

work feverishly to rebuild the Pentagon. You could hear the throb for work from the site and it was comforting, somehow, to know that even as we grieve deeply for those lost we are rebuilding and going on.

Jason Cunningham was a New Mexican and, by all accounts, a good man who was willing to risk his life in daring missions to rescue others. That's what PJs do. When Navy SEAL Petty Officer Neil Roberts was left behind after his helicopter was attacked in a mountain valley in Afghanistan, Jason and his team went in to try to rescue him. They got into a vicious fire fight. Jason, the Navy SEAL, and five others were killed. Eleven Americans were wounded.

Even when you know a cause is just, when those who fight do so willingly, when you know it's a fight we have to win, the grief is just as deep. The rifle shots of the honor guard, the echoes of taps, the rescue choppers flying by in a last salute, the wide-eyed children of a soldier who won't be coming home, weighed heavily on everyone at Arlington on Thursday.

There were thousands of New Mexicans who would have been at Arlington if they could have. I went to represent them and to let the Cunninghams know that the thoughts and prayers of thousands of New Mexicans are with them. We are sorry that Jason isn't coming home and grateful for his service and his sacrifice defending us and our way of life.

Operation Anaconda has been the costliest battle so far in Afghanistan. There will be more battles in this war against terrorism. Let's keep the troops in our thoughts and prayers.

JAMES R. BROWNING U.S. COURT
OF APPEALS BUILDING

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2804, legislation to name the U.S. Court of Appeals Building at 7th and Mission Streets in San Francisco, the "James R. Browning U.S. Court of Appeals Building". I first want to commend my good friend and distinguished colleague, Congresswoman NANCY PELOSI, who is the sponsor of this legislation.

It is most appropriate that we name the 100-year-old San Francisco Federal Appeals Court building after Judge James R. Browning in recognition of his 40 years of distinguished service on the federal bench and his service for twelve years—from 1976 to 1988—as Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Browning received his legal education at the University of Montana Law School, where he achieved the highest scholastic record in his class and served as editor-in-chief of the Law Review. After graduation in 1941 Judge Browning joined the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Two years later, he answered his country's call and was inducted as a Private in the Army. He served in the Pacific Theater for three years, earning a Bronze Star. Upon his return to the United States, Judge Browning rejoined the Department of Justice, where he

quickly rose to Chief of the Northwest Regional Office of the Antitrust Division, working out of the Seattle office. He was then called back to Washington, DC to become Assistant Chief of the General Litigation Section of the Antitrust Division.

In 1951 Judge Browning moved from the Antitrust Division to the Civil Division of the Department of Justice, and shortly afterwards became Executive Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. While in this position, he organized and was then appointed Chief of the Executive Office of United States Attorneys. In 1953 Judge Browning left the Department of Justice for private practice as a partner at Perlman, Lyons & Browning, but continued to lecture on Antitrust Law at both the New York University Law School and the Georgetown University Law Center.

Mr. Speaker, after five years in private practice Judge Browning left private practice to become Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court. In this position he held the Bible at the time John F. Kennedy took the oath of office from Chief Justice Warren when he was sworn in as President in 1961. He was the last Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court to perform this task. Since 1961, the Bible in all cases has been held by the spouse of the President-elect.

It was President Kennedy who appointed Judge Browning to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1961, where he has remained in service, for over forty years, the longest serving Justice in the history of the Ninth Circuit. Today he is the sole remaining Kennedy appointee serving on any court in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, after serving on the court for 15 years, Judge Browning was elevated to Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit, which position he held from 1976 to 1988. During his time as Chief Judge, Judge Browning was an influential member of the Judicial Conference of the United States and an active participant in resolving major problems facing the federal judiciary. He has an impressive record of achievement in the Ninth Circuit. Despite calls to reduce the size of the Court, Judge Browning implemented reforms to increase the efficiency of the Court by increasing the number of judges in the Circuit, reducing the enormous backlog of pending case work, and halving the time needed to decide appeals.

With a jurisdiction that includes all the federal courts in California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, Judge Browning utilized computers and information technology to increase the speed and efficiency of the courts. This included creating a computerized case screening and processing system which allowed geographically disparate judges to maintain docket contract and avoid intra-circuit conflicts. Judge Browning also created three geographic administrative subdivisions headed by senior active judges within each region to decentralize decision-making and increase productivity.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Browning emphasized the importance of collegiality and civility among judges on the Ninth Circuit, and encouraged the use of email, telephone conferences, symposia, conferences and other meetings to increase interpersonal contacts and mutual understanding among Ninth Circuit and District Court judges. With these steps, he succeeded in cutting in half the time needed to decide appeals and eliminating the case

backlog at the same time that the circuit expanded in size.

