

June 1978 he joined the New York Army National Guard where he served until September 1985. At that time, Major General Colt transferred to the United States Army Reserve where he served as: Deputy Commander, 94th Regional Support Command; Chief of Staff, 77th Regional Support Command; Commander of the 301st Area Support Group at Fort Totten, New York; Deputy Chief of Staff for Training and Chief of Unit Training, Headquarters, 77th Army Reserve Command; and Commander of the 5th Battalion, 5th Field Artillery at Fort Tilden, New York. On June 20, 2001, he was assigned as the Commanding General of the 77th Regional Support Command, which was restructured and renamed to the 77th Regional Readiness Command in July 2003.

In addition to completing the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Major General Colt has completed the Field Artillery Officer, Military Intelligence Officer, and Quartermaster Officer Advance Courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He holds a BA in English from Fordham University, an MBA in Organizational Behavior, and a PMC in Information Systems from Iona College.

General Colt has received countless military awards for his service: the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two service stars, the Republic of Vietnam Honor Medal First Class, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation Badge, a Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Since July 25, 1967, Major General Colt has served the United States. He is a living example of honor, duty, courage, and service. I wish him well in his retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE 2005 STEWARD OF THE LAND AWARD RECIPIENT, STEVE SINTON

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Steve Sinton of Shandon, California, who will receive the American Farmland Trust's 2005 Steward of the Land Award on May 17. This is an impressive accomplishment as Steve is just the ninth American farmer to win this award, which is given to recognize exemplary leadership exhibited in environmental stewardship and the protection of farmland.

Steve is a fifth-generation Californian and a fourth-generation rancher whose family has been grazing cattle in San Luis Obispo County for over 125 years. He graduated locally from Shandon High School, and then went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts from Stanford University and his Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado. He began his professional career working as an attorney for the California Department of Water Resources in Sacramento before returning to his family's cattle ranch in 1978. Steve and his wife Jane have two chil-

dren, Julie and Dan, who are both pursuing their own careers, but have also become fifth-generation cattle ranchers.

I have personally known of Steve's leadership and commitment to conservation for many years. In fact, over 20 years ago, I worked with the Sinton family to protect land in San Luis Obispo County. Today, Steve oversees his family's ranches, the Canyon Ranch in Shandon and the Avenales Ranch near Pozo, and manages his family's vineyard on Shell Creek Road. To promote the sustainability of his ranch and vineyard while also protecting the environment, he has employed a variety of original methods, including the use of a unique trellising method to balance the canopy to fruit ratio on the vineyard. Steve has also participated in experiments with cover crops and erosion control.

In addition to his hard work on the ranch and in the vineyard, Steve has also been a national leader in the effort to promote conservation and sustainable agriculture. He was a founding member and the founding chairman of the California Rangeland Trust, which is a statewide agricultural land trust formed in 1998 that has used conservation easements to keep 173,000 acres on cattle ranches undeveloped. Steve also has been active in the San Luis Obispo, the California, and the National Cattlemen's Associations, and has served as the Vice-Chairman of the Land Use Committee of the California Cattlemen's Association. Steve also has used his talent and expertise to benefit the San Luis Obispo County agricultural community through his involvement with the Central Coast Vineyard Team and the San Luis Obispo County Water Advisory Committee. Accordingly, I would like to congratulate him and wish him well as he continues in his various endeavors.

HONORING JOHN G. LAYTHAM,
WASHINGTON RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION DUKE ZEIBERT
AWARD

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John G. Laytham on winning the Washington Restaurant Association's Duke Zeibert Award. This special honor is truly well-deserved.

John Laytham has worked tirelessly for over 41 years for Clyde's Restaurant Group and has helped shaped their success in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area. He first started to work at Clyde's Restaurant to earn extra income while attending Georgetown University. He held nearly every position, and in 1968 he was asked to be partner. In 1970 he and his partner purchased the Old Ebbitt Grill, the oldest saloon in Washington, and today the most popular restaurant in the city.

The success of Clyde's restaurant group can be attributed to Mr. Laytham's dedication, keen sense of detail, and good judgment of style. Since the purchase of Old Ebbitt Grill the company has expanded to include 11 restaurants. Currently, Mr. Laytham is working to expand that number. He is simultaneously overseeing the construction of a restaurant in the Penn Quarter and a restaurant in Loudon County Virginia.

