

months old, he and his family moved to Stanislaus County, California where he has resided for the past 57 years. Paul attended local schools including Modesto Junior College and California State University, Stanislaus. He served in the California National Guard from 1967 through 1973 earning the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Supervisor Caruso and his wife, Sharon, continue to reside in Stanislaus County, where they raised their daughter Amanda who is a recent graduate of California State University, Stanislaus. Paul's involvement in the community throughout the years has been extensive, serving as a member, charter member, or Past President of the Ceres Chamber of Commerce, the Salvation Army Modesto Corps and Red Shield Board of Directors, and the Ceres Rotary Club. He has served as Chairman or Past President of the Stanislaus County Council of Governments, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of California Counties, and Mountain Valley Regional EMS, among many others. Paul is also the President and CEO of Caruso Shopping Center, Inc. which was built in 1951.

Prior to his election to the Board of Supervisors, Paul was elected to the Democratic Central Committee in 1976. In 1984 he served as Fire Commissioner to the Industrial Fire Protection District until 1987 when he was elected to the Ceres City Council. It was in November of 1990 that Paul W. Caruso was first elected as Supervisor for District 5, of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. He has since served as Chairman of the Board in 1995, 2000 and 2004.

Supervisor Paul W. Caruso has had a remarkable career in public service that has been recognized on many occasions. He received the 2001 VFW Modesto Post 3199 Man of the Year Award, the Ceres Chamber Honorary Life Member Award in 1989, Rotarian of the Year Award in 1986 and 2000, Ceres Citizen of the Year 1985, and the Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow Award in 1985, among many others.

Throughout the years, Paul has certainly distinguished himself as a leader and dedicated member of the community. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to congratulate Supervisor Paul W. Caruso upon his retirement and thank him for his outstanding service to Stanislaus County.

#### TRIBUTE TO RON EAGLIN

### HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 6, 2004*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated advocate of academic excellence, Mr. Ron Eaglin. After serving more than 12 years as president of Morehead State University, President Eaglin is retiring and embarking on a new stage of life. I want to express my deepest gratitude for his many contributions.

President Eaglin has led a distinguished career in academia, playing a critical role in improving the lives of countless students from across my congressional district in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. Under his leadership, Morehead State University has taken great strides forward and garnered national recogni-

tion as one of the top public regional universities in the South.

During President Eaglin's tenure, the University opened two regional campuses, worked toward the creation of Kentucky's first online degree program, created the Space Science Center, and developed only the fourth space science bachelor's degree in America. MSU also achieved its highest enrollments in the school's 117-year history, peaking at 9,509 in the fall of 2003. Through his tireless efforts, the school's institutional endowment rose from \$500,000 to \$25 million. He's also overseen \$75 million in capital construction projects, which have greatly enhanced MSU's campus. These are just a few of President Eaglin's many accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank President Ron Eaglin for the time and effort he has invested in the lives of students in Kentucky, and for his friendship throughout the years. Although his days with Morehead State University are drawing to a close, I know his contributions will live on for many years to come. I want to wish him and his family all the best for this new chapter in life.

#### IN MEMORY OF SUSAN P. GORMAN

### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 6, 2004*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Mrs. Susan P. Gorman, who passed away on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, at the Veterans Hospital in Elsmere, Delaware.

Sue Gorman was born in Bally James Duff, County Cavan, Ireland. After her family moved to Delaware, she attended Wilmington High School, and was a 1944 graduate of the Wilmington General Hospital School of Nursing. She also attended St. John's University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Sue was a dedicated and hard-working registered nurse for the Wilmington Hospital for nearly four decades. Sue Gorman also heard the call of her adopted country and joined the nascent Army Nursing Corps in 1944, serving in the Asian and Pacific Theaters at the 108th General Hospital in Tinian during World War II. The battle against the Japanese Empire in the Pacific saw some of the most brutal fighting of the entire war and, but for the skill and dedication of nurses like Sue Gorman, the mortality rate for American servicemen would have been much higher.

We now recount the names of the Pacific battles—Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Leyte Gulf—as if the American victory was simple and assured. At the time, of course, victory was not assured and the men and women who served knew that it was anything but simple. Sue Gorman was one of those women and, like the other brave nurses in the Army Nurse Corps, her contributions to the war effort and our enduring freedom will never be forgotten.

Sue Gorman was a member of the Wilmington High School Alumni Association, the Cathedral of St. Peter, the Wilmington Republicans Women's Club and a charter member of the Irish Culture Club. She enjoyed Irish music and dance and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

We are a better nation, a better people because of brave and strong women like Sue Gorman. She deserves our utmost respect, and appreciation.

#### RECOGNIZING ERIC SHUPE FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 6, 2004*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eric Shupe of Independence, 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 82, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Eric 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 Eric Shupe for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### IN HONOR OF BERNICE BROSIUS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RE- TIREMENT

### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 6, 2004*

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bernice Brosious, who is retiring this month from her post as Associate Administrator for Finance for the Chief Administrative Office of the U.S. House. She had a long career of public service and deserves our thanks and admiration.

In 1979 Bernice began her career in government at the General Services Administration. Service at the Defense Investigative Service, the Department of Agriculture, and the Federal Aviation Administration followed as she honed her financial skills before bringing her expertise to the House in 1998 as Director of Accounting for the Chief Administrative Officer. In 2001 she became the Associate Administrator for Finance. Over the years, Bernice's outstanding customer service, organizational knowledge, resourcefulness and her leadership on numerous initiatives have benefited countless Members and staff.

Among her many other achievements, Bernice was instrumental in obtaining the House's first clean audit opinion for calendar year 1998 and for maintaining this clean opinion every year since. Over the past seven years Bernice has also been instrumental in moving the House from an ancient paper ledger accounting system to the imminent introduction of a 21st century state-of-the-art financial management system.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Bernice for her many years of dedication and outstanding