

Agency with an infectious smile and a humble heart. It was no surprise when Equitable's agency managers' recognized James as their "National Honor Agent" for exemplifying excellence in professional achievement and community service from among the company's 7,500 member agency.

James' work throughout his life went far beyond the insurance industry. He answered his nation's call to duty, serving as a meteorologist in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. His extensive involvement in the community included serving on the Parkview Episcopal Hospital's executive committee and as finance chairman of the campaign for the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project. He also served as financial planner for the Pueblo Regional Library, worked as an officer at the local YMCA, and served on University United Presbyterian Church's board of elders and building committee. He mentored those who would listen, gave money to those who asked, and loved those who needed a kind word.

Mr. Speaker, James Moore will be sorely missed, and although we grieve over the loss of this incredible individual, we take comfort in the lives he touched and the legacy he leaves behind. I say to his wife Mary, his son Jim, and daughter DeAnn, that I am truly honored to pay tribute to his life and memory today. He was a great person and a great American, he will be sorely missed.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, it is with great reflection that I rise to recognize the hundreds of thousands of soldiers serving in our armed services today around the world, and to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the protection of our great country.

This has been a difficult year for many families in Minnesota, particularly those who have loved ones serving overseas in the armed forces. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the global campaign against terrorism have required much of the American people and the sacrifices are significant. War has separated thousands of Americans from their loved ones. Many families have not seen their fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, or friends and relatives for many months.

Today, the House rises in a moment of silence to recognize our fallen heroes. I would like to specifically mention the eight Minnesotans whose selfless acts of heroism in Iraq over the past year cost them their lives: Jim Herrgott, 20, of Shakopee; Brian Hellermann, 35, of Freeport; Dale Panchot, 26, of Northhome; Patrick Dorff, 32, of Buffalo; Matthew Milczark, 18, of Kettle River; Levi Angell, 20, of Cloquet; Moises Langhorst, 19, of Moose Lake; and Tyler Fey, 22, of Eden Prairie. Their service and their spirit live on in the memory of all Minnesotans.

This Memorial Day, I urge all Minnesotans to pause and remember those who have served our nation and those that continue to serve today. The debt of gratitude we owe these brave men and a woman is great and

we must never forget their sacrifices for our freedom.

CAROL AND JERRY BERMAN'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate my friends Carol and Jerry Berman as they celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Carol Berman met Jerry Berman at the University of Michigan, in 1941. Their surname was the same. In 1943 they became engaged. Jerry enlisted in the Air Force, and Carol graduated from college. They were married in 1944 and after a brief honeymoon, Carol traveled with Jerry to thirteen different Air Force installations where he was an airman, and she worked on various newspapers and magazines.

After the war they returned to Ann Arbor where Jerry received his degree in mechanical engineering, thanks to the GI Bill, and Carol worked as an Editor. After a while they moved back to New York and set up housekeeping in Lynbrook, Long Island. Jerry worked as an engineer, and Carol worked for a public relations firm. Their daughter Elizabeth was born followed by their son, Charles. They then moved to their present home in Lawrence, Long Island.

Carol devoted much of her time to the school, serving as President of two PTA's and then elected to the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Board of Education. While Carol was busy with this, Jerry, who now was in the family's insurance business, served in many capacities at his beloved Beth Shalom Synagogue, serving as Chairman of the Board for two terms.

Carol and Jerry also became politically active in the Democratic Party. Carol ran campaigns for many candidates and then the local offices for Assemblyman Eli Wager and Congressman Herbert Tenzer. She became a Vice Chair of the Nassau County Democratic Party. Carol was elected to the State Senate in 1978, serving for three terms, and is still the only Democrat elected to that body from a district solely in Nassau County. Her public service continued when she was appointed by Governor Cuomo to the State Division of Housing, to the Lobby Commission, and to the State Board of Elections, where she is still Commissioner.

Because of her political expertise, the community drafted her to head their fight against the SST Concorde landing at Kennedy Airport. That fight made history and just recently ended with the complete demise of the Concorde.

