

Staff for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command. In that position, Colonel Smith was vital in efforts to advance Redstone Arsenal. In addition, his leadership has been critical to our Nation's defense by helping to ensure the Army's readiness and technological superiority for the future. I commend Colonel Smith for energizing a diverse staff toward a common purpose and inspiring them to achieve their goals.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of North Alabama, I congratulate Colonel Smith for his 30 years of service to our country and wish him well in his retirement.

COMMENDING DAVID LEESON AND CHERYL DIAZ MEYER OF THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS STAFF, WINNERS OF 2004 PULITZER PRIZE FOR BREAKING NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate two great journalists, David Leeson and Cheryl Diaz Meyer of the Dallas Morning News, who were recently awarded the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News Photography.

We Texans saw blood spill, tears shed, and conflict unfold in the trenches of Iraq through their camera lens.

Mr. Leeson, who was with the U.S. Army's Third Infantry Division for 6 weeks, captured an image of an Iraqi rolling out of a vehicle engulfed in flames, only to be shot by an American soldier; Ms. Meyer photographed a gripping scene of American troops risking their lives to save a wounded civilian.

The Pulitzer is Leeson's first. He had been a Pulitzer finalist three other times. The Iraq war is the 11th major conflict Leeson has covered. He has also produced work on the apartheid in South Africa, a portion of the gulf war and flooding in southeast Texas.

It was the first Pulitzer for Ms. Meyer also, a news photographer since 2000. In late 2001, she traveled to Afghanistan to photograph the war on terrorism and its effects to topple the oppressive Taliban regime. She has received numerous awards for her body of work there including the John Faber Award from the Overseas Press Club. In April 2002, Ms. Meyer traveled to the Philippines and Indonesia where she photographed Muslim and Christian extremism and the violence caused by religious hatred.

Mr. Speaker, I also congratulate the Dallas Morning News' entire staff for their seventh Pulitzer.

Mr. Leeson and Ms. Meyer, I commend you for this great accomplishment. Keep capturing those shots because they are worth thousand words.

HONORING THE BAY REGIONAL EMS UNITS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to acknowledge the Bay Regional EMS units of Bay City, Michigan for their tireless efforts and dedication in providing life sustaining treatment, and transportation of the sick for 31 years. On May 16, 2004, during National EMS week, the community will join together to honor these men and women during a special presentation ceremony to be held at the main EMS station in Bay City, Michigan.

The Bay Regional EMS, formerly known as the Bay Medical Center EMS, started in 1973. In 1978 it added the Advanced Life Support (Paramedic) service units. There are currently eleven Advanced Life Support units within the fleet. The EMS Units are based out of four stations, which are located in downtown Bay City, Bangor Township (2 units) and Hampton Township. Bay Regional Medical Center employs thirty-eight paramedics, and twelve EMT/Dispatchers who respond to approximately 11,000 emergency and non-emergency transports annually. The Bay Regional EMS Paramedic units are the best in its class. They were among the first responding units to the Wenona Hotel fire, the Bay City fireworks festival explosion, and the motor vessel *Jupiter* explosion and fire. Aside from their duties as paramedics and EMT/Dispatchers, they also provide Medical First Responder level, EMT-Basic level, EMT-Specialist level, and Paramedic level licensure programs, as well as community CPR/AED classes and informational events within the Bay County Schools. The service also provides coverage for special events throughout the Bay County area, including all levels of EMS coverage at no cost for Bay City Central and Essexville Garber football games.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in recognizing the Bay Regional EMS units for their outstanding professionalism, attention to detail, and unwavering commitment to assisting all those in need of medical care.

HONORING 2004 STANISLAUS MEDICAL SOCIETY PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR DR. J. CARL HORNBERGER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. J. Carl Hornberger on the occasion of receiving the Stanislaus Medical Society John Darroch Memorial Award for Physician of the Year. A ceremony honoring Dr. Hornberger will be held at the Stanislaus Medical Society Annual Dinner Meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2004.

