

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING CURT AND  
JUDY WIGGINS FOR WINNING  
THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE  
AWARD

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Curt and Judy Wiggins have, without thought of reward, given of themselves to help the citizens of Jackson County on countless occasions; and

Whereas, Curt and Judy Wiggins have worked tirelessly with the American Cancer Society—Jackson County Unit; and

Whereas, Curt and Judy Wiggins have dedicated themselves to Jackson County through organizations too numerous to name here and through their work have uplifted all those whom they have come in contact.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Curt and Judy Wiggins for winning this prestigious award.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF PERRY  
CAMPBELL

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a close personal friend of mine, Perry Campbell, the most prominent figure in the hospitality business in Hope, Arkansas for more than 50 years. He passed away on October 10, 2005 at a Texarkana hospital at the age of 77.

Perry led a life committed to public service. He was the namesake, a founding member, and eventually the mayor of Perrytown. He was founding member of Providence Memorial Baptist Church in Perrytown, a member of the Board of Directors of Hope-Hempstead County Chamber of Commerce and its 1994 Citizen of the Year, one of the founders of Hempstead County Ambulance Service and Perrytown Volunteer Fire Department. He also served on the Life Word Board and the Clinton Birthplace Foundation Board.

A successful entrepreneur, Perry began his business career as the proprietor of a single truck stop and eventually became the owner of Western Sizzlin' Restaurant, Dos Locos Gringos Restaurant, Best Western Motel and a Holiday Inn Express in Hope. Perry understood more than most the importance of changing with the times and his adaptability placed him in a league of his own. Western Sizzlin' Restaurant recently celebrated its 20th anniversary on Perry's 77th birthday, a day

declared 'Perry Campbell Day!' by the City of Hope.

Some of my earliest and fondest memories growing up just outside of Hope are going to Perry's truck stop for dinner on Saturday nights with my parents. It was a genuine weekend treat. Back then, and up until a few months before Perry's death, part of the dining experience was seeing Perry at Western Sizzlin' as he would always make it a point to visit your table to ensure you were pleased with your meal. Perry understood the importance of the personal touch in the restaurant business.

For many people, Perry was the embodiment of the hospitality industry. Perhaps his most shining moment was when Perry was inducted into the Arkansas Hospitality Association Hall of Fame in 1996, after serving on the Arkansas Lodging Association Board and as its President from 1993–1994. He also received the Golden Key Award in 1995.

Perry was an exceptionally driven man with an entrepreneurial spirit second to none. He had an extraordinarily generous spirit, but never desired public recognition for his many contributions to the community. My heartfelt condolences go out to Perry's family, business associates, and the many people who join me in counting him as a friend. I have lost a true friend and will miss him, but his legacy will live on in Perrytown, Hope, and Arkansas for generations to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DALE  
SHERWIN OF LANSING, MICHIGAN

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Dale Sherwin of Lansing, Michigan, who is retiring this month as the Michigan State Director for U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

Dale Sherwin has dedicated his career to improving the quality of life for America through its agricultural community and the citizens who work to feed America and the world.

Prior to starting his successful service with USDA Rural Development in April 2003, Dale worked six years for the Michigan Department of Agriculture, serving as director of agriculture policy and guiding policy on National Association of State Departments of Agriculture issues.

During the administrations of Presidents Nixon and Ford, Dale served in the U.S. Department of Agriculture: as chief legislative liaison to former Secretary Earl Butz; Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs; and as assistant director of legislative affairs for the Foreign Agricultural Service. Dale also worked as a staff di-

rector for the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

Prior to service in the U.S. Senate and USDA, Dale spent more than a decade working with the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Michigan Farm Bureau. His career in agriculture began as a farmer in Michigan's Genesee County. His degree in animal husbandry was earned at Michigan State University.

Dale's service at USDA Rural Development has proven to be a shining capstone for a career focused on the very mission the agency embodies: supporting increased economic opportunity and improved quality of life for rural American citizens. Across Michigan's counties and communities, his legacy will be realized long into the future. I am pleased to have worked with Dale, to call him friend, and to share his story with my Congressional colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this very special person, Dale Sherwin, a citizen and leader who is truly deserving of our respect and admiration.

HONORING DEPUTY ANTHONY  
ROBERT III

**HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the great achievements of Deputy Anthony Robert III, of Opelousas, Louisiana.

In addition to his distinguished service as a Deputy Sheriff in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Deputy Robert has also displayed an extraordinary athletic talent in track and field competition.

At the 2005 Louisiana Police and Fire Summer Games in Lafayette, Louisiana, Deputy Robert won three gold medals in the 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, and javelin; as well as two silver medals in the shot put and the discus. His success continued this June during the Southeastern Police and Fire Championships, which took place in Birmingham, Alabama. There, Deputy Robert won a total of five gold medals in the following events: 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 4 x 100 meter relay, and the 110 meter hurdles.

Additionally, at the recent World Police and Fire Games, which took place this past summer in Quebec, Canada, Deputy Robert was awarded the bronze medal in the 110 meter high hurdles as well as a ranking of 4th in the world in the 400 meter hurdles.

I applaud Deputy Robert's achievements, not only as a dedicated law enforcement officer, but also as a great representative of the citizens of Louisiana on the field of competition.

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CONGRATULATING THE JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND FOR WINNING THE COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARD

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, the Jackson High School Band, with nearly 200 members, has for many years been the pride of Jackson County when they perform; and

Whereas, the Jackson High School Band represented Jackson in front of an international audience in Orlando, Florida and performed exceptionally; and

Whereas, Band Director Dick Berry had for 36 years helped to shape boys and girls into young men and women for the betterment of Jackson High School and Jackson County.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating the Jackson High School Band for winning this prestigious award.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF JUDGE  
PAUL X. WILLIAMS, JR.

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Judge Paul X. Williams, Jr. Judge Williams passed away after a tragic struggle with cancer on October 3, 2005 in Booneville, Arkansas at the age of 67.