Terry was Democratic Leader of Lawrence-Cedarhurst, and President of the Five Towns Democratic Club, and was a close political associate of both Congressman Herbert Tenzer and Jim Scheuer. During the Vietnam War, he was appointed to the Draft Board, where he served for fifteen years. In that capacity, he accompanied Rabbi Edward Sandrow on a visit to General William Hershey, which resulted in a history making decision that enabled servicemen of other than the Quaker faith to claim Conscientious Objector status.

In addition, Jerry and Carol have donated much time to civic endeavors: among them

the building of St. John's Hospital. They have been honored by the Hospital, UJA-Federation, Israel Bonds, Congregation Beth Shalom, the Five Towns Democratic Club, Cancer Care, Nassau County Democratic Party, the Village of Lawrence and Carol by NOW and The Nassau Coalition Against Domestic Violence, as well as many other civic associations.

The greatest joy and love in their lives are their children: Elizabeth married to David; and Charles, married to Lisa; and their beloved grandchildren, Sarah, Jeremy, Rebecca and Ben.

Jerry and Carol emulate the ideals of citizenship in our country, through their concern for others, their service to the community and active participation in our government. I wish to congratulate and thank my good friends, Carol and Jerry, for all that they have done for my district, their community, the State, our Country, and me.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 1, 2004, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 210, 211, and 212. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 210 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 295, Congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on its 35th anniversary; rollcall vote 211 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended to H. Res. 612, Recognizing the firefighters, police, public servants, civilians, and private businesses who responded to the fire in Richmond, Virginia, on March 26, 2004; and rollcall vote 212 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 417, Honoring the Tuskegee Airmen.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 210, 211, and 212.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Staff Sergeant Joseph Fales, a World War II veteran who gave his life fighting against tyranny so that we might live free.

In honor of Memorial Day, I had the pleasure of recognizing Staff Sergeant Fales for his heroism and bravery as a U.S. Soldier who fought in the Second World War until his death in October 1943.

Staff Sergeant Fales served in the Army Air Force and heroically performed the perilous job of a waist gunner aboard a B-17 bomber. His plane was shot down over the Adriatic Sea, and an American Hero was lost. Sergeant Fales was only 20 years old.

I had the honor of presenting his family with medals Joseph Fales earned during his service to our nation. They included the World War

II Victory Medal, the Honorable Service Lapel Button, the European Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one bronze star, the Good Conduct Medal, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart, the oldest military decoration in the world more than 50 years overdue.

I am humbled by the courage and sacrifice of Joseph Fales. I am thankful for the gift of freedom that he fought to protect. We must never forget Joseph Fales and those soldiers who paid the ultimate price on our behalf.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID
LORENZ

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the importance of our community parks, and their caretakers. Often parks and cityscapes go overlooked during our busy days. However, keeping open spaces green, clean and well-kept is not an easy task. For this reason, I rise to pay tribute to David Lorenz for being awarded the 2003 Manager of the Year Award by the Special District Association of Colorado.

Mr. Lorenz has been the executive director of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District for the last 17 years. His accomplishments include overseeing the Goodson Recreation Center and the Sheridan Recreation Center. He has worked to preserve 3,000 acres of land for parks and open space, as well as a comprehensive 120 mile trail system used by walkers, joggers, and bicyclists.

David Lorenz has shown devotion to the community by maintaining and designing a variety of outdoor activities for the residents of South Suburban. He also received Honorable Mention in the Special Projects category for the "Living Well" initiative which helps to fight obesity in children and adults.

Mr. Lorenz' dedication, and the dedication of other caretakers, to the provision of recreation activities and the upkeep of our parks serve as a great benefit to all Americans.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN
ALAN L. TEBRINK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, to place your life in danger for the sake of others is an honorable and noble task, and that is exactly what police officers do regularly. Captain Alan TeBrink of the Colorado State Patrol will be retiring after twenty-five years of dedicated service, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the important role that he has played in protecting and serving the people of Colorado.

