With great appreciation and respect, we wish you continued abundant grace as you continue to labor for your Lord, Jesus Christ.

TRIBUTE TO DR. CARSON EOYANG

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, today I would like to commend Dr. Carson Eoyang on completing 33 years of federal service.

Last week Dr. Eoyang retired as the Chancellor of National Intelligence University and the Assistant Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Education and Training. He had served in this position since shortly after the creation of the DNI and endeavored to forge a viable National Intelligence University from the various and diverse education elements of the Intelligence Community.

Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Eoyang most notably instituted much-needed, community-wide policies on curricula and standards, and ensured that all Intelligence Community training courses were available to students from anywhere in the community and not just the hosting agency. He successfully advocated for additional funding for training and education, to include critical linguist and analyst training.

Dr. Eoyang brought a wealth of experience to his time at the DNI. Prior to his service with the DNI, Dr. Eoyang served as the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he was responsible for academic administration. He also ran the School's executive education programs.

A truly dedicated public servant, Dr. Eoyang previously worked at the Office of Science and Technology Policy at the White House to advance distance learning initiatives and interagency technology collaboration. He has also served as the Director of Training at two federal agencies, the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Dr. Eoyang also had significant experience with the intelligence community prior to his assignment at the DNI. Earlier in his career, he served as the Director for PERSERC, the Defense Personnel and Security Research Center, where he conducted research on espionage, security, and counterintelligence.

Dr. Eoyang's long and noteworthy history in management experience was recognized when he was named to the study group for the National Performance Review, the highly respected effort to reinvent government led by Vice President Al Gore.

In addition to his distinguished career in the Senior Executive Service, Dr. Eoyang was a tenured professor of Management at the Naval Postgraduate School, where he taught leadership to the Nation's naval officers. He earned his Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior from Stanford University, and his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Eoyang is an exemplar of all the qualities that I value highly: integrity, professionalism, and commitment to diversity. Dr. Eoyang's superlative career reflects positively on the many agencies and institutions he has touched.

I thank Dr. Eoyang for his service to the nation, and wish him success in his future endeavors. I extend my best wishes to his wife, Kemay, and his children, Mieke, Mason, and Lian, who have supported and encouraged this dedicated, remarkable man in all of his pursuits.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF SHIRLEY UNDERWOOD, RESIDENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of Judge Shirley Underwood, a resident of the First Congressional District of Tennessee, who passed away October 7, 2007.

Judge Underwood received her law degree from the University of Tennessee in 1948. She first practiced law in Bristol with her father. She was appointed juvenile court judge by Governor Buford Ellington in 1961 and in 1962, was elected to an 8-year term. She was re-elected four times by overwhelming margins. Upon retirement in 2002, Judge Underwood had the longest tenure of any current juvenile court judge in Tennessee and one of the longest in the Nation.

Judge Underwood was the first woman to be elected by UT alumni of the First Congressional District to serve as their representative on the UT board of governors. She was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Law in 1984 and received its Alumni Leadership Award in 1989.

In 1956, she married Dr. Charles T.R. Underwood. Judge Underwood was an active member of Central Baptist Church.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me this evening in offering our sympathies to the family and friends of Judge Shirley Underwood. She was dedicated to her family and her service to the residents of east Tennessee.

Her service is greatly appreciated, and she will be deeply missed.

TRIBUTE TO MR. GEORGE L. PIRO

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. George L. Piro, in recognition of being awarded the Federal Bureau of Investigation Director's 2007 Award for Excellence. Mr. Piro received this award of special achievement for his actions while assigned as the Team Leader for the sensitive interrogations of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and senior leaders of his regime.

Mr. Piro's exemplary actions as team leader of the High Value Detainees Team and as primary interrogator of Saddam Hussein resulted in the successful conduct of extremely sensitive and critical interviews. The results of Mr. Piro's interviews led to the November 6, 2006 conviction for genocide and eventual execution of Saddam Hussein. Mr. Piro's efforts on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were crucial in determining the extent of Iraq's relationship with Al-Qadea.