After graduating from the University of Arkansas Law School, Judge Williams moved to Booneville and carried on the legacy of his father, dedicating his life to the law. Shortly after moving to Booneville, he was appointed Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for South Logan County. In 1975, he was elected to his first of two terms as the Prosecuting Attorney for the 15th Judicial District.

In 1979, Judge Williams was named the City Attorney of Booneville and continued to serve in this capacity until 1990, when he was elected to the District Bench, a post he served until his death.

Judge Williams was a member of the First Baptist Church in Booneville, and well known throughout the community as a man deeply dedicated to his family, an avid golfer, and a terrific chef.

My condolences go out to his wife, Dottie; their daughters Jane, Charlotte and Natalie; his mother Elizabeth; his two sisters, two brothers and his grandson, Rane. Judge Williams will be deeply missed in Logan County and throughout Arkansas.

HONORING ERNEST DUNCAN

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and commitment of Mr. Er-

nest Duncan of Pilot Point, Texas. Mr. Duncan's zealous and passionate spirit towards community service warrants recognition.

As a 90 year old gentleman, Mr. Duncan dedicates much of his time to those in need, whether near or far away. Since the tragic event of Hurricane Rita, Mr. Duncan has voluntarily made two trips to Beaumont, Texas to help the victims. He and others from the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief helped the effort by serving food, cooking and picking up trash for twelve hours everyday. During their first four-day tour in Beaumont, Mr. Duncan and his colleagues slept on cots and functioned without electricity or water.

In addition to his recent involvement in the Hurricane Rita relief effort, Mr. Duncan is a committed volunteer for the Texas Baptist Men's bricking crew, which travels across the country building churches. This effort helps minimize costs for churches and allows them to use their money towards other expenses and community projects.

Mr. Speaker, It is with great honor that I stand here today to recognize Mr. Ernest Duncan, who has dedicated his time to community service, and who has reached out to assist those outside the North Texas area. Mr. Duncan's admirable commitment to helping others is an inspiration to all generations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM GIBBONS**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain how I would have voted on October 17, 2005 during Roll Call votes #521, #522, and #523 during the first session of the 109th Congress. The first vote was for approving the Journal, the second was H. Res. 457—Recognizing the importance and positive contributions of chemistry and supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week, and the third was H. Res. 491—Expressing the sense of the House with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

If present, I would have voted yes on these roll call votes.

RECOGNIZING KYLE JONES

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Kyle Jones has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Whereas, Kyle Jones shall be recognized as the first Eagle Scout in the Barnesville Boy Scout Troop 71; and

Whereas, Kyle Jones should be commended for his dedication and perseverance.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Kyle Jones for his outstanding accomplishment.

WORLD FOOD PRIZE DAY

**HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, as people around the globe observe World Food Prize Day, I am honored to recognize Norman E. Borlaug, a man who worked wonders to boost agricultural production and helped reverse widespread hunger in many countries.

A former University of Minnesota instructor, Borlaug is also an alumnus, having earned his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. there. Borlaug grew up on a farm, and became impassioned about the prospect of combating a wheat disease called rust late into his studies for his bachelor's degree. After 10 years of research, Borlaug developed a semidwarf variety of wheat that resisted rust and other diseases, was insensitive to light so that it could grow in a variety of climates, and was short and stalky enough to be heavily fertilized.

In time, he would become known as the Father of the Green Revolution.

By taking his wheat variety to Mexico in 1944, the country became self-sufficient in wheat production by 1956. By 1963, more than 95% of Mexico's wheat lands grew Borlaug's variety.

He took his success to other countries, notably India and Pakistan, reversing food shortages and helping to feed millions of people. He went on to train agronomists from every part of the world.

Borlaug was often warned that small farmers would never accept new technology. But he did not accept that judgment and worked tirelessly in the fields to earn trust, make doubters into believers, and change agricultural practices.

Borlaug also clearly understood that small peasant farmers needed more than improved farming production to be successful. Helpful economic policy had to exist to support the new technology, make the needed products available, and ensure fair grain prices. He has focused much time and energy to improve food distribution within countries, as well.

"If you don't do anything, you'll never have critics," Borlaug was known to have said. Although people questioned his technology or criticized it, it is believed that he saved more lives than any other person who has ever lived. He has also been called a "peaceful revolutionary" and a "consultant to governments of every political ideology."

Borlaug won the esteemed Nobel Peace Prize in 1970. In 2002, he received the National Academy of Science's highest honor, the Public Welfare Medal, for his work to fight hunger. He is the recipient of more than 49 honorary doctoral degree and many scientific and civic awards from around the globe. Because there was no similar award recognizing advancement in food production, Borlaug helped found the World Food Prize, celebrated yearly in October.

Mr. Speaker, as my home state celebrates Norman Borlaug Day and World Food Prize Day on October 16, I wish to extend my most humble gratitude and congratulations to this tireless and dedicated public servant. Norman Borlaug saw an opportunity to better lives, and he fought for it. He has spent a lifetime working to help countries adapt practices and policies to help them feed their people.

Thank you, Norman Borlaug. This nation—and many nations—thank you.

TRIBUTE TO THE MASSEY  
AGENCY—30TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to acknowledge the Massey Agency as this Newark firm celebrates its 30th anniversary. With Emma and Ramelle Massey at the helm of this woman/minority-owned insurance and brokerage firm, they offer services that are important to residents and businesses in the area.

Fortunately, for the City of Newark, the Massey Agency has always been committed to the needs of the community. Beginning with the late Raymond J. Massey who opened the agency's doors and continuing with his wife, Emma and daughter, Ramelle, the Massey Agency has been providing job opportunities and internship programs for local residents. In addition to the employment opportunities the Massey Agency has offered, they have also contributed financially to local community organizations which have assisted many young people and programs to achieve success for themselves and others in the community. Along the way, the agency has earned a standing as one of the predominant Minority Business Enterprise/Women's Business Enterprise in the Northeast. The agency has also received proclamations from the Mayor of Newark and the Independent Insurance Agents of New Jersey, which recognized the agency's longevity, dedication to the City of Newark and the quality of its insurance products and services.

