

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF CORPORAL SHAWN HENSEL, US ARMY, OF LOGANSFORT, INDIANA

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of U.S. Army Corporal Shawn Hensel, of Logansport, Indiana, who died on August 14, 2007 from wounds sustained during an enemy attack in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Washington. Just twenty years old, Shawn lived a life worthy of admiration and respect.

Shortly after learning about his death, Shawn's father David spoke of the love for Shawn among his family, "Shawn had two sisters that really loved him." Observing the crowd of people at a memorial service for Shawn one week later, Shawn's sister Autumn noted "It's nice to know that he was loved this much." Shawn was indeed deeply loved by his family and by his community.

Married just eight months ago, Shawn was also loved by his wife, Laci. Laci noted of Shawn, "The love he had for his country was unbelievable." This observation was reinforced by Jeff Strite, the preacher at the Church of Christ, "He was privileged to wear his uniform, and he wore it wherever he could." This love of country, this pride in service, played on another quality of Shawn's. His friend Chuck Porter remarked "Shawn just had a way of getting into your heart." Shawn's life and service now leaves him in all our hearts.

The button Shawn's mother Beth recently has been wearing reads "Our Hero, 1987–2007." Our hero. This is most certainly what Shawn is now. We are used to speaking of twenty-year-olds, of those recently married, of having lives full of promise and possibility. But Shawn also had a great love of country. And this young man is honored for his sacrifice, for putting that promise and possibility on the line in service to his country.

"I talk to Shawn all the time and ask him to give me strength," Beth said recently. And Shawn would want us all to be strong. Today I honor Corporal Shawn Hensel's strength, patriotism, and sacrifice. As I register a Nation's gratitude, it is my regretful duty to also note our grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his friends. We join with his wife Laci, his father David, and his mother Beth to mourn his loss. Shawn's spirit will always be with us. May God Bless Shawn and all those he loved.

RECOGNIZING DR. ANNETTE GRIFFIN UPON BEING NAMED 2007 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BY THE CARROLLTON-FARMERS BRANCH ROTARY CLUB

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Dr. Annette Griffin, superintendent for the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, as recipient of the 2007 Citizen of the Year Award presented by the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Rotary Club. Her foresight and dedication to the students, the teachers, the parents, the administrative staff and the Carrollton-Farmers Branch community is unparalleled and worthy of recognition.

Dr. Griffin earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Master's Degree in Reading from Louisiana State University. In 1985, she received her Doctor of Education Degree in Administrative Leadership at the University of North Texas. Never known to rest on her laurels, she continually stays abreast of current activities in her field through post-doctoral classes at Harvard University and Columbia University.

Dr. Griffin began her career as a teacher in the Special Education Department of the Richardson ISD and after four years was promoted to principal within the Richardson ISD. In 1986, Annette joined the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD advancing to become an assistant superintendent until 1990. Dr. Griffin's career then led her to serve consecutively as superintendent of the Carroll ISD and then in the Duncanville ISD. But as fate would have it, in 1997, Annette was offered the superintendent position of CFB ISD where she remains a steadfast champion for education today.

Annette is an active member in community organizations such as the Rotary Club, the Irving Baylor Hospital Board, Texans CAN! Academy and the Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce. Many accolades have been bestowed upon Dr. Griffin, most notably the Paul Harris Fellowship, the Texans CAN! Academy Mother of the Year, the University of North Texas alumni of the Year, the Texas Superintendent of the Year and the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. She especially enjoys volunteering at the Rotary International Four Way Test Speech Contest where she can hear what local high school students have to say about important issues.

Annette and her husband, Allen, have been married for thirty-five years and have a daughter, Alana, and a son, Tim.

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD and the community are very fortunate to have Dr. Griffin leading our young people to a brighter future. She is a strong advocate for excellence in education and has continually enhanced the lives of many through her sense of commitment and progressive vision. It is truly an

honor to represent Dr. Annette Griffin in the 24th District of Texas.

CONGRATULATING PHIL DIEBEL ON RETIREMENT

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Phil Diebel upon his retirement after over 27 years with the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

In 1981, Mr. Diebel joined the UNT family as controller, and soon became vice president for finance and business affairs, his role for over 20 years. By 2001, he held the position of vice chancellor for finance for the UNT System. His long and distinguished career meant that he worked for North Texas State University, before its official name changed to the University of North Texas.

During his tenure Mr. Diebel worked with two chancellors as well as three presidents of UNT. He watched the UNT system grow from what was largely known as a commuter school to a thriving public university system; one of only six in Texas. Under his tenure, the student size dramatically increased, the university purchased and constructed seven new residence halls, the UNT Dallas Campus opened, involvement in the present effort to secure a UNT law school in Dallas took place, and the UNT health science campus in Fort Worth became a significant asset in the university system.

His decades at UNT were not simply a matter of Mr. Diebel's official positions. He served and gave leadership in many UNT efforts over the years, including serving as chair of the responsibility center management (RCM), tuition review, and capital projects planning committees. He was executive sponsor of the Enterprise-wide Information System (EIS), and served on the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools, SACS, reaffirmation team and as a chair for committee with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

But Mr. Diebel's giving nature was not only directed at UNT. An active member of the north Texas community, he served on the Denton advisory board for the Salvation Army; governing board of the North Texas Public Broadcasting, KERA; advisory board of the Denton Regional Medical Center; governing board of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation; governing board of the United Way of Denton County; Board of Trustees of the Selwyn School; redistricting committee of the Denton Independent School District; and Denton County Housing Finance Corporation.

So with great respect I extend sincere congratulations to Mr. Phil Diebel on his much-deserved retirement. He is a true friend of UNT and the Denton community and I have been honored to know him as a friend and wish he and Polly much satisfaction in retirement.

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RECOGNIZING CALEB D. HENDERSON FOR THE AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Caleb D. Henderson, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Caleb has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the years Caleb has been involved in Scouting, he has earned 27 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Caleb is also an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow and earned the World Conservation Award in February 2007.

For his Eagle Scout project, Caleb designed and trained Scouts in concrete work and supervised the construction of a dumpster pad facility for North Oak Christian Church in Kansas City. Caleb has also attended the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, and three camporees and two Klondike Derbys.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Caleb D. Henderson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2272,  
AMERICA COMPETES ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, August 2, 2007*

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2272, the 21st Century Competitiveness Act.

I want to commend my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for working together on this important legislation that responds to the global economic challenges our country faces. This bill ensures that American students, teachers, businesses, and workers are prepared to continue leading the world in innovation, research, and technology well into the future.

In order for the United States to remain competitive in the global economy, we must invest in education. This bill will allow more students to be trained in math, science, engineering, and technology education through quality, innovative teacher-training programs. As a result, our future generation will be able to transform ideas into new technologies that will boost our economy and create good jobs here at home.

Sadly over the last decade, U.S. Federal funding for research and development has declined steadily. H.R. 2272 makes a renewed commitment to independent scientific research by increasing funding for the National Science Foundation, NSF, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST, and the Department of Energy's Office of Science. This

bill provides grants for outstanding researchers and coordinates research ideas and infrastructure needs between universities, national labs, and Government agencies.

In addition, creating a new energy policy is a top priority for the new Democratic majority. Clean energy technologies will create high-paying American jobs, strengthen our national security, lower costs for consumers, and reduce global warming. The 21st Century Competitiveness Act strengthens our national commitment to energy research and innovation by creating a new Advanced Research Agency for Energy, ARPA-E.

Finally, H.R. 2272 increases support for innovative entrepreneurs. Small businesses are often the catalyst for new innovations; however these businesses face significant obstacles that limit their efforts to transform ideas into reality. This bill increases funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, MEP, and also creates the Technology Innovation Program, TIP, that supports small businesses that are developing technologies that will benefit our country and world.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this critical legislation that ensures the United States' global competitiveness.