In 1992, Mr. Laytham launched the Clyde's School/Work program in partnership with the D.C. public school system. His love for the restaurant industry and concern for the well being of the District's youth helped him infuse the two interests allowing students to learn valuable work skills while obtaining a diploma. This mentoring program was started in hopes of eventually creating a high profile charter school, and with the help of other industry leaders the Marriott Hospitality Public Charter High School was formed.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Laytham for his extensive service to the District of Columbia and the restaurant industry. His contributions and efforts are much appreciated and greatly admired. I call upon my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Laytham on his award and in wishing him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of May 4, 2005 the House had procedural vote on H.R. 366, the Vocational and Technical Education Act. On House rollcall vote #153, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

HONOR OUR WOUNDED AND FALLEN HEROES

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to urge support of my legislation that recognizes and honors the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces.

The first bill is H.R. 2369, "Honor our Fallen Prisoners of War Act". Currently, prisoners of war who die during their imprisonment of wounds inflicted in war are eligible for posthumous Purple Heart recognition. However, those who die of starvation, beatings, freezing or other causes are not eligible for the Purple Heart!

This is not right! There should be no false distinction indicating more courage or more sacrifice by some who died and less by others. All POWs who died in service to our Nation should be eligible for Purple Heart recognition. H.R. 2369 will allow all members of our Armed Forces who die while a Prisoner of War, regardless of the cause of death, to be awarded the Purple Heart posthumously. This will apply to all wars, past and present.

I am indebted to Rick and Brenda Morgan Tavares of Campo, California and to Wilbert "Shorty" Estabrook of Murrieta, California who brought this issue to my attention. Shorty survived the Tiger Camp death march during the Korean War and was imprisoned for over three years. Brenda's uncle, Corporal Melvin Morgan, died of starvation and beatings in 1950 at the age of 20 in Korea.

Today, I am also introducing H.R. 2370, the "In Memory Medal for Forgotten Veterans Act". There are two groups of veterans who I believe need recognition beyond what they are currently receiving. The first are veterans who have died as a result of their service in the Vietnam War but who do not meet the criteria for inclusion on The Wall of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, DC.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund has a program called "In Memory" which has raised money for a plaque that has been placed near The Wall. The plaque honors "those who served in the Vietnam War and later died as a result of their service." No names are on the plaque, but all names are kept in a "In Memory Book" at a kiosk near The Wall, and families can order a copy.

My bill adds to this fine recognition by presenting the families of these veterans with a medal, to be known as the "Jesus Chuchi Salgado Medal" to be issued by the Secretary of Defense. Chuchi Salgado was an outstanding individual, living in my Congressional district, whose exposure to Agent Orange ultimately led to his death. I would like to recognize his wife, Carla Salgado, as well as and Dan Santillan, who live in my Congressional District in California. Dan suggested the appropriateness of this bill.

The second group of veterans deserving of the "Jesus Chuchi Salgado" medal are those who were exposed to chemical agents, ionizing radiation, or chemical and herbicide agents during their service in the Armed Forces. The medal would be presented to veterans who are still living or to their families if they have died. Thomas Barnes of Whittier, California requested that action be taken to commemorate and honor such veterans.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in cosponsoring and passing H.R. 2369 and H.R. 2370. It is critical that we honor and remember those who have fought so gallantly for our freedom!

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF TEXAS POLICE OFFICERS
KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY
THIS YEAR

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to recognize the extraordinary contributions of the following Texas Police Officers killed this year in the line of duty:

Sergeant John Maki, Celeste Policy Department; Deputy Constable Frank "Scotty" Claborn, Harris County Constable's Office; Police Officer John Logan, Huntington Police Department; Police Officer Frank M. Cantu, Houston Police Department; Trooper Kurt David Knapp, Department of Public Safety; Police Officer Darren Glen Mdelin, Grapevine Police Department; Sergeant Gregory Hunter, Grand Prairie Police Department; Police Officer Nathan Laurie, River Oaks Police Department; Sergeant Mike Lane, Beaumont Police Department; Police Officer Angel Barcena, El Paso Police Department; Police Officer Christopher Jerome Sobieski, Prairie View Police Department; Deputy Sheriff Dirk Knearem, Chambers County Sheriff's Department; Lieu-

tenant Rover "Bob" Haley, Comanche County Sheriff's Department; and Police Officer Amy Donovan, Austin Police Department.

