

THANKING MRS. ETHEL JONES  
FOR HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement in December 2004, we rise to thank Mrs. Ethel Jones for 26 years of outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ethel began her career at the House in March 1978 working with the House Restaurants System through the Architect of the Capitol. In 1987, Ethel joined the House of Representatives Child Care Center as one of the original staff members. Ethel has served as a caregiver at the child care center since that time. Some say Ethel, herself, is an institution within the HRCCC organization. Ethel has touched the lives of so many children and their families. She takes great joy in keeping in contact with her former children, often receiving photos and letters from grateful families years after their departure from HRCCC. Ethel has served as an invaluable resource for many young parents encountering the challenges of parenthood for the first time, and she has consistently displayed warmth and concern as she has shared her expertise.

Ethel has displayed great passion for her work and dedicated herself to ensuring that the needs of the children and families are met to the greatest possible satisfaction.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Ethel for her many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish Ethel many wonderful years in fulfilling her retirement dreams.

HONORING LINDA WILSHUSEN

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Linda Wilshusen, a respected public servant who is retiring from her post after 19 years as executive director of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission.

Good transportation planning is essential to maintain both the quality of life Santa Cruz residents desire and the economic vitality necessary to sustain a robust workforce. Linda and her staff at the commission have worked tirelessly to develop a variety of transportation options and engage the public to make long-term transportation decisions that have been difficult, at times controversial, but necessary for the county to adopt a blueprint to meet future transportation needs.

Linda has always recognized the amazing diversity of the community she served and balanced the desire of progrowth advocates by supporting Highway 1 improvements while promoting passenger rail and bus service, and developing transportation alternatives like a bike and pedestrian trail around the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and increasing public awareness of the transportation needs of elderly and disabled residents, and upgrading motorist safety and assistance.

During Linda's tenure, the SCCRTC distributed over \$300 million for local transportation programs that have made the Santa Cruz area a much more desirable place to live. Linda Wilshusen provided prescient leadership for 19 years at the helm of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and has had an enormous impact not only on the everyday lives of Santa Cruz County residents but also on anyone who has visited Santa Cruz County during the last two decades.

Transportation planning is not the only area in which Linda has a tremendous impact on her beloved Santa Cruz community. In the last year, her family suffered the tragedy of losing their youngest daughter, Kelsey. However, Linda, her husband Rock Pfothenauer, and her daughter Zephyr showed incredible courage and used their daughter's death to reach out to the community to bring public awareness to the need for better mental health programs so that other families would not suffer the same fate. I know other parents join me in wishing Linda and her family heartfelt sympathy for their unimaginable loss and gratitude for speaking out on the need for better mental health awareness.

I am privileged to call Linda Wilshusen a valued friend and esteemed public servant. On behalf of all my constituents, I wish her and her family well. Thank you, Linda, for your unselfish public service.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF HUMBOLDT CREAMERY

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2004*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Humboldt Creamery, which was founded along the banks of the Eel River in Humboldt County, CA. The Humboldt Creamery serves not only the people of northern California, but provides high quality products to our Nation and to Asia and Europe.

Formed as a cooperative, Humboldt Creamery's founding principles included high quality products as well as good service and reliability, which are as important today as they were in 1929. Made up of 65 local dairies, Humboldt Creamery and its member dairies employ over 500 people. It brings \$70 million in annual sales to the local economy and has a positive economic impact of \$210 million on the local region.

Powdered milk, which traces its origins back to Humboldt County, comprises 50 percent of the Humboldt Creamery's business. Its whole milk powder is used nation wide in confectionery products, supplying companies such as Hershey's, Nestle's and See's Candy.

Humboldt Creamery is the source for natural, pasture-based milk products which are free of synthetic growth hormones. Its instantized non-fat powdered milk is used in sports drinks, pudding, dietary supplements and some pharmaceuticals. The creamery provides this product to Bristol Meyers, Farmer Brothers Coffee and many other companies. Organic powder is a growing element in the creamery's catalogue.

Humboldt Creamery processes 10 million gallons of ice cream each year in addition to

its 20 million pounds of milk powders. Ice cream, the fastest growing part of the creamery business, brings in \$30 million each year from domestic and foreign sales.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Humboldt Creamery on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE BATTLE OF THE  
BULGE DURING WORLD WAR II

SPEECH OF

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2004*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, as the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge approaches, I rise to pay tribute to the brave American and Allied troops who participated in this grueling 39 day battle which effectively ended the last German offensive of World War II.

In the winter of 1944, German forces launched a surprise offensive in the Ardennes forest region of Belgium and Luxembourg. It was intended to split the Allied forces in Europe by breaking through the Allied lines and crippling its fuel supply lines. Their progress was halted by the brave efforts of 600,000 American troops and 55,000 troops from Great Britain, Belgium and Canada, who fought gallantly while outnumbered and battling through treacherous terrain and bitter weather conditions until reinforcements could arrive.

The most famous engagement of this battle was at the key Belgian crossroads town of Bastogne, where 101st Airborne Division was completely surrounded but persevered through a lengthy siege of its position. The Allied resistance prevented the German forces from gaining access to Antwerp and the Meuse River Line.

The Battle of the Bulge resulted in 81,000 American and 1,400 British casualties, of whom over 19,000 American and 200 British soldiers gave their lives. Because of their sacrifice, the momentum of the German war machine was halted and the long road toward the defeat of Nazi Germany was opened for a final Allied offensive, helping to bring an end to the war in Europe four months later.

Following last week's Veterans Day observances, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the memory of the brave Americans who fought and died at the Battle of the Bulge and in extending our deepest gratitude to their families.

I would also like to thank the many World War II veterans who have participated in the Chicago World War H Veterans Oral History Anthology, a project that will preserve their accounts of valor and victory so that we may pass those stories and their values on to future generations of Americans. These veterans are again demonstrating their heroism and commitment to this country by recounting their often painful memories so that future generations may benefit from their individual experiences, and that this nation may benefit from their collective wisdom.

As we solemnly commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, it is my honor and privilege to pay tribute to the Chicago-area veterans—and their families—who