

see how such remarkable students can thrive at Thomas Stone High School.

The faculty and staff, along with the students, are responsible for this honor. Principal Heath Morrison as well as the five Vice Principals: Janice Johnson, Ellen Linton, Curry Werkheiser, Wendell Martin, and Frazier Nelson all helped to encourage the students to strive for and achieve their goals.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas Stone High School has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to its entire student body by offering numerous courses that provoke the minds of each and every student. I would like to congratulate Thomas Stone High School on achieving such an honor and wish the faculty, staff, and students continued success in the future.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
ALISA L. FELLHAUER ON HER
APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Alisa L. Fellhauer of Port Clinton, OH, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, Alisa's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Air Force Academy with the incoming cadet class of 2007. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Alisa brings a special mix of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force Academy cadets. While attending Port Clinton High School, Port Clinton, OH, Alisa has attained a grade point average of 3.88, which places her thirteenth in her class of one hundred sixty one students. During her time at Port Clinton High School, Alisa has received several commendations for her superior scholastic efforts. During her first year, she received the Kiwanis Scholar Athlete Award. Her second year was marked by her being again awarded the Kiwanis Scholar Athlete Award as well as being inducted into the National Honor Society. Alisa went on in her senior year to maintain her role in the National Honor Society as well being selected for participation in a highly selective biology program.

Outside the classroom, Alisa has distinguished herself as an excellent student-athlete and dedicated citizen of Port Clinton. On the fields of friendly strife, Alisa has participated in Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Basketball, and Varsity Softball. She is a three time Cross Country letter recipient and served as the Team Captain her senior year. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, Alisa is an active member in her community participating in Key Club, Future Professionals in Medicine, National Honor Society, Relay for Life, and the Buckeye Girl's State.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Alisa L. Fellhauer. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Alisa will do very well during her career at Air Force and I wish her the very best in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING MR. JOHN WINGATE
GRIFFIN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. John Wingate Griffin on his retirement from the Federal Government after 32 years of dedicated service to this great country. His career exemplifies selfless public service at its best and is a model for existing and future Federal employees. He retired at the end of May 2003.

A fifth generation native Californian, Mr. Griffin was born on December 2, 1946. After graduating from high school in Ojai, California, he later continued his studies at Ventura College earning an Associate Degree in economics. He received his bachelor's degree of International Relations and Economics in June 1973 from California State University.

Mr. Griffin served his country honorably in the military for over 3 years with the United States Army. He continued his Federal career for an additional 28 plus years as an economist with the United States Army Corps of Engineers in Sacramento and San Francisco, California. When he retired from the Corps, he was serving as Chief of Civil Works Program Development for the South Pacific Division where he had been employed since September 1986. In addition to leading a staff of economists and program analysts, Mr. Griffin presided over the largest Corps' Civil Works General Investigations program covering all or part of ten of the Nation's largest States and was a special advisor to the Division Commander. He provided regional oversight to four district program development activities located in Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles, California and Albuquerque, New Mexico. His knowledge of the General Investigations program, coupled with his analytical capabilities, placed him in a class by himself as a program expert. He maintained a personable attitude that contributed to overcoming numerous challenges and made even the most difficult tasks doable. As he is fond of saying, "one can disagree without being disagreeable." His advice was always on the mark.

Mr. Griffin will retire to his hometown of Auburn, California where he and his beloved wife, Daniela, had been active in their community for well over 30 years. Individually or together, they touched the lives of many in the community by serving on the planning commission, teaching in the public schools, contributing to fine dining experiences in Auburn through operation of their elegant restaurant, enjoying ballroom dancing, or helping others with expert mechanical advice on automobiles. They were the perfect couple and we express our deepest sorrow at Mr. Griffin's loss of Daniela earlier this year. We wish him a healthy, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. John Wingate Griffin on his retirement as he concludes a successful Federal career. We thank him again for a job well done, and for his many contributions to the Corps, the Army, and the Nation.

IN MEMORIAM OF MALDEF
FOUNDER PETE TIJERINA

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, 35 years ago Pete Tijerina, a bold and idealistic lawyer from, Laredo, Texas, started down a path that eventually led millions of Hispanics in this country towards access to educational and democratic opportunities and recognition in the eyes of the law. Today, it is with great sadness and a profound sense of gratitude that I rise to recognize the life of Pete Tijerina, who died on May 14, 2003. His legacy is our future.

As a graduate of St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Tijerina dedicated his career to fighting discrimination. His first efforts came as the State Civil Rights Chairman for San Antonio's LULAC Council, an organization he joined in 1946. While with the organization, he sought political solutions at the local level through interaction with school boards, city councils, and police departments. Hungry for change, Mr. Tijerina grew frustrated with the pace and progress of his efforts. He continued, however, to work diligently through the channels available to him until he could take no more.

In 1966, Mr. Tijerina took a bold step. At the time, he was representing an injured woman who lost half of her leg in an accident in Jourdan, Texas. Mr. Tijerina prepared his client and his case for trial. As trial drew near, it became clear that the court would not empanel a single Hispanic juror. He brought the matter to the attention of the local judge and was promised a more diverse jury pool.

When the trial reconvened at the end of that summer, the court produced two Hispanic jurors: one had been dead for 10 years and the other spoke no Spanish.

