

our colleagues and I will do all I can to achieve its enactment into law.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL WILLIAM MOORE UPON HIS ACHIEVEMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent Michael William Moore of Eagle Scout troop No. 204 in Lafayette, California, as he receives the distinguished honor of the Eagle Scout rank.

The honor of Eagle Scout is given only to those young men who have demonstrated that they have fulfilled its rigorous requirements, including living by the Scout Oath and Law, rising through the Boy Scout ranks, earning 21 merit badges, serving as a leader, and planning and leading a service project for their community. This is not an honor given out lightly: this young man is becoming an Eagle Scout because he is intelligent, dedicated, and principled.

I am proud to call Michael William Moore my constituent, for he is a shining example of the promise of the next generation. Indeed, he represents the best of the young people in our country. I extend my sincere congratulations to him and his family, on this momentous occasion.

AYN RAND'S BIRTHDAY

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, today, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Ayn Rand, these comments. Ayn Rand has long inspired advocates of personal liberty and economic freedom. These ideals of individual responsibility and limited constitutional government are urgently needed in our Nation today.

AYN RAND CENTENARY CELEBRATION

(By Don Ernsberger)

February 2nd marks the 100th Anniversary of the birth of philosopher and novelist Ayn Rand. The Russian born author of *Atlas Shrugged*, *Fountainhead* and a number of nonfiction works in economics and ethics became, in the twentieth century, a major influence on the intellectual culture of the United States. Her most famous work, *Atlas Shrugged* remains ranked by the Library of Congress Center for the Book as the second most influential books ever published.

Ayn Rand was a champion of capitalism and of individual liberty. She had experienced the impact of communism in her native Russia and was an outspoken opponent of both communism and of socialism. She advocated personal responsibility and an objective code of moral behavior. Ayn Rand's fictional and non-fictional works promoted the ideal of the self-reliant individual who values reason, production and self-esteem in their personal lives and rejects the enslavement of others to advance one's own personal goals. A proud immigrant, who chose America, she perceptively grasped the nature

of our Constitution: "The [U.S.] Constitution is a limitation on the government, not on private individuals . . . it does not prescribe the conduct of private individuals, only the conduct of government . . . it is not a charter for government power, but a charter of the citizen's protection against the government."

Today, February 2, 2005, we celebrate the birth of this influential philosopher and writer who inspired and continues to inspire so many individuals to live rationally, and respect the rights of others. So much of what has made American a great society is found in her writings.

THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION'S 59TH ANNUAL PUBLIC SERVANTS MERIT AWARDS

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Cuyahoga County Bar Foundation and Cuyahoga County Bar Association's 59th annual Public Servants Merit Awards, which will be held on Friday, February 11, 2005, in Cleveland, OH. As a veteran of the Cuyahoga County judiciary, I am honored to congratulate these individuals who have offered decades of faithful service to the bench, bar and public of Cuyahoga County.

Kathleen Ann Beluschak, Cleveland Municipal Court Presiding and Administrative Judge Larry A. Jones' nominee, has spent more than 30 years with the Cleveland Municipal Court, and for almost 3 years, she has been the Court's Administrative Services Office Manager. A graduate of West Tech High School, the longtime Cleveland resident lives with her husband Joe near Hopkins Airport with their two dogs, both of which were rescued and brought into the family by Kathleen. She traces her commitment to public service through a number of generations. In fact, two of her grandparents worked for the municipal and federal governments, her mother and uncles were public employees, as is her husband, sister, and 25-year-old son. At the beginning of her career, she thought the recipients of the awards to be "really old," she has now determined to reconsider that opinion.

Pat Cain has been a Probate Court employee since 1981. Nominated by Presiding Judge John J. Donnelly, Pat has primarily worked as a cashier at the Probate Court. Pat worked at other public agencies before joining the Court. Now a resident in Parma with his wife, Jane Varga, an attorney, Pat's blended family includes four adult children and five grandchildren. An active volunteer in many state, county, and local campaigns, particularly judicial races, Pat enjoys time with his family, particularly at their summer home in Marblehead. He highly values wildlife and its protection, and he works hard to provide support at his home for many different species of birds.

Nominated by Juvenile Court Administrative, Judge Joseph F. Russo, Josephine E. Jackson is the Acting Superintendent of the Court's Juvenile Detention Center. After earlier duties in security at local department stores, Josephine has been employed by the court since

1984 in a number of positions in the management of the Detention Center. Josephine's education in the Cleveland Schools continued into a master's program at Cleveland State University. She is challenged daily by working with youths in a correction environment, including those that have mental illness and special needs. In all facets, she encourages her staff to try and provide positive reinforcement to help the children at the Detention Center excel positively in life. She and her husband of nearly 25 years, Bill, live in Moreland Hills. As a part of her efforts to make the Detention Center a positive experience, she organizes regular, seasonal activities, including holiday cookie parties and a summer festival which benefits the Children's Fund.

The nominee of Gerald Fuerst, County Clerk of Courts, Mark Lime has been a Clerk's Office employee since 1977. Starting as a docket clerk, Mark has worked his way up to his current position of Criminal Branch Manager. A Parma resident, he and his wife Deborah have raised four sons, the youngest of whom is a junior at Parma High School. Mark has lived in Parma for many years and attended Padua Franciscan High School and Cuyahoga Community College. Mark is a dedicated coach, active in golf, baseball, and soccer teams on which his four sons have played.

Since 1976, Mary Joyce Ruddy has been employed at the Common Pleas Court's General Division. Presiding and Administrative Judge Richard McMonagle's nominee, Mary Joyce has been Jury Bailiff since 1992. She is in charge of getting jurors to individual court rooms, ensuring jurors' compensation, helping keep all jurors as happy as possible, and most importantly, spearheading the public relations effort encouraging reluctant jurors to serve. A Lakewood resident and graduate of St. Augustine Academy, Mary is mother of Nora, a 14-year-old Magnificat freshman. Family is central to Mary's life, and in recent years, she has spent many hours assisting her parents in their final illnesses. She now spends her time with eight nieces and nephews, all of whom are under the age of 9, and with her siblings.

Cheryl Maureen Simon has been an employee of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court since 1981. Chief Judge Randolph Baxter's nominee, Cheryl is Administrative Manager of the Court's Administrative Department, where she has responsibility for budget, procurement, administrative services, personnel, and other functions. A resident of Moreland Hills with her husband, David, and son, Matt, Cheryl enjoys skiing and traveling.

For over 21 years, Gail F. Valerino has been a judicial secretary with Ohio's Eighth District Court of Appeals. Originally, she worked for retired Judge Joseph J. Nahra, and since early 1999, she has worked for Administrative Judge Michael J. Corrigan, who nominated her for this year's award. In addition to administering the chambers of her Judge in every respect, she has, during Judge Corrigan's year as Administrative Judge, acted as his liaison with the Court's Administrator with regards to the entire Court's organization. Educated in the Parma Schools, she lives in Parma Heights with her son and daughter, and is active in boys' and girls' softball and T-ball leagues. She is also a participant in her Church's volunteer activities. She relaxes by reading and spending time in Marblehead.