

and learning center on this site to honor the crew of the *Columbia* and to remember the important role this great city played in the history of our Nation's aerospace program is now all the more appropriate and poignant. The *Columbia* and the *Challenger* will live on for local residents and visitors alike when the space museum is built.

Mr. Speaker, today we are all humbled by the ultimate sacrifice the courageous men and women of the *Columbia* made on behalf of their Nation. I salute the crew of *Columbia* and the men and women of my district who helped build the shuttle and deliver it into space and into history.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER
PHILLIP THISTLETHWAITE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 7, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Phillip Thistlethwaite, 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 120, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in such Scout activities as Camp Geiger, Cosmosphere, the National Scouting Museum, Atikokan Canoe Base in Canada and the Philmont Scout Ranch. Over the 11 years he has been involved in Scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as librarian, quartermaster, assistant patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader and the junior assistant scoutmaster. Christopher also has been honored for his numerous Scouting achievements with the awards of the Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say Award and the 50 Miller Award.

For his Eagle Scout project, Christopher constructed an ornamental garden and wall at the east side of the south entrance of Danner Park in Chillicothe, Missouri.

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

BURN AWARENESS WEEK

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 7, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of National Burn Awareness Week. Burn Awareness Week is February 2-8, and provides an opportunity to educate children and families about the risks that lead to unfortunate and tragic accidents, particularly for the youngest and most vulnerable—our babies and children.

Unfortunately, infants and young children face greater risks from burn injuries than adults or older children. They rely more on the

adults around them to ensure their environment is safe and free from potential burn-causing hazards. That is why in addition to treating over 20 percent of all pediatric burns in the Nation at their four national burn centers in Boston, Galveston, Cincinnati and Sacramento, Shriners Hospitals focus on education and prevention of burn injuries.

The Shriners Hospitals for Children is a unique charitable organization that has never sought nor received federal, state, local or third party funding of any kind. Additionally, Shriners Hospitals are distinctive in that they offer full physical, psychological, and emotional care to all the children they treat.

The annual budget for the 22 orthopaedic and burn hospitals totals over half a billion dollars, and has an active patient roster of over 156,000 children. It is obvious how important the Shriners Hospitals are to the health of our children. The Shriners Hospitals are 100 percent free, despite the fact that they will spend \$1.5 million dollars on children every 24 hours in 2003.

In recognition of Burn Awareness Week, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to commend such charitable organizations as the Shriners Hospitals that contribute greatly to the care, education, and research necessary to treat and work to prevent children's burn accidents. I also intend to support the Shriners Hospitals' efforts by sponsoring a bill that will help to prevent burn accidents by strengthening the flammability standards for children's sleepwear. I hope my colleagues will help to support me in this effort.

HONORING WILLARD HUNTER
HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 7, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Willard Hunter, M.D., Clinical Director of Open Door Community Health Centers, Humboldt County, California, honoring 25 years dedicated to family practice medicine in Northern California.

Dr. Hunter received his BA with honors in Economics from Harvard University in 1970. In 1974 he graduated from the medical school of the University of California, Los Angeles and went on to complete his residency in Family Practice medicine at the University of California, Davis. He is Board Certified in Family Practice and Geriatric Medicine.

In an outstanding career dedicated to patient care, Bill Hunter has served as Medical Director, Redwoods Rural Health Center; Chief of Staff, Southern Humboldt Community Hospital and Clinical Director, Open Door Community Health Centers. In addition, he conducted teaching preceptorships for students of the University of California at Davis, Santa Rosa Community Hospital and Stanford University Medical Center.

Through his leadership and medical direction, Dr. Hunter plays a role in the care of one out of every four residents of the North Coast. During his career, he has personally provided more than 100,000 medical visits to 10,000 individuals. In addition to his medical skills, he is a fine athlete, a great fiddle player and a devoted father.

Dr. Hunter is widely admired and respected by his colleagues, patients and co-workers for his professional knowledge and skill and his open and friendly manner.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Dr. Willard Hunter for his devotion to the practice of medicine and for his exceptional contributions and service to the people of California.

TRIBUTE TO LUCAS JAMES
CALVIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 7, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Lucas James Cavin, 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 120, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Lucas has been very active with his troop, participating in such Scout Activities as Camp Geiger, Cosmosphere and the Philmont Scout Ranch. Over the 9 years he has been involved in Scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader troop guide, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, troop guide and junior assistant scoutmaster. Lucas also has been honored for his numerous Scouting achievements with such awards as the 50 Miller Award and the Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say Award.

For his Eagle Scout project, Lucas chose to complete an outside accessible enclosed break area for the staff and visitors of Hedrick Medical Center in Chillicothe, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Lucas James Cavin for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES OF
THE HOUSE TO THE FAMILIES
OF THE CREW OF THE SPACE
SHUTTLE "COLUMBIA"

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, as the Nation mourns the loss of seven brave men and women, I rise in support of H. Res. 51, a resolution expressing condolences to the families of the crew of the *Columbia* space shuttle, who perished this past weekend.

On February 1, 2003, the country watched in horror as the space shuttle *Columbia* broke up over Texas. Astronauts have a special dedication to their jobs, community and fellow man. They go up into space to meet scientific challenges for all of us here on Earth, in spite of the risks. To do this, they train hard physically, mentally and emotionally—they are the consummate professionals. They are fearless men and women.

Space shuttle mission STS-107 was the 28th flight of the shuttle *Columbia*, and the