This experience led Mr. Tijerina on a crusade to end juror discrimination and secure the equal protection of the law for the Hispanic community. Armed with determination and faith in the American judicial system, Mr. Tijerina placed his own financial well being on the line and attempted to secure funds to protect the rights of Hispanics in the Southwestern United States.

After sending a young colleague to an NAACP convention to learn more about current legal tactics used to combat discrimination, Mr. Tijerina decided that what the Hispanic community needed was its own lawyers fighting its own cases. Because the community varied so much, nationwide, he believed that recruiting young Hispanics, who understood the unique challenges present in their neighborhoods, into the legal profession was crucial to ending discrimination once and for all. Mr. Tijerina worked closely with the NAACP to develop a strategy and find financial support.

His efforts produced the seeds of what would become the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), the first national Hispanic legal advocacy program, which Mr. Tijerina founded in 1968. Over the past 35 years, MALDEF has grown and to this day leads us on the path towards legal equality for Hispanics in areas like education, employment, and political access.

Mr. Speaker, it is because of pioneers like Mr. Tijerina and his vision for a brighter future for all Hispanics that many of us have had the opportunity we enjoy. He helped clear the way for generations of Hispanics, so that they would not feel the burden of oppression or fear to speak out against injustice. He sought change through our judicial system, using our courts as agents of justice.

It is with our heads bowed and grief in our hearts that we say thank you to this pioneer. We can only hope to continue along the path he began.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall Nos. 276, 277, and 278.

FLIGHT 100—CENTURY OF AVIATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2115) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Chairman, it is important that in determining the EAS eligibility for a small airport the Secretary define a consistent standard for identifying the commonly used route.

It is my hope that the Secretary would use the most reliable mapping capability to determine this route, such as the Rand McNally mapping system.

Further, to ensure that small airports receive a fair shake in the EAS eligibility process, my amendment requires that the Secretary consult with the Governor of the State or the Governor's designee.

In appointing a designee if the Governor so chooses, the Governor should consider designating a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to submit a plan for the most commonly used route. An MPO knows the routes that people take from one point to another in a particular region.

My amendment was drafted to ensure that, while the Secretary of Transportation has discretion, the local community should not be shut out of the process.

COMMEMORATING 80 YEARS OF AVIATION SERVICE AT SHEPHERD AIRFIELD

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate 80 years of aviation service at Shepherd Airfield in Martinsburg, WV by the Berkeley County Airport Authority and the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 1071.

On June 17, 1923, Captain St. Clair Streett, accompanied by flight mechanic Sergeant Roy Hooe, landed their U.S. Army D.H. 4 at Shepherd Field in Martinsburg, WV. This event was the result of many years of dedicated effort by aviation enthusiasts in Berkeley County to bring Shepherd Field into the mainstream of modern aviation. This historic landing 80 years ago today spurred many important developments at Shepherd Field, including the establishment of the 167th Air National Guard Unit and the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport. With a major expansion planned for the 167th and the construction of a new commercial terminal at the Regional Airport, the airport in Berkeley County will continue its role in protecting our national security while also improving economic opportunity for all of West Virginia.

In honor of 80 years of aviation service at Shepherd Airfield, I ask my friends in West Virginia and my colleagues here in Congress to join me in recognizing June 17, 2003 as a day to celebrate the history of aviation in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia. Thank you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 16, 2003, I missed rollcall votes 276–278. Had I been present on this date, I would have voted "aye" on all rollcall Nos. 276, 277, 278. On this date, my flight coming back to Washington, DC, was canceled due to inclement weather and I was not able to get back to town in time for these votes.

HONORING THE VIETNAM VETERANS GATHERING

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mrs. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Vietnam Veterans Gathering. They have developed rich friendships and camaraderie between themselves that years and distance cannot weaken.

On Saturday, June 14, I was honored to attend the 6th Annual Vietnam Veterans Gathering at South Levy Recreation Park. This park has a rich history. After fighting in the jungles of Vietnam, veterans gathered at this

scenic location to share their stories, to heal old wounds, and to enjoy the company of others who knew what it meant to be a soldier.

As part of this commemorative event, The Moving Wall, a tribute to the more than 58,000 Americans that gave their lives during the war, was on display.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Vietnam Veterans Gathering for the great service they have given to our Nation. I recognize the sacrifices that they have made. These men are truly great Americans, and I am proud to call them my constituents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on June 12, 2003, I was unable to vote on the Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act (H.R. 1308). Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" (rollcall 275).

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF STANTON COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL IN JACKSONVILLE, FL

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the school administrators, teachers, and students at Stanton College Preparatory School in Jacksonville, FL, for their outstanding achievement in providing, guiding, and demonstrating a quality education.

Stanton College Preparatory School was recently highlighted by Newsweek magazine (The Best 100 High Schools in America, May 26, 2003), as the second best school in the nation, as measured by the Challenge Index. This index takes the number of Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate tests taken by all of the students at a school in 2002 and divides them by the number of graduating seniors.

The editors of Newsweek said they used participation in the Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate tests as benchmarks because "these tests are more likely to stretch young minds—which should be the fundamental purpose of education."

Stanton College Preparatory School is clearly providing the curricula, support, and leadership in learning that is so very important to our young people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in applauding Stanton College Preparatory School and all of those schools that strive to prepare their students for higher education and thusly, a higher quality of life. Moreover, I would like to commend the school administrators, superintendents, teachers, and all of the students who have committed themselves to a quality education. As John F. Kennedy once stated, leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.