In recognition of his extraordinary service to the federal judiciary Judge Browning was the recipient of the Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award in 1991, and the American Judicature Society's Herbert Harley Award in 1984.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted that this legislation will name the San Francisco Federal Appeals Court building after Judge James R. Browning in recognition of 40 years of distinguished service on the federal bench. The building, currently unnamed, is simply known as the Old Post Office Building. It is very fitting that this building in which we uphold justice as enshrined in our constitution, be named after a distinguished jurist who has dedicated his life to upholding our system of justice.

CONGRATULATING THE GIRL
SCOUTS OF THE USA ON ITS
90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to, somewhat belatedly, congratulate the Girl Scouts of the USA on reaching its 90th anniversary as an organization.

The organization had its origins in 1912 with an 18-girl group in Savannah, Georgia. From those rather humble origins it has grown to its current strength of 3.8 million members, including 900,000 adult members. The Girl Scouts also boast 50 million alumnae. This is the largest organization for girls in the world.

Since the organization's inception, the Girl Scout experience has helped girls acquire self-confidence and expertise, learn to think creatively and develop habits of honor and integrity that are essential in good citizens and great leaders. Many of our educators, doctors, lawyers, elected officials and other community leaders were once Girl Scouts.

The benefits of Girl Scouting are delivered by a dedicated group of people—adult volunteers. Ninety-nine percent of all the adults involved in Girl Scouting are volunteers who give their time to advance the noble goals and purposes of Scouting, teaching their charges about community service, science, money management, health, fitness, and other useful skills and talents. In a time when we are trying to encourage more community involvement, we need to take the time to recognize an organization that has been leading the way for decades.

Again, I am pleased to congratulate this group, which has been such an integral part of the American social fabric, as it reaches an important milestone.

TRIBUTE TO ALACHUA ELEMEN-
TARY SCHOOL'S 2002 QUIZ BOWL
TEAM

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to pay tribute to six remarkable elementary school students, Kyle Carlisle, Kaytlynn

Cunningham, Varsha Ramnarine, Jonathan Stewart, Alexandria Whann, and Courtney Wilkerson, their teacher, Shirley Tanner, and their school for triumphing in the Florida competition of the 2002 National Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl.

Located in Alachua, a tiny city of approximately 6000 people, Alachua Elementary School serves less than 500 students in grades three through five. Principal Jim Brandenburg described the 107-year-old school as a "community school" and credited community involvement for the school's quality, explaining that, "Alachua is a stable community. Many parents and grandparents of our students also attended Alachua Elementary. We don't have a lot of money, but parental involvement and community support help make up for that."

Mr. Brandenburg further states, "There are no shortcuts to quality education. We have resisted the instructional fads that promise instant success and focused on essential skills and good teaching. You can't 'microwave' sustained high achievement in school or anywhere else. It really comes down to high expectations and hard work."

Alachua Elementary is often referred to as "the little school that can . . . and does." It has been honored as a Blue Ribbon school and has received numerous awards for student achievement from the School Board of Alachua County. Furthermore, this is the third consecutive year that Alachua's Quiz Bowl team has won first place in the state. For Alachua, a poor rural school, the win was particularly rewarding since they competed against schools from metropolitan areas of Florida and also private schools across the state.

Mrs. Tanner, Teacher of the Gifted and Technology Resource Teacher, began the school's involvement in this challenging scholastic competition several years ago. The test consists of 100 computer-generated multiple-choice questions covering all school subjects, current events, and trivia. Each fifth-grade student on the team studied incredibly long hours and practiced weekly for over two months to prepare for the competition.

Mrs. Tanner said, "I am far more impressed with their determination and perseverance than by the fact that they won the state competition. They had no idea what questions would be on the test. No notes of any kind may be used during the test; only pencils and paper are permitted. Research, teamwork, and test-taking strategies were the keys to success. Since the total score was based on both speed and accuracy, the team had to be quick calm and knowledgeable about many subjects."

Now let me tell you a little more about these wonderful kids:

Kyle Carlisle, the son of Roy and Ellen Carlisle, became an expert on Government. His leisure time is spent reading and playing computer games of strategy. Kyle's favorite subject is Math. His goal in life is to have a career in Computer Science. Kyle said, "Being on the quiz bowl team was a lot of work, but it was fun." Mrs. Tanner said of him, "The same day that Kyle qualified for the team, he began researching various topics and shared this information with teammates. Kyle was responsible for answering questions on Government and in charge of entering the team's answers via the mouse. He did a flawless job in an extremely stressful position."

Kaytlynn Cunningham, the daughter of John and Nancy Short, became the expert in Language Arts. Her interests include singing, gymnastics, creative writing, bike riding, and swimming. Kaytlynn's favorite subject is Language Arts, and she wants to be a teacher. Her comment was, "I spent a lot of time learning a vast quantity of information, but I know I will be able to use it later in life." Mrs. Tanner commented, "Kaytlynn is a talented young lady. Soon after the 9/11 tragedy, Kaytlynn sang, 'Amazing Grace' at the school's Open House Program. The song was so beautifully and emotionally sung that few dry eyes were in the audience. She regularly appears as a news anchorperson on the school's closed-circuit broadcasting station, WALA."