In addition to his work as a FBI Supervisory Special Agent, Mr. Piro has also been recognized in the past as an exemplary police officer for the City of Ceres, California and as a Criminal Investigator II for Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office.

Originally from California's Central Valley, Mr. Piro joined the United States Air Force before beginning his career in law enforcement with the City of Ceres Police Department in 1989. Working his way up the ranks Mr. Piro became a Criminal Investigator II for the Stanislaus County District Attorney's office where he investigated felony cases involving career criminals and was assigned to the Stanislaus County Drug Enforcement Agency. In 1999, Mr. Piro began his career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. First assigned to the Phoenix, Arizona Field Office, Mr. Piro then became the Team Leader and Lead Interrogator of the Saddam Hussein Interrogation Team in Baghdad, Iraq. Currently, Mr. Piro serves as Supervisor of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force in the Washington, DC Field Office.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. George Piro for his outstanding service to our nation and congratulating him on receiving the Federal Bureau of Investigation Director's Award for Excellence.

IN MEMORY OF HENRY ''HANK'' SPRINGER

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Henry ''Hank'' Springer, who passed away Sunday at age 84.

When Hank Springer became my football and track and field coach 45 years ago at Huntington Park High School in Southern California, little did I know that I also was gaining a mentor and a lifelong friend. Of all the teachers I have ever had, no one had a greater impact on me than Coach Springer.

Standing at about 6 foot 5 inches and weighing about 255 pounds, Coach Springer was nonetheless a gentle man who always put his students' education before their athletics. In spite of that—or perhaps because of it—he brought out the best in his athletes, bringing us to championship after championship.

We stayed close over the years, and he would recall decades later things I had done as his student. Even his wife, Doris, recalled just months ago how I would call in the school's sports scores to the Signal newspaper for a dollar a week. Teachers, mentors, and friends like that are very special.

Coach Springer was himself a champion athlete, having won the National Championship as a shotputter at Compton Junior College, a feat he repeated at the University of Southern California, where he earned his teaching credential and obtained a master's degree. Once at Huntington Park High School, he brought both football and track and field league championships to the school.

In 1959, Coach Springer led his football team to the pinnacle of success by winning

the Los Angeles City Schools Championship. Many of his students went on to collegiate and professional success.

Included in Coach Springer's accolades, championships, achievements, and awards was a life achievement award from the California Scholastic Federation.

Coach Springer retired in 1983 and became an avid fisherman. He was already an avid family man and friend.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in honoring Hank Springer for his positive impact on student athletes and in mentoring them to be as competitive in their studies as they were on the field. In addition, I know my colleagues join me in extending our condolences to Doris, their sons, Mark and Brian, and to all who called Coach Springer a friend.

Godspeed, Coach.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I regrettably missed rollcall vote 961 (H. Res. 738). Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall 961: "yes."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE VETERANS FIRST FOUNDATION ON RECEIVING THE 2007 ADVOCACY AWARD

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, whereas, the dedicated people of the Veterans First Foundation provide a vital public service; and

Whereas, serve the veterans of Ohio admirably; and

Whereas, the volunteers who serve the organization selflessly give of their time; and

Whereas, the Veterans First Foundation has a long history of serving the community; be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the Veterans First Foundation for its unwavering commitment and dedication to the veterans of Ohio. Congratulations to the Veterans First Foundation for their selection to receive the 2007 ADVOCACY award from the Governor's Council on People with Disabilities.

RECOGNITION OF WORLD FOOD DAY

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, today we celebrate World Food Day, a day to focus on global food security. In the city of Des Moines, a very significant observance of World Food Day will take place—the first Iowa Hunger Summit. Representatives from many hunger fighting organizations from across America will join hundreds of Iowans in a day-long focus on increasing efforts to eliminate malnutrition, poverty and human suffering.