Educated in some of the finest schools and universities, the Massey women are true professionals and exemplary role models. They are both multiple licensed insurance brokers offering a wide array of services. One of their goals is to expand their reach beyond the local community. With the tenacity, energy, intelligence and willpower of Emma and Ramelle, there is no doubt they will meet this self imposed challenge.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues agree that the Massey Agency and the Newark community have every right to be proud of the lasting contributions the agency has made to the Greater Newark Community. I am pleased to congratulate Emma and Ramelle Massey along with their employees on their 30th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING SUE MAXWELL

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Sue Maxwell has been named as the 2005 Vinton County Southeastern Ohio Regional Council Person of the Year; and

Whereas, Sue Maxwell has been acknowledged for her success in operating Ravenwood Castle; and

Whereas, Sue Maxwell should be commended for her business savvy and her dedication to Hocking Hills and Vinton County.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Sue Maxwell for her outstanding accomplishment.

THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
GRAND OLE OPRY, NASHVILLE, TN

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN. As one of the most renowned traditions in American music and broadcasting, the Grand Ole Opry continues to entertain and delight music lovers around the globe every week. Broadcast live from the Opry stage every Friday and Saturday night, the Grand Ole Opry is the Nation's longest-running radio show and the beloved home of our Nation's most celebrated music.

The show's original host, George D. Hay, introduced the first performance in 1925: 77-year-old Uncle Jimmy Thompson, who could "fiddle the taters off the vine," played "Tennessee Waggoner." Since then its audience has grown from a group of local Nashville listeners to the millions of music fans who tune in through satellite radio, television, and the internet.

The Ryman Auditorium's original well-worn oak wood Opry stage has moved with the show's changing venues through the years and has hosted some of America's most legendary country musicians—Patsy Cline, Roy Acuff, the Carter Family, Willie Nelson, Loretta Lynn, Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, and Bill Monroe. For many generations of Americans, Minnie Pearl's cheerful shout of "How-dee! I'm just so proud to be here!" will forever signify the start of another memorable and captivating Grand Ole Opry show.

My own personal connection to the Grand Ole Opry began when I met the legendary Opry duo Earl Scruggs and Lester Flatt during my father's 1950s political campaigns throughout Tennessee. Like so many others, I tuned in every week to listen to the gifted musicianship of the performers. And in a visit I shared with Earl Scruggs not too long ago, he told me that growing up in Shelby, North Carolina, he would walk across the hollow to a neighbor's house just to listen to the show every week because his family didn't have a radio. Both accomplished musicians and fans alike continue to hold the Grand Ole Opry in the highest esteem among America's musical traditions.

While the Opry has always stayed true to the musical roots upon which it was founded, it continues to evolve with the latest country sounds. The Grand Ole Opry's elite membership now includes accomplished artists like Martina McBride, Garth Brooks, Alan Jackson, Vince Gill, Brad Paisley, Patty Loveless, and Dierks Bentley who continue to entertain fans on the same oak wood stage every week.

In its 80 years, the Grand Ole Opry has come to mean something more than a weekly country show. In addition to extending Nashville and America's musical traditions through-

out the country and world, it is a way to connect with and pay tribute to America's musical influences and heritage. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of this beloved American musical institution and to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Grand Ole Opry.

CONGRATULATING IRON CITY PIPE  
AND SUPPLY FOR WINNING THE  
ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR  
AWARD

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, owners Ray Brewer, Rick Smith and Eric Massie in true entrepreneurial spirit recognized a market opening in southern Ohio and capitalized on it; and

Whereas, Iron City Pipe and Supply has been able to adapt and grow and now serves the needs of businesses in a tri-state area; and

Whereas, Iron City Pipe and Supply is looking forward to continued growth and diversification to further benefit the Jackson area.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Iron City Pipe and Supply for winning this prestigious award.

BETTY LEE STRECKFUSS, DELEGATE  
TO THE 2005 WHITE HOUSE  
CONFERENCE ON AGING

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, during the second week of December, the 2005 White House Conference on Aging will take place in Washington, D.C. This is a once in a decade event where delegates from across the United States gather to make policy recommendations to the President and Congress on issues of importance to aging generations.

I had the privilege of nominating Betty Lee Streckfuss, RN, as a delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging, and I am proud to say that she will be in attendance as the delegate from the Second Congressional District of Texas.

Betty has a long and distinguished background in healthcare. A former Head Nurse of the Acute Care Pediatric Unit at Ben Taub Hospital in Houston, TX, Betty is currently serving as founder and associate partner of Streckfuss and Associates, a Texas based medical consulting endeavor specializing in clinical policies, procedures and regulatory issues. She is also secretary of the Houston/Harris County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council and a member of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature.

I commend Betty's commitment to healthcare. I have no doubt that her experience, insight, and sincere desire to advocate on behalf of our aging Americans will serve our community well at the 2005 White House Conference on Aging.

A TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL  
KATHLEEN K. PAIGE

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to recognize the service of an outstanding leader in our Nation's Armed Forces. After more than 34 years in uniform, Rear Admiral Kathleen K. Paige will soon retire from the United States Navy and move on to private life.

Admiral Paige's sustained, superb service culminated in a series of highly challenging senior assignments where she demonstrated dedication to one primary goal: providing highly effective military capabilities to warfighters.

Her first Flag assignment was as Commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center in July 1996. Two years later, she assumed duties as Director, Theater Air and Missile Defense and Systems Engineering in the Program Executive Office for Theater Surface Combatants. Then, in April 1999, she was given the additional concurrent assignment as the first Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development & Acquisition) Chief Engineer—the Navy's senior technical authority for development of system and technical architectures. Because of her extraordinary talent and expertise in complex systems, in July 2001, the Missile Defense Agency selected her to be the first Ballistic Missile Defense System Technical Director in charge of integrating the engineering development of all the systems comprising the missile defense program.