Dr. Carl Hornberger received his MD from the University of Rochester. He completed his Medical Internship, Residency, and Traineeship in Cardiology at the National

Heart Institute: University Hospitals of Cleveland, OH. Carl has been practicing medicine for 55 years and has been an active Internal Medicine Physician with Gould Medical Group in Modesto since 1955.

Carl's care and concern for the community and medicine are reflected in the wide variety of leadership roles he has held for the Stanislaus Medical Society and the Stanislaus Foundation for Medical Care. He has served as president for both boards and for the United Foundations of California. Carl has been chair of the bioethics committee at Memorial Medical Center in Modesto since 1997. Dr. Hornberger describes bioethics as, "all issues regarding quality patient care. It's the recognition that patients are in a dependent position, they are scared, they don't know what is going on. Bioethics is about the realm of care for people who are dependent and in need of care, how you are spoken to, how you are treated." Carl says the thing about doctoring he enjoys most is patient contact.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. J. Carl Hornberger for his excellence and dedication as a physician. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Carl many years of continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN JIM JENNINGS FOR HIS 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Captain Jim Jennings, who is retiring from the city of Concord Police Department after 35 years of serving the residents of Concord as well as the larger community.

Captain Jennings was born in Placerville and is a life-long resident of California. He married his wife Jennifer in 1970 and they have spent 34 wonderful years together.

Captain Jennings' public service career began even before his time with the Concord Police Department. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. During his service, he received several commendations and medals for his work.

Captain Jennings was hired as a patrolman with the Concord Police Department in May 1969. His distinguished career of public service includes serving on the board of directors of the Peace Officers Research Association of California. For 8 years, he also served as the organization's president.

In 1992, he collaborated with the Contra Costa County Superior Court to develop a protocol that law enforcement officials could follow to handle weapons seized from individuals. This protocol is now followed by all law enforcement agencies in Contra Costa County.

In 1994, Captain Jennings was honored for his on-the-scene help to prevent an individual from jumping to his death. During the following year, he was responsible for creating the Concord Police Department's Northern District Field Office. More than 1,000 individuals attended the Field Office's Grand Opening, demonstrating the widespread public support for his work.

For 35 years, Captain Jennings has served the Concord Police Department and surrounding community. His hard work has improved the safety of the city as well as bettered the overall quality of life for all members of the community. I am proud to commend him today for his leadership, dedication, and commitment to the people of the city of Concord.

THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed privilege to honor the city of Northampton, MA, and its residents as they celebrate the 350th anniversary of its European settlement in 2004. This occasion presents a wonderful opportunity for this community rich in history to reflect on its achievements, to celebrate its quality of life, and to join in ensuring this legacy for future generations.

Northampton was founded in 1654 on lands previously known as "Nonotuck" or "Norwottuck." This fertile Connecticut River Valley has been inhabited for more than 10,000 years by native peoples who began their agricultural industry. The fur trade was later established in the 1630s, upon the arrival of the Europeans. Once beavers grew scarce, the Pocumtuck and Mohican leaders began transferring lands to pay off debts to traders. Northampton became an established trade and marketing center in the 18th century.

Present day citizens of Northampton are proud to follow in the footsteps of an esteemed heritage. Famous Northampton native Jonathan Edwards sparked the religious revival of the Great Awakening in the 1740s with his enthused ministry. This historic city produced heroes such as General Seth Pomeroy of the Revolutionary War who was a delegate from Northampton to the First and Second Provincial Congresses, a major general in the Massachusetts Militia and fought at Bunker Hill. There was much economic unrest following the Revolutionary War that led to Daniel Shay leading his rebellion before the Constitutional Convention. Caleb Strong, who was a delegate to the Convention, became Massachusetts' first senator and an 11-term governor.

The dawn of the 19th century welcomed new economic opportunities. The New Haven canal promised to be profitable, however, the beginning of the American Railroad system and the shareholders failure to recoup their investments prevented this from thriving. Northampton provided an enriching environment for many industries, including education, with the foundation of the Northampton Association of Education and Industry. This association combined a radical abolitionism with a communally owned and operated silk mill, including members such as Sojourner Truth, William Lloyd Garrison, and Frederick Douglas in its inner circle.

