

Mr. Williams was born in Memphis, Tennessee where he was reared mostly by his mother, after the death of his jazz and blues musician father. Growing up, Mr. Williams was a stellar student and writer at Manassas High School in Memphis. From there, he went on to earn a degree in journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana in 1956. He later pursued graduate studies at Howard and Atlanta Universities. Pursuing a career in segregated America, Mr. Williams encountered barriers because of his race that prevented him from pursuing a journalism career in Illinois.

Illinois' loss was our gain because Mr. Williams returned to Memphis, where he began his career as managing director of the Memphis Star-Times, a local African-American newspaper. After working as a congressional fellow for U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey and as a Foreign Service Reserve officer in the Kennedy administration, Mr. Williams returned to Illinois as vice president of public affairs and executive director of the University Center for Policy Study at the University of Chicago.

Unwilling to rest on his laurels, Mr. Williams resigned from his prestigious positions to take on the helm of a new, little-known think tank. The Joint Center's original purpose was to support and train African-American elected officials nationwide and measure their growth subsequent to the Voting Rights Act. Under Mr. Williams' direction, the Center expanded its focus to examine and document public policy issues affecting African Americans. Mr. Williams' determination to maintain a non-partisan approach to the Center's problem-solving activities serves as an example to us all.

Mr. Williams leaves a legacy of innovation and courage in his efforts to address issues such as education, voting rights reform and the spread of HIV/AIDS in the United States. Mr. Williams has received numerous accolades and awards for his civic contributions, including the prestigious MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Award. Most recently, the Joint Center, under Mr. Williams leadership has studied and explained the rise of a new generation of the African-American elected officials into the mainstream of public life. He continuously reminds us not to be shy in our goal of reaching new heights on behalf of all Americans while staying connected to, in his words, "the useful values of the past." His life and career demonstrate to all Americans that we stand on the shoulders of a generation that fought and stood and often sat down to create a more perfect union.

For his unselfish contributions and commitment to our Nation, Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in commending Mr. Eddie Williams for his many years of dedicated service to the American people.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE
HON. JOSEPH N. LANGAN

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, the city of Mobile, Alabama, and indeed the entire First Congressional District recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Mayor Joseph N. Langan was a devoted family man and dedicated public servant throughout his entire life. In 1939, at the age of 27, he entered the field of politics, serving for 6 years in the Alabama House of Representatives. He later served from 1947 to 1951 in the Alabama State Senate. From 1953 to 1969, he served as a Mobile city commissioner, including several terms as mayor at a time when the city was governed by a three-member commission. Mayor Langan enjoyed a very successful career as mayor and was known particularly for his efforts to expand the size of the city. As a result of his efforts, the city expanded its westward boundaries and grew in size from an area of approximately 33 square miles to an area of over 160 square miles.

During his time in both local and State government, Mayor Langan developed a strong reputation as a leader who felt duty-bound to do his part in the strengthening of relations between the black and white communities in Mobile and throughout the State of Alabama. In spite of progressive policies that led to strong public outrage and the end of his careers in both the State legislature and city hall, Mayor Langan dedicated himself to assisting the members of the African-American community in their efforts to advance their causes. During his tenure in the State legislature, he argued for equal pay for both black and white public school teachers. Additionally, during his service as mayor, Mayor Langan was an important part of keeping the community calm at a time when racial riots and crimes were tearing apart Alabama and much of the South. His strong and enduring relationship with Alabama civil rights activist John LeFlore was crucial to maintaining this calm.

Mayor Langan, a graduate of both Murphy High School and Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, was also a proud veteran of the United States Army, serving during both World War II and the Korean conflict. Later in his military career, he held the rank of general and served as commander of the Army National Guard's 31st Infantry Division.

In addition to both his public and military careers, Mayor Langan found time to become actively involved in many community and charitable organizations. He served as a member of the Spring Hill College Board of Trustees and of the University of South Alabama Foundation. He was recognized for his community service and charitable work with the 1957 Mobilian of the Year award.