Since August 2002, Admiral Paige has also served as the Navy's senior Engineering Duty Officer—nurturing the engineering community's rich heritage of scientific fact-finding and integrated, top-down engineering to ensure continuous innovation. At the same time, she made certain that the Navy remained anchored to fundamental operational realities.

TRIBUTE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere congratulations to the people of the Republic of Azerbaijan as they celebrate the 14th anniversary of their Independence from the Soviet Union. On October 18, 1991, Azerbaijan adopted its Constitutional Act on Independence declaring their independence as a sovereign state.

Having lived under Soviet rule, the people of Azerbaijan have a great appreciation of living in a democratic civil society and understand that they need to continue to democratize and hold free and fair elections in order to develop and integrate into western structures.

On November 6, 2005, Azerbaijan will hold important parliamentary elections. As a sign of his commitment to ensuring free and fair elections, President Ilham Aliyev issued an Executive Order earlier this year outlining important steps that will be taken prior to the election. Since then great progress has been made to:

allow all political parties to organize rallies free from violence and intimidation, welcome domestic and international election observers, provide appropriate access to media, and ensure central and regional authorities create the necessary conditions for exit polls.

Azerbaijan has come forward as a strong strategic partner and ally not only to the United States but also among the democratic societies in our world. I congratulate Azerbaijan on this important day and look forward to them having free and fair elections next month.

IN RECOGNITION OF FORMER TAIWANESE PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome former Taiwanese President Lee Teng-Hui to Washington, DC.

President Lee Teng-Hui is truly a founding father of democracy. As president of Taiwan from 1988 to 2000, Mr. Lee Teng-Hui helped Taiwan develop into the strong democracy it is today. Today, Taiwan is a vital, growing democracy committed to the universal principles of human freedom and dignity. I am certain that President Lee Teng-Hui's visits to the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall and his viewing of the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Independence has only deepened his appreciation of America's struggle for democracy.

It is my hope that one day there will be open dialogue between high level officials in the United States and in Taiwan for the development of democracy beyond our two countries and around the world.

CONGRATULATING RANDY EVANS  
AND RANDY EVANS CONSTRUCTION  
FOR WINNING THE SEORC  
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Randy Evans, with effort and desire, started Randy Evans Construction and has made it a significant competitor in the Jackson area construction business; and

Whereas, Randy Evans and Randy Evans Construction have helped shape the Jackson area community; and

Whereas, Randy Evans' commitment to perfection, perseverance and fortitude are an inspiration to everyone in Jackson County and beyond.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Randy Evans and Randy Evans Construction for winning this prestigious award.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COURT, OFFENDER SUPERVISION,  
PAROLE AND PUBLIC DEFENDER  
EMPLOYEES EQUITY ACT OF 2005

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today Chairman TOM DAVIS and I introduce a bill that will correct a long overdue oversight affecting the non-judicial employees of the D.C. Courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA), and the D.C. Public Defender Service (PDS).

Under the 1997 National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, the federal government took over the operation of the District of Columbia Courts and related services making the non-judicial employees of the D.C. Courts and the employees of CSOSA federal employees. In 1998, employees of PDS were similarly transferred as part of the District of Columbia Courts and Justice Technical Collections Act. As federal employees, these Court, CSOSA and PDS employees were brought under the federal retirement program (FERS). However, for the employees transferred in 1997 and in 1998, "creditable service" for the purposes of determining when they would be eligible to retire and the amount of annuity they would be entitled to under FERS only began from the date of the transfer. That is, the 1997 and 1998 laws made no provision for treating their year of service as Court and related services employees prior to these laws as creditable service for retirement.

Accordingly, the bill we introduced today will amend these laws to require that the time served by these employees before 1997 will count towards their overall federal retirement eligibility as "creditable service". So for example, if an employee is 60 years old today and has worked 20 years (i.e. since 1985) for the D.C. Courts under our bill he would be eligible for federal retirement today (whereas without our bill he would have to work another twelve years).

I should also note that to avoid the problem of "double dipping," since the employees are still entitled to their D.C. retirement benefits (based upon their work status up until 1997), our bill does not count the pre-1997 years spent as D.C. government employees towards the amount of federal retirement annuity an employee is eligible to receive.

However, it is only fair and just that the Court and related services employees who started their jobs with the expectation that would be able to retire without penalty after 20 years of service or more should be allowed to do so. Our bill today does just that, it restores their "lost time."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the following votes on Monday, October 17th, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote No. 521: I would have voted "aye" on approving the Journal.

Rollcall vote No. 522: I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 457, recognizing the importance and positive contributions of chemistry to our everyday lives and supporting the goals and ideas of National Chemistry Week.

Rollcall vote No. 523: I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 491, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States and supporting the goals and ideas of National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

INTRODUCTION OF "PREVENTING SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN THE MILITARY ACT OF 2005"

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce legislation, the "Preventing Sexual Assaults in the Military Act of 2005," which would appropriate such funds as are necessary for fiscal years 2006 through 2008 to eliminate the backlog in processing DNA evidence, to ensure that testing takes place in a timely manner, to provide an adequate supply of forensic evidence collection kits at all domestic and overseas U.S. military installations, military academies, and theaters of operation, and to ensure that at least one military medical personnel member, who is trained as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE), is on duty at all times in the health care facility at a military academy, domestic military base, overseas military base, and theaters of operation, except where a memorandum of understanding is issued between the military installation and a local civilian hospital.

Rapes and sexual assaults are far too common in both civilian life and in the military. As the April 2004 report issued by the Pentagon states, among other findings, current DoD policies and standards do not focus on sexual assault and "the military services' policies lack integration for effective prevention and response."

This legislation will help bring justice to the victims and survivors of sexual assault by ensuring that DNA evidence is used to identify perpetrators and bring them to justice. Additionally, it will provide servicemembers who are raped with the necessary medical care.

