suffered a major indignity in 1967 when he lost his prized office to Moore by more than 21 percentage points.

He never fully accepted defeat. Years later, his address in his telephone book was still the county government headquarters.

"This was Jack’s life," Davis recalled. "When he was defeated he couldn’t move on to something else. He was a doer. He could never sit still."

The comeback Herrity methodically plotted collapsed in 1991 when he lost the GOP nomination for chairmanship to Davis, his onetime protege, who also handpicked a Republican to run against him in the 2003 primary for board chairman. Since his departure from electoral politics, he officially fell from public view when Virginia governor in 2001 and county GOP chairman in 2004.

Born in Arlington, reared in Prince George’s County and educated at St. Anthony’s High School in the District (now all Saints High School), John Frances Herrity was the product of a working-class Irish Catholic family of elevator mechanics, union leaders and loyal Democrats. He spent much of his youth hustling on the basketball court.

After high school and a tour in the Coast Guard, the rambunctious young Herrity settled down to his studies at Georgetown University, where he obtained undergraduate and law degrees and met his first wife.

After marrying in 1958, he eventually went into the insurance business, where he worked as a consultant after his return to the private sector.

It did not take long for Herrity to jump into local civic affairs. He soon formed a heterodox association and became the local Democratic precinct captain. But like many Democrats in his era, he became alienated with his party’s lurch to the left and switched to the GOP just in time for his first run for office—that of Springfield District supervisor in 1971.

HONORING CURTIS DANIEL “DAN” REAGAN

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2006

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Curtis Daniel "Dan" Reagan of Austin, Texas. Dan Reagan has been a champion for board chairman. Since his departure from electoral politics, he officially fell from public view when Virginia governor in 2001 and county GOP chairman in 2004.

Mr. Reagan attended graduate school at Louisiana State University, taking classes in Transportation Engineering.

In June 1981, Mr. Reagan was assigned to the former FHWA Region One Office in Albany, New York, where he held several positions, including Director of Planning, Director of Planning and Program Development, and Deputy Regional Administrator. As the Deputy, he was responsible for all aspects of the Federal Highway Administration’s Division Administrator for Texas. While a staff of 50 employees, he was responsible for delivering the second largest Federal-aid Program in the Nation and implementing FHWA’s National Strategic Plan throughout Texas, in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation. While serving as the Texas Division Administrator, Dan Reagan established the FHWA’s first International Programs Engineer position for the entire Texas border, creating a forum known as the Texas Environmental Resource Forum, bringing together the leaders of state and federal agencies impacting transportation to resolve issues in advance, and paved the way for such landmark public-private partnerships as TTC–35, TTC–69, and the Central Texas Tumpke Project.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to honor and thank Dan Reagan and his family, on the occasion of his retirement, for a lifelong commitment to service to the traveling public. I wish Dan Reagan much happiness and good health in the years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARCI BERKA REIMERS

HON. JON C. PORTER
OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend, Marci Berka Reimers. Marci was born on May 21, 1957 at Crawford County Hospital in Denison, IA. She was the second of four children born to Marvin and Donna Berka. Marci had two sisters and a brother named Randy, who I am proud to call my best friend.

After graduating from Humboldt Community High School in 1975, Marci married Brian Reimers on November 29 of that same year. As a young couple they lived in Maryville, MO while Brian attended Northwest Missouri State University. Marci worked in retail while Brian was in college. In 1977, Brian accepted a teaching position at Riceville, IA and they lived in that community for two years. In 1979 they moved to Ogden, IA where Marci was instrumental in helping her husband build a first-time wrestling program for that community. Brian has been a teacher, coach, and athletic director at Ogden High School for 26 years, and he will be inducted in the Iowa High School Wrestling Hall of Fame this month. Marci and Brian were blessed with two sons, Luke and Seth.

Luke was born November 7, 1978. He graduated from Simpson College in Indianola, IA. He and his wife Kara, who live in Waukee, IA, gave Marci and Brian the gift of a grand-daughter on February 10, 2005. Ella Grace has been the joy of her grandmother’s eyes.

Seth was born April 18, 1982. He graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 2004. While attending NWMSU he was in Army ROTC and received the George C. Marshall ROTC award in 2002. Following graduation, Seth became a U.S. Army Ranger and is currently a 2nd Lieutenant stationed at Fort Drum, NY where he is awaiting deployment to Iraq sometime this year.

Marci was Vice President of City State Bank in Ogden, IA where she was employed for 26 years. She was also a real estate loan officer. In addition, Marci served as treasurer for the Ogden Scholarship & Loan Foundation, which is a private loan foundation providing over one-half million dollars in scholarships to Ogden community members.

Mr. Speaker, Marci was a role model and mentor for many children and adults in Ogden. She served as an advisor, friend, and pillar of support to people of all ages. She was loved for her kind spirit, her strong sense of patriotism, and her ability to clearly live her life based on the principles of respect and dignity for others. Marci worked side-by-side with Brian to build one of the most successful wrestling programs in the state of Iowa. She worked hand-in-hand with Ogden parents and athletes to promote the true spirit of athletics and helped shape many young athletes into responsible American citizens.

Education held a high priority in her life and she encouraged many young men and women to further their education and make a difference in the world. A scholarship has been established in her honor for one young woman each year through the endowment at City State Bank. Marci was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church in Ogden, IA, where she taught Sunday school and served on numerous church committees throughout her life. Her faith in God was remarkable and she demonstrated a life example for all those she touched.

Mr. Speaker, as one of two boys, I always considered Marci the little sister I never had, and regarded her as a member of my own family.

HONORING ARMY SPEC. SERGIO ANTONIO MERCEDES SAEZ

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2006

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