Buchtels retired from teaching, and they’re still going strong. Frank turned 100 on July 2, and he and Rossie celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on August 26. In light of these important milestones, the Rotary Club in Princeton is renaming its scholarship in honor of Frank. Additionally, Mercer County, MO, has designated September 28, 2004, as a day to honor both Frank and Rossie Buchtel.

Rossie’s family had long been established in the area when Frank accepted a teaching and coaching position in Princeton in 1927. Rossie’s parents were long-time Princeton residents, and her grandparents were pioneer citizens of Mercer County. Frank had an immediate impact on Princeton though, as he coached the Princeton football Tigers to an undefeated season in 1928. After that unbelievable season, Frank probably thought that life couldn’t get much better, but he soon fell in love with Rossie; they were married in 1929. Shortly after their wedding, the Buchtels set out for Scottsbluff, NE, where Frank had accepted a coaching job at the junior college. Every summer, the Buchtels would venture to Evanston, IL, where Frank earned his master’s degree at Northwestern University.

In 1936 Frank was appointed athletic director at Aurora College in Illinois. During the 5 years that Frank served as athletic director, Rossie completed her AB degree. Rossie’s passion for library science, which she developed in Aurora, later led her to a graduate degree in the field at the University of Chicago.

In the fall of 1941, Frank, Rossie, and Barbara moved to Chicago Heights, IL. Frank served as coach and athletic director Bloom Township High School for the next 27 years while Rossie was a librarian at a nearby school. Barbara graduated from Bloom and then DePauw University during these years. Barbara later married Elmer Duerrst, and Frank and Rossie became proud grandparents of Dan and Debra, Barbara and Elmer’s two children. In 1964, Frank and Rossie retired from their respective careers to settle in Princeton.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Frank and Rossie Buchtel, two remarkable citizens of Northwest Missouri who so exemplify the qualities of dedication and service. I am honored to call Frank and Rossie Buchtel constituents of Missouri’s Sixth District.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO STAN SCHEER
HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to announce that this year’s Kiwanis Club of Littleton Valor Award was given to Stan Scheer, the superintendent of Littleton Public Schools. He has done an excellent job in his position, working to meet the needs of the community.

Superintendent Scheer began working for Littleton Public Schools 6 years ago, and has been well received in the community for his dedication to improving the quality of education in Littleton.

The Kiwanis Club honors individuals with the Valor Award every 2 years. The proceeds from the Valor Award reception go to provide assistance to nonprofit organizations chosen by the recipient. This year, Superintendent Scheer has asked that the proceeds be donated to the Littleton Public Schools Foundation and the Kids in Need of Dentistry.

I would like to join the Kiwanis Club in applauding Mr. Scheer’s continued success and dedication as the superintendent for Littleton Public Schools, and wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

HONORING ADA KATHERYN LEWIS ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY
HON. TOM DAVIS
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor Ada Katheryn Lewis on her 80th birthday as well as her many years of dedication to the surrounding community.

Ms. Lewis was born September 27, 2004, in Wayne County, NC and was formerly a librarian at a nearby school. She taught in Johnston, Franklin, Wilson, and Pitt Counties.

In 1982, Ms. Lewis received her MA in Educational Administration with honors from East Carolina University. In 1978, she was appointed assistant superintendent of Pitt County Public Schools, becoming the first woman to hold such a position at that level in North Carolina.

Ms. Lewis has been recognized by virtually every appropriate institution for nearly 50 years of dedication to the education of those who were influenced by her teachings. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Ms. Lewis for her years of service to the youth of America and her dedication to the human mind. Her contributions and efforts are much appreciated and will always be remembered. Her service is an exemplary example of an ideal citizen.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE BLAZVICK
HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, rise today to honor George Blazvick, a Vietnam veteran who now resides in Dunnellon, Florida, within my Fifth Congressional District.

On August 19, 2004, I had the pleasure of recognizing Mr. Blazvick for his heroism and bravery as a United States soldier who served his country from September 1966 to September 1968.

After completing 10 months of service, Mr. Blazvick was injured in an unfortunate blast when an M-79 grenade exploded in close proximity to his position. He was wounded in his leg and evacuated to a military hospital in Japan. He served the remainder of his tour in Fort Benning, Georgia. Since his return home to Dunnellon, Florida, Mr. Blazvick has been working tirelessly in support of veterans and their families.

To honor Mr. Blazvick, the Dunnellon Community Service Award was presented to him by Dunnellon Mayor John Dalrymple.

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HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ
OF NEW JERSEY
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Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Patricia Lorraine Burke McGehee for her outstanding leadership and distinguished accomplishments in education.