HONORING NORTH LAKE COLLEGE  
FOR 30 YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL  
EXCELLENCE

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor North Lake College in celebration of its 30th anniversary of educational excellence.

North Lake College's main campus is set on 276 acres in Irving-Las Colinas business center. The college has expanded its facilities to provide diverse services and programs for its students. From the construction of an expanded Science and Medical Professions Building, a Workforce Development Center, and a General Purpose Building on the main campus to satellite campuses in downtown Irving, the South Irving Center and the Dallas-Fort Worth Education Center, North Lake is continually meeting the needs of its students and community.

Since opening its doors in the Fall of 1977, North Lake has increased its enrollment from 2,823 students to 9,415 credit students in the Fall of 2006. It is an accredited public community college with an open door admission policy. As part of the Dallas County Community College District, North Lake is committed to "Closing the Gaps" a Texas state initiative to continually increase enrollment goals for all population groups. Today, North Lake College serves approximately 23,000 credit students and 12,000 continuing education students.

North Lake College's expert planning and partnerships has contributed to its success in offering students a variety of occupational and degree programs preparing them for employment in the workforce or transferring to any Texas public university or college. North Lake offers degrees in Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Applied Sciences in more than 24 areas of study. In addition to the degree programs, students can earn certifications in more than 60 career fields.

North Lake College's 30th anniversary is worthy of recognition. Its beautiful campuses, its diverse and growing enrollment, and its wide array of educational degree and certification programs are all a testament of educational excellence. I am honored to represent such a respected collegiate institution in the 24th District of Texas.

AARON ADDISON TAYLOR FOR  
THE AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Aaron Addison Taylor, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Aaron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Aaron has been involved in scouting, he has earned 25 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Quartermaster and Senior Patrol Leader. Aaron is also an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow and entered the Tribe of Mic-O-Say as Brave Unyielding Rock in 2006 and elevated to Hardway Warrior in 2007.

For his Eagle Scout project, Aaron designed and procured materials for and supervised the construction of "no-stoop" garden planter boxes for residents of the Kansas City Garden Village assisted living community. Aaron has also attended the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, and 3-year attendance at District Camporee and Klondike Derbies.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Aaron Addison Taylor for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING COLT KNOST  
FOR U.S. AMATEUR VICTORY

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pilot Point native Colt Knost on his victory at the 107th U.S. Amateur Championship. Knost defeated Michael Thompson, 2 and 1, in the 36-hole final match.

The Amateur is one of 13 national championships conducted annually by the United States Golf Association, 10 of which are strictly for amateurs. The USGA is the national governing body of golf in this country and Mexico, a combined territory that includes more than half the game's golfers and golf courses.

Colt Knost, 22, played at Southern Methodist University. With this victory, Knost became the sixth golfer in history to win two USGA championships in the same season, and the second to win the Amateur and the Amateur Public Links in the same year. Knost

has a very tough decision ahead of him for he must decide if he will wait to use those amateur berths at Augusta and Torrey Pines or if he will turn pro.

I would like to offer my sincerest congratulations to Mr. Colt Knost. His commitment to being the best in his sport shows that drive and dedication can make the difference between good and great. I wish him success in the future, and I am very proud to have him as a constituent of the 26th District of Texas.

LILLY LEDBETTER FAIR PAY ACT  
OF 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2007*

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to restore important protections for victims of pay discrimination.

On May 29, 2007, in a 5-4 ruling the Supreme Court issued a decision in the case of Ledbetter v. Goodyear making it much more difficult for workers discriminated against on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, or age to sue their employers because of disparate pay.

In this decision, the Court ruled that Lilly Ledbetter, a former supervisor at a tire plant in Alabama, was not eligible to receive back pay for pay discrimination because she had not filed her claim within 180 days after the first "unlawful employment practice occurred."

However, as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg highlighted in her dissent, pay discrimination occurs over time in small increments and is frequently not discovered for many years. It is more than disappointing that this decision increases the barriers to fair compensation for victims of pay discrimination.

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, of which I am a cosponsor, will allow pay discrimination claims to be filed within 180 days of the issuance of any discriminatory paycheck, not necessarily the first paycheck as the Supreme Court ruled. This legislation restores the previously established interpretation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

H.R. 2831 makes it clear to employers and employees alike that pay discrimination is unacceptable. It is unacceptable from the moment the first discriminatory paycheck is issued until the day that worker receives the compensation s/he earned.

Madam Speaker, pay discrimination is unjust and it is illegal. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting fairness for working families and voting for H.R. 2831.

CHRISTOPHER AUSTIN GROSSMAN  
FOR THE AWARD OF EAGLE  
SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Austin Gross-

man, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Christopher has been involved in scouting, he has earned 34 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Instructor, Patrol Leader and Troop Scribe. Christopher is also an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow and entered the Tribe of Mic-O-Say as Brave Fierce Striking Sandstorm and elevated to Hardway Warrior in 2004. He has also earned the World Conservation Award in February 2003.

For his Eagle Scout project, Christopher designed and procured materials for and supervised the construction of a storage outbuilding for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7356 in Parkville, Missouri. Christopher has also attended the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, and three year attendance at District Camporee and Klondike Derbys.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christopher Austin Grossman for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
JOE HENNIG AS THE EULESS  
CITY MANAGER

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Joe Hennig on the occasion of his retirement on October 1, 2007 after fifteen years of commendable public service. Prior to his appointment as Eules City Manager in 1999, Mr. Hennig began working in Eules as director of development services, assistant city manager and deputy city manager. He also spent twenty-three years with Texas Utilities.

A capable leader, Mr. Hennig has been a guiding force behind many businesses and economic developments in the City of Eules. He facilitated the transformation and improvement of the City's Main Street corridor as well as every major thoroughfare in Eules including Harwood Road, Industrial Boulevard, Pipeline Road and Glade Road. Mr. Hennig also brokered a deal with the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport securing millions of dollars in tax revenue, which in 2002, was used to construct a new police and courts building on Texas 10. Due to Hennig's strategic business foresight, numerous new businesses have opened along Texas Highway 121.

Mr. Joe Hennig has been involved with numerous civic organizations such as the United Way, the Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts of America, the Rotary Club and the YMCA. In addition, he has been an active member in many municipality associations, the most recent of which include North Texas City Management Association, Texas City Management Association, and International City Management Association.

He and his wife, Jan, have a daughter, Shay and a son, Brandon. He also has six

beautiful grandchildren: Isabella, Ava, Jack, Carlie, Claire, and Clint.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my gratitude to Joe Hennig for his numerous years of service and dedication to the City of Eules. His leadership will be greatly missed but his vision for a brighter future for Eules will live forever. I am proud to serve him in the 24th District of Texas.

IN MEMORY OF BOBBY WEBBER

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Bobby Webber, a former state representative from Fort Worth.

Mr. Webber was born Sept. 16, 1937, in Madisonville, Texas. After his family moved to Fort Worth, in the 1940s, he served for five terms in the City Council. After attending Howard University, Mr. Webber joined the Army in 1959, serving in the 101st Airborne as a paratrooper. He was discharged in 1962 and received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of North Texas, my alma mater.

Over the years, Mr. Webber built up several business interests in Fort Worth, including Angelic Webber Funeral Home, Eastwood Village Nursing Home and a family-owned Insurance company.

A continued advocate for Fort Worth's African-American community, Mr. Webber won a seat in the Texas House. He understood the needs of his constituents and represented them with commitment and enthusiasm.

Mr. Webber's dedication to Fort Worth was not simply a matter of politics; it was a matter of heart. He served as pastor of Greater St. James Baptist Church in Fort Worth and Community Missionary Baptist Church in Arlington.

