

as vice president of investment banking for Thomson McKinnon, New York City.

Mr. Karam earned bachelor of science degrees in political science and accounting from the University of Scranton. He serves on the board of trustees of the University of Scranton. He also serves on the executive committee of the board of directors of Team Pennsylvania and on the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Pennsylvania.

Mr. Karam and his wife, Flora Keating Karam, reside in Waverly, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of two children.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Karam on the occasion of this honor. His leadership and commitment to service is an inspiration to the entire community and his recognition by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America is well deserved.

IN MEMORY OF MR. JOSEPH "JOE"
BLAIR, JR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to Mr. Joseph "Joe" Blair, Jr., from Everman, Texas in the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for his lifelong contributions to his community. Mr. Blair was a founder of the Wildcat Sportsman Club, which is dedicated to helping Dunbar High School student athletes. Mr. Blair died on February 21, 2006 at the age of 66.

I would like to recognize and celebrate Joseph Blair's life. Born and raised in Stop Six, Mr. Blair was a long time resident of Everman. After graduating from Prairie View A&M University he became a local businessman and was owner of Hipper-Throne Shoe Repair Service. In addition to his professional career, he was an active member of Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church and participated on the Fort Worth school district's redistricting committee. Throughout his life he was passionate about bettering his community.

Through the Wildcat Sportsman Club, Mr. Blair was able to mentor local students. Joe was proud of Dunbar High School, and he wanted the students there to know they were capable of achieving great things. In an effort to spread this message of encouragement to college students, he regularly planned trips to Prairie View A&M with fellow alumni to discuss the importance of continuing their education.

Joe Blair has been honored by receiving a proclamation from the Fort Worth City Council for his many years of community service, and today, I extend my sympathies to his family and friends on his passing.

The compassion shown by Mr. Joseph Blair is truly remarkable, and he should serve as an example to all. Such a man can never be replaced and will be dearly missed.

IN HONOR OF JAMES "JIMMY"
DEANE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Jimmy Deane, as he is named the Irish Good Person of the Year by the Irish Good Fellowship Club of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Deane's lifelong leadership and advocacy on behalf of worker's rights has served to empower countless individuals and families throughout our labor community.

With the promise of honest work and hope for a new beginning, Mr. Deane journeyed to America from Ireland in 1962. He began work as a laborer in the construction trades and became a member of the union in 1962. In 1991, he was appointed to the position of Field Representative, and in 1995, he accepted the appointment of Business Manager. Throughout his union tenure, Mr. Deane remained focused on workers' rights, benefits, and safety. As a result of his concern, expertise and leadership, Laborers' Union, Local 310 reflected fiscal responsibility, integrity and effectiveness in representing and protecting its members.

Mr. Deane's activism extends throughout our local labor and political landscapes. He is a member of the Laborers District Council of Ohio, an Executive Board Trustee of the Ohio Laborers Training Fund, and has also served as delegate to the AFL-CIO. Though his Irish homeland lives forever in his heart, Mr. Deane wholly embraced all that is America. His activism within our democratic processes and support of local candidates continues to strengthen our community and illuminates the core foundation of America—a union of workers who fight for equal representation, protection and justice for all.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and recognition of my good friend, Mr. Jimmy Deane, as he is rightfully named the Irish Good Person of the Year. Mr. Deane's integrity, conviction, and exceptional ability to bring people and ideas together for the common good, has served to raise the bar on all levels within the union, the workplace, and within our community. I wish Jimmy Deane and his entire family an abundance of health, peace and happiness, today and always.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BOULDER
CITY, NEVADA

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boulder City, Nevada, which celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary on March 11, 2006.

Boulder City is a unique community located in southern Nevada, with a population of approximately 15,000 people. The City was created by the Federal Government to provide homes for those who built Hoover Dam. In April 1931, the Boulder City Company was organized to manage the town of Boulder City for the Government, and the majority of the

town was ready for occupancy by the end of that same year.

Constructed during the Great Depression, Boulder City was designed to be a model city to which Americans could look to in hope of a better future. In order to accommodate more than 5,000 men and their families in Boulder City, Six Companies built housing for employees, a department store, a post office, a laundry, a recreation hall, a school, and a hospital. For a mere \$1.60 per day, the workers received a private room with a bed, mattress, pillow, bedding, chair, meals, and transportation to work.

Life during construction of Hoover Dam was not easy. Temperatures would often reach more than 115 degrees during the day and only fall to 95 degrees at night. The heat was so intense that groups of people would huddle beneath the shadows or stand in the river in an effort to keep cool. During the summer of 1933, one worker every two days died due to heat prostration.

Although the population of Boulder City declined following the completion of Hoover Dam, it did not become a ghost town as many predicted. October 1, 1959, Boulder City was incorporated under Nevada law, and it was officially separated from the U.S. Government. There was some opposition to the separation of Boulder City from the Government and concerns that the policies prohibiting gambling and hard liquor sales would be overturned. The leaders of Boulder City elected to continue the conservative restrictions set by the Government during the construction of Hoover Dam. Boulder City today is the only town in Nevada that does not allow gambling establishments within its City limits.

Today, Boulder City is a place where you can enjoy numerous outdoor activities. Consider climbing the river mountain trail with its breathtaking view of Lake Mead and Las Vegas. The world-renown Bootleg Canyon Trail is located in Boulder City. It has cross country trails and downhill trails used primarily by bicyclists, but also enjoyed by hikers. Boulder City's newest recreational project is the Bootleg Canyon Park. This area is currently being developed for various desert preserves and gardens, with walking trails throughout the park. Boulder City treasures its valuable assets and its uniqueness. It will continue to maintain and embellish its resources, both natural and man-made, to ensure future generations will benefit from its numerous outdoor activities, its recreational areas and parks, its walkable areas, and its open spaces.

Mr. Speaker, It is an honor to recognize Boulder City and its accomplishments in Nevada's history. It was built as a model for all American cities and continues to give hope for a better future.

A TRIBUTE TO ESTER E.
WATERMAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ester E. Waterman, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me