

(Ronne) Froman, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy Retired.

Ronne Froman serves as Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross of San Diego and Imperial Counties. Froman joined the American Red Cross in 2003 and through her leadership quickly and decisively developed "The New American Red Cross" in San Diego by refocusing the organization on its core mission of disaster relief and emergency preparedness.

Admiral Froman comes to the American Red Cross from the San Diego Unified School District, where she served as Chief of Business Operations for one-and-a-half years. As the Chief Business Officer, she was responsible for the modernization and automation of the district's finance, technology and logistics support operations and infrastructure.

She is a retired Rear Admiral from the United States Navy and the former "Navy Mayor of San Diego." Admiral Froman brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the American Red Cross of San Diego and Imperial Counties, with over 31 years of service as a Naval Officer leading similar reform efforts.

Her expertise is reorganizing, saving money and improving services. Froman is a no-nonsense "efficiency expert" and whether she's helping the military, education or human service organizations, Froman is always ready to meet any challenge head-on.

Admiral Froman has received the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal, and the United States Navy Distinguished Service Medal, as well as various service and unit awards.

In the civilian community she currently sits on the Board of Directors of 1st Pacific Bank of California, the Monarch School, and the San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum. She was recognized by the San Diego Mediation Center with the Peacemaker of the Year Award (2004), and by San Diego Magazine as one of the "50 People to Watch in 2004." In 2003, she was honored to serve as the Chair of Fleet Week and received the Girl Scouts' Cool Woman Award. Other awards include: the "YMCA TWIN" Award, (2002), the San Diego Soroptimists' Woman of Accomplishment (1998), the National Association of Women Business Owners' Advocate of the Year (1998), the San Diego Press Club's Headliner Award (1998), and a San Diego Women Who Mean Business Award (1997).

With 20-years senior executive experience in complex, multi-functional, multimillion dollar organizations; with extensive experience in operations, facility management, marketing and human resources; being skilled in building teams through collaborative management; being a strategic planner and proven executor of the plans; being a designer and implementor of major organizational change; always being people and customer focused; and extremely comfortable handling community relations, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Veronica Zasadni (Ronne) Froman and commend her accomplishments to my colleagues.

RECOGNIZING MARSHA COBB

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Marsha M. Cobb for her recent recognition by the Texas Council for the Social Studies as "Elementary Teacher of the Year" for 2004.

Mrs. Cobb is a second-grade teacher at Polser Elementary School in Lewisville, Texas, located in my Congressional District. She is now up for consideration as the national Social Studies Teacher of the Year award, given by the National Council for the Social Studies.

Mrs. Cobb has 16 years of experience in the classroom. Mrs. Cobb employs a "hands on" educational philosophy and strives to educate her students through experience rather than text books. If you were to walk in her classroom, you would most likely see her students roaming the room looking at various interactive displays rather than with their heads buried in textbooks.

Mrs. Cobb is not the only recognized distinguished teacher in the Lewisville School District. This is the third consecutive year a Lewisville teacher has won the Texas Council for Social Studies Elementary Teacher of the Year award. Last year, Linda Krause, a fifth-grade teacher at Wellington Elementary School in Flower Mound received the award. And in 2002, Janet Davis, a second-grade teacher at Heritage Elementary in Highland Village, earned the award.

I would like to commend Marsha Cobb, as well as Linda Krause and Janet Davis, for receiving this distinguished award.

A TRIBUTE TO HUNTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, on August 9th, students and teachers in North Alabama officially ended their summer break and headed back into the classroom for another year of study. It was also a special day for my high school alma mater, as the students and teachers of Huntsville High School began classes in a new state-of-the-art educational facility.

The original Huntsville High School, built in the 1950s, was no longer able to support its growing number of students. Mr. Speaker, the new school encompasses 280,000 square feet, has 65 classrooms, a small practice gym, a lecture hall of 140 seats, a large auditorium that can hold the entire student body, and a main gym that will seat 2,400.

I strongly believe that a firm academic foundation will help the young people of North Alabama achieve their goals and help raise the overall quality of life in our community. Having outstanding teachers with eager students in this wonderful new facility will be a successful combination for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I was unable to join the administrators and faculty, students, alumni, and friends at the official opening of the new Huntsville High School. However, I rise today

to join in their celebration and welcome them into the new Huntsville High.

CONGRATULATING TODD HAMILTON

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate Illinois native Todd Hamilton on his win at the 133rd British Open Championship on Sunday, July 18, 2004.

Born on October 18, 1965 in Galesburg, Illinois, Todd Hamilton was raised in the town of Oquawka. He practiced golf at Hend-Co Hills Golf Club in Biggsville and attended Biggsville's Union High School. At Union, he petitioned the school to create a golf club, and then went on to win the Illinois state high school golf championships during his junior and senior years. Next, Todd was an All-American golfer at the University of Oklahoma.

Todd Hamilton went pro in 1987, and then spent 11 years golfing in Asia between 1992 and 2003, where he won tournaments such as the Thailand Open, Singapore Masters, Korean Open, and the Japan Golf Tour's Acom International. However, the esteemed PGA Tour eluded him. He finally made the PGA Tour in December 2003 on his eighth attempt, tying for 16th in the qualifying tournament at the age of 38.

The four most important tournaments in golf are known as the "majors." They are the British Open, the U.S. Open, the Masters, and the USPGA championships, which make up the most important events in the golfing calendar. The British Open is golf's oldest national championship and the only one of the majors that is played outside the USA.

When Todd Hamilton was given the opportunity to compete in the Open Championship, as the British Open is known in the United Kingdom, he defeated some of golf's best and most wellknown players, including Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson. Winning this competition has elevated Todd Hamilton to rank among the world's best golfers.

I am proud to represent the place where Todd Hamilton learned to play golf, and I think I speak for everyone in Oquawka and throughout Illinois when I say that we are so proud of Todd's remarkable achievement in the Open Championship. Todd Hamilton has demonstrated the tenacity, perseverance, and skill of a champion in his long journey to the top, and I wish him and his family the best of luck in this new chapter of his career.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILDERNESS ACT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, September 3rd marked the 40th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, which protects the Nation's enduring natural heritage as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Revered by scores of Americans and visitors