His survivors include his mother, Charlie Mae Webber of Fort Worth; two sisters, Joann Breedlove and Janyce Avery, both of Fort Worth; a brother, Joseph Webber of Fort Worth; and a daughter, Vanessa Jean Webber, and grandson, Alvin James III, of Atlanta.

I would like to recognize Mr. Webber for his tremendous service to Fort Worth and his fellow man. His spirit of fairness and equality should be seen as an example to us all. I was honored to have represented him in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONEST LEADERSHIP OPEN  
GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2007*

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Honest Leadership Open Government Act and commend Speaker PELOSI and Chairman CONYERS for their work to take this important step to restore accountability to Washington and implement this much-needed reform.

S. 1 puts the priorities of American families before special interests, bringing real transparency to lobbyists' activities by doubling the

frequency of lobbyists' reporting and establishing a searchable public database of this disclosure information. It also requires Members of Congress to disclose job negotiations for post-Congressional employment and creates a public database online of Member travel and financial disclosure forms. Further, the Honest Leadership Open Government Act prohibits Members convicted of certain felonies from receiving a congressional pension.

In the first 100 hours of the 110th Congress, we passed new House Rules imposing the toughest ethics standards ever. These rules banned gifts, meals and trips paid for by lobbyists. Today, the House takes the next step in voting on this final House-Senate agreement on ethics and lobby reform.

S. 1 has the support of a wide range of organizations working to increase openness and honesty in government. I would like to include for the RECORD a letter from several major groups including Common Cause, League of Women Voters, and Public Citizen, expressing their support for this bill.

These important reforms cannot be delayed any longer. The Democratic Congress will send this tough lobbying reform bill to the President's desk. I urge him to listen to the American public and sign this bill into law.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS ST. CLAIR  
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF  
EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicholas St. Clair, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 175, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nicholas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has earned 39 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Den Chief to the Pack. Nicholas is also a Tribe Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Nicholas created a secondary emergency evacuation trail at Daniel Young Elementary School for Keystone Park in Blue Springs, Missouri. Nicholas has also earned several special awards including the 12 Month Camper A ward, the Internet Safety Award, and the 50 Miller Award.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nicholas St. Clair for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING REV. WELDON  
G. DANIELS ON RETIREMENT

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of the

Rev. Weldon G. Daniels who is retiring after 37 years as the pastor of Pilgrim Valley Missionary Church.

Mr. Daniels accepted the call as pastor of Pilgrim Valley in January of 1971. Under his leadership, the church's membership growth required a new facility, and over the years, he supervised improvements including the addition of air conditioning and heat for classrooms. The sanctuary was also updated with a sound system, worship furnishings, and he secured donated bibles and hymnals for the growing congregation.

Rev. Daniels ensured that all of the improvements were accomplished in a financially responsible manner, with all notes retired. His leadership also ensured organization of the Prayer Band, a Young Women's Mission and Orientation Committee and the reorganization of the Angel's Choir. Additionally, his leadership inspired twenty-two from the congregation to enter the ministry and an additional twenty-nine to become Associate Pastors.

Rev. Daniels also served as the past president of the Baptist Ministers Union, the Harris Hospital Board, the United Way Board, Chair of the M.L.K. Committee and was both the first African American on the Crime Commission board and founder of Ministers Against Crime (M.A.C.).

I am honored to represent Rev. Daniels and the life of service and community leadership that he embodies for the residents of Southeast Fort Worth.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF  
DUPO, ILLINOIS

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Dupo, Illinois.

In the late 17th century, the French settled the area known as the American Bottom, along the eastern banks of the Mississippi River, between the Illinois and Kaskaskia Rivers. One of the early French settlements was Prairie du Pont which was established around 1750, about a mile south of the village of Cahokia. "Pont" is French for "bridge" and the name was derived from the prairie that was near an old log bridge that crossed a creek at this location. Although a Prairie du Pont school district was officially formed, the community was never incorporated as a village.

One of the geographic advantages of the Prairie du Pont area is that it is about 10 to 12 feet higher than much of the surrounding area. Being in the Mississippi River flood plain, this was probably responsible for early residents of Cahokia settling in the area to escape the frequent floods. This was also an important consideration in the decision of the Missouri Pacific Railroad locating their switching yards there. With the yards came the homes and shops for the railroad workers and soon a new town was born. In 1907, the name Prairie du Pont was shortened and the Village of Dupo was incorporated.

Oil was discovered near Dupo in 1928 and, for a brief period, there was considerable drill-

ing and expectation of a new source of revenue. Within a couple of years, however, it became apparent that the oil field could not sustain further drilling and Dupo remained principally a railroad town. Today, most north-south traffic through this area goes through the Dupo yards.

Just as the railroads were influential in Dupo's formation, another transportation link holds promise for the future. I-255, part of the beltway that encircles the St. Louis metropolitan area, runs right by Dupo and offers exciting opportunities for development. As Dupo celebrates its centennial, it can enjoy its rich history while looking forward to a bright future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Village of Dupo, Illinois and to wish them the best as they move forward in the years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF  
RHETAUGH DUMAS, PH.D, RN,  
FAAN

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Rhetaugh Graves Dumas, PhD, RN, FAAN, who passed way on July 22, 2007.

Rhetaugh Dumas had an exemplary life and career as an esteemed international leader in nursing and health care.

Dr. Dumas served as the dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Michigan from 1981 to 1994 in which she had a major impact on the advancement of nursing, health care, and academic programs. In 1994 she was named vice provost for health affairs and the Lucille Cole Professor of Nursing. She retired from active faculty status in December 2001, after 20 years of service to the University of Michigan.

Before arriving at the University of Michigan Dr. Dumas was a deputy director at the National Institutes of Mental Health. She was the first woman, the first nurse, and the first African-American to serve as a deputy director at NIMH.

Earlier in her career, Dr. Dumas served on the faculty of Yale University's School of Nursing and director of nursing of the Connecticut Medical Health Center at the Yale-New Haven Medical Center.

Dr. Dumas, born in Natchez, Mississippi, received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Dillard University, master's degree in psychiatric nursing from Yale and her Ph.D. degree in social psychology from Union Graduate School, Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Dumas served on a number of national boards and committees including as an appointee to the President's National Bioethics Advisory Committee during the Clinton administration.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in extending the appreciation of the U.S. House of Representatives for all the contributions Rhetaugh Grave Dumas made to our Nation during her extraordinary life.

RECOGNIZING GRANT P. GOULD FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Grant P. Gould, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 433, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Grant has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Grant has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Grant P. Gould for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 824, I was unavoidably absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 825, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 826, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 827, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 828, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 829, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 830, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 831, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 832, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 833, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 834, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 835, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 836, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 837, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 838, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 839, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 840, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 841, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 842, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 843, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 844, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 845, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 846, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING OFFICER NORVELLE BROWN: DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. CLAY. Madam speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Officer Norvelle Brown for being

extremely courageous and dedicated while serving with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Officer Brown was just 22 years old when he was killed in the line of duty while proudly and heroically serving the St. Louis community. His immense contribution to reducing crime in St. Louis, his bravery and his kindness will never be forgotten.

Officer Brown was hired by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department in 2006. In his 11 months of duty, Officer Brown has been an exceptional performer within the Seventh District. He recently received the Chief's Letter of Commendation, which recognized him for going above and beyond the call of duty. In addition to earning the reputation of being a hard working and devoted officer, he loved his job and was committed to keeping the streets safe.

