

person who heard him sing. I offer my deepest condolences to his wife Rosemary; to his daughter Bonnie; to his sons, Steven and David; and to his many extended family members and friends. The gracious and joyous life of John Raitt will forever light our American musical landscape, and his invaluable gifts, reflected through song, stage and family, will be coveted for all time.

TRIBUTE TO DERBY, CONNECTICUT'S CUB SCOUT PACK 3 AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many alumni, families, and community members who have gathered today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Derby, Connecticut's Cub Scout Pack 3. This is a tremendous milestone for this outstanding organization and I am honored to have this opportunity to recognize the many invaluable contributions they have made to our community.

The legacy of Derby's Pack 3 begins with three Senior Patrol Leaders of Boy Scout Troop 3, who took on the challenge of creating a program for younger boys interested in Scouting. Because the Boy Scouts of America did not offer such a venue at the time, Manuel Pearson, Francis Barron, and Edmund Strang initially based their program on the English Cubbing program. Three years later, the Boy Scouts of America announced their intentions to adopt a new cubbing program and Pack 3 was officially registered as one of the country's first Cub groups. In fact, Cub Pack 3 has been recognized by the Boy Scouts of America as the Nation's third oldest continuously running pack.

With participants ranging in age from eight to ten years old, the Cub Scouts program instills an invaluable life lesson in these youngsters—the value in serving their communities—a lesson that they will certainly carry with them through their adult and professional lives. From food drives and fundraisers to fire safety training and community activities, they have a direct and positive impact on the lives of others and their community.

It is not just the variety of programs and services these youngsters participate in throughout our community that makes Pack 3 so special. It is the scouting tradition that exists within the Pack itself. Generations of families have begun their scouting experience in Pack 3, with many alumni continuing to stay active in the Pack as adults by becoming committee members, webelos leaders, den leaders, and cubmasters. Just as an example, the eleven Pack 3 officers have an average thirty-three and a half years of service in cubbing. The dedication they have to this organization is a testament to the impact of their own Cub Scout experience.

The strength and longevity of Pack 3 would not be possible without the incredible leadership they have had throughout the course of their history. Founder Ed Strang was only a junior in high school when he first took on the cubbing program as a Senior Patrol Leader.

As soon as he was able, Ed became the cubmaster—a position which he held for the better part of sixty-four years. When he was no longer able, Ed turned the reins over to current cubmaster Dan Cyrul who was himself an Eagle Scout with Troop 3. Though Ed is no longer with us, his commitment, generosity, and compassionate spirit will always be reflected in the good work of Pack 3.

Today, as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary, alumni and community members will reflect on what Cub Scout Pack 3 has brought to this community and their own lives. Touching the lives of thousands, Pack 3 has left an indelible mark on the City of Derby and I have no doubt that this strong tradition will continue for generations to come. It is with great pride that I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to Derby's Cub Scout Pack 3 on their 75th Anniversary and to extend my very best wishes for many more years of successful service to the community.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR: TET, 2005—YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Vietnamese New Year: Tet, 2005—Year of the Rooster. To celebrate the hope and promise of the New Year, the members and leaders of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc., will gather at St. Helena Catholic Church to rejoice with family and friends, enjoying Vietnamese culture and performances.

The Tet celebration will include recognition of community volunteers and leaders, and Vietnamese food, dancing and musical entertainment by the Vietnamese youth of Cleveland. Tet is the time of year to pay homage to ancestors, reconnect with family and friends, and celebrate the sense of good will and possibilities, rising like the first light of dawn.

This year also marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc. For nearly three decades, this vital coalition of culture has reflected unwavering commitment, service and community outreach to citizens of Vietnamese heritage. The Vietnamese community in Greater Cleveland is a vibrant layer within the colorful fabric of our culturally diverse city—and the Vietnamese Community of Greater Cleveland, Inc. plays a significant role in preserving and promoting the ancient cultural and historical traditions that spiral back throughout the centuries, connecting the old world to the new, spanning oceans and borders—from Vietnam to America.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Le Nguyen, President of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc., and all members and leaders, past and present, for their dedication and support of Americans of Vietnamese heritage within our Cleveland community. As they celebrate the Vietnamese New Year, the Year of the Rooster, may they hold memories of their past forever in their hearts, and find happiness and peace with the dawning of each new day.

IN HONOR OF CARL KOCINA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Carl Kocina of Parma, Ohio, as we commemorate his February 20th birthday—one hundred years young—and still bowling strikes.

Mr. Kocina was born in Trieste, Austria, and arrived at Ellis Island as a young boy of seven. His family settled in Cleveland, and though far from their homeland, they kept alive the musical and cultural traditions of their beloved Austria. He taught himself to play the accordion, and with his brothers, formed the Kocina Trio. The Trio played for many years at social and family events.

Mr. Kocina was instilled with a strong work ethic—a philosophy that he maintains to this day. At 15, he started work in a local factory, and retired fifty years later as a supervisor of a plant that manufactured aircraft parts. Today, his active lifestyle reflects deep joy and energy, both on and off the bowling lanes. Mr. Kocina lives independently, and hones his culinary talents on a regular basis. He is surrounded by family and friends, especially his daughter, Florence Husbeck, granddaughter, Linda Butler, and great-grandson, Grant Butler.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mr. Carl Kocina, as we celebrate his 100th birthday. Mr. Kocina continues to be an inspiration to everyone in his life—especially his family and friends. His energy, agility and joy for living serve to highlight the philosophy that life's possibilities and joys are within reach for every one of us, regardless of our chronological age. We wish him many blessings of continued health and happiness today, tomorrow, and for all days to come.

CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT SHACKLETON

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank a retiring Michigan state legislator for his service. State Representative Scott Shackleton has just completed his third and final term representing the 107th District of the Michigan House, which includes Chippewa, Mackinac, and Emmet Counties, as well as a part of Cheboygan County.

I appreciate Representative Shackleton's six years of service to the people of Northern Michigan. Like all of us who represent this rural part of the state, he has worked to make sure our region gets its fair share in his role as Chairman of the House Appropriations Transportation Subcommittee.

I also want to mention Representative Shackleton's family. He and his wife Karen have two young sons, Henry and John. Each of us who has served in public office when we have young children at home know the sacrifices that families make in order to represent