

by the State of Texas. He was appointed to the Texas State Board of Morticians by Governors Price Daniels, John Connally, Preston Smith and Dolph Briscoe.

Charlie knew Aransas Pass was a great place to live and that the area would flourish if it had a solid educational hub. So in May 1959, he ran and was elected to the school board. This position enabled him to use his ability to inspire, attract and engage students and parents to work together to support academic excellence, and enhance pride in their community. Mr. Marshall continues today to visit the school campuses and talk to the students. He attends the Panther Sports events and supports many school activities that provide young people a chance to represent their school and community.

In addition to his exemplary service to his profession and the local educational community, Charlie has also served in civic, charitable and social organizations which propel the community and its citizens to prosperity.

These organizations include the Veterans of Foreign Wars, where he received the Good Citizenship Award, and the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce, where he has served for many years as an officer. He is credited as the founder and early organizer of the Shrimpooree Festival, which continues to benefit San Patricio County. He was a distinguished director of the Overbid Property Trust, whose proceeds built the Aransas Pass Public Library. He was awarded the Aransas Pass Citizen of the Year Award 1972, and the coveted Murl Smith Award in 1981. Mr. Marshall was one of the founders of the Aransas Pass Associated Charities, which later grew into the Christian Service Center, serving thousands of needy families and children.

The citizens of Aransas Pass honored Mr. Marshall by naming an elementary school in recognition of his many community and educational contributions. It is my pleasure to pay homage to Charlie Marshall on the House Floor for his tireless efforts and 45 years of stellar leadership in education. I must also commend Charlie's late wife Gayle, his daughter, Marty, and son, Bill, who not only supported his service to Aransas Pass, but have shared his compassion and commitment.

I ask my Congressional Colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Charles Marshall for his exceptional career and contributions to the great State of Texas and our Nation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INTELLIGENCE TRANSFORMATION ACT OF 2004

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, today my colleagues and I on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence are initiating a call to action.

The problems plaguing American intelligence are too grave, and the potential damage to U.S. national security, force protection in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere, too important to justify delay.

These problems require urgent attention from the President—who has the power to fix some identified problems with our intelligence

now—and from Congress, which built our Intelligence Community five decades ago to fight an enemy that no longer exists.

But those of us in Congress must also do our part.

That is why we are introducing a major legislative proposal—the Intelligence Transformation Act of 2004 (H.R. 4104)—a set of critical and urgent reforms for the Intelligence Community.

The highlight of this proposal is the creation of a Director of National Intelligence (a “DNI”), who has budgetary and statutory authority over the entire Intelligence Community. This is not a new idea. And it is not a Democratic idea. It was one of reforms recommended by the bipartisan, bicameral 9/11 Joint Congressional Inquiry.

But our legislation does more. We are also proposing “jointness” in collection, analysis and dissemination of intelligence. We believe that one of the major deficiencies in our Intelligence Community is the fact that there are fifteen intelligence agencies—operating with different rules, cultures, and databases—that do not work as one, integrated Intelligence Community.

We also believe that our Intelligence Community must leverage the power of information technology to help our intelligence professionals share data in real-time. The United States has the best IT capabilities in the world, but we have scarcely touched that potential to help the IC do its job.

Finally, the Act would create a new WMD Proliferation Threat Integration Center (PROTIC) to provide integrated tasking of collection and analysis on the WMD proliferation threat.

At a time when much of Washington is fingerpointing, we hope this legislation today will add some light to the heat surrounding the subject of intelligence failures.

We had hoped to produce a bipartisan bill—and we believe that it will ultimately be a bipartisan bill because it is good policy and because of its bipartisan parentage. We shared our legislative ideas with the majority on our Committee, but we did not want the legislative year to pass while awaiting their response.

The terrorists and the enemies of the United States will not wait until after November to plot their attacks—nor will they check our party registration before they launch those attacks against us. We cannot afford to wait. This task is urgent. We must act now.

HONORING LARRY LATTMAN,
NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Larry Lattman. Mr. Lattman's outstanding contributions and dedication to our country are truly appreciated.

A highly regarded member of the community, Larry Lattman was born in Los Angeles, California. After graduating from high school he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he served with tremendous honor and valiance in the Korean War.

Larry Lattman is a member of the Marine Corps League, AMVETS, Jewish War Vet-

erans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars; he has a seat on the California Veterans Board and is a member of the National Legislative Committee of the American Legion. He served two terms with distinction as Chairperson of the Allied Council of the Veterans Home in Yountville. As Chair of the Allied Council Mr. Lattman appeared before California State Senate and Assembly Committees, speaking on the behalf of veterans more than 100 times.

Mr. Lattman's many trips to the legislature helped the Home receive needed funds for projects such as construction of new water and electric systems, improving the recreation building, cemetery renovations, and the purchase of a new x-ray machine as well as a whole host of other improvements.

In spite of severe physical limitations and major disabilities, he has distinguished himself as a selfless crusader on behalf of other veterans. He has demonstrated with distinction the creed, “Veterans Helping Veterans.”

Larry Lattman is being recognized this year for his outstanding contributions as a veteran's advocate by the Veterans Home during Yountville's Founders Day Celebration. He is being inducted into the Yountville Veteran Home's hall of fame, their highest honor.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Larry Lattman for his contributions and service to the people of our country.

A TRIBUTE TO SOUTH MOUNTAIN
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to proudly pay tribute to South Mountain High School, in Phoenix, Arizona, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

This distinguished school in the Phoenix Unified High School District first opened its doors in February of 1954. For the last five decades it has proudly served the educational needs of the students in south Phoenix and has become one of the most dynamic schools in the district, offering five magnet programs: aviation and aerospace education, law-related studies, performing arts (drama, music, and dance), visual arts (drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, computer art and photography), and communication art (print, radio, television and film).

From its student body to its administrative team, SMHS's history of success is lengthy. Accommodating up to 3,000 students at times, the school has been able to maintain one of the highest graduation and attendance rates in the district. In addition, throughout the years students at SMHS have consistently improved their test scores in every category.

The administrative staff at SMHS is also a reason to boast. Of the seven National Board Certified Teachers in the district, four teach at South Mountain. The school has produced the District Teacher of the Year for the past two years, and Assistant Principal Robert Estrada was named 2002 Arizona Class 5—A Athletic Director of the Year. Furthermore, the Administrative team at South Mountain has the longest tenure of any team in the district. Patricia Tobin, in her sixth year, has the second longest tenure as a current principle at a Phoenix Union school.