Officer Brown was a passionate public servant, steadfast in his desire to make a positive difference in his community. A graduate of Vashon High School, Officer Brown remained involved with his alma mater by serving as a mentor to students and members of their football team. He was also a coach for the Police Athletic League.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Officer Brown's family and let them know how very proud the St. Louis community is of this remarkable young man. Officer Brown's energy, commitment and dedication to his job made him an extraordinary benefit to the entire St. Louis community. He will live forever in our memories. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring a local hero, Officer Norvelle Brown.

RECOGNIZING NATHAN MICHAEL KELLY FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nathan Michael Kelly, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 205, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities and over the past seven years he has attended camp at the Bartle Scout Reservation. In the summer of 2005, Nathan was part of a crew that went on a 9-day, 50-mile backpacking trip at the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM.

In addition, Nathan is a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and has progressed through the ranks of Foxman, Brave, Warrior, and Firebuilder. Currently, Nathan holds the rank of Tom-Tom Beater. Since Nathan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nathan Michael Kelly for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 817, I was unavoidably absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 818, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 819, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 820, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 821, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 822, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 823, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING KEN WILLMARTH

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Ken Willmarth upon his retirement as the Stanislaus County 4-H Youth Development Advisor with UC Cooperative Extension. Mr. Willmarth was recently honored by workers at a retirement dinner in Modesto, CA.

Ken Willmarth has always been very involved in the community. As a young man he volunteered with the Peace Corps. As the 4-H Youth Development Advisor he guided more than 1,200 4-H members and more than 500 4-H leaders at any given time. Mr. Willmarth continues to be involved in his community through his work with the Stanislaus County Fair and Camp Sylvester. Along with volunteering his time, he plans on working towards an advanced degree from California State University, Stanislaus.

Ken Willmarth has been a pillar in his community, especially within 4-H. Within the organization he has influenced a great number of club members and had the opportunity to work with many more throughout the organization. His involvement in 4-H allowed him to work with community leaders, project leaders and the community at large to benefit youth programs.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Ken Willmarth on his retirement from Stanislaus County. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Willmarth many years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER SHELDON D. SCHULTZ

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CWO Sheldon D. Schultz, a fallen Vietnam veteran whose remains have finally been returned home to Altoona, PA. Schultz was killed in Vietnam in January 1968, when his helicopter was struck by artillery fire. For 39 years, Sheldon Schultz and his crew were unaccounted for.

Sheldon was only 18 years old at the time of his death, but those that knew him described him as a role model, one who looked

out for the neighborhood kids and was excited to serve his country. He joined the U.S. Army immediately following high school, graduating from helicopter pilot school and arriving in Vietnam in 1967. While he only served a little over a year before his death, Schultz earned many honors, including a Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Aviator Wings, and an Expert Marksmanship Badge. In addition, Schultz's name is engraved on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Sheldon Schultz's return home brings comfort and relief to his family, who went years without much information about his death. Madam Speaker, Sheldon Schultz dedicated his life to serving his country. His homecoming is a solemn reminder of the sacrifices our soldiers make in service to our Nation. Our thoughts are with his family, his fellow Vietnam veterans and members of his community. Another soldier has been brought home.

RECOGNIZING LOYD LEROY  
SPICER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Loyd Leroy Spicer of Guilford, Missouri. Loyd celebrated his 90th birthday and it is my privilege to offer him my warmest regards on achieving this important milestone. Loyd is a fine citizen of Missouri and the Guilford community. It is an honor to represent Loyd in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best on this birthday and many more in the future.

NEW DIRECTION FOR ENERGY  
INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SECURITY,  
AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 4, 2007*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure:

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the Udall-Platts amendment. This amendment allows the United States to adopt a renewable portfolio standard of 15 percent by 2020 that fulfills our obligation as the world's lone superpower to be at the forefront in protecting the environment.

The need for a renewable portfolio standard is clear. With only 5 percent of the world population, the United States produces nearly 25 percent of annual global heat-trapping emissions. Electricity generation accounts for fully one-third of these emissions. We have a responsibility and a compelling interest to signifi-

cantly reduce these harmful emissions. Renewable electricity standards offer a smart, affordable climate solution with a proven track record.

Passing a renewable fuel standard not only reduces our nation's harmful impact on the environment, it also makes us more secure. Today, the United States imports nearly 60 percent of its oil from the Middle East and politically unstable nations such as Algeria, Nigeria and Venezuela. As alarming as this statistics is, evidence suggests that unless we change our behavior, the situation will only become more dire. In fact, a recent study found that if the United States continues its current consumption without increasing its domestic production, by 2010 we will have to import 75 percent of our fuel.

To prevent this sort of prediction from becoming a reality, it is crucial, that the United States takes steps to decrease its dependence on foreign oil. The 15 by 20 principle is the answer to this challenge. It can be achieved by tapping a multitude of natural resources. We can harvest the sun and wind to produce new energy. We can grow a wide variety of crops to produce ethanol and biodiesel and we can utilize livestock wastes to produce biogas and generate new power sources.

In addition to the advantages that renewable energy holds in terms of environmental and national security issues, there is also a strong economic incentive as well. Many renewable energy facilities are located near key regions across rural America. These facilities provide good jobs, often near small towns which have suffered from population declines.

Currently, renewable energy accounts for about 14 percent of the world's energy consumption. While this number is encouraging, the United States lags behind. According to a September 2006 report by the Center for American Progress, just over 6 percent of our electricity needs come from renewable energy sources.

We can do better, and, Americans want us to do better. I believe that setting a goal of 15 percent of America's total energy needs from renewable sources by 2020 sets us on the right path. I strongly endorse this amendment and I urge my colleagues to support it.

TRIBUTE TO VIOLET MOORHOUSE,  
U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as chairman of the Committee on House Administration and of the Joint Committee on Printing, I want to recognize Ms. Violet Moorhouse, a long-time map cataloger at the Government Printing Office, who retired on July 31, 2007, following nearly 40 years of dedicated service.

Ms. Moorhouse went to work at the GPO in 1968 committed to serve the public, a commitment strengthened by a desire to do something positive following the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Senator Robert F. Kennedy in 1968. During her long career, Ms. Moorhouse worked in almost every type of library, including public, school, univer-

sity, and special libraries. Prior to GPO, she cataloged documents at the New York Public Library. After working on cataloging general monographs, Ms. Moorhouse turned to map cataloging when maps were brought into GPO's Federal Depository Library Program in the 1970's. She cataloged all types of Federal maps, including serial maps and maps on microfiche and CD-ROM from the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service. She pioneered many currently used cataloging practices for maps while welcoming advances in technology and cataloging that allowed more timely access to these important materials. She also trained incoming librarians in map cataloging, and was generous in sharing her expertise and detailed knowledge of the nuances of Federal maps with others.

During her career, Ms. Moorhouse contributed more than 100,000 bibliographic records to the Catalog of United States Government Publications and initiated many geographic name authority records in the Library of Congress authority database, providing a deep contribution to the field of geophysical data. Her prodigious talents were so valued that in 1998 she received the American Library Association's Map and Geography Round Table (MAGERT) award, which is presented to librarians for outstanding service to map librarianship. Her articles on GPO map cataloging appeared regularly in the MAGERT publication "base line" and in GPO's "Administrative Notes" newsletter. She also wrote the chapter on the Superintendent of Documents classification of maps in GPO's Classification manual. Ms. Moorhouse was active in the ALA's Government Documents Round Table and in the Cartographic Users Advisory Council, as well as in MAGERT.

Ms. Moorhouse earned a B.A. in English and comparative literature at the University of California, Berkeley. She earned an M.L.S. while on a one-year fellowship at Berkeley. She also did graduate work in Far Eastern Regional studies, with an emphasis on China, at the University of the Pacific, and continued her academic studies in the computer and cartographic fields in Washington, D.C.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Ms. Moorhouse for her significant contributions to the GPO through her distinguished service in the Federal Depository Library Program, and extending best wishes for her well-earned retirement.