As our soldiers are fighting for those who have long been denied basic rights, we should do everything possible to ensure that we are protecting their rights, too.

HONORING CLARENCE S. HAINES

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of C.S. Mott Community College located in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. On October 24, members of Mott's administration, faculty, staff, and student body

will gather to pay tribute to the contributions made by Clarence S. Haines, a true pioneer in the fields of Applied Sciences and Technical Education at the college. Mr. Haines, who died in 1995, will be honored with a plaque honoring his life and legacy, to be displayed in Mott's Regional Technology Center.

Born in 1905, Clarence "Mike" Haines was the first chairman of Mott Community College's Trades and Industry Department. In 1955, he was awarded the Ballenger Chair of Learning in that area. He created specialized curricula that helped usher the school into the technology age, and facilitated the planning, coordination, and implementation of these programs. Clarence also assisted with designing the school's Mott and Gorman Buildings to simulate workplace environments and provide practical experiences for students. Mott's Applied Sciences program was created largely as a result of his influence.

Mr. Speaker, as a former teacher, I applaud Clarence Haines' dedication and commitment to education. His insight and vision have helped create many opportunities for our young people, past, present, and future. I ask my colleagues in the 109th Congress to please join me in acknowledging his memorable achievements.

CONGRATULATING BEAR VILLAGE AND KEITH AND LYNN DENNY FOR WINNING THE BEAUTIFUL CATION AWARD

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Keith and Lynn Denny have built one of the premier gift shops in Jackson County; and

Whereas, Bear Village has grown to be a impeccable illustration of what Jackson County has to offer and what great potential the community has; and

Whereas, Keith and Lynn Denny's vision has added greatly to the beauty of Jackson County and is further enhancing the attractiveness of Water Street.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Bear Village and Keith and Lynn Denny for winning this prestigious award.

RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF CHARLES W. PERKINS

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Firefighter Charles W. "Chuck" Perkins for his twenty-three years of dedicated service to the North County Fire Protection District and his commitment to serving his community.

Chuck Perkins and his fellow firefighters from the North County Fire Protection District have served the Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow areas with honor since the district was chartered in 1925. Classified an "all-risk" fire, rescue and hazard mitigation agency, it serves

over 150 square miles in the northern-most portion of San Diego County.

Chuck Perkins' service to his community began in 1982, as a Reserve Firefighter. On July 20, 1987, he was hired as a full-time Fire/EMS Dispatcher. His hard work and dedication were recognized on April 5, 1988, when he was hired as a full-time Firefighter. His contributions to the agency led to his promotion to the rank of Engineer on March 15, 1999.

Engineer Perkins was actively involved in fire, rescue, emergency services and fire prevention programs. He managed the Engine Company's Fire Inspection Program for over ten years. The Fire Inspection Program, along with Engineer Perkins' skilled management resulted in a significant reduction in fire loss to the business community of the greater Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow areas.

Engineer Perkins is regarded as a humble and generous man by his fellow San Diegans. His involvement in the community is not limited to his work as an Engineer in the North County Fire Protection District. For the last fifteen years, Engineer Perkins has volunteered his time as a leader in the district's public education efforts. He demonstrated his passion for fire prevention and safety education by portraying "Smokey the Bear," performing for thousands of school children during his career, promoting Smokey's fire prevention message, "Only you can prevent forest fires." Engineer Perkins continues to share his time as a "Partner in Prevention," by traveling to local schools, teaching kids to "Stop, Drop and Roll" as well as the "Exit Drill in the Home" (EDITH) exercise. In addition to his portrayal of Smokey the Bear, he also warns school children about the dangers of fire and smoke as "Evil Mr. Smoke."

Engineer Chuck Perkins will retire from the North County Fire Protection District on October 28, 2005, after more than 23 years of esteemed service, though he will continue to remain a leader in fire safety education. Chuck Perkins is due our respect and gratitude for his tireless service and genuine commitment to his community now, and in the future.

CONGRATULATING DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR RECEIVING "STAR OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY" AWARD

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport for receiving a "Star of Energy Efficiency" Award from the Alliance to Save Energy. DFW won the award for its aggressive pursuit and corporate commitment to the efficient and environmentally friendly use of energy.

Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport currently serves more than 59 million passengers and offers 2,300 flights a day to 152 domestic and international destinations. DFW has faced daunting challenges since 2001, including a catastrophic business downturn in the airlines precipitated by terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC, and the Environmental Protection Agency's introduction of stringent national ambient clean air

ozone standards that require DFW to reduce its emissions by 70 percent. Throughout this period, and long before, DFW officials have campaigned aggressively to reduce operating expenses for all its tenants through reduced energy use while adhering to new EPA guidelines.

From building commissioning and energy retrofits, to more efficient building design and adherence to strict energy codes, DFW has reduced its energy use at the central plant by over one fourth, and its energy use per square foot by almost 40 percent. This has resulted in a total avoided energy use of 25 million MMBtus. In addition, nitrous oxide emissions are expected to be reduced by 86 percent, far exceeding the EPA mandate.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I stand here today to congratulate Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport, my home airport, for setting an unprecedented example as a world leader in energy and environmental stewardship within the airline transportation industry.

#### TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

### HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, today I want to congratulate the people of Taiwan on the occasion of their National Day.

Taiwan serves as a prosperous and democratic model to countries around the world and I would like to personally congratulate Taiwan for its dedication to democracy and the rule of law. Its 23 million people enjoy the privileges of a balanced judicial system, free speech, and fair elections. Its vibrant free market system continues to thrive and supports a strong and healthy economy. Taiwan is a strong regional ally and a close friend of the United States and is committed to maintaining peace and stability.

To help us celebrate the momentous accomplishments of our friends in Taiwan, I urge my colleagues here in Congress to support Taiwan's bid to return to the United Nations. It is truly shameful that Taiwan has been denied its proper international role and presence. There is no better way to show our respect for Taiwan's democratic ideals than to support its bid to return to the international community. It is an objective fact that Taiwan is a free and independent nation, and therefore meets all the criteria for admission to the United Nations.