She is being honored today, September 21, 2004, with the Mary T. Norton Memorial Award given by the United Way of Hudson County at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Dr. McGehee began her work as an educator in the Lincoln Community School. In the years that followed, she was principal of the Mary J. Donohoe School, Robinson School, and Midtown Community School. She has been the superintendent for Bayonne Schools since 2000.

Under her leadership, the Bayonne School District has received numerous awards for excellence. Dr. McGehee has also been instrumental in forming partnerships that have generated grant money for school programs.

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HONORING RALPH THEODORE BROWN, SR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DELAURO
OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate Detective Ralph Theodore Brown, Sr. as he retires after twenty-seven years of dedicated service to the Police Department of the City of West Haven, Connecticut. Through his professional career and volunteer service, Teddy has shown a unique commitment to his community.

Returning to West Haven in 1962 from four years of service as a Special Services Airman in the United States Air Force, Teddy settled with his wife, Carroll, to raise their three sons. Joining the West Haven Police Department as a patrol officer in 1977, Teddy quickly moved through the ranks and was named Detective just three years later. During his career with the Department, Teddy has worked in the Youth Division and served with the Statewide Narcotics Task Force as an undercover agent.

Too often, we overlook the incredible work of our local law enforcement officers. These are the men and women who dedicate themselves to protecting our families and neighborhoods. Teddy's own career has been recognized with a myriad of commendations and awards including the Medal of Merit. The West Haven community has certainly been fortunate to have such a dedicated individual working diligently on their behalf.

In addition to his professional contributions, Teddy has long been an avid volunteer in his community. From coaching "Biddy Basketball" to serving as a Commissioner for the West Haven Parks & Recreation Department, he has been a friend and mentor to hundreds of our young people. Teddy, who has served as a Deacon for over fifteen years, has also been an active member of the Dixwell Congregational United Church of Christ for over three decades. In addition to these activities, Teddy is also a founding Member of the West Haven Black Coalition, member of the West Haven Race Relations Committee, and a member of the NAACP—three organizations which have worked to build on the diversity of West Haven and create a stronger community.

Through all of his good work, Teddy has touched the lives of many. His dedicated service and unparalleled commitment to enriching his community has left an indelible mark which will serve as an inspiration to others. For his many contributions—both professional and volunteer—to our community, I am proud to stand today and join his wife, Carroll; sons, Teddy, Jr., Erik, and Shawn; grandchildren, Shane and Camryn; as well as the many families, friends and colleagues who have gathered to congratulate and extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ralph Theodore Brown, Sr. as he celebrates his retirement. My very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING THE SYRACUSE ALL-STAR BABE RUTH BASEBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the Syracuse All-Star Babe Ruth baseball team. On August 21, the team won the Babe Ruth baseball 18-year-old World Series in Loudoun County, Virginia, for the second consecutive season.

As Middle Atlantic Regional Champions, the Syracuse All-Stars competed against the best Babe Ruth players from around the country in the World Series tournament. Their victory is a testament to their hard work, determination, and competitive spirit throughout the entire season. It is also a continuation of the Central New York tradition for producing some of the best young baseball talent in the country, and the teams own winning tradition.

I congratulate the members of the Syracuse All-Star Team, their coaches, their parents, families and friends. They have earned the pride and admiration of all of Central New York not only through their victories but also through their demonstration of hard work, good sportsmanship and fair play. The team's continuing success and their impressive back-to-back Babe Ruth World Series championships deserve the recognition of this House and the nation at large. I am proud that such a talented group of young athletes come from my Congressional District, and again I offer them my sincerest congratulations.

RECOGNIZING JACOB STAVES FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRANES
OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob Staves, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Jake currently attends Liberty High School and Chandler Baptist Church, and will receive his Eagle Scout Award on September 12, 2004.

Jake has been very active with his troop by participating in many Scout activities, earning numerous merit badges, and serving in a variety of leadership positions. He has held such positions as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, as well as Troop Guide. He has earned the World Conservation Award, and is BSA Lifeguard Certified. In addition to these accomplishments, Jake is a member of both honor camping programs, Order of the Arrow and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. For his Eagle Scout project, Jake once again displayed his dedication to service by leading a group of Boy Scouts to build and install a sign in the community. Jake's Eagle Scout award is a testament to the hard work and dedication he has shown.

I urge all my colleagues to read these letters. You can find many of them on a new site called www.nightingalesnurses.org, and you can also search for more at http://legacy.library.ucsf.edu/index.html.

TRIBUTE TO ST. JOHN AME CHURCH

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the members of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jersey City, New Jersey. On Sunday, September 26, 2004, they will be celebrating 60 years of community service with a re-dedication ceremony. St. John AME Church was founded in May 1944 and its members have served the people of Jersey City through their outreach to children, families, and seniors; their involvement in neighborhood initiatives; and their dedication to meeting the needs of the community in which they live.