HONORING CODY GRATER OF  
SPRING HILL, FLORIDA

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an American soldier who gave his life in service to our Nation.

Army Private First Class Cody C. Grater of Spring Hill, Florida was killed in action when he was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade near Baghdad, Iraq. Pfc. Grater is survived by his mother, Anita Lewis, stepfather Larry Decker of Spring Hill and sister Cheyanne Decker.

While standing guard duty on the rooftop of an outpost in Baghdad, Cody's position was

hit by a rocket propelled grenade. He was killed, and another soldier stationed nearby was injured in the blast. During his time in the military, Cody had been awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon and the Combat Action Badge.

Growing up in Hernando County, Cody had attended Springstead High School, where he had many friends and enjoyed working with cars and all things mechanical. An avid military buff as a child, Cody read military themed books and played with toys that dealt with the military. Prior to his enlistment in the Army, Cody was an active part of the Spring Hill Community, working with local elected officials to gain support for the construction of a skateboard park for area youth.

Joining the Army in April, 2006, Cody was assigned to the 407th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team. He then completed Motor Transport Operator Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and was re-assigned as a vehicle driver with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Halfway through his fourteen month tour in Iraq, Cody had planned to re-enlist so that he could work with Blackhawk helicopters. His stepfather said that Cody loved the military and that "it was his goal to make the Army his career, which he loved. He was proud of serving his country." A firm believer in the mission he was fighting in Iraq, Cody was disappointed that people back home in the United States did not see the positive results of the military's efforts there.

Madam Speaker, it is soldiers like Pfc. Cody Grater who have volunteered to protect the freedoms that all Americans hold dear. While brave men and women like Cody have perished in the name of freedom and liberty, his family, friends and loved ones should know that this Congress will never forget his sacrifice and commitment.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF DR.  
JEANNETTE A. ALLEN WILLIAMS

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, it is with heartfelt sympathy that I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to offer a tribute to the memory of Dr. Jeannette A. Allen Williams. Dr. Williams was a remarkable educator and an outstanding role model. With her passing on Wednesday, August 22, 2007, our greater community has lost one of its more valiant leaders. Fortunately, she leaves a legacy that her family, friends and colleagues can recall with a great deal of pride.

Truly, the cities of Newark, Jersey City and Plainfield were blessed to have Dr. Williams in their midst as an educator extraordinaire and as an administrator who always had the best interest of children at the heart of all her initiatives. She was thoughtful, gracious and a consummate professional. As a young teacher at West Side High School in Newark, Dr. Williams would serve as an inspiration to many of her young charges. When she became principal at West Side, she would be the first

black person to be a high school principal in the City of Newark and as a result she raised the bar for all students to realize that they could be anything they set their minds to becoming.

Personally, I knew Dr. Allen for over forty years and was glad to have her as a resident in the 10th Congressional District. Not only did she believe education was important for herself, having achieved advanced degrees but she encouraged her students, nieces, nephews and other relatives to strive for academic excellence. From what I know of many students touched by her, she was successful in her efforts.

Madam Speaker, it is my sincere hope that all those who knew and loved Dr. Jeannette A. Allen Williams will be able to draw comfort from the memories they have of her. I know she will continue to live in their hearts. As a Christian woman, I feel confident in saying that "it is well with her soul."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 821, the vote on final passage of H.R. 3356, I had intended to vote "nay," but mistakenly voted "yea."

HONORING HIS EMINENCE  
WILLIAM CARDINAL KEELER

**HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Cardinal William Henry Keeler, Fourteenth Archbishop of Baltimore.

William Henry Keeler was born March 4, 1931 in San Antonio, Texas, the son of Thomas L. Keeler and Margaret T. (Conway) Keeler. He was raised in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where he attended St. Mary School and Lebanon Catholic High School. He received a RA. from St. Charles Seminary, Overbrook, Philadelphia, in 1952 and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome in 1956.

Ordained a priest on July 17, 1955 in the Church of the Holy Apostles in Rome, Italy by Archbishop Luigi Traglia, the young cleric became assistant pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Marysville, Pennsylvania and secretary of the Diocesan Tribunal. In 1965, he was appointed to serve as Vice Chancellor of the Harrisburg Diocese and Chancellor in 1969. He held the position of Vicar General when he was named Auxiliary Bishop of Harrisburg and Titular Bishop of Uclinium by Pope John Paul II on July 24, 1979.

Pope John Paul II appointed him Bishop of Harrisburg on November 10, 1983, and he was installed as Bishop on January 4, 1984, by His Eminence John Cardinal Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia. He was appointed Archbishop of Baltimore by Pope John Paul II

and was formally installed as 14th Ordinary of the nation's oldest See on May 23, 1989 in ceremonies at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. An influential participant in a wide range of national and international issues, Keeler was elected President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) and the United States Catholic, Conference in November, 1992.

Cardinal Keeler was appointed to the College of Cardinals by Pope John Paul II on November 28, 1994. The Consistory Ceremony took place in the Pope Paul VI Audience Hall in the Vatican City State. As part of his work with the NCCB, Cardinal Keeler developed a reputation for effectively building interfaith bonds. He is particularly noted for his work in fostering an effective Catholic-Jewish dialogue and is the Episcopal Moderator, Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor William Cardinal Keeler, Fourteenth Archbishop of Baltimore. His lifetime devotion to his faith, the Catholic Church and its mission are unsurpassed. It is with great pride that I congratulate Cardinal Keeler on his stellar and exemplary career in the Roman Catholic Church.

RECOGNIZING THE 138TH SESSION  
OF THE FLORIDA ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE FOR THE AFRICAN  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION  
CHURCH

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the 138th Session of the Florida Annual Conference for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

Every year, leaders of the AME Zion Churches throughout the State convene to discuss the Church's past and present, as well as establish a direction for its future. This year's conference will take place at Talbot Chapel AME Zion Church in my district in Northwest Florida, and I welcome the members of the conference to this beautiful area of the Gulf Coast.

As these leaders gather to set a course for the AME Zion Churches in their respective communities throughout the State of Florida, I wish them God's grace in their decision making. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I send my sincere blessings for the success of the 138th Session of the Florida Annual Conference for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

IN HONOR OF JILL MARINO

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jill Marino as she retires following twenty-eight years of dedicated service as an educator.

Ms. Marino began her teaching career in Wyoming. After teaching for a year in Wyoming, she moved to Garfield Elementary School in Loveland, Colorado. Over the course of her twenty-seven years at Garfield Elementary Ms. Marino taught kindergarten as well as third and fourth grade.

As I reflect on the impact that educators have on the lives of their students, I think not only of scholastic standards but of their ability to instill the invaluable desire to learn—to reach for something greater than ourselves. I still remember fondly those special teachers who motivated and encouraged me on my childhood journey. I have no doubt Ms. Marino has made a similarly significant impact on the countless students she has taught over the years.

Madam Speaker, as Ms. Marino begins a new chapter in her life, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing her twenty-eight years of public service and the substantial contributions she has made to the lives of countless children.

TRIBUTE TO ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL AND "AHS 2007: THE ULTIMATE CELEBRATION"

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the great high schools in the Sixth District of Indiana: Anderson High School. During the 2007–2008 academic year, Anderson High School will offer its students a nearly completed new instructional facility for the first time in approximately 3 or more years.

On May 17, 2007, Phase II of the new building was completed and a dedication ceremony was held with Principal Phil Nikirk cutting the ribbons, in symbolic red and green school colors, held by 2 Student Council members. This spectacular facility replaces a beloved landmark of over 100 years, the old Anderson High School building which burned in 1999. It ushers in a new era of history for this proud school.