I am confident Taiwan will continue to serve as a model to its neighbors and I praise its commitment to democracy, the rule of law, and regional stability. Congratulations Taiwan on your National Day.

#### CONGRATULATING PAUL AND SHARON BOCZEK FOR WINNING THE 2005 PEACEKEEPER'S AWARD

### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Paul and Sharon Boczek have selflessly given to support Peg's House, the Tri-County Help Center's emergency domestic violence shelter; and

Whereas, Paul and Sharon Boczek and their staff have conducted themselves with professionalism in maintaining the confidentiality of the shelter and managing the upkeep of Peg's House; and

Whereas, Paul and Sharon Boczek pursue this noble labor without expectation of thanks or reward, but out of the pure kindness of their hearts.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Paul and Sharon Boczek for winning this prestigious award.

#### PETROLEUM REFINERIES: WILL RECORD PROFITS SPUR INVESTMENT IN NEW DOMESTIC CAPACITY?

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following statement for the RECORD.

"Will Record Profits spur investment in new domestic capacity?" That is the title of this hearing. In a competitive market, the question would not be worth asking in Congress. There would be no doubt about the answer.

But the petroleum refining industry is not a competitive market. Ten companies control 80 percent of the refining capacity, and just 5 companies control half of the Nation's capacity all by themselves.

Since 1981, the concentration of refining capacity supply in fewer and fewer hands has increased. Mergers and acquisitions have fueled industry concentration. The result is astonishing:

Operable capacity stopped rising in 1981, as it had for the previous 30 years.

Instead, it went into decline, before it plateauing. For the past 20 years, capacity has been held relatively constant.

Economics 101 teaches that rising demand meets constant supply at higher and higher prices. We can be confident that the industry is familiar with that economics lesson, and they have profited handsomely as a result.

The question we should address is why should the U.S. Government continue to permit an anti-competitive environment that enables a few companies to rein in supply and drive up record profits?

I am sure that we will hear from the industry a lot about onerous environmental regulations. They want the public to believe that they would have built more refineries if only they'd been allowed to do it.

Not only is that not true, but it is a smokescreen. The industry hasn't tried but once in 25 years to build a new refinery. Yet, between 1994 and 2004, they closed 30 refineries. On balance, they have been closing refineries, not trying to open new ones. Closing refineries tightens supply, driving up prices when demand is rising. That is exactly what has happened, and they've made record profits.

If there were no environmental regulations, the industry would have to invent them or something equivalent in order to disguise a corporate strategy to hold down supply. That is the real issue and Americans

are paying mightily for it. Since 2001, according to Public Citizen, the largest 5 oil companies operating in the United States enjoyed after-tax profits of \$254 billion.

There are things Congress can do. One would be to pass H.R. 2070, the Gas Price Spike Act of 2005. This bill, which I introduced with 39 cosponsors, would implement a windfall profit tax on gasoline and diesel. Such a tax would be imposed on key oil industry profits above a reasonable rate of return. If oil companies are collecting excessive profits on the backs of consumers, they should be subject to a stiff tax on those excessive profits. The threat of heavy taxation will send a clear signal to oil companies that price gouging, and shorting supply, will not pay.

In addition, H.R. 2070 will direct the revenue from the windfall profits tax to Americans who buy ultra efficient cars made in America. These individuals would receive a \$6000 tax credit. The credit would be phased in, and cars that achieved 65 miles per gallon would receive a full tax credit. Today average cars get less than 30 miles per gallon. This tax credit will stimulate the market in ultra efficient vehicles.

Lastly, the bill makes funding available to regional transit authorities to offset significantly reduced mass transit fares during times of gas price spikes. Providing low-cost mass transit will slow demand for gas and ease the price of gasoline, benefiting all Americans.

#### CONGRATULATING FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH HOFFFEL

### HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, Joseph Hoeffel honorably represented Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional district for 6 years. And, on October 16, I proudly joined with area Democrats in naming Joe the "Montgomery County Democrat of the Year."

As a lifelong resident of Montgomery County, Joe was elected in 1976 to the first of four terms in the Pennsylvania State House, representing the Abington area until 1984, where he worked on budget and government reform, economic development and programs for seniors. In 1991, Joe was elected to the first of two terms as Montgomery County Commissioner where he fought for open space preservation, community revitalization and reforms of patronage and pay-to-play abuses in the courthouse.

In 1996, Joe ran for the U.S. House of Representatives, challenging a freshman incumbent and losing by just 84 votes. However, he returned to the campaign trail in 1998 and was successful—earning the opportunity to represent the 13th district in the 106th, 107th, and 108th Congresses. Joe campaigned on a platform of creating jobs, bettering our public school system, expanding access to health care, balancing the Federal budget, and ensuring that we have a robust foreign policy.

During his tenure, Joe fulfilled many campaign promises. He authored various pieces of legislation to better the 13th district and the Nation, including bills to create a veterans' cemetery at Valley Forge, to eliminate wasteful corporate welfare, to reform Federal support for public schools and to establish a patients' bill of rights.

At home, Joe was a constant figure throughout the community. He was intimately involved in bringing a public health center to Norristown and establishing the Center for Sustainable Communities at Temple University-Ambler. Additionally, he secured Federal funds for the Schuylkill Valley Metro, Title I education, river-front development in Norristown and Northeast Philadelphia, the Montgomery County Community College and the Abington Arts Center.

From his seat on the International Relations Committee, Joe also advocated for the United States to play an active role in international efforts to bring peace to the Middle East and throughout the world.

