

W.Y. Wei, who recently became Dean of the College of Engineering at San Jose State University. Dr. Wei, the first Asian American woman to be named Dean at SJSU's College of Engineering, is one of fewer than twenty female deans in 345 engineering schools nationwide and the only Asian American woman to head an engineering college in the United States.

Dr. Wei was born and raised in Taiwan. After immigrating to the United States with her family as a teenager, she earned an undergraduate degree in biophysics at UC-Berkeley in 1977 and a Master's degree in applied physics at Harvard in 1980. In 1987, Dr. Wei completed her Doctorate in electrical engineering and computer science at UC-Berkeley and joined the faculty at San Jose State University.

As Interim Dean since 2002, Dr. Wei successfully managed the College of Engineering's students and faculty while raising critical funds to support faculty development and student scholarships. She also established strategic collaborations with industry, alumni, government agencies, and other educational institutions. Dr. Wei's energy and dedication to excellence have earned her the respect and admiration of her peers and awards in leadership and research excellence. These accomplishments made her an ideal candidate for the position of Dean.

During her first full term as Dean of the College of Engineering, Dr. Wei plans to implement a more extensive program of outreach education to high school students, and hopes to encourage women and underrepresented minority populations to enroll in the engineering program.

I commend Dr. Belle Wei for her achievements, and I am certain my colleagues will join me in wishing her continued success.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD C. SCHUTT,
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF HOMES AND
SERVICES FOR THE AGING
(AAHSA)

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Richard Schutt, who for the last two years has chaired the board of Directors of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA). The association represents 5,600 mission-driven, not-for-profit nursing homes, continuing care retirement communities, assisted living and senior housing facilities, and community service organizations which are committed to advancing the vision of healthy, affordable, ethical long-term care for America. Every day, AAHSA's members serve more than one million older persons across the country.

Mr. Schutt has been a member of AAHSA for many years, and has served in a number of leadership capacities. On October 28, at AAHSA's 42nd Annual Meeting and Exposition in Denver, Mr. Schutt will complete his term as the organization's chair, having served as its top elected leader since 2001. Prior to that, he served with distinction on the association's House of Delegates and as the chair of

AAHSA's public policy committee. Mr. Schutt also previously chaired Life Services Network of Illinois, AAHSA's State association partner in my State, and the Health Resources Alliance, a group of 19 long-term care facilities serving more than 7,000 clients in the Chicago area.

Under Mr. Schutt's leadership, AAHSA has developed the Quality First Initiative, a comprehensive approach to achieving true excellence in the quality of care across the continuum of aging services. The goals for Quality First are continued improvements in compliance scores under federal regulations, progress in promoting fiscal integrity, demonstrable improvements in clinical outcomes, better measurement of quality, high scores on consumer satisfaction surveys, and higher employee retention rates and reduction in turnover. Over 1,000 AAHSA members have signed a covenant committing their facilities to working toward these goals.

Although Mr. Schutt is stepping down from the chairmanship of AAHSA, he will return to Illinois 13th Congressional District to continue his work in Lockport as executive director of Rest Haven Christian Services, a group of long-term care facilities that provide an array of independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing services. He also presides over Providence Management Company, which owns a home health agency and manages long-term care facilities in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Richard Schutt for his distinguished record of service to older Americans in my district, in the State of Illinois, and across the nation.

HONORING ERNEST BORGNINE AS
HE HOSTS "A DAY WITH ERNEST
BORGNINE"

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the community of Hamden, Connecticut in welcoming one of their true community treasures and one of America's most adored actors—Ernest Borgnine. Today, this star of stage, screen, and television will spend the day meeting and greeting friends and fans from around Connecticut to benefit the Hamden Arts Commission's Arts & Culture fund which provides funding for local movie and theater projects.

Perhaps best known for his portrayal of Lieutenant Commander McHale in the popular television series *McHale's Navy*, Mr. Borgnine has enjoyed an acting career that has spanned half a century. Born in Hamden, Mr. Borgnine grew up in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut and soon after graduating from high school entered the Navy where he served our country for ten years. Returning home, he took the advice of his mother and enrolled in the Randall School of Drama in Hartford. Debuting on Broadway in the play "Harvey," Ernest Borgnine soon became a household name across America.

Awarded with Oscar, Emmy and Golden Globe awards, Mr. Borgnine's talent is acclaimed both here and abroad. The sincerity

and honesty that he brings to each of his roles has made him one of the most beloved actors of our time. The joy that Mr. Borgnine has brought through his professional credits is only surpassed by the generosity he has demonstrated through his work with charity. Today's benefit is but a reflection of his tireless efforts to make a difference in the lives of others. His compassion and advocacy are unparalleled and we are certainly fortunate to have such a tremendous individual whose dedication touches the lives of so many.

For his lifetime of contributions and in recognition of all of his good work, I am proud to stand and join the many who have gathered today in extending a warm welcome and my sincere thanks to Ernest Borgnine as he visits his home community of Hamden. His is a legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come—a true living treasure.

IN HONOR OF SGT DAVID
HUBERT'S BIRTHDAY

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the 22nd birthday of SGT David Hubert of Shirley, NY, which fell this past Sunday, October 26. Sergeant Hubert is a proud soldier in the Army's 101st Airborne Division, now serving in Iraq.

Hubert is a lifelong resident of my congressional district. He graduated from William Floyd High School in June 2000, and reported to basic training the following month. After 2 years of service assigned to the Army's 1st Armored Division in Germany, Sergeant Hubert earned a spot in the prestigious 101st Airborne Division in December of 2002. While assigned to Fort Campbell, Sergeant Hubert expanded his training to expertise in field emergency medical treatment.

On February 26, 2003, Sergeant Hubert and his unit were deployed to Kuwait. On March 21, 2003, Sergeant Hubert's division was one of the first to enter Iraq. Sergeant Hubert and his division braved the windstorms and heat of the Iraqi desert, along with frequent enemy assaults, while advancing steadily toward Baghdad. The 101st Airborne took control of the Baghdad Airport and helped in the swift conquest of Baghdad. Since then, Sergeant Hubert and his division have guarded and protected the Syrian border and surrounding towns, to ensure against infiltration by terrorist groups.

Mr. Speaker, many soldiers might long to return home from a grueling tour overseas in time to celebrate their birthday. Sergeant Hubert recently learned that he would be deployed until after the New Year. His response? He would rather spend his birthday where his fellow soldiers—and his country—need him most.

Sergeant Hubert's sacrifice and selfless dedication to his country represent the best America has to offer. I wish him a happy birthday and a safe return home, when his duty in Iraq comes to an end.