

HONORING THE 86TH BIRTHDAY OF  
THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RE-  
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**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 1, 2001*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I commend the men and women who serve in the United States Naval Reserve. On March 3, 2001, the Naval Reserve will celebrate its 86th Birthday. Today almost 90,000 Naval Reservists stand alongside their active duty colleagues in defense of our nation in the preservation of our freedoms both here and abroad.

The Naval Reserve is an essential asset in assisting the United States Navy meet the challenges of an unpredictable and dangerous world. As the last remaining superpower, the United States has been, and will be, called on to protect our interest throughout every region of the World. The Naval Reserve stands ready to meet that challenge.

This year, our country will mark the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the entrance of the United States in World War II. In Hawaii, the USS *Arizona* and the USS *Missouri* serve as a symbol to both the beginning and the ending of one of America's finest hours. For these two ships serve as a vivid reminder of the sacrifices, including their very lives, that were given by active and duty reserve sailors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to recognize the contribution Naval Reservists make each and every day on behalf of this nation.

IN HONOR OF BROOKS COUNTY  
AND ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 1, 2001*

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the 90th Anniversary of Brooks County, Texas. Brooks County was created in 1911 and will commemorate its 90th anniversary at a celebration on Saturday, March 3, 2001.

Led by County Judge Homer Mora and County Commissioners Gloria Garza, Ramon Navarro, Raul M. Ramirez, and Salvador Gonzalez, Brooks County is entering an era of new beginnings. The county is currently working on several projects to stimulate economic development, improve its infrastructure, and preserve its heritage and culture.

Compromising more than 900 square miles, Brooks County is between the Nueces and Rio Grande Rivers in South Texas. Brooks County is a ranching area famous for its cattle breeding and meat production, including gaming grounds for deer, turkey, javelina, and a variety of birds. The area is also known for its agricultural industry, including products such as cotton, peanuts, vegetables, and melons. Brooks County's most valuable resource is its 9,000 residents, whose active participation in their community is evident through their commitment to historic preservation and volunteer spirit.

Some of the points of interest in historic Brooks County include the Heritage Museum of Falfurrias, a shrine to Don Pedrito Jaramillo,

and the first highway in Texas, a 20-mile section completed in 1920.

BILL TO DESIGNATE FEDERAL  
BUILDING IN MEDINA, OHIO AS  
THE DONALD J. PEASE FEDERAL  
BUILDING

**HON. SHERROD BROWN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 1, 2001*

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Don Pease began his long and distinguished congressional career in 1976, a time when Gerald Ford was President of the United States and Ohio's 13th District was characterized by growing industrialization and rural communities. Upon his retirement in 1992, Don Pease could look back and see a fundamentally changed landscape he helped shape on both a local and national level.

A native of Oberlin, Ohio, Pease is a graduate of Ohio University and served on the Oberlin City Council, in the Ohio House and Senate, and as editor of the Oberlin News-Tribune. In 1976, he won election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Pease spearheaded the fight for human rights protections with his standing on the International Relations Committee. Five years later, he secured a seat on the House Ways and Means Committee and further dedicated himself to tax policy.

Don's numerous legislative victories were marked by an ability to reach consensus. His efforts to work with both sides of the aisle include service on the conference committee for the hotly debated tax reform bill of 1986, and mediation between congressional leaders and the Bush administration on tax policy and China's most-favored nation status.

Since leaving Congress, Pease has returned to Ohio. He has served on the Board of Amtrak, and currently serves as Visiting Distinguished Professor in Oberlin College's Department of Politics.

Don Pease was, and still is, committed to Ohio's working families. His efforts to improve education, expand access to health care, and support workers have made a difference in our lives. By renaming the Medina Federal Building at 143 West Liberty Street in Medina, Ohio, as the "Donald J. Pease Federal Building," this bill honors his hard work in the district he loves so much.

Don Pease was held in high regard as both an ethical and able legislator. He devoted 16 years of service to the 13th District, the state of Ohio, and the nation. I am pleased to join eleven bipartisan colleagues in Ohio in recognizing his dedication to improving people's lives. Thank you.

A TRIBUTE TO RETIRING COL.  
TONY J. BUCKLES

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 1, 2001*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to recognize the outstanding service to our Nation by Colonel Tony J. Buckles, who

will be retiring from the Army on April 1, 2001 after a distinguished career that has spanned over 30 years of dedicated service. Tony Buckles distinguished himself as a leader who epitomized the modern American professional soldier.

Tony Buckles' illustrious career as an Armor Officer embodied all of the Army's values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage.

Colonel Buckles demonstrated his outstanding tactical and operational expertise in numerous command and staff positions overseas and in the continental United States. Continually serving in positions of ever-increasing responsibility, the highlights of his career include serving as an Armor Company Commander three times and the youngest Armor Battalion Commander in the Army. Tony served as the Chief of Plans and Operations at the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany at the peak of the Cold War. He was responsible for the development and evaluation of warfighting skills for all armor and mechanized forces in the European Theater.

Tony's talent for solving complex management problems complemented his proven operational skill. During Operation DESERT STORM, Colonel Buckles spearheaded the \$2.6 billion dollar total package fielding of the Light Armored Vehicle to the Saudi Arabian National Guard. His subsequent assignment was Chief, Combat Arms Division, US Total Army Personnel Command, where he was responsible for the career management of 28,000 combat arms officers from accession through retirement. He also served as the Garrison Commander of the Army's largest installation at Fort Hood, Texas. This facility covered an area of 340 square miles and supported all aspects of life and training for 195,000 soldiers and families.

As evidence of the quality of Colonel Buckles' leadership, management, and interpersonal skills, he was specially selected to serve as the Chief of the Army's Congressional Liaison Office in the United States House of Representatives. He was responsible for maintaining liaison with 435 Members of Congress, their personal staffs, and twenty permanent or select legislative committees. During that period, Tony personally escorted more than 200 Members of Congress on fact-finding missions to over 75 foreign countries. His dedication, candor and professionalism while serving in that capacity earned him the reputation as the best source on Capitol Hill to resolve issues pertaining to the Army.

Accordingly, I invite my colleagues to join in offering our heartfelt congratulations to Colonel Tony J. Buckles on a career of selfless service marked by his resolute dedication and unwavering integrity. He represents the very best that our great Nation has to offer. We wish Tony and his wife, Nancy, continued success and happiness in all of their future endeavors.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2001

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 1, 2001*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, each year during the month of February, we as a nation