With this thought in mind, the Anderson High School yearbook staff, which will be celebrating 100 years of student publishing in 2007–2008, will host on Friday, September 7, 2007, "The Ultimate Celebration." During this event, every member of the student body will participate in an all-school student celebration of both the new school building and the oldest student publication in the City of Anderson.

Further, at present, the Anderson High School yearbook, the Indian, will receive written commendation from the Indiana High School Press Association, Indiana University's Department of Journalism, and the Madison County Historical Society.

In addition, students will observe (and no doubt cheer) during the presentation of a new address for the school's famed Indian mascot. This presentation will be made by a descendant of Chief Anderson for whom the City of Anderson is named.

The celebration also will include a presentation by the Marching Indians of their State Fair trophy to the school, and the football team will be recognized.

Speakers are scheduled to include Mr. Carl Erskine, an Anderson High School graduate who has achieved national prominence as a former member of the Dodgers baseball team; Mr. Mike Pace, a descendant of Chief Anderson; and the Honorable Kevin Smith, Mayor of the City of Anderson.

Also speaking is Mr. Johnny Wilson, an Anderson High School graduate and Harlem Globetrotter team member, and Mr. Ray Tolbert, a graduate of Madison Heights High School and former professional basketball player for the Los Angeles Lakers, NBA champions.

To make this experience more meaningful to the students of Anderson High School, the yearbook staff and the school will present every student present on the day of the celebration a book written by Mr. Erskine. The book is entitled, *Tales from the Dodger Dugout*. In it, Mr. Erskine specifically mentions the City of Anderson, the Anderson High School Indians, and his personal humble beginnings. With this gift, the yearbook staff and school hope to encourage reading, teach today's students about their school's "family tree," and offer hope and encouragement to students who might otherwise feel that success only can be obtained by the wealthy.

Seeing Mr. Erskine in person and reading his book will enhance the education of today's Anderson High School students and build pride among the student body for an accomplished graduate. September 7th should be a day and a celebration that will be long remembered in school history, for it will be captured in living color for presentation in the 100th anniversary issue of the Indian yearbook.

Madam Speaker, I again commend Anderson High School for its long history, its newly completed facilities and its distinguished yearbook, the Indian.

HONORING DON BROWNE, A GIANT IN THE TELEVISION INDUSTRY

**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize a man who has been a leader in the media and a strong visionary for the future.

With four decades of experience as a journalist and executive, Don Browne is currently the president of the Telemundo Network. He oversees all functions of the Telemundo television network and its 16 owned-and-operated stations.

In a very short time, Mr. Browne led Telemundo from zero original programming to more than 1,000 hours of original prime-time productions a year produced out of Telemundo Studios' production center based in South Florida. During his tenure, Mr. Browne has set in motion numerous initiatives that have further solidified and defined the network's position within the Spanish-language television landscape, and has helped make it the world's second largest producer of Spanish-language content. Thanks to Mr. Browne's commitment to original programming, Telemundo has carved a unique competitive position in the market, syndicating its program-

ming properties to over 60 countries in more than 20 different languages and distributing its content in a variety of emerging digital media platforms.

Furthermore, Mr. Browne has earned for himself a national reputation for being particularly active in the recruitment and career development of women and minorities. For example, Mr. Browne is the visionary behind the creation and expansion of the bicoastal "Taller Telemundo," an innovative educational program designed to discover, recruit and train the next generation of "telenovela" writers and actors. He is also cofounder and board member of the "Women of Tomorrow Mentor and Scholarship Program" for at risk high school girls. He was a charter member of the NBC News Taskforce on Women and Minorities and currently serves as a member of NBC's Taskforce on Diversity.

For these efforts, he has been correctly recognized with numerous awards for community service such as the prestigious Ida B. Wells Award for his commitment to promote diversity in the workplace and Governor of Florida's Points of Light Award for exemplary service to his community.

I am proud to call Don Browne, his beautiful and brilliant Cuban-born wife, Maria, and their sons Chris and Ryan, my friends, and I am honored to celebrate his 40 years in broadcasting. On behalf of a grateful community, I rise to thank this giant of the television industry for his service, his vision and his leadership.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM J. NORRIS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William J. Norris for 29 years of civil service with the Social Security Administration. Bill has been an invaluable asset to my office for many years, and he retires from the SSA with my gratitude and the heartfelt thanks of thousands of Northeast Ohioans who have been helped by him.

Bill began his career with the SSA as a claims representative in Mansfield, OH. Bill's enthusiasm, work ethic and commitment to his clients carried him through the ranks quickly, and before long he reached the role of supervisor. In 2002, Bill was named the District Manager of the Cleveland Southwest office, a position he has held for 5 years.

Bill also volunteered with the Indian Guides when his children, William and Elizabeth were younger. He remains involved with the Knights of Columbus, and still finds time to devote to his favorite hobby, fishing.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring William J. Norris for his distinguished career of civil service. As he leaves for his well-deserved retirement to spend more time with his wife Mary, I thank him on behalf of the thousands of social security beneficiaries who have been touched by his compassion and dedication.

PROVIDING FOR CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3311, AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND RECONSTRUCTION OF INTERSTATE I-35 BRIDGE IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA; MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF S. 1927, PROTECT AMERICA ACT OF 2007; AND MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3222, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 4, 2007*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1927, a temporary bill to renew the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, FISA, to provide procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information.

As a member of the Committee on Homeland Security, I know that the recent National Intelligence Estimate contains a stark warning about our vulnerability to terrorist attacks. S. 1927 intends to fill an intelligence gap that exists in the original FISA law and due in part to a recent court ruling regarding the surveillance of foreign suspects. S. 1927 seeks to make clear the procedures for obtaining warrants for the surveillance of domestic and foreign terrorist suspects. Reform in the intelligence-gathering arena is particularly necessary as the worlds of technology and communications rapidly change. Clearer laws and boundaries enable our intelligence agencies to respond swiftly against terror suspects.

Although I believe in providing our intelligence agencies with the necessary tools to protect our Nation from terrorism, I am also concerned that we do so without limiting Americans' liberties and rights to privacy. Because of the seriousness of the threats we face, we cannot delay in giving needed direction to our intelligence agencies. However, I share many of my colleagues' concerns with this bill. While S. 1927 includes a provision to sunset in 6 months, I support Speaker PELOSI's call to the House Committee on the Judiciary and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to revisit this issue as soon as possible when Congress reconvenes. Congress should continue to work to find a balance between protecting our Nation, and protecting the freedoms that have made our Nation great.

HONORING 125 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE BY THE FIREFIGHTERS OF GOOD WILL FIRE COMPANY IN BELVIDERE, NEW JERSEY

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the volunteer firefighters of Good Will Fire Company No. 1 in Belvidere, New Jersey. For the past 125

years, they have faithfully guarded their neighbors. I commend them for their extraordinary service.

The Good Will Fire Company was first formed in 1879 and officially incorporated on April 26, 1882. It has relied upon the dedication of volunteer firefighters throughout its rich history. Changes in demographics, lifestyle choices, and regulatory requirements have made it harder to recruit volunteers, but the men and women of this fire company make up for the open spots with their tremendous commitment and spirit.

Many of the current members of Good Will Fire Company have fire fighting in their blood, fulfilling a legacy of service. And, there are also those at Good Will that have sons and daughters ready to step into their boots.

On August 18th, the Good Will Fire Company celebrated their service with a parade. The people of Belvidere are well-aware of how fortunate they are to have these men and women protecting their lives and homes and businesses. And, I join them in honoring these brave firefighters.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS DANA M. GAINES

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Petty Officer First Class Dana M. Gaines, United States Navy, for twenty years of active duty naval service.