Northampton continues to thrive in education. George Bancroft established the Round Hill School in 1823. Author George Washington Cable founded the Home Culture

Clubs in 1884. The Hill Institute created one of the first kindergartens in the United States. The prestigious Smith College was founded here in 1871, and the North Hampton Law School claims such alumni as Franklin Pierce.

Probably one of the most famous natives is former President Calvin Coolidge, who took office in 1923. Described by Jenny Lind as the "paradise of America," she was one of many who were drawn to the beauty of Northampton. Other famous visitors over the centuries include famous poet Ralph Waldo Emerson, Marquis de La Fayette, and Henry James who chose Northampton as the setting of his first novel. Artist Thomas Cole captured its beauty in art and called the city "picturesque." Also poet Sylvia Plath found inspiration in Northampton. Sylvester Graham, a diet and health food enthusiast, hails from Northampton as well and is the inventor of the Graham cracker. Also Lydia Maria Child, an abolitionist, poet and writer, was born in Medford in 1802.

Northampton prides itself on its long and distinguished past, and its claim as one of the oldest cities in the United States. With such prominent and influential figures dotting its rich history, it is evident as to why Northampton is such a thriving and vivacious city today.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING NATIONAL MORTGAGE BROKER DAY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas mortgage brokers originate two out of three residential home loans in the United States;

Whereas mortgage brokers have played a key role over the last 30 years in helping to raise the nation's homeownership rate to an historically high level of over 68 percent;

Whereas mortgage brokers are an integral component of the national housing market that has played a critical role in bolstering the American economy;

Whereas mortgage brokers are typically family-owned, small businesses employing 360,000 Americans at 44,000 firms with deep roots in their local communities;

Whereas mortgage brokers work every day to provide home financing options and resources to Americans in under-served low-to-moderate income and minority communities;

Whereas mortgage brokers help millions of Americans realize the dream of homeownership each year;

Therefore, I join with my colleagues in urging that June 7, 2004 be designated "National Mortgage Broker Day", as a tribute to the mortgage broker industry, which for more than 30 years has provided new homeownership and financing opportunities for millions of American families enabling them to build equity that can be passed on to future generations.

IN MEMORY OF REV. TRACY
CARROLL

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I have the regrettable duty to inform the House of the death of Rev. Tracy Allen Carroll of Camdenton, MO.

Reverend Carroll was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, and was raised in Des Moines, Iowa, where he was baptized at the Park Avenue Christian Church. He attended Northwest Christian College in Eugene, OR, where he met Colleen Troxell, whom he married in 1980. In Eugene, Reverend Carroll was ordained at the Allison Park Christian Church after earning his Masters of Divinity from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX, in 1988.

Reverend Carroll served many communities in Oregon and Texas, and arrived in Missouri to minister to the people of Cape Girardeau and Camdenton. He also spent a year in Tokyo, Japan, and served as chaplain at the Edna Galdney Maternity Home and Adoption Agency in Fort Worth, TX.

Reverend Carroll's compassion extended beyond the doors of his congregation. Benefiting from his many philanthropic activities in the Camdenton area were the LAMB House, Camdenton Manor, Citizens Against Domestic Violence, Missouri Mental Health Association, Helping Hands Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, and the Salvation Army. He was also the volunteer mediator for the Missouri Bar Association, a position he filled from the program's inception in 1991.

As you no doubt recall, on January 29, 2003, Reverend Carroll served as Guest Chaplain for the House of Representatives. I know we all found wisdom and guidance in his words that day.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Carroll will be missed. His care and compassion touched many people, probably more than he ever knew. His life of service is an example to us all. I know my fellow Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his wife, Colleen; his son, Nathaniel; his daughter, Tabitha; and the rest of his family and friends.

RECOGNIZING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MILITARY IMPACTED SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATION, AND STAFF FOR THEIR ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION OF MILITARY CHILDREN

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 598, a bill recognizing the valuable contributions of military impacted schools, teachers, administration, and staff to the education of military children.

Approximately 750,000 children of Active Duty Armed Forces members attend public or