

A TRIBUTE TO THE TEACHERS,
PARENTS, ADMINISTRATORS
AND STUDENTS OF BROOKSIDE
SCHOOL

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 1, 2003

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, rise to recognize the parents, students, faculty and staff whose dedication to excellence has earned Brookside School in Oak Park, California, recognition as a National Blue Ribbon school.

The National Blue Ribbon award honors excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement and parental involvement. Brookside School and two other schools in my district—Poinsettia School in Ventura and Pinecrest School in Thousand Oaks—were recognized this year for being among the top 10 percent of schools in California in terms of student achievement.

Mr. Speaker, Brookside School is an elementary school whose teachers and administrators teach according to each child's ability. Principal Esther Winkelman and her staff recognize that a child who is strong in arithmetic may need extra help with reading. They teach according to those needs by grouping students of equal strengths in various subjects. Then, every six weeks the students are regrouped to keep them challenged.

Brookside also believes that teacher training is essential to a strong educational environment. And, Principal Winkelman has developed a culture where veteran teachers help novices increase their skills.

Mr. Speaker, I am a product of the public school system, and I put my four children through Ventura County's public schools. One of my children is now a public school teacher. I am acutely aware that the most important tool we can give our children is a good education. As ancient philosopher Epictetus noted, "Only the educated are free." Our students are the elected officials, businessmen, artists, scientists, parents and teachers of tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, as our nation works in concert to better our education system, it would serve us well to study the successes of our National Blue Ribbon schools. They are the best of the best and a key to our future. I know my colleagues will join me in applauding Principal Winkelman, her entire staff, and the parents and students of Brookside for raising the bar and setting a strong example for others to follow.

RECOGNIZING JOANNE AMOS,
PRESIDENT, REFLECTIONS PHOTOGRAPHY FOR 25 YEARS OF SUCCESS

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Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to acknowledge the achievements of Joanne Amos, the President of Reflections Photography, as she celebrates 25 years in business.

Reflections, a photography firm that was founded in 1978 in Lexington, Kentucky, origi-

nally only catered to social events at nearby universities and the thoroughbred industry. Joanne Amos took the initiative to explore the possibility of expanding the business to begin covering political and corporate events. Since that decision, business has flourished and Reflections has risen to the top of the photography industry.

Over the years Reflections achieved many significant benchmarks, including serving as an official photographer for President Ronald Reagan's second inaugural ceremonies. Other major clients have included the National Governors Association, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the National Conference of State Legislatures. In addition, Reflections has been chosen to provide photographic coverage at every National Convention since 1984.

Reflections has grown to cover over 400 events a year, including proceedings with governors, members of Congress, and the administration. While much of their business is related to politics, they also boast a clientele list that includes a host of Fortune 500 companies and celebrities, such as the Washington Redskins, Sylvester Stallone, and even the Queen of England.

As the firm grew they opened an office in Washington, D.C. and in 1992 the headquarters was relocated here. Joanne Amos now resides in the 11th district of Virginia; from this base she will be providing event photography for the Bush-Cheney re-election campaign. This contract was won on the sheer quality of Reflection's reputation and will grant them the opportunity to show they can coordinate nationwide media coverage. Reflections will make full use of their extensive network of photographers and web-based technology to keep pace with the aggressive schedule set by the President's campaign.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to applaud Joanne Amos on her outstanding guidance and leadership of Reflections photography. I call upon my colleagues to celebrate the success of this remarkable businesswoman and to wish Reflections Photography continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO FORMER MARYLAND CONGRESSMAN RICHARD E. LANKFORD

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to note the passing of one of my predecessors in representing the Fifth Congressional District of Maryland—Richard E. Lankford—who passed away at the age of 89 at his Easton home on September 22.

Born in Wilmington, Delaware, on July 22, 1914, Dick Lankford was raised on St. Paul Street in Baltimore's Guilford neighborhood. He earned a political science degree from the University of Virginia in 1937 and then received his law degree from the University of Maryland in 1940.

After being admitted to the Maryland Bar that same year, Dick practiced law in Annapolis, where later in life he worked as a tobacco and cattle farmer. However, his legal career was interrupted by World War Two, during which he served in the Navy as an intelligence officer in Europe.

After the war, Dick worked on the campaign of Governor William Preston Lane, Jr., and then in 1948 he entered public life himself when he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Maryland House of Delegates. He won the election to retain that seat in 1950, and four years later he won election to this House of Representatives, defeating the incumbent, Republican Frank Small, Jr. Congressman Lankford was re-elected four times to the House of Representatives, serving 10 years in Congress, before deciding to retire in 1964.

Mr. Speaker, I vividly recall Congressman Lankford as my own Congressman when I was still completing my undergraduate studies at the University of Maryland in the early 60s. The old Fifth Congressional District, which I have been privileged to serve since 1981, then stretched all the way from South Baltimore to suburban Washington, and included industrial workers in the Curtis Bay area, tobacco farmers in Calvert County, Federal government employees in Prince George's County, and watermen in Charles County. It's a testament to Dick Lankford's ability that he successfully served constituents from such varied backgrounds and livelihoods.

In Congress, Dick Lankford worked hard to secure pay raises and to improve working conditions for Federal employees. He also was an early advocate for cleaning up Maryland's rivers and the Chesapeake Bay, as well as mass transit in the Baltimore-Washington areas. He also served with distinction on the Armed Services Committee.

I want to extend my sincere condolences to Dick's wife, Edna, as well as his daughter, Sallie, of Massachusetts, and son, Richard Jr., of Millington.

Dick Lankford was proud of his service in this House. He brought to his constituency and to our State energy and a commitment to his country that served all of them well. Today, we honor his service to the State of Maryland and these United States, and we affirm that it indeed will be remembered for many years to come.

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Mr. Speaker, Pinecrest School is a private school that teaches preschool through middle school students. Its mission is "to provide a rich educational experience for the whole