throughout their ordeals even as they’ve undergone a series of significant medical procedures.

Mr. Speaker, these two men exemplify the honorable character of the men and women who have answered duty’s call throughout our Nation’s history. Their willingness to serve and sacrifice for our country is a clear demonstration of the courage and professionalism that distinguish our armed forces. This grateful Nation owes these men and their compatriots in arms who serve around the world every day a profound debt of gratitude. I am proud to call Sgt. Bagge and Lt. Bomke fellow Oregonians, I thank them for their service and I wish them both a healthy recovery.

God bless America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION
HON. GWEN MOORE
OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 20, I was unavoidably detained at the Base Realignment and Closure Commission’s Regional Hearing in St. Louis, Missouri and therefore absent for votes on roll call nos. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on roll call nos. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD “DALE” HINES II
HON. KEN CALVERT
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. The City of Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Donald “Dale” Hines is one of these individuals. On June 22, 2005, Dale was the proud recipient of the Congressional Award Gold Medal.

As an active participant in the Boy Scouts of America, Dale serves as an Assistant Council Commissioner for the California Inland Empire Council. He is a past recipient of the Venturing Silver Award and an Eagle Scout. Furthermore, Dale is dedicated to sharing his passion for community service with others and became active in the Buckskin Program Training program. While at Buckskin, he served as a Camp EMT and Associate Course Director for Physical Arrangements.

Dale’s sincere commitment to community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of our community and I am proud to call him a fellow community member and a great American. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and I salute him as he receives the Congressional Award Gold Medal.

HONORING THE EXEMPLARY EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF CATHERINE E. DIAMOND CREELEY
HON. BRIAN HIGGINS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary educational achievement of Catherine E. Diamond Creeley, a former resident of the Chautauqua County town of Jamestown, upon the occasion of her receiving her Doctoral Degree in Behavioral Neuroscience from the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Catherine Creeley is both a graduate of Jamestown High School and Jamestown Community College. Upon graduation she proceeded to obtain her Bachelor’s degree in psychology, with biology minor, from the State University of New York at Cortland. Mrs. Creeley is an extremely dedicated student, whose goal of her dissertation was to find new treatment options for Alzheimer’s disease. Catherine will continue her research on the neurobiology of the brain, as well as teach as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

HONORING THE EXEMPLARY CINEMA ACHIEVEMENT OF BRENDA BRKUSIC
HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of filmmaker Brenda Brkusic, the writer, producer and editor of Freedom From Despair as her student thesis at Chapman University in Los Angeles, California.

Freedom From Despair explores one man’s arduous journey from his homeland of Yugoslavia to the United States, and his fight for human rights and Croatian independence. It also scrutinizes the relationship between ruthless dictators, the slaughter of 250,000 people, and the silence of the mainstream media. It creatively portrays the power of the human spirit and the tenets of democracy, without preaching or the use of propaganda.

Her film has been met with critical acclaim, and has garnered countless awards, including the CINE Golden Eagle award, which has previously been awarded to Steven Spielberg and George Lucas. Her peers have recognized her as an emerging talent in the film industry, and a remarkable human being.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Ms. Brenda Brkusic, the writer, producer and editor of Freedom From Despair for her hard work encouraging human rights and personal triumph over evil.

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed roll call vote 282. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.” Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my statement appear in the permanent RECORD immediately following this vote.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS
HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, Representative SHAYS and I introduce legislation to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and to commend the organization on its history of diplomatic achievement throughout the world.

Since its founding, the United Nations has made many contributions to the global community in the fields of health, medicine, education, peacekeeping and humanitarian aid.
One of the organization’s most noteworthy actions is its recent outpouring of aid and support to the people of the nations affected by the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Southeast Asia in December 2004. The United Nations is critical to the balance and well-being of all nations, and makes significant advances in that effort every day; however, structural reforms are necessary to ensure that the organization can continue its noble efforts to effect positive change. As the United Nations seeks to reform itself, this resolution sends the message that Members of Congress are willing to work with them to ensure a future humanitarian successes.

I look forward to working with Representative SHAYS and my other colleagues to honor the United Nations for 60 years of good work and to pledge the support of Congress as the organization moves forward.

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL JOHN D. BUTLER

HON. RON PAUL
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Rear Admiral (Lower Half) John D. Butler, a Texas City, Texas, native who retires after 31 years of faithful service from the United States Navy on July 1, 2005.

Many of us have come to know and recognize Rear Admiral Butler over the past two years as he has served as the Program Executive Officer (Submarine) since February 2003. During his tenure as the Navy’s top submarine acquisition officer, Rear Admiral Butler delivered USS Virginia (SSN 774) and USS Jimmy Carter (USS 23). Virginia’s commissioning in October 2004 ended the longest drought of submarine commissioning in that service’s 105-year history. Whereas Virginia is the first of her class, Jimmy Carter is the last of the Sea Wolf Class. Jimmy Carter brings a host of new and revolutionary capabilities to the fleet that will help the United States win the Global War on Terror.

Under Rear Admiral Butler’s watch, the submarine construction industry has been, virtually, reborn. He was a driving force in transitioning the Virginia Class’ second Block Buy contract into a Multi-Year agreement that will save an estimated $80 million per submarine over the five-hull agreement. Currently, there are six Virginia Class submarines under construction and an additional three ships under contract.

