the weapons used by terrorists around the world will be legal on America's streets.

President Bush and Republican leaders have a choice: allow Congress to vote an opportunity to extend the ban or do nothing and allow assault weapons to be used to terrorize police officers and our families.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GUS' GANG

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to an impressive group of community leaders from Pueblo, Colorado. These men, driven by a desire to serve their community and promote economic development in the city of Pueblo, began meeting every week for lunch to discuss problems, and solutions, for issues facing their community. As a result, Gus' Gang has been meeting now for over thirty-five years and although the membership has changed over the years. Their service and loyalty to the community remains a constant.

Gus' Gang is a group of local businessmen, lawyers, bankers, realtors, and public officials that meet every Friday afternoon to encourage companies to consider Pueblo when establishing, expanding, or relocating their business. The group invites corporate executives to lunch and encourages them to locate their companies in Pueblo by welcoming and introducing them to leaders in the community. Many achievements in Pueblo have been born out of Gus' Gang meetings such as the creation of the Pueblo Economic Development Corporation, and the idea and approval to locate the Colorado Lottery Office in Pueblo.

The unusual but highly effective meeting venue, Gus', has been recognized in several publications and media outlets such as The Rocky Mountain News, The Denver Post, The National Geographic and Ripley's Believe It or Not, for its western atmosphere and good hometown spirits. Some of the founding members of Gus' Gang include: Tommy Thompson, Director of the Southeastern Water Conservancy District; Bob Ellis, the Vice President of First National Bank; Jade McGuire, the President of the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce; and Walt Bassett, President and CEO of Bassett Construction.

Mr. Speaker, Gus' Gang is a staple of the Pueblo community, and their persistent efforts to attract businesses and corporations to Pueblo has helped strengthen their community and the Colorado economy. Gus' Gang is a terrific group of dedicated, innovative individuals. It is my privileged and honor to recognize their accomplishments and service before Congress and this Nation. I thank the members of Gus' Gang for all their hard work and commitment, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF JESS OJEDA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jess Ojeda, an extremely gifted police officer who dedicated much of his life to the Watsonville Community and the California Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement. Mr. Ojeda, who was born in Chihuahua, Mexico in 1912 and moved to Watsonville, California in 1922, passed away of natural causes on August 9th, 2004. He was 91. Mr. Ojeda's wife, Lillian Martha Ojeda, passed away in 1999. He is survived by three children, Kelley, Martha, and Shane, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The son of Jesus Antonio and Rosa Luisa Ojeda, Mr. Ojeda worked hard upon his arrival to America. Before becoming a police officer, his jobs included working in a butcher shop, starting up a courier business, deputy civil engineer, and tomato farming. After assisting in the construction of Fort Ord, one of the largest training bases in the U.S., Mr. Ojeda became a police officer with the Watsonville Police Department in 1949. He was known for his true concern for the people of Watsonville and the compassion with which he performed his job.

Mr. Ojeda worked for the Watsonville Police Department until 1957 when he earned a spot as an undercover agent with the state's Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement in San Francisco. During his time as an undercover agent, Mr. Ojeda faced great danger in order to successfully arrest the criminals whose extensive drug operations he was determined to bring down. During his long career, he made over 5,000 arrests and had a 95 percent conviction rate.

Mr. Ojeda never lost sight of his true goal, which was to protect the people of his community who suffered at the hands of drug kingpins and dealers. His main objective was to reduce the number of addicts, not through punitive means, but through legislation focused on treatment, counseling, and support programs.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my condolences to the Ojeda family during these difficult times. His legacy as a devoted police officer and community leader will have a longlasting effect in both the Pajaro Valley and all of California. I join the Watsonville community, friends and family in honoring this truly admirable man for all his lifelong achievements.

RECOGNIZING THE LOS ANGELES CITY CHICANO EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Los Angeles City Chicano Employees Association (LACECA) for its thirty-three years of service to the city of Los Angeles and its Latino employees. Since its inception on March 10, 1971, LACECA has been dedicated to the educational, economic, and social wel-

fare of hard working Americans in the workplace and the promotional advancement of Latinos serving our nation's second largest city.