Varsha Ramnarine, the daughter of Vishnu and Kay Ramnarine, plays softball, reads and plays basketball. She was the team's math expert. Her favorite subject is, of course, Mathematics. Her career desire is to be a pediatrician. She said "The test was not as hard as I expected. Maybe it was because we were prepared." Mrs. Tanner responded, "We would not have scored nearly so well without Varsha's expertise in math concepts and computation. I was amazed at her quick answer to the math questions without the need to compute with pencil and paper."

Jonathan Stewart, the son of Tim and Chris Stewart, spends weekends riding his dirt bike, camping, and playing football. His speciality was Sports and Leisure. His favorite subject is also Mathematics, and Jonathan's career choice is to be a veterinarian. Jonathan commented, "The research was hard and took a lot of time, but it helped prepare us for the test. The hardest lesson to learn, though, was teamwork." Mrs. Tanner remarked, "Jonathan is a quick learner. The team depended on him to answer correctly all the sports questions. Jonathan, a pleasure in the classroom, always wears a mischievous and intriguing smile."

Alexandria Whann, the daughter of Lloyd and Elise Whann, enjoys swimming, piano, and traveling. Her knowledge of Social Studies meant that the team answered the geography questions correctly. Not surprisingly, her favorite subjects are Social Studies and Spelling. Her comment about the team was, "Mrs. Tanner is the best advisor a team could have. She insisted that we do our best." Mrs. Tanner said, "Alex has a marvelous sense of humor and a playful attitude. She really got excited answering questions at the weekly practices, but during the competition, she was calm, confident, and accurate."

Courtney Wilkerson, the daughter of Kenneth and Candis Wilkerson, enjoys reading, swimming, traveling, and creative writing. Her area of expertise was Science, Current Events, and Miscellaneous. Her favorite subject is Mathematics, and she wants to be a lawyer. Courtney's response was, "Studying for the competition was a lot of hard work, but in the end, it was worth it." Mrs. Tanner said "Courtney's contribution cannot be over-emphasized. It seemed that every week in practice, I'd think of something else under the category of 'Miscellaneous' that she needed to learn. She never complained about the additional work."

These six students are to be congratulated for their determination, perseverance, and scholastic aptitude. These qualities were rewarded with a First Place finish in the state of Florida.

COMMENDING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF FERNANDO ZAZUETA

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, we rise to recognize the remarkable achievements of Fernando Zazueta, the Founding Chairman of the Mexican Heritage Corporation of San Jose. Mr. Zazueta is a leader in the community and has been an invaluable friend to us both.

Fernando Zazueta was born in Culiacán, Sinaloa, Mexico and was raised as a migrant farm worker in California. He attended sixteen separate schools before graduating from San Jose High School in 1957, and then from San Jose State University in 1962. During law school, Mr. Zazueta was president of the Ralph Bunche Society of International Law and treasurer of the Law Students Association. As a result of his involvement in the student Court Interpreter Program, Mr. Zazueta published a Law Review article entitled "Attorney's Guide to the Use of Court Interpreters with an English and Spanish Glossary of Criminal Law Terms" and served as a special consultant to Arthur Young and Company in the development and presentation of a statewide study. Fernando Zazueta was a key contributor to a published report for the California Judicial Council regarding an assessment of the language needs of the California population as they related to the California justice system.

Fernando Zazueta has been an active member of local, county, state and national bar associations and served as both treasurer and president of La Raza National Lawyers' Association of California. Mr. Zazueta served on the State Bar Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation for two terms, during which the commission evaluated hundreds of nominees for gubernatorial appointment.

As chairman of the 1979 Community Advisory Council of San Jose Unified School District, Fernando Zazueta examined proposals to alleviate the ethnic and racial isolation of students. Additionally, he has held numerous directorships for nonprofit organizations such as the International Hospitality Center in San Francisco, the San Jose Museum of Art, and the San Jose Convention and Visitor's Bureau. He served on the Board of the San Jose Unified Educational Foundation, which raises over \$100,000 for school sports through its annual Celebrity Waiters Luncheon.

Fernando Zazueta has been the founder and Board Chairman of the Mexican Heritage Corporation since 1988, and headed an effort by the corporation to complete the Mexican Heritage Plaza, a \$34 million cultural center in East San Jose. Mr. Zazueta has also been instrumental in establishing an annual civic recognition of the founding of the Pueblo de San Jose de Guadalupe as the first civil settlement in California.

Fernando Zazueta's other civic and volunteer contributions are too numerous for us to list here. He has been an integral part of our community for as long as we can remember, for which we are truly grateful. As a friend and as a neighbor, his dedication and enthusiasm is treasured.