Joe's reputation as a hard-working legislator and an outspoken, progressive Democrat will not be forgotten. I know many of my colleagues continue to rely on Joe's guidance and advice and wish him well in his new endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all of my colleagues here in Congress I again want to congratulate Joe Hoeffel on being recognized as Montgomery County's Democrat of the Year. Although his service in Congress has come to an end, I know Joe will continue to work on behalf of the people of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and our Nation for many years to come.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
VIVIAN MALONE JONES

**HON. ARTUR DAVIS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute to Vivian Malone Jones.

It is my generation's tragedy that so few of us knew the name of Vivian Malone Jones. It is a cruel twist of history that George Wallace's "stand in the schoolhouse door" is itself a vivid memory but that the protagonists of the event—the ones being stood against—were off site and out of view.

Vivian Malone Jones died too young last week at age 63. In prose, she was the first black American to earn a degree from the University of Alabama. In poetry, she was proof of the power of dignified commitment, and was a trailblazer to young black women my mother's age, whose own dreams seemed more attainable when they contemplated her boldness.

Part of Jones' current anonymity was based on the choice she made to forge a conventional career as a government employee, rather than as a traveling icon of the civil rights era. She did not frequent the reenactments, the marches, or the annual seminars revisiting the sixties, and I never recall her weighing in on whether the war in Iraq was unjust or whether a Supreme Court nominee should be confirmed.

But these choices of when and where to cast her influence were hers, and they were noble and worthy of respect. And the value Vivian Malone Jones put on respecting choices meant that I never heard her offer those facile denigrations of the caliber of this generation's African American leaders.

My last memory of Jones is the Newsweek cover the week she registered at the University of Alabama. The cover featured the

unattributed quote, "We owe them—and we owe ourselves—a better country." It was so true, for Jones and her cohorts, and it is so true, for the children of poverty and depressed schools, for the working poor who are losing ground, and for the anonymous challengers to glass ceilings who are themselves broken for trying to climb to higher altitudes. Blessed are those whose courage moves us to make the ultimate commitments.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF MARTIN  
KENDZORA FOR WINNING THE  
2005 PEACEKEEPER'S AWARD

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Martin Kendzora and the St. Clairsville Police Department continue to assist the Tri-County Help Center combat domestic violence; and

Whereas, Martin Kendzora supports the Family Visitation Center and worked with the staff there to develop safety plans; and

Whereas, Martin Kendzora has been the consummate professional in dealing with the staff and clients of the Tri-County Help Center.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Chief Martin Kendzora for winning this prestigious award.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE  
OF MR. M.J. "MIKE" ARTS

**HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and a fixture within the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. On Friday, October 21, 2005, after twenty years at the helm, Mike Arts retires as President of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. Throughout his tenure, Mike's leadership cut a path of economic growth and prosperity transforming his home community, Boca Raton.

In 1985, Mike took the reigns of the Chamber and faced an daunting task. The Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce was dealing with the loss of 10,000 IBM jobs, an inactive membership and a fledgling downtown development plan.

Today, thanks to Mike's leadership, the Chamber enjoys a membership of 1,800 members, the largest business organization in Palm Beach and Broward counties. The success of the Boca Raton Chamber has been at the center of making the City of Boca Raton, the envy of municipalities throughout Florida.

Mike's involvement reaches far beyond Boca Raton. Mike has served as President of the Florida Chamber of Commerce Executives and as a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Mike has also supported a regional business approach that has led South Florida to become a national and international leader in transportation and international trade. As a result of this progressive vision, Mike has

been called one of Palm Beach County's "movers and shakers."

I have had the privilege of representing the residents of Boca Raton and Palm Beach County since 1992. As a Member of Congress representing a new area, it was an easy transition the day I first met Mike. Mike took precious time introducing me around the Boca Raton business community.

The many relationships and support I have today is a direct result of Mike's support.

Every two years constituents of Florida's 22nd Congressional District travel to Washington and participate in my District Fly-In. The Fly-In provides my constituents with a first-hand look at the inner workings of the Congress and our federal government. I appreciate Mike's longstanding support of these events during the planning and implementation process. His assistance has made these Fly-In events a tremendous success.

Although Mike will step aside from leading the Boca Raton Chamber, we know his activities and commitment to Boca Raton and the South Florida business community remain a top priority.

I Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to call Mike Arts my friend. I wish Mike and his lovely wife, Catherine, much happiness and good health as they complete this chapter in their partnership and look for new challenges and opportunities in the future. I thank my colleagues for allowing me to bring to the attention of the House the outstanding service of Mike Arts.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JO ANN MITTENBERG,  
NEW YORK STATE'S AMERICAN  
STAR OF TEACHING HONOREE

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Jo Ann Mittenberg, who was recognized in September by the U.S. Department of Education as the American Star of Teaching honoree from New York State. This exceptional honor goes annually to one exemplary teacher from each state.

Ms. Mittenberg has taught math for over 27 years and has been a teacher in the Farmingdale Union Free School district for over 14 years. Her colleagues describe her as a "gifted, caring, tireless, dedicated person with a superb mathematical background and extraordinary teaching skills."

Over the years, Ms. Mittenberg has taught Sequential I, II and III Mathematics, Grade 8 Math, Grade 8 Remedial Math, Regents Competency Math, Pre-Calculus Syracuse University Calculus Program and C.W. Post SCALE Calculus for college credit. Additionally, she has taught computer programming, computer literacy, SAT preparation, and GED preparation courses. One of Ms. Mittenberg's most impressive successes in the classroom has been helping ninth graders with disabilities pass state Regents exams with a 90 percent success rate.

Ms. Mittenberg's dedication to providing Long Island students with a strong math education doesn't end in the classroom. She works hard to ensure that her colleagues are

trained in the most innovative teaching techniques. As a certified Texas Instruments T-Fast (Technology for All Students) instructor, Ms. Mittenberg trains other teachers to use the newest, most advanced calculators. Over the years, she has taught almost 200 hours of in-service and professional development workshops.

I am proud to have nominated Ms. Mittenberg for this prestigious and well-deserved honor. We have heard time and again the importance of math and science in the classroom. Long Islanders can be proud that teachers like Jo Ann Mittenberg are teaching their children skills they need to be successful in tomorrow's world.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE OPENING  
OF THE MALTZ MUSEUM OF  
JEWISH HERITAGE

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the newly opened Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. I was truly honored to be a part of this legendary event in my Congressional District. The Maltz Museum will serve as an extension of the highly prized collection of religious objects in the Temple-Tifereth in Beachwood, Ohio.