Alan graduated from the Colorado State Patrol Academy in 1979, and was assigned to Telluride where he was the only state trooper stationed at that location. In 1983, he transferred to the Colorado State Patrol Academy and was a staff instructor for four years before being promoted to Sergeant and transferring

to the Colorado Safety Institute serving as an instructor and supervisor. In 1989, Alan was reassigned as a first line supervisor for the newly created Hazardous Materials section where he was active in creating the emergency response and enforcement section, as well as developing training techniques for section personnel. Alan was promoted to the rank of Captain in 1994 and assigned to Troop 5A in Durango where his leadership and dedication earned him the admiration of his fellow troopers and community.

As a dedicated member of the Durango community, Alan is also well known for his civic participation. He is a referee for high school basketball games, and plans to continue as a referee for both basketball and football during his retirement. He is also active in the First Presbyterian Church, where he frequently teaches Sunday school and is and formerly served as church Elder.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Alan TeBrink acted with great commitment and leadership in all that he did throughout his career as a Colorado State Trooper. Alan never forgot that safety and protection came first and foremost for the people he served. It is my pleasure to recognize Alan before this body of Congress and this nation. I would like to extend my appreciation to him for everything that he has done and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

CHILD CREDIT PRESERVATION
AND EXPANSION ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today the House considers H.R. 4359, to make the increase in the child tax credit permanent and expand it for taxpayers in the \$110,000 to \$300,000 range. Instead of taking responsible steps to make permanent a tax cut to help working families with children, this bill balloons our federal debt and gives thousands of dollars in extra tax breaks to the very wealthiest Americans.

Meanwhile, those who need help the most, low- to moderate-income working families with children, receive little benefit under this bill. And those at the very bottom get nothing. Even worse, this bill threatens middle-class families as the legislation fails to pay for these tax cuts—increasing record deficits that threaten economic growth, raise interest rates, and cost jobs.

I support middle-class tax cuts and the child tax credit, but middle-class families would be much better off if these tax cuts were paid for and targeted to those who need them most. I support the Democratic alternative which makes sure these tax cuts are paid for through 2010, increases the child tax credit for more than 31 million middle-income families with children, over 75 percent, currently receiving the credit, and provides the child tax credit to an additional 2.5 million working families, instead of showering more tax cuts on those who have already benefited under the Bush tax cuts.

HONORING FRANCIS (FRANK) A.
DEMITA

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Francis (Frank) A. DeMita on his retirement from the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU). Mr. DeMita has devoted much of his life to the credit union, with more than 50 years' experience as a volunteer in the credit union community. There is no doubt in my mind that our good friends at NAFCU will feel a great void once Mr. DeMita departs.

Mr. DeMita's devotion to the credit union community was evidenced by his service as Chairman of the Board of the Nassau Educators Federal Credit Union for over 30 years. A retired teacher himself, Mr. DeMita has not only been active in the credit union movement, but also with many charitable organizations and causes on Long Island. For the last six years, Mr. DeMita has balanced his time as NAFCU Board Member in addition to his leadership at the Nassau Educators Federal Credit Union and in the Long Island community. However, one element has remained constant—Frank has always given selflessly of his time to promote and enhance the lives of credit union members in the great state of New York, as well as across the nation. But he also has remained committed to the educational background that he came from. Mr. DeMita helped start a scholarship program in 1990 that has awarded 75 scholarships every year since to outstanding high school seniors in Nassau County. To date, the program has provided over \$300,000 to help these students attend college.

As a member of the NAFCU Board of Directors, Mr. DeMita worked tirelessly to enhance the federal credit union charter by working with Congress for regulatory relief legislation for credit unions. His work has helped maintain NAFCU's status as a leading credit union trade association.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mr. Frank DeMita on all of his fine work throughout his illustrious tenure as a Board Member of NAFCU. I have worked with Mr. DeMita on issues that are important to the credit union community in the past and I am committed to continuing to do so. Congratulations on your retirement from the NAFCU Board, Mr. DeMita.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, May 20, 2004, I was unavoidably detained, and unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall numbers 203 and 204. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 203 on the Tauscher Amendment to H.R. 4200, the Defense Authorization Act for FY 2005; and rollcall vote 204 on the Ryun (KS) amendment to H.R. 4200.