This sad time for so many in the Mobile community has also given many of Mayor Langan's colleagues and friends the opportunity to remember him and recognize the many accomplishments of his career. Alabama State Senator Vivian Figures said, "He was always for government being sensitive and inclusive to all citizens. . . . He was a real gentleman of distinction." Former Mobile city clerk Richard Smith said, "He wanted to serve, and he served well. He had vision, he had brains, he had leadership." And without fail, many in the Mobile community will remember Mayor Langan as one of the finest mayors and public servants to have ever worked on behalf of their city.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated public servant and friend to many in Mobile, Alabama. Mayor Langan will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Maude Adelle Langan, and his broth-

er, John C. Langan, and his many nephews and other family members—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

IN MEMORY OF PETER CUTINO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter J. Cutino, a coaching legend in the sport of water polo, who passed away Sunday, September 19th in his Monterey home. During his lifetime Mr. Cutino was a strong pillar of the water polo community. He will be dearly missed by his wife of 51 years, Louise; two sons, Paul and Peter; daughter, Anna; brother Bert; two sisters, Rose Marie and Josephine; five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Cutino was born April 3, 1933 in Monterey. He graduated from high school a star athlete in 1951 and earned Junior College All American honors at Monterey Peninsula College. He then transferred to Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, earning water polo all-conference honors, and graduated with a master's degree in education.

He began his coaching career at Oxnard High School and then moved on to coach the Cal Golden Bears for 26 victorious years. He was the most successful water polo coach in collegiate history and was awarded NCAA Coach of the Year four times. His successes in collegiate sports earned him the coveted role as coach to the U.S. national team in the 1976 Olympics. While at Cal, he coached 68 all-Americans, 6 Pac-10 conference and NCAA players of the year and 5 Olympians.

In 1989 he stepped down as UC Berkeley's head water polo coach in order to open and run the Monterey Sports Club in my district. At the same time, Peter continued his service to the international sports world by serving as chairman of the Men's International Olympic Committee. Additionally, in recognition of his life of leadership and mentorship, he received UC Berkeley's Alumni Centennial Award and Chancellors commendation, and an athletic scholarship at Berkeley was established in his name in 1989. Mr. Cutino was also an active leader in the Italian-American Community in Monterey and was a member of the Campari, Paisano and Amici clubs. In addition to numerous professional water polo publications, he authored a book on the Italian-American community in Monterey.

Mr. Speaker, today I wish to join the local community and Mr. Peter Cutino's family and friends in honoring the life of such an inspirational coach, husband and father.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BERNARD E.
KERST

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I rise to recognize the passing of

Bernard Kerst, a great man from my district. Bernard spent most of his 87 years living in Yuma, Colorado, and during that time he made a significant impact on the life of countless individuals and his county. I am honored today to bring his contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and this Nation.

Bernard Kerst was born on July 9, 1917. When the Great Depression swept the country, he left high school and got a job to support himself and his family. He started a trucking business in his twenties and then built Victory Ships in Oregon during World War II. Afterward, he moved back to eastern Colorado, married DeVonna Gregory, and began farming and ranching. Being an avid conservationist, Bernard served on the board of the East Yuma County Soil Conservation District and was awarded the Bullshippers award from the Farm and Ranch Association for his outstanding service and leadership.

Bernard was a dedicated family man, raised two children, Carolyn and Dan, had many grandchildren and was able to know his first great grandchild, Isabel Carolyn. Due to health problems, Bernard and DeVonna moved to Arizona. After DeVonna passed away in 1999, Bernard moved back to Colorado to be close to his family living in Glenwood Springs.

Mr. Speaker, Bernard Kerst was a dedicated man who worked hard, supported his community and loved his family, and I am honored to pay tribute to him before this body of Congress today. I had the pleasure of knowing Bernard and worked with members of his family during my time in office, and I will miss his kind heart and wisdom. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this time of bereavement.

HONORING BATTELLE ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with Mrs. PRYCE and Mr. TIBERI to congratulate Battelle, a global science and technology enterprise, on its 75th anniversary.

Although founder Gordon Battelle never lived to see his dreams come to fruition, it was his and his mothers' estates that led to Battelle's existence. The estates were generously left for the establishment of the "Battelle Memorial Institute . . . for the purpose of education in connection with and the encouragement of creative and research work and the making of discoveries and inventions . . .". It was Mr. Battelle's desire to recover zinc from Ozark mines that led him to his first patent. This initial success produced the grand vision which Mr. Battelle's business partner, Joseph Frantz, is credited with carrying out.

