

A third generation Leadville native, Carl has always held firm to his beliefs of serving his community and country. Graduating from Leadville High School in 1956, he joined the army and served in Germany from 1958 to 1960. In 1977 Carl filled his first elective office as Lake County Commissioner, and served as past chairman and member of Region 13 Council of Governments. In 1996, Carl was elected to serve District 56 in the Colorado House of Representatives, and presently serves on the Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources Committee; Information & Technology Committee; and the Capital Development Committee.

An active member of his community Carl has devoted his time to numerous civic organizations. A miner for twenty-seven years, Carl served as president and executive director of the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum from 1989 to 1999. He has served on the Lake County School Finance and Scholarship Committees, Lake County Advisory group, Lake County Historic Preservation Committee, and the 3rd Congressional Military Academy Advisory Selection Committee. Carl and his wife Mary Ann of forty-three years have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that State Representative Carl Miller has ceaselessly dedicated his time and efforts to serving his district and the people of Colorado in the Colorado General Assembly. I am honored to bring his hard work and commitment to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today. Thank you for all your service Carl and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING THE FAITHFUL SERVICE OF EDGAR B. JACKSON, JR., M.D.

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Edgar B. Jackson, Jr., M.D. in celebration of the establishment of a \$1.53 million endowed chair position in his honor at University Hospitals in Cleveland, OH. His dedicated work over the past 38 years with University Hospitals and Case Western Reserve University is exemplary.

Dr. Jackson began his work as a laboratory assistant at Western Reserve University, where he received his medical degree in 1966. He remained active at the university and became the first African-American at Case to become a professor of clinical medicine. One of Dr. Jackson's passions in life was to provide better health care for underprivileged Clevelanders, and he acted on this passion by establishing medical centers in Glenville in the 1970s and Fairfax in the 1990s.

Dr. Jackson went on to serve as the Chief of Staff and Senior Vice President of clinical affairs at University Hospitals. A true professional and family man, he is still practicing medicine but will begin to focus more of his time and attention on his grandchildren.

The Edgar B. Jackson, Jr., M.D. Endowed Chair is the first chair to be named after a black doctor at University Hospitals and will be funded by over 200 prominent Cleveland donors. Dr. Jackson served as my personal in-

ternist and is also a close friend. I would like to honor Edgar Jackson for the establishment of his endowed chair and thank him for his support and encouragement over the years.

On behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional District of Ohio and the United States Congress, I pay tribute to the leadership, dedication, support, and commitment of Edgar B. Jackson, Jr., M.D. to University Hospitals and to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, April 2, 2004, I was unable to vote on H.R. 3108, On Agreeing to the Conference Report on the Pension Funding Equity Act (rollcall 117). Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING CLUB ESPAÑA OF NEWARK

HON. ROBERT MENEDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. MENEDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Club España for continuing to promote Spanish culture throughout the City of Newark. On Saturday, April 17, 2004, Club España celebrated its 40th anniversary with a dinner/dance at 8 p.m., at 180 New York Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

For forty years, Club España has served the city and community of Newark as a center for promoting Spanish culture. As the city continued to diversify, Club España has continued to provide a place to keep Spanish cultural tradition alive. Through music, traditional dance, and events, Club España has afforded generations of Spanish immigrants an opportunity to continue to practice the traditions of their native land and honor their heritage. Cultural centers, like Club España, provide communities with numerous opportunities to learn and participate in activities, and for friends, families, and strangers to meet and interact.

Club España not only serves as a Spanish cultural center, but has also been actively involved in its community. Located in Newark's historic Ironbound district, Club España has instituted several social programs for children, families, and seniors, in order to assist those who are less fortunate. One shining example is the youth members program, established to teach children about the history and culture of Spain. The programs offered by Club España provide a sense of community, as well as tools and assistance for our children to succeed in the future.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Club España for its distinguished public service, and its dedication to promoting Spanish culture in the City of Newark. I was truly honored to be Club España's guest of honor at the 40th anniversary Dinner/Dance event.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING NOELLE RUPLI

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker: Whereas, Tim and Linda Rupli are celebrating the arrival of their daughter, Noelle Rupli; and

Whereas, Noelle Rupli was born on the sixteenth Day of March, 2004 and weighed seven pounds and fourteen ounces; and

Whereas, Tim and Linda are proud to welcome their new daughter into their home; and

Whereas, Noelle Rupli will be a blessed addition to her family, bringing love, joy and happiness for many years to come;

Therefore, I join with Members of Congress and Congressional Staff in celebrating with Tim and Linda Rupli and wishing Noelle Rupli a very happy birthday.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MR. EDWARD J. KEPPEL

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Edward J. Keppel.

Mr. Keppel entered active duty as a second lieutenant on Sept. 1969 with an assignment to Det 10, 6 WW, Eglin AFB, FL. He separated from active duty in Dec. 1973 to pursue graduate studies in meteorology at Penn State University.

In Dec. 1974, Mr. Keppel returned to Eglin to continue the work he enjoyed supporting weapons testing—this time as a civilian staff meteorologist for Det 10 (later renamed 46th Weather Squadron).

Throughout the next 30 years Mr. Keppel has directly influenced many changes and great technical advancements. He has seen guided missile programs such as the Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) develop from concept to operational capability.

Mr. Keppel was a pioneer in developing weather support for armament testing. He utilized DMSP equipment and "metvans" to instrument test ranges for real-time and post-test mission analysis.

His efforts contributed greatly to the fielding of the first portable upper air sounding system—initially meant exclusively for testing, but is now used for many operational weather support applications around the world.

Mr. Keppel was a driving force behind instrumenting the Eglin test range with Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS)—which are used today to provide critical data for missions ranging from armament flight test to Army Ranger Training Battalion swamp movement training.

More recently, Mr. Keppel was recognized for his expertise with sound propagation models used in support of the first two test detonations of the Massive Ordnance Air Burst (MOAB), the largest conventional bomb in the U.S. inventory. This weapon was developed and tested for use in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.