LACECA provides critical leadership and a progressive vision that has successfully fought for passage of the City's Bilingual Skills Ordinance, formation of the City's Advisory Affirmative Action Committee (AAAC), and employee payroll deductions for LACECA membership. LACECA understands the importance of community development and outreach and devotes significant time, energy, and resources in support of many local activities, such as the City's Latino Heritage Month, voter education and registration drives, scholarships to Latinos seeking higher education, and an annual donation drive to support organizations which seek to improve the status of Latinos.

As LACECA celebrates its thirty-third year of service, I am proud to recognize its executive board and members who have distinguished themselves as exceptional leaders in the Los Angeles community. I look forward to continuing to work with LACECA as it promotes the advancement of Latinos serving the city of Los Angeles.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PALMER FRANKLIN SMITH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to mourn the passing of Palmer Smith of Alamosa, Colorado. Palmer recently died unexpectedly of a suspected pulmonary embolism. He was a lifelong learner and dedicated activist in his community who shared his knowledge with countless students. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation to recognize his life and accomplishments.

Palmer was born in 1932 in Los Angeles, California. He attended the California Institute of Technology where he studied chemistry under five Nobel Prize winners before enlisting in the Air Force. At Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, he taught the top secret 1009th Special Weapons Project. In 1956, Palmer continued his education at the University of Colorado at Boulder in a mathematics masters degree program, despite his lack of a bachelor's degree. Palmer also taught in the applied mathematics program at CU for five years as he worked on a doctorate before he went on to teach at Nichols State College.

In 1962, Palmer returned to Colorado to teach and chair the mathematics department at Adams State College where he received emeritus status after retiring in 1987. After teaching, Palmer became involved in buying and selling real estate, and ran for Alamosa County treasurer. He continued to take courses in law, taxes, and bonds and investments from the local college. Palmer was a renaissance man with a wide variety of interests that ranged from archaeology and history to stamp collecting. He was a concert pianist, an avid reader, and a writer.

Palmer is survived by his wife, Erin Macgillivray Smith, his daughter, Laura Suzanne Smith, his son, Brian Smith, his granddaughter Sara Powell and two great grandchildren, Zachary and Allison Powell.

Mr. Speaker, Palmer Franklin Smith was a dedicated student and educator that made learning a passion in his life. He was a committed patron of the arts and active member of his Alamosa community. I am honored to recognize the life of such a devoted community servant before this body of Congress and this nation. My thoughts and prayers go out to Palmer's family and friends during this time of bereavement.

IN HONOR OF THE NATIONAL ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER AWARENESS DAY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the first ever "National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day." This day, made official by Senate Resolution 370, will serve as an important tool in furthering the national education campaign about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, also known as AD/HD.

Although AD/HD can affect people across racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines, poor and minority communities have been especially underserved by the available resources. The disorder can interfere with school and workplace activities, lead to antisocial behavior, and even substance abuse and problems with the justice system. It is only recently that AD/HD has received national attention, so there are still many children and adults who remain undiagnosed and suffering from the stigma associated with this disorder.

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD), a national non-profit organization, was founded in 1987 to increase awareness and offer resources and encouragement to those suffering from the disorder and their family members. Recently CHADD has expanded into Santa Cruz County with the creation of Chapter #605, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to our community. Only through education and understanding can we, as a nation, begin to address the effects of this disorder and seek ways to treat it.

It is important to realize the effect AD/HD can have on individuals and communities, and I would like to commend the efforts of CHADD Chapter #605 in their goal of expanding understanding of this disorder. Through combining grassroots campaigns with the new "National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day" we can begin to address this problem on both a local and national level.

DUDLEY DEZONIA—30TH ANNIVERSARY PRESIDENT OF ROYAL TRUCK BODY

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, let us celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit in America by recognizing a deserving and generous member of the community—Mr.

Dudley DeZonia, who has successfully been at the helm for 30 years as President of Royal Truck Body.

Businesses like Royal Truck Body are the backbone of this country and they are an enduring symbol of the American Dream. The approximately 23 million businesses of the size and scale of companies like ROYAL in the United States employ more than half of the country's private work force, create three of every four new jobs, and generate most of America's innovations.

For example, 30 years ago in my district, Mr. DeZonia had a dream to lead a truck body business in the City of Paramount, California. His long-term vision for Royal Truck Body was and still is to deliver top-quality products at competitive prices, which has enabled the "ROYAL" trademark to become the recognized leader and largest service body company in the Western United States.

