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HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS
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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Captain Butch Flanagan of the Lewisville Fire Department, located in the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for his long career serving the public.

Captain Flanagan, who has spent the last thirty years with the Lewisville Fire Department, will retire April 5, 2005. He has been the city's longest current employee and was named "Firefighter of the Year" in 2004 by the "Heroes of Denton County." Captain Flanagan worked his way up through the ranks and has been highly dedicated throughout his career. He once said, "I can't ever see myself doing anything different."

Captain Flanagan was born and raised in Lewisville, graduated from Lewisville High School, and now lives in Graham. He was one of the first full-time Lewisville firefighters and rose through the ranks to become captain. Captain Flanagan has been described as role model in the department and at home. Both his peers and superiors think of Captain Flanagan as a mentor. One Lewisville fire chief said "He'll getcha outta trouble in a hurry" and "you know no one's going to get hurt" when Captain Flanagan is in charge. The Chief also said that the Lewisville Fire Department was blessed to have such a man serve with them.

I am proud to represent Captain Butch Flanagan and the Lewisville Fire Department. Captain Flanagan has committed his life and time to protect and serve our community at any time, anywhere.

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TRIBUTE TO MOTHER ANN PARROTT ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to recognize a highly valued citizen of my home city of Newark, New Jersey. Mother Ann Parrott celebrates her 80th Birthday on May 6, 2005. She is the mother to six wonderful children and granddaughter to fourteen. She has dedicated her life, for almost five decades, to the social and spiritual improvement of her community.

Active in her church, she wears a myriad of hats ranging from Sunday school teacher to choir member. One of her most honorable contributions, however, has been the establishment of the Light-