From his entrance into the navy in 1987 all the way up to his retirement twenty years later, Petty Officer Gaines exemplified what it means to be great leader. Early on in his career, he became the first sailor to be appointed President of the Army's Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers' program. In this role, he oversaw the service of over 1500 soldiers and sailors. Later in his career, Petty Officer Gaines was commissioned to Fort George G. Meade in Maryland where he served as the lead instructor and course manager for report writing course IS-222.

Petty Officer Gaines' great achievements in the U.S. Navy have not gone unrecognized. His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Award, the Armed Forces Service Medal, as well as six overseas service awards, among others.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing Petty Officer Dana M. Gaines for twenty years of active duty naval service. As he retires from active duty to spend more time with his wife Kristy and children Christopher and Jarin, I and the country are grateful for his service.

NEW DIRECTION FOR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, August 4, 2007*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill. (H.R. 3221) moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 3221, the New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act; and H.R. 2776, the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007.

As forward thinking as this legislation is Madam Chairman, it is by no means a perfect bill. This legislation contains a Renewable Portfolio Standard for investor-owned electric companies that I voted against, and remain opposed to as I believe it places an unfair burden on my state of North Carolina and the other Southeastern states. It is my hope that this RPS can be corrected in conference so that certain states are not placed with the burden of funding initiatives in other states.

These two pieces of legislation truly represent a new direction in our nation's energy policy. This legislation will move the United States toward greater energy independence and security by developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure.

H.R. 3221 provides incentives that will increase research and development in clean energy technologies, raise efficiency standards for appliances and lighting, and direct the Federal Government to become a leader in reducing energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. H.R. 2771 will expand tax incentives and bonds for renewable energy, energy efficiency and renewable fuels as well as incentives for consumers to purchase plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and energy efficient appliances.

This legislation will put our nation on a path towards energy independence, it will strengthen national security, grow our economy, and create new jobs. It does so by investing in the future, in new energy technologies and innovation.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, August 4, 2007, I was unable to cast my floor vote on roll call numbers 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845 and 846.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on the following roll call votes 837 and 846, and "nay" on the following roll call votes 836, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844 and 845.

JAIME BARTON—"LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR"

### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jaime Barton for receiving the "John's Labor Leader of the Year Award" from the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO.

Jaime Barton began his career with the Cement Masons Local 744 San Diego in 1982 right out of high school. In 1988, Jaime was approached by the financial secretary of the local to become the apprenticeship coordinator for the Cement Masons apprenticeships. In 1990, Jaime was elected as a business agent for the local, a position that he currently serves in today.

In 1999, Jaime graduated from Mesa College with an associate degree and continued his educational quest at the George Meany Labor College with a bachelors degree in the political economics of labor. In addition, Jaime has been a trustee of the San Diego County Cement Mason Trusts Funds since 1992. Jaime is also a speaker, moderator and trustee committee member of the International Foundation of Employee Benefits.

Jaime has been closely involved with the Cement Mason Apprenticeship Dedicated Donation's Projects which helps many non-profit organizations in San Diego County. Projects completed included the San Diego Blind Center, San Diego Children's Museum, Habitat for Humanity, several Little League ball parks, elementary schools, Disabled Children's Homes of San Diego County, the Sheriff's County SWAT White House Project and at several churches of all denominations.

Jaime recently became a member of the LEAD San Diego Graduate Program, which develops future leaders of San Diego County. Jaime also sits on many boards and commissions, including the San Diego County Building and Trades Council, San Diego Labor Council, the John S. Lyons Memorial Foundation, the City of San Diego Housing and Advisory and Appeals Board, the United Way of San Diego County and the American Red Cross of San Diego County.

Jaime Barton is highly deserving of this award and he received it from a very distinguished labor council that goes far beyond the call of duty on behalf of all working men and women who reside in San Diego County.

IN RECOGNITION OF DETECTIVE  
ROBERT T. SOLTIS

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Detective Robert T. Soltis

on the occasion of his retirement, and to thank him for thirty-seven years of service protecting the citizens of Garfield Heights.

Detective Soltis joined the force on January 1, 1970. Since that day he has been dedicated to making Garfield Heights a safer and more vibrant community. Detective Soltis took his obligation to his community seriously, and never has wavered in his commitment to public safety.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the distinguished career of Detective Robert T. Soltis. As he retires to spend more time with his wife, Juanita, and children Robert, Sharon, Lenny, Pamela and Jennifer, I congratulate him for his career of distinction. May his commitment to protection of the public good serve as an example for future generations.

HONORING REVEREND BILLY  
DEAN

### HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Billy Dean of Hamilton County, Tennessee. We celebrate Reverend Dean's 60th year in the ministry and his 77th birthday.

Billy Dean was born on September 20, 1930, to parents James Thomas and Kate Dean. He had four brothers and one sister.

Billy began his religious pursuit in a small country church in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee. He attended Kirkman Vocational High School and graduated in 1950. Billy entered the ministry when he was seventeen and pastured at Shanty Town Baptist on Sand Mountain. Because of his commitment to the ministry, Billy would ride the bus to Trenton and walk up the mountain to church for morning and evening services on Sunday.

Billy married Jo Whitmire in 1953 and became the proud parents of a three year old son, Vince, when they adopted him in 1962. After his marriage Billy attended Tennessee Temple Baptist College in Chattanooga.

Reverend Dean went on to pastor several Baptist churches, including Philadelphia Baptist and Maranatha Baptist, as well as serving as a detective for 28 years at the Chattanooga Police Department. Billy retired from the police department in 1991.

In 1992, Frawley Road Baptist approached Billy to come as interim pastor to help them get through a difficult period for the church. After 15 years, Billy is still pastor at the growing Frawley Road church and his son, Vince, is now Music Director and Associate Pastor.

I have been a friend of Billy Dean for many years. I have firsthand given witness to his extraordinary testimony and even watched his son enter public service as a result of his father's walk of faith. State Representative Vince Dean carries on the Dean tradition in the Tennessee General Assembly as we hail this family for their lifetime of service and faithfulness to God and His people.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the United States House of Representatives join me in celebrating Reverend Dean's birthday and thanking him for his commitment to the Kingdom of God here on earth.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF  
TEMPE ON THE GRAND OPENING  
OF THE TEMPE CENTER FOR  
THE ARTS

### HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the gala opening of the Tempe Center for the Arts, in my hometown of Tempe, Arizona. This wonderful event has been years in the making, and is the culmination of the collective efforts of our citizens, volunteers, and city staff under the leadership of a forward-thinking mayor and city council.

This opening could not have happened without the visionary voters of Tempe who, in May 2000, demonstrated their commitment to local arts by passing Proposition 400. That measure dedicated a small source of funding to support the development, construction and operation of the center.

This opening would not be possible without the leadership of the Tempe City Council—both past and present—who under the leadership of former Mayor Neil Giuliano, I showed an unyielding commitment to making Tempe an even stronger community. Their foresight helped make the Center for the Arts one of the hallmark structures along the shore of the Tempe Town Lake—a shining reminder of how the arts can enrich our lives every day.

Let me also recognize the unsung heroes of this project: the Tempe city staff and the army of volunteers who worked every day, and made significant sacrifice, to make this project a reality. Their work serves as a glowing example of what great things can happen Tempeans work together.

Let me tell you something about this magnificent facility. It is a truly multipurpose building with 88,000 square feet, complete with a 600-seat theater, a 200-seat studio, 3,500 square feet of gallery space for showcasing visual art and 3,400 square feet of meeting and event space. The art theme even extends to the outdoors with a 17-acre park and sculpture garden.

The building itself is a work of art designed by Tempe's own Architekton in collaboration with Barton Myers Associates of Los Angeles. The soaring roofline and expanse of windows overlooking the Tempe Town Lake truly makes this a "jewel in the crown" for the City of Tempe and its citizens.