Royal Truck Body has a 5,000-square-foot design studio and 145,000 square feet of manufacturing and warehousing space. ROYAL pushes this space even further with an additional 40,000 sq. ft. at its satellite locations in Phoenix, Arizona; Dallas, Texas; and Sacramento, California.

Royal Truck Body has had a continuing pattern of growth since its inception, and its growth recently has been at an ever-accelerating pace. In 1995, ROYAL became a bailment pool company for Chevrolet; in 1997, it became a converter pool company for both Ford and GMC; and in 2000, it added Dodge. ROYAL has also been a member of the National Truck Equipment Association since 1978.

Royal Truck Body has grown from producing four truck bodies per day to more than 35 bodies per day. ROYAL earned its ISO 9001 certification in 1999, which made it the first body manufacturer in the United States to achieve this goal. From 2001 to 2003, ROYAL was awarded General Motors Specialty Vehicle Sales Leader Award in the United States. Also, in 2002, Ford presented ROYAL with the Top Volume Pool Account Award and the Ford's Directors Award for top volume of F-Series chassis cabs.

Mr. DeZonia is a business success story, and he continues to make many contributions to the local community. He consistently donates to the local Paramount Education Partnership and to seniors at Paramount High School for college scholarships. ROYAL prides itself in its employees' successes because its employees are its family.

Today, let us honor Mr. Dudley DeZonia. By celebrating Mr. Dudley DeZonia's successes, we celebrate American enterprise. Mr. DeZonia is keeping the American Dream alive and well for future generations.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KENDALL EVANS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to recognize the dedication of Kendall Evans of Aspen, Colorado for his hard work and dedication in educating our youth. After

servicing nine years as the principal for Aspen High School, Kendall announced his retirement after the completion of the 2004–2005 academic year. As Kendall prepares for retirement, let it be known that I, along with the Aspen community am grateful for the commitment he has shown to educating our next generation of leaders.

Kendall started his career in education as a high school teacher thirty-one years ago. After spending much of his career positively influencing students in the classroom, he had the opportunity to have a different impact working in administration. Nine years ago, Kendall accepted the job as the principal at Aspen High School. During his tenure as principal, Kendall has led the charge to improve the quality of and access to education in the area. Following his lead, the school added accelerated classes as part of the International Baccalaureate program. His most significant achievement was to complete the forty-one million dollar renovation and expansion of the high school.

Mr. Speaker, Kendall Evans has done a remarkable job during his career at Aspen High School. As principal, he has provided tremendous leadership for the faculty, and as a teacher, he has provided insight for his students. I thank him for his commitment to education, and wish him all the best in his last year at Aspen High School.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes Nos. 422 and 423. Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "Aye" for both measures to name The General William Cary Lee Post Office Building, and to name The Harvey and Bernice Jones Post Office Building, respectively.

I ask unanimous consent that my vote statement appear in the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD behind the day's recorded votes.

HONORING JUDGE JIMMY MATTHEWS

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, as Congress debates issues of vital importance to our Nation's education and defense, I would like to take a few minutes to say thank you to a well respected individual in the 4th District of Tennessee.

After spending over thirty plus years on the bench, as a General Sessions Part I Judge, Judge Jimmy Matthews decided to retire due to deteriorating health. Judge Matthews, a lifelong resident of Maury County, Tennessee, will be sorely missed for his wisdom, courage, and determination to effectively serve the law and all it protects.

Matthews was Maury County's first lay judge and will be its last (a lay judge does not

hold a law degree). State law now requires all new judges to hold law degrees. To hold the position of judge without a law degree, while not unheard of is admirable and further demonstrates Matthews understanding and knowledge of the law.

It has been estimated that Judge Matthews along with his counterpart have overseen as many as 20,000 cases a year. His court has the responsibility of clearing these cases in a timely and efficient manner. Not an easy task, but Judge Matthew seemed to do it time and again.

Maury County and the American judicial system will never fail to notice the work of Judge Matthews. May God Bless Judge Matthews on his new journey.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DOUG ADEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Doug Aden, a dedicated banker from my hometown of Grand Junction, Colorado. After thirty-four years of service to the Grand Junction community as a regional vice president for the western slope division of U.S. Bank, Doug will be retiring from a longtime career of aiding customers. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to recognize his accomplishments.

