

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

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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

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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.