In 1929, Battelle opened for business with only 30 staff members. Today, including the national labs that they manage, Battelle oversees 16,000 staff members and conducts \$3 billion in annual research and development.

It is hard to believe what this Columbus, Ohio-headquartered institution has accomplished since those humble beginnings. In fact, their innovative technologies touch most Americans on a daily basis.

Possibly the most well known of Battelle's innovations is the development of xerography, which eventually led to today's copying machines and the company Xerox. Other innovations include: armor plating for U.S. Army tanks during WWII, fuel for the first nuclear powered submarine *Nautilus*, the metal composition of most of the 52.5 million coins produced each day by the U.S. Mint, cruise control for the automotive industry, the technology that led to the compact disc, and "no-melt" chocolate.

In addition to their commercial customers, Battelle provides services to over 800 federal, state, and local government agencies concentrating on important issues from national security to transportation and space.

As Chairman of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee, I have the distinct pleasure of working very closely with Battelle on a number of issues. Through the annual Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, I provide funds for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Labs. One of Battelle's primary services includes the management or co-management of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and the National Renewable National Laboratory. In fact, just last week, Battelle won a 10-year contract to operate the newly created Idaho National Laboratory, and congratulations are certainly in order regarding this new addition to the Battelle family.

As we look forward with great anticipation to the next 75 years of Battelle innovations, one can only dream of what may come. Battelle projects that they will concentrate on a broad range of issues in the upcoming years including: advanced healthcare, sustainable and renewable energy, clean water, and nuclear power.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to continuing to work with Battelle on these issues, and many more, and I congratulate them on their continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on November 16, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote No. 531. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN MEMORY OF JOHN H.G. STUART

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I stand in mourning to honor my good friend John H.G. Stuart, who passed peacefully on October 23, 2004, at the age of 86. He is survived by his wife, Sheila, his son Orin, his daughter Oria, his sister Kathleen of Toronto, Canada, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Mr. Stuart was a great contributor to the global community, and an example of the American dream.

Mr. Stuart, who was known to one and all as Harry, was born in 1918 in County Silgo, Ireland. He and his family later moved to Dublin, where he attended engineering school, and graduated with his degree from Trinity College. He later joined the British Navy, and spent the whole of the Second World War as a naval engineer, including two tours as chief engineer. After the end of World War II, he returned home to Ireland where he met and married Sheila, his wife and lifelong love of 58 years.

In 1948, Harry joined the Calcutta Electric Supply in India. He worked with their three power plants to make sure that Calcutta had plenty of power. Then, after almost 6 years in India and many months of applications and waiting, the Stuarts were granted visas and entry into the United States. They went to San Francisco in 1954 via Hong Kong, and ended up settling in Santa Cruz a year later in 1955.

As an engineer, Harry did power work with local companies and offices such as Pacific Gas & Electric and Lockheed Martin. He was able to help build geothermal plants in Iceland, Hawaii, and southern California. Through this work, he helped the world community to use better and cleaner power.

Harry had many faces. He was an avid traveler, as anyone would know just by reading these exploits, and he loved to fish and smoke salmon. In fact, I spent many a long night with Harry, discussing his travels throughout the British Isles, his passion for the outdoors, and most of all his thoughts on the best whiskey. In short, Harry was one of "the best," a friend and companion to one and all and a beautiful human being.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that we can all stand today and honor this man. He bettered the global environment, exemplified America's true diversity and opportunity to those who want to make a life here, and gave of his time to better the lives of his fellow travelers. I will miss him deeply and extend my deepest condolences to Sheila, Orin, Oria, Kathleen and the rest of his wonderful family.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NORMA ANDERSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Senate Majority Leader Norma Anderson and thank her for her tireless efforts serving the people of Colorado as a three-term member of the Colorado State Senate. Norma will always be remembered as a dedicated public servant and leader of her community. As she continues to serve the citizens of District 22, let it be known that she has made a great commitment to the Colorado General Assembly and the State of Colorado.

Norma began her public service career when she was elected to the Colorado State House of Representatives in 1986, and has been a champion of education, transportation, crime and tax reform issues in the General Assembly. She served as the Chair of the Education, Transportation and Energy, and Audit Committees and previously as the Vice-Chair of Long-Term Health Care Task Force,