Each of these Officers provided their community with tireless, courageous, and gallant service of the highest caliber. They worked to preserve our rights, our homes, and in many cases, our lives—keeping our cities and towns safe for the sake of our children and families. These men and women were committed to excellence in leadership, developing community partnerships and always building for a better future.

It is a great honor to pay tribute to such amazing and exemplary individuals. Their selfless efforts and noble service will never be forgotten.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
BRIAN DAVIS, EXECUTIVE DI-
RECTOR NORTHEAST OHIO COA-
LITION FOR THE HOMELESS

HON. DENNIS. J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Brian Davis, executive director of the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH), for his activism and dedication on behalf of the homeless women, men and children of our community.

For the past decade, Mr. Davis has fought in the interests of justice and hope for Northeast Ohio's most vulnerable citizens living on the streets. Mr. Davis' unwavering energy, compassion and focus has given a voice to those whose voices have been silenced by poverty and hopelessness. For the past ten years, he has edited *The Grapevine*, a publication that has provided an income and a communications medium for hundreds of homeless people.

Under Mr. Davis' leadership, NEOCH has helped obtain permanent housing for more than 425 people; provided 150 voice mailboxes for homeless individuals; provided legal assistance for nearly 900 people; and provided 5,800 people social services and empowerment through the Homeless Stand Down.

Beyond Cleveland's local scene, Mr. Davis has been a powerful voice for the homeless on Capitol Hill and at the State House in Columbus. He testified before the Government Reform Committee at my request to speak of the need for the Passport program for homeless men at a time when its funding was threatened. Mr. Davis was a guiding force and active participant in my Homelessness Summit, an advisory group with more than 200 Cleveland area activists working to end homelessness and advise me on legislative proposals. His energy extended to Columbus, where he worked with a state coalition to secure a revenue source for the Ohio Housing Trust Fund.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Brian Davis, the tireless leader of the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless. His advocacy on behalf of the homeless citizens, the formerly homeless, and those at risk in the community continues to offer protection, guidance and empowerment. Because of the dedication and focus of

Mr. Davis, the lives of hundreds of homeless people have been lifted into the light of positive change and hope for a brighter tomorrow.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF TROPHY CLUB, TX

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the town of Trophy Club, TX, as they celebrate 20 years as a municipality. Trophy Club, a town of roughly 7,600 residents, was built on a foundation of individuals who sought to create a unique town with less population density.

It is the passion of those like Jim Carter, Trophy Club's first Mayor, Town Manager Donna Welsh and numerous other individuals who dedicated their support, sweat and money to the incorporation of this small town which has allowed it to be so successful.

Trophy Club became the first master planned community in Texas and that foresight has allowed citizens to take hold of their community and develop the amenities and enterprises, which are wanted by their peers.

Originally designed to be a housing development circling a golf course designed by Ben Hogan, Trophy Club has come a long way from that vision, but relishes that it is the only town home to a golf course designed by that golfing legend.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand here today to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of a city founded on such sound principles of representation and democracy.

MILITARY RETIREES ARE
WAITING—LET'S FINISH THE JOB

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to introduce a bill to eliminate the Disabled Veterans Tax and to provide immediate concurrent receipt of military retired pay and VA disability compensation to all deserving disabled military retirees.

The "Immediate and Full Repeal of the Disabled Veterans Tax Act of 2005 (H.R. 2368) does exactly what it says—it eliminates the years of waiting before all disabled military retirees receive all the retired pay and compensation they have earned and deserve.

For the past several years, our Nation's veterans waged a long and determined campaign to eliminate the Disabled Veterans Tax. As my colleagues know, we were partially successful. But only partially.

The laws that we passed make veterans with a disability rating of 50 percent to 90 percent wait for ten years before their tax is completely eliminated. A great number of these veterans are elderly and, unfortunately, may not live to see that day.

Even worse, fully two thirds of America's disabled veterans, with a rating less than 50 percent, have been left behind and will continue to be taxed as before—nearly 400,000