Admiral Butler has also made great efforts in converting four Ohio Class Trident Ballistic Missile Submarines into the transformation SSGNs. Each of these 560-feet long, 18,000-ton submarines will be able to carry up to 154 precision-guided Tomahawk Land-Attack cruise missiles, 66 Navy Special Operations Warfare SEAL Special Operations, each SSGN will be able to carry two Dry-Deck Shelters, two Advanced SEAL Delivery Systems, or one of each top the ships’ integrated lock-in/lock-out trunks. With the Ohio Class’ inherent stealth, these SSGNs, the first of which delivers in November 2005, will be a potent warfighter in the Global War on Terror.

Admiral Butler has also acted as an emissary with allied nation’s undersea forces, especially with both the Royal Australian Navy and with Great Britain’s Royal Navy. In doing so, he has not only strengthened our bonds with these most trusted allies, but has also enhanced national security.

Admiral Butler joined the Navy via the Nuclear Power Officer Candidate Program in 1975 after graduating from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor’s of Science in Chemistry. His sea duty assignments have included: Division Officer on board USS Williams (SSBN 659); Navigator/Operations Officer on board USS James K. Polk (SSBN 646); Navigation Officer on board USS James Madison (SSBN 627); and Repair Officer on board USS Proteus (AS 19).

Admiral Butler’s shore assignments have included: Attack Submarine Training Head for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Submarine Warfare); AN/BSY-1 Submarine Combat and Acoustic System (PMS417) Chief Engineer for Program Executive Officer, Submarine Combat and Weapons Systems; Sea Wolf Class Submarine (PMS350) Assistant Program Manager (Design and Construction) for Program Executive Officer, Submarines; Strategic and Attack Submarines (PMS392) Major Program Manager for Naval Sea Systems Command; and Executive Assistant and Naval Aide to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition). He has also served in temporary assignments attached to the Applied Physics Laboratory Ice Station, Arctic Ocean; Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Groton, CT, and Newport, VA; and attached in support of U.S. Embassies at Cairo, Egypt; Moscow, Russia; and Panama City, Panama. Over the course of his career, Admiral Butler has helped to design, build, and deliver a total of 23 submarines—nearly one-third of today’s total force.

Admiral Butler’s personal awards include the Legion of Merit (3 awards), Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, in addition to other service and unit awards.

Mr. Speaker, Admiral Butler has given 30 years of service to the Navy, to Congress, and to the people of the United States of America. He has served our Nation well and has helped to ensure that our undersea fleet remains the best in the world. He has left a large and meaningful legacy and I am honored to rise today to express my appreciation for Admiral Butler and for his wife Eileen who has served her Nation right along side her husband. Being a Navy wife is not an easy task, and she has been nothing less than a model of courage, patience, and devotion.

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, please join me in wishing Admiral and Eileen Butler: “Fair winds and following seas and long may your big jib draw!”

HONORING VEDA GREEN WINNER OF THE SPIRIT OF JPS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and commitment of Mrs. Veda Green. Mrs. Green was named the Spirit of JPS Volunteer of the Year by JPS Health Network for her years of outstanding and dedicated community service in multiple capacities for the JPS Health Network.

Mrs. Green received the award at the annual JPS Health Network Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in recognition of the over 4000 hours of community service she has worked during the last 8 years. Mrs. Green has a reputation as someone who truly cares about others through her work as a volunteer at the information desk and in pastoral care.

JPS Health Network is an organization committed to improving the health of families through the practice of community health. The Network includes John Peter Smith Hospital, the JPS Institute for Health Career Development, and a network of community-based health centers, home care and psychiatric services at Trinity Springs Pavilion. That such a large organization with so many different great people associated with it would choose Mrs. Green speaks quite highly of her.

It is with great honor I stand here today to recognize a woman who has touched so many people on a personal level and asked nothing in return.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD ELINSON

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker. Mr. WAXMAN and I ask our colleagues today in honoring Dr. Howard Elinson, who was born on the 11th of January, 1940 in New York City and who passed away on Friday June 17th, 2005 in Los Angeles at Midway Hospital.

Howard earned his B.A. and his Ph.D. in Sociology at UCLA. He taught for a year at Yale and for 7 years at UCLA. He worked as Administrative Assistant and Consultant for 27 years for Congressman HENRY WAXMAN. Six of those years were when WAXMAN was a State Assemblyman.

Howard is survived by his beloved and devoted brother Mark who is an admired and respected high school teacher of Social Studies in the Los Angeles City School system. He also serves as an Adviser to the L.A. Unified School District, instructing Social Studies teachers on the best techniques for teaching Social Studies.

Howard Elinson was and is unforgettable to any or all who knew or met him (no matter how casually or for how short a time). He changed the life of everyone in his personal orbit by his magnetic personality his unique insight into the human condition, his sharp wit his gigantic intellect his mastery of any human behavior subject, and his generosity and kind-ness.

But, unknown to most Californians and “Angelinos” (and unmentioned in media ac-counts) Howard Elinson to join us today in honoring Dr. Howard Elinson, who was named the Spirit of JPS Volunteer of the Year by JPS Health Network for his years of outstanding and dedicated community service in multiple capacities for the JPS Health Network.

It was Howard Elinson who conceived and invented individually targeted computerized mail—the campaign technique that was instrumental in the 1968 primary election victory of HENRY WAXMAN for State Assembly (by, still to this date, the largest margin against an incumbent—this one a 26 year incumbent—of his own party), and the 1972 primary and general election victory of HOWARD BERMAN for State Assemblyman.