This event will be the first of a week-long series of World Food Prize programs and events that will draw individuals from more than 60 countries for an in-depth discussion of the global challenges facing biofuels and bio-renewable energy.

Joining all of these events will be Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Congressional Gold Medal recipient, who is credited with saving a billion lives through the green revolution. Dr. Borlaug is an Iowa native and the founder of the World Food Prize, who returns each October to his home state to present the $250,000 award which has become known as the Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture.

I am very pleased that Iowa's Governor, Chet Culver and our three immediate past governors Robert D. Ray, Terry Branstad, and Thomas Vilsack plan to attend the summit. I am proud to see our Iowa leadership come together for such a worthy common cause—ending world hunger.

That was why I was so pleased to join with other members of the Iowa Congressional Delegation as we worked to get Dr. Borlaug the Congressional Gold Medal, America's highest civilian honor.

I ask members of both parties to join with me in a World Food Day commitment to help reduce hunger both at home and abroad. In doing so, we will be honoring Dr. Borlaug's legacy and supporting the important work that is taking place at the Iowa Hunger Summit in Des Moines.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN C. MACAULEY ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friend and constituent John C. (Jack) Macauley on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday. Jack has dedicated most of his adult life to serving his country and his community. It is with great pride and respect that I join in recognizing Jack's accomplishments and celebrating this amazing milestone.

Jack Macauley was born in Brooklyn on October 23, 1917. Like so many young men of his generation, he enlisted in the military in March 1943 and was assigned to duty in the 17th Airborne Division, 513th Parachute Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion. Jack served with distinction and was ultimately promoted to platoon staff sergeant. During his tour of duty in the European theatre, Jack participated in the Battle of the Bulge and Operation Varsity, fought in the German Rhineland and throughout Central Europe and, during a critical campaign, parachuted into Wesel, Germany. Jack was honorably discharged on October 20, 1945 after earning his Paratrooper Wings, Combat Infantryman Badge, three Silver Stars, a Bronze Arrow, Purple Heart, Bronze Star and a Presidential Unit Citation.

After serving with distinction in the Army, Jack returned to the United States to continue his service to his country. In 1946, he joined the New York City Police Department where he was eventually promoted to Detective, Second Grade. In the course of 20 years of service in the NYPD, Jack was recognized for outstanding performance on many occasions, earning him the Combat Cross, three Honorable Mentions and thirteen other citations. Jack's career in the police department was highlighted when he was voted "Policeman of the Month" in November of 1953.

Jack retired from the New York City Police Department in 1966 and took a civilian job as a manager with the United States Postal Service, where he served with pride until his retirement in 1981.

Jack is fortunate to be married to Cecelia Marr Macauley. Together they've had three children, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Earlier this year, Jack attended the final reunion of the 17th Airborne Division as part of a "Farewell to a Distinguished Association". Jack joined many of his surviving brothers in arms to celebrate the heroism and accomplishments of the 17th Airborne and all of the brave men who served our Nation during World War II.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and admiration that I rise in this chamber to honor my good friend, Jack Macauley, for a lifetime of heroism and accomplishment and to wish him well as he celebrates his ninetieth birthday.

NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2895) to establish the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families:

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 2895, the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007. I am extremely pleased to see this legislation, which will help thousands of low-income individuals and families, be considered by the House.

I praise the goals of this legislation, and thank Chairman FRANK and his staff for the hard work and advocacy on behalf of the families that will benefit from the funding of clean, safe, and healthy environments in which to live. One of the goals of this legislation to produce, rehabilitate, and preserve 1.5 million affordable housing units over the next 10 years is extremely important to not only those families who will benefit from the improvements, but also to our nation's economy and productivity.

Individuals and families that have adequate housing can focus their efforts on work and raising their families, instead of worrying about the state of disrepair of their house or housing unit. Homeownership exemplifies the American Dream. This dream is increasingly difficult for many to realize, even after years of hard work and strife. The National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act will assist those individuals who may have believed homeownership to be out of reach by helping them with down payments and other costs associated with first-time home buying.