In 1970, just one week after his college graduation. Doug began his banking career in Billings, Montana. He spent his entire life

working with various companies that are part of U.S. Bancorp, a parent company to U.S. Bank. Doug worked for the Grand Junction branch since 1990. Throughout the course of his service, Doug saw rebirth and growth of the economy across the Western Slope. In addition to his many years at the bank, Doug has served on the Colorado Transportation Commission and the Mesa County Public Library District Board of Directors, and he actively works with his church's capital campaign.

Mr. Speaker, Doug Aden is a tremendous member of the Grand Junction business community who has made customer service in his banking industry a priority. I am honored to rise before this body and recognize his many contributions to the State of Colorado. Good luck with your retirement, Doug, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, on September 11, 2001, fifty police officers lost their lives in the line of duty, serving our nation with honor, courage, and a selfless commitment. Today, as we approach the third anniversary of the September 11 attacks, we still see the same noble qualities from law enforcement officers on a daily basis. Officers Jeremy Gaughan, Michael Mann, and Kevin Schreiner of the Gurnee, Illinois Police Department are three examples of such courage.

On January 27, 2003, three neighborhoods in my district fell victim to a string of crimes all carried out by the same assailant. After murdering a night school student, fleeing from a hit and run scene, and attempting to carjack a young woman's vehicle, the assailant was cornered by Gurnee Police Officer Kevin Schreiner. Officer Schreiner responded to the shots fired call, located the suspect's vehicle and attempted to pull it over.

The suspect attempted to flee behind a private residence, where he began to fire upon Officer Schreiner. Officer Schreiner could not take cover before being shot in the left arm, with the bullet exiting his left shoulder. Despite being seriously wounded, Officer Schreiner radioed for assistance and remained on the scene until Officers Michael Mann and Jeremy Gaughan could arrive. As Officers Schreiner and Mann continued to draw repeated fire from the suspect, Officer Gaughan was able to move into position, fired once, and killed the suspect.

If not for the heroic and decisive actions of these three officers, there is little doubt that this assailant would have attacked more people in my Congressional district. Their selfless commitment and courage under fire are the same qualities found in the law enforcement officers who gave their lives on September 11. I am grateful for the actions of these three men, and am pleased to announce that they will be honored at the 11th annual TOP COPS Awards ceremony here in Washington, DC on September 11.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the bravery of these men and every law enforcement officer for their noble service.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2004 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 10

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher J. LaFleur, of New York, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, and B. Lynn Pascoe, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Indonesia.

SD-419

SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine ensuring the U.S. intelligence community supports homeland defense and military operations.

SH-216

Judiciary

Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Tools to Fight Terrorism Act.

SD-226

SEPTEMBER 14

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the foreign policy recommendations of the 9/11

Commission and intelligence requirements for American diplomacy.

SD-419

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Oceans, Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Magnuson/Stevens Act.

SR-253

Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine and discuss legislative and administrative options to address the personnel recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, focusing on improving the presidential appointments process for national security positions, establishing a single agency that conducts security clearance background investigations for U.S. personnel, and providing some additional personnel flexibilities to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to reflect its increased counterterrorism and intelligence responsibilities.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine mandatory retirements.

SD-628

2 p.m.

Judiciary

Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine maintaining innovation and cost savings relating to hospital group purchasing.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 2532, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for the high quality development in Lincoln County, Nevada, S. 2723, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, and S. 2709, to provide for the reforestation of appropriate forest cover on forest land derived from the public domain.

SD-366

SEPTEMBER 15

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine impacts of climate change.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the 9/11 Commission and efforts to identify and combat terrorist financing.

SD-538

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-485

SEPTEMBER 21

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.

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SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing on the contributions of Native American code talkers in American military history.

SR-485

SEPTEMBER 23

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the current status of the Hard Rock Mining Industry in America, focusing on a status and trend analysis, a review of domestic mineral reserves, a summary on exploration investments and current production as well as permitting and reclamation issues.

SD-366

SEPTEMBER 29

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing on lobbying practices involving Indian tribes.

SH-216