The creation of the museum was made possible through the efforts of Milton and Tamar Maltz, the creators of the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC. They convinced the Temple-Tifereth that they needed a museum to showcase their religious antiques, and provide a better accessible building for a more diverse array of people.

The Maltz Museum tells the history of the Jewish people of Cleveland and of those abroad. The museum uses photographic exhibits to tell their stories on religion, immigration, the Jewish contribution to Broadway, and the unforgettable events of the Holocaust. Vid-

eos and interactive computers along with audio tapes bring the past to reality.

On behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional District I celebrate the opening of the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. This museum will serve as a link to connect all people of all religions in the pursuit of knowledge of Jewish religious history and its impact on our community.

CONGRATULATING MARY GRAHAM  
FOR WINNING THE 2005 PEACE-  
KEEPER'S AWARD

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Mary Graham founded the Belmont County Domestic Violence Taskforce while working for the Belmont County Sheriff's Office; and

Whereas, Mary Graham was a significant asset in developing new protocols for local law enforcement when responding to domestic violence; and

Whereas, Mary Graham has continued in her steadfast devotion to fighting domestic violence after her retirement by serving on the Board of Directors of the Tri-County Help Center and remaining with the Sheriff's Office on retainer.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Mary Graham for winning this prestigious award.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL  
FREDERICK E. MORRIS

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 19, 2005*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute to Major General Frederick E. Mor-

ris, a veteran of World War II and distinguished Air Force pilot. I would also like to extend my deepest sympathies to his family and friends for their loss. General Morris passed away on August 22, 2005, and will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery on October 21, 2005.

General Morris joined the U.S. Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1942. During the war, he served as a combat pilot in both the European and Pacific Theaters. He flew 66 missions flying B-26, B-25 and A-26 aircraft supporting Allied Forces over North Africa, Europe, China and Japan.

Following World War II he transferred to the newly formed U.S. Air Force and soon became a jet pilot with certification to fly the F-111. Throughout the rest of his 30-year career, General Morris served in various overseas commands as well as at home with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He retired in a military service at the Pentagon in 1971.

Although he retired from service over three decades ago, his contributions to the defense of our Nation are still evident. In the 1960's, he worked on the Air Force's initial efforts at mass computer record keeping and data processing. Though primitive, those early programs fostered the technology revolution that has forever changed our Nation.

General Morris was the recipient of numerous decorations including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family and today I want to honor his contributions to our entire Nation.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 25

9 a.m.  
Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine U.S.-Saudi Arabia relations relating to the war on terror.  
SD-226

9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Delores M. Etter, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, General Burwell B. Bell, III, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command, and Commander, United States Forces Korea, and Lieutenant General Lance L. Smith, USAF, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Joint Forces Command and Supreme Allied Commander Transformation.  
SD-106

Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ellen R. Sauerbrey, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration, and Jeffrey Thomas Bergner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs.  
SD-419

10 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Matthew Slaughter, of New Hampshire, and Katherine Baicker, of New Hampshire, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Orlando J. Cabrera, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Gigi Hyland, of Virginia, and Rodney E. Hood, of North Carolina, each to be a Member of

the National Credit Union Administration Board.  
SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine S. 1829, to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands, S. 1830, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and S. 1831, to convey certain submerged land to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.  
SD-366

Appropriations  
Interior and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine oil and gas activities by the Bureau of Land Management including impact of recently passed energy legislation.  
SD-124

2:30 p.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine setting priorities in Federal spending in the context of natural disaster, deficits and war, focusing on funding wasteful and ineffective programs.  
SD-342

OCTOBER 26

9 a.m.  
Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine the Streamlined Procedures Act relating to Habeas Reform.  
SD-226

9:30 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine In Re Tribal Lobbying Matters, Et Al.  
SH-216

10:30 a.m.  
Judiciary  
Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine emergency preparedness relating to terrorism.  
SD-226

2 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (P.L. 108-447), by the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior.  
SD-366

2:30 p.m.  
Judiciary  
Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine proposals to split the Ninth Circuit.  
SD-226

OCTOBER 27

9:30 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
Business meeting to consider S. 1057, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, S. 1003, to amend the Act of December 22, 1974, S. 692, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in northwestern New Mexico by resolving a dispute associated with coal preference right lease interests on the land, a proposed bill to extend the statute of limitations for breach of trust claims, and S. 1219, to authorize cer-

tain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Inc.  
SR-485

10 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine Administration's response to hurricane recovery efforts related to energy and to discuss energy policy.  
SD-366

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization Subcommittee  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Forest and Rangeland Research Program of the USDA Forest Service.  
SR-328A

NOVEMBER 1

2:30 p.m.  
Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.  
SD-226

NOVEMBER 2

2 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine S. 1541, to protect, conserve, and restore public land administered by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service and adjacent land through cooperative cost-shared grants to control and mitigate the spread of invasive species, S. 1548, to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska, S. 1552, to amend Public Law 97-435 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to release certain conditions contained in a patent concerning certain land conveyed by the United States to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009, and H.R. 482, to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico.  
SD-366

NOVEMBER 3

10 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine a status report on the Environmental Protection Management programs of the Department of Energy.  
SD-366

NOVEMBER 8

10 a.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings to examine the progress made on the development of interim and long-term plans for use of fire retardant aircraft in Federal wildfire suppression operations.  
SD-366

2:30 p.m.  
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the Pet Animal Welfare Statute.  
SR-328A

CANCELLATIONS

liability proposals on environmental laws.

NOVEMBER 1

OCTOBER 25

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9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine Department of Justice and the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission Recommendations.

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9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works Superfund and Waste Management Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing on the impact of certain government contractor

10:30 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine grand jury reform.

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