

David Paul Burrige served with the U.S. Marine's 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. On the afternoon of the 6th of September, was killed outside Fallujah, Iraq when a suicide bomber detonated a vehicle near a U.S. convoy.

David had been stationed in Iraq since April and most recently, his Marine unit was charged with securing the volatile western Anbar province.

David was one of seven brave Marine's killed outside Fallujah on Monday. While we here in the United States honored America's workers on Labor Day, David and his colleagues were hard at work defending our freedom. In the line of duty, David bravely gave his life to help make this world a better place for his fellow soldiers and indeed for us all.

A 2004 graduate of Lafayette High School, David's principal remembered him as "happy-go-lucky," saying "he was just the kind of kid that if I were a teacher, that's the kind of kid that you say, 'I'd take a whole class of them.'"

Mr. Speaker, please join David's friends, family and me as we honor his memory and thank him for his heroic service to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO EAST BAY AREA FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND LOVED ONES AFFECTED BY CANCER

**HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 7, 2004*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention the accomplishments of the Wellness Community of the San Francisco East Bay area.

The Wellness Community provides support, education, and hope for people with cancer and their loved ones, serving more than 1,000 participants in the Bay Area annually.

Cancer affects three out of four families across our Nation, over 1.3 million Americans each year. Cancer does not discriminate, crossing all ethnic, racial, age, national origin, sexual orientation, and socio-economic lines. It is one of the most devastating diseases afflicting Americans today.

The Wellness Community of the San Francisco East Bay area provides services to improve the quality of life for cancer patients, their families, and loved ones. Services include weekly and monthly support groups, monthly educational programs, stress management and gentle movement programs, and a cancer resource library.

In addition to providing a close-knit, home-like atmosphere, the Wellness Community's programs also enable those with cancer to take an active stance in combating the disease by forming a support network for patients and their families.

The Wellness Community believes that hope is a valuable tool for combating cancer. Rather than identifying themselves as passive victims, the Wellness Community empowers patients to play an active role in improving their own lives by working directly with their healthcare teams to bring about the possibility of recovery.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the Wellness Community on over

twenty years of dedicated service in improving the lives of individuals, families, and loved ones who are affected by cancer in the San Francisco Bay area.

I urge the House of Representatives to recognize their declaration of September 18, 2004 as "The Wellness Community Day of Celebration."

CITY OF COLLEYVILLE RANKED IN TOP TEN

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 7, 2004*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize five communities within my district for being acknowledged as among the "Top Ten Suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area," by D Magazine, a regional monthly publication. Top honors went to Southlake, Colleyville, Highland Village, Flower Mound, and Coppell based on these communities' excellent schools, affordability, and low crime rates.

Every two years, the magazine ranks some fifty plus suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth region, the State of Texas' largest metropolitan area. Colleyville was ranked number five on this year's top ten after receiving top marks as a "laid back" community. D Magazine also noted the city's recognition for being a national "Kid Friendly City," "Tree City U.S.A." and "Texas' Safest City."

I applaud Mayor Joe Hocutt and the City Council of Colleyville for building the City of Colleyville into a distinguished community. I am proud to represent such a vibrant city.

COMMENDING DR. MILDRED C. HARRIS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 7, 2004*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to announce that the God First Ministries East Chicago, Indiana Chapter will be hosting a heavenly breakfast on Saturday, September 18, 2004, at the Dynasty Banquets Hall, in Hammond, Indiana.

This year's guest speaker, Dr. Mildred C. Harris, is one of the most caring, dedicated, and selfless citizens of Illinois. Dr. Harris graduated from DePaul University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Development with an emphasis on Communication Science. She then obtained a Master of Arts degree from Governors State University, a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, and a Doctorate in Ministry from the International Bible Institute and Seminary. Dr. Harris also holds two honorary doctorate degrees.

Dr. Harris has demonstrated a sincere love for the community in which she lives. In addition to improving the lives of others through her professional career as a retired school teacher, Dr. Harris is an ordained minister. She is the President and CEO of God First Ministries in Chicago, Illinois, and she has also established other God First Chapters in

the states of California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Dr. Harris was selected as one of the 6 leading ministers from the City of Chicago to participate in the Chicago Remembers September 11th Observance in leading the Prayer of Hope for Chicago. She has also volunteered her time to champion many causes aimed at bringing comfort to those in need of assistance. Under her leadership, God First Ministries has fed thousands of people, given scholarships to graduating high school seniors, and hosted a clothing drive in which 21,000 clothing items were distributed to those in need.

Among her many contributions to the care of all people, Dr. Harris is a member of several boards and organizations, including: the Independent Assemblies of God, the National Religious Conference Management Association, the Administration Interacting with Ministers/Concerned Clergy for a Better Chicago, African American Religious Connection, the United Negro College Fund Advisory Board, Chicago Department on Aging Task Force, Women's Board of the Goodman Theatre, and the Local Government Advisory Board for the state of Illinois.

Although she dedicates her life to serving her community, Mildred never limits the time she gives to her loving family. She is the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Jordan Clopton and she is married to Dr. Herbert C. Harris.

For all of her conscientious efforts, both professionally and voluntarily, Dr. Harris has been recognized by her peers by earning numerous awards for excellence. She has authored three books and was awarded the Popular Music Award from the American Society of Composers. Dr. Harris was also featured on billboards and busses throughout Chicago promoting a citywide organ donation drive. In 2000, she was awarded the Woman of the Year Award from the American Biographical Institute. She was then honored with the Dominick's Fresh Spirit Award as one of Chicago's Leading Women Religious Leaders in 2001. Dr. Harris was also featured in the Religious Conference Management Association, Who's Who 2002-2003.

Mr. Speaker, throughout Dr. Harris's career in ministry she has touched the lives of many around the world. Her unselfish and lifelong dedication to those in need is worthy of the highest commendation. I am proud to commend her for her lifetime of service and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE RICHARD A. BLOCH

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 7, 2004*

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the passing of Richard A. Bloch, of Kansas City, Missouri, who was a co-founder of H&R Block, Inc., and a passionate crusader for cancer patients.

In 1955, Richard Bloch and his brother, Henry, relaunched a small family-owned bookkeeping service as H&R Block, focusing on income tax preparation. Richard Bloch was a primary force behind the company's rapid expansion in the two decades thereafter.