

since 1995. From 1993 to 1995, he was Deputy Minister of Energy for the Province of Alberta, Canada, the source of approximately 14 percent of the natural gas used in the U.S. From 1988 to 1993, he was Senior International Trade Counsel for the Government of Alberta, based in New York City. Previously, he was in the private practice of law in Alberta, Canada. Mr. Manning is eligible for admission to the New York Bar. KeySpan Energy is the 4th largest natural gas distributor in the United States, serving much of New York City, Long Island, Boston and New Hampshire. It is also the largest investor owned electric power generator in New York State, and operates the LIPA electric system on Long Island under contract. David is past Chairman of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, Vice Chairman of the Long Island Housing Partnership Board, and Coordinating Committee Co-chair of the current National Petroleum Council Natural Gas Study.

Most recently, for his community service and contributions to the Interfaith Medical Center, David is receiving the Spirit Award for Excellence in Community Service from the Center.

Mr. Speaker, David J. Manning has used his position as a national leader in the energy industry to strengthen and improve our community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

IN MEMORY OF CORPORAL  
NICHOLAS DIERFUF

**HON. BEN CHANDLER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2004*

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Corporal Nicholas J. Dierfuf. On April 8, 2004, Corporal Dierfuf made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while serving in Iraq. The work of our young men and women in the armed services is vital for the safety and security of our nation. The death of Corporal Dierfuf is a true loss to the United States. I salute his dedication while serving in the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, a unit in the 1st Marine Division. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Emily Duncan Dierfuf, his parents, and all those who loved him.

RECOGNIZING PAUL WESTFALL  
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF  
EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2004*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Paul Westfall of Blue Springs, Missouri, 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 138, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Paul has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the

many years Paul has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Paul Westfall for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING ST. MICHAEL'S  
UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2004*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my respected colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church on the joyous occasion of its 75th anniversary this Sunday in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

This church has a rich and proud history in the Eleventh District of Pennsylvania. Groundbreaking for St. Michael's began on September 2, 1929. The dedicated men and women were the founding members who provided the community with a place to worship. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren continue to worship at St. Michael's. Members of the congregation are involved in a variety of civic activities that show their dedication to helping those who are less fortunate.

The church community shares its heritage through food each June. Visitors can partake in delicious foods such as homemade pyrohy, holubtsi and halushki, just to name a few. Through the Annual Food Festival, church members celebrate culture. But more than that, the festival unites people as it exposes a different ethnicity, fostering understanding and appreciation.

I would like to recognize Rev. Nestor S. Kowal, pastor of St. Michael's, as well as Karen Nebesky and Charles Warholak, Jr., co-chairpersons of the anniversary celebration.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me today in acknowledging the significant contributions made by St. Michael's Ukrainian Church and to congratulate its members on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2004  
CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF BLACK  
NURSES HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2004*

Ms. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many outstanding achievements of four distinguished healthcare professionals—Drs. Dorothy Bradford, Valerie George, Daisy Alford-Smith, and May Wykle.

Their endless acts of community service, excellence in the field of nursing education and many nursing affiliations are testimonies to their accomplishments, which have been recognized both locally and nationally.

Their sensitivity and willingness to help others were critical ingredients throughout their il-

lustrious careers. May the legacy of their work continue to inspire the hearts and minds of others.

I am honored to join with the Cleveland Council of Black Nurses and the people of the 11th Congressional District in celebrating the "Living Legacy" of these visionaries.

CONGRATULATING J. ROGER WILLIAMS AS TEXAS' 105TH SECRETARY OF STATE

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2004*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, Texas Governor Rick Perry named J. Roger Williams, a Weatherford businessman, Texas' 105th Secretary of State.

A nationally respected businessman, Roger Williams will be a powerful statesman. Mr. Williams will represent Texas entities both home and abroad by promoting all our great state has to offer. The Secretary of State serves as liaison for the governor on border and Mexican Affairs. As a dedicated civic leader and generous philanthropist, Mr. Williams comes well prepared for his new tenure as Texas' 105th Secretary of State.

In addition to his duties representing Texas, Roger Williams will serve as the state's chief elections officer. The Office of Secretary of State also is the official repository for official and business records; publishes government rules and regulations; and attests to the governor's signature on official documents.

Most recently, Mr. Williams served as Chairman of the Board of Roger Williams Automall in Weatherford and Vestry Financial Corporation of Fort Worth. From 1974 to 1995 Williams was President and Chief Executive Officer of Jack Williams Automall, the multiple-line dealership founded by his father, Jack Williams, in 1958.

A former professional baseball player, Roger Williams played for the Atlanta Braves farm team from 1971 to 1974, and he owned and operated the San Antonio Brewers professional baseball club from 1972 to 1975. He also served as assistant head coach and later head coach for the baseball team at Texas Christian University, his alma mater.

Roger Williams has been recognized nationally for his business acumen, as a 1981 inductee into the Automobile Hall of Fame and as the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce Businessman of the Year in 1984. He was named by Time magazine as Automobile Dealer of the Year in 1985 and by Sports Illustrated as Import Automobile Dealer of the Year in 1986. Lockheed Martin Management Association named Williams Manager of the Year in 1977.

I welcome J. Roger Williams to his new role as Texas Secretary of State and extend my congratulations to Mr. Williams and his family, his wife Patty and their two daughters, Jaclyn and Sabrina.