What I really appreciate about the new Center is that it has been driven by citizen input from the very beginning. At the outset, the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission worked tirelessly on all aspects of the project and stayed true to the vision of a professional level facility which would serve the community.

Just last year, the Friends of the Tempe Center for the Arts formed as a separate non-profit entity whose stated mission is to "support the artistic activities of the Tempe Center for the Arts; support a system of funding through public, private and philanthropic sources; encourage and foster appreciation of the arts for future generations, and help to develop the Tempe Center for the Arts to be known in the community and regionally as a dynamic center for exciting cultural experiences."

Based on the quality of the finished project, I would have to say that the original vision is well on its way to fruition.

To the thousands of people who had a hand in bringing this wonderful venue to the citizens of Tempe, I say thank you and well done.

HONORING DON BROWNE

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the work and accomplishments of a visionary leader in the television industry and the impact he has made upon the South Florida community.

With four decades of experience as a journalist, Don Browne is currently the president of the Telemundo Network. He oversees all functions of the Telemundo television network and its 16 owned and operated stations and played a key part in acquiring and integrating Telemundo into the NBC global family.

In a very short time, Mr. Browne led Telemundo from zero original programming to more than 1,000 hours of original prime-time productions a year produced out of Telemundo Studios' production center based in South Florida. During Mr. Browne's tenure, the network has become the world's second largest producer of Spanish-language content, due in part to several initiatives he set forth. Mr. Browne oversaw the launch of the successful Yahoo!Telemundo partnership and the inauguration of the network's state of the art headquarters and news bureau in Mexico City, as well as the successful relaunch of mun2, a Latino channel for youth. Thanks to Mr. Browne's commitment to original programming, Telemundo has carved a unique competitive position in the market, syndicating its programming properties to over 60 countries in more than 20 different languages and distributing its content in a variety of emerging digital media platforms.

After working for CBS for more than a decade, Mr. Browne joined the NBC team, where he earned a national reputation for being particularly active in the recruitment and career development of women and minorities. For example, Mr. Browne is the visionary behind the creation and expansion of the bi-coastal "Taller Telemundo," an innovative educational program designed to discover, recruit and train the next generation of "telenovela" writers and actors. He is also co-founder and board member of the "Women of Tomorrow Mentor and Scholarship Program" for at-risk high school girls. He was a charter member of the NBC News Taskforce on Women and Minorities and currently serves as a member of NBC's Taskforce on Diversity.

Numerous awards and accolades have been given to him in recognition of his dedication to community service. The prestigious Ida B. Wells Award was bestowed on Mr. Browne in 2004 for his commitment to promote diversity in the work place. In 2006, he was the recipient of the Governor of Florida's Points of Light Award for exemplary service to his community.

I am privileged to have a friend in Don Browne and grateful for his service to our

community. It is an honor to celebrate Mr. Browne's 40 years in broadcasting. His foresight and innovation have left an indelible mark on South Florida.

HONORING BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bethel Community Church, a small, non-denominational church in Newberry, Michigan. For 100 years, this church has served as an anchor in the Newberry community, helping its congregation celebrate the good times and weather the bad times.

Bethel Community Church is steeped in local history. Prior to erection of the current church, a group of Christian families first began meeting in the home of Margaret "Grandma" Walker and later held services at Pratt School. The Bethel Community Church was dedicated in August of 1907.

The name of the new church was selected from Genesis 28:17-19, wherein Jacob, after spending a safe night of sleep, established an altar and named the place "Bethel," meaning the House of God. Bethel is further mentioned in Genesis 35:1-15, and is a town 12 miles north of Jerusalem. In the Old Testament, the only place mentioned more often than Bethel is Jerusalem.

Sunday School at Bethel Community Church began in the 1890s and was initiated by "Grandma" Walker, who would hold meetings in her home. When the number of attendees exceeded the capacity of her home, the Sunday School class was moved closer to Pratt School. Margaret "Grandma" Walker's family would remain active in the church and her family would leave an indelible mark on the church's history. "Grandma" Walker's daughter, Gladys Matelski, was more than just a member of the congregation, she was a Sunday School teacher and church organist for more than 50 years before her passing in 1996.

As church attendance continued to grow in the late 1800s, members began talking about building a church home. Around 1901, a Ladies Aid Society was established to begin raising funds toward a church building. In 1905, the present land site was donated by Tom Smith's family and construction began. The early Newberry community rallied together and with members of the congregation volunteering their time and effort to build the church. Tithes provided the funding for the materials.

The original church building is still used today for bible study, worship services, Sunday School services and meetings of the church's "Christian Endeavor Society." Eventually, worship services were held on alternate Sundays with the Christian Endeavor Society.

As a small, non-denominational church, Bethel relies on area ministers to conduct their worship services. Frequently, pastors from the Methodist Church serve in the pulpit, but ministers and pastor from the Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist, and Wesleyan churches have all provided services for area residents.

Through the commitment of its congregation, the church continued to improve. In the

1920s, a basement, bathroom and classroom were added to the original church building. In the 1940s, another room was added, creating more classroom area and a dining area for potluck suppers and other church activities. These additions continue to be used for Sunday School, bible study classes, meetings, quilting of the Ladies Aid Society and other functions of this small church—including the upcoming 100th Anniversary celebration.

Today, Bethel Community Church remains a vital part of the local Newberry community, averaging 22 worshipers each Sunday and 10 worshipers for Sunday Bible Study. The church invites area residents and visitors to attend its Sunday services. Presently copastored by Reverends Forrest and Lois Rank, Sunday School/Bible Study is held each Sunday, followed by worship service.

Madam Speaker, this small church has played an important role in the Village of Newberry. This Sunday the people of Newberry will observe Bethel Community Church's 100 years of service. As Newberry honors this pillar of its community, I would ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating the church's congregation and honoring this piece of Newberry's history.

CONGRATULATING CHANDLER LITTLE LEAGUE NATIONAL ALL-STAR TEAM

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 4, 2007*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chandler Little League National All-Star Team from my home state of Arizona. They played a tremendous season and made it all the way to the United States Semifinal round of the 2007 Little League Baseball World Series.

Arizona is a young state, but is rich in baseball history. Our Cactus League is the home to the Spring Training sites of a dozen major league teams. Future major league stars blossom in the Arizona Fall League. Minor league baseball has long called Arizona home, and our state's collegiate baseball and softball teams frequently outperform their peers.

But I can tell you from experience that in Arizona, we are most proud of our Little Leaguers. We are proud of the boys and girls who play not for money or fame, but for the love of the game. And, today, all of us in Arizona are especially proud of each and every player on the Chandler team.

Over the last six weeks, this group of 13 young baseball stars played their hearts out to achieve an impressive 23 to 3 record. They played in Prescott, Arizona, California and went all the way to Williamsport, Pennsylvania as they represented the U.S. West Division with spirit and determination.

Even more important than learning about how great success on the field can feel, I know the members of this team learned valuable life lessons: the importance of teamwork, what it means to have a teammate depend on you, and why it is important to practice sportsmanship. As a former teacher and coach, I know these lessons are as important as any of the lessons they will learn in the classroom.

So, Madam Speaker, I am proud to enter into the Congressional Record—for all the nation to see—the names of the members of the Chandler Little League National All-Stars: Dal-

ton Krum, Cody Bellinger, Matthew Haggerty, James Ziegler, Jake McCann, Boston Whitlow, Connor Woods, Seth Fretheim, Edgar Galiz, Scott Wojnar, Skyler Palermo, Luke Parrish,

Kyle Pechloff; Coaches Clay Bellinger and Chris McCann; and Manager Jeff Parrish.

They have made all of Arizona proud.