in recognizing her impressive accomplishments.

Ester E. Waterman is the daughter of Joseph and Mavis Waterman. Ms. Waterman was born in Trinidad, West Indies and spent her childhood in San Fernando, Trinidad. In 1970, Ms. Waterman migrated to the United States where she attended Erasmus Hall High School. Upon high school graduation, Ms. Waterman was accepted to New York University. A tireless and devoted undergraduate, Ms. Waterman worked her way through college and graduated with a degree in Computer Science. Her professional experience includes American Express, Alexander & Alexander Benefit Services and AON Consulting Company.

Today, Ester E. Waterman is an active community resident of Brooklyn, New York and an inspiration to those around her. She is deeply committed to her love for children and learning. In 1998, Ms. Waterman fulfilled her community's need for a childcare service when she established ''Loving Arms Learning Day Care Center.''

Community members and leaders alike have praised Ms. Waterman's work. In 2002, The Caribbean American International Child Care Network Inc. & United Family Services Inc. recognized Ms. Waterman for her work and dedication to children. In 2004, New York City Councilmember Leroy Comrie awarded Ms. Waterman with the New York City Council Citation for Child Care and in 2005, New York State Assemblyman Nick Perry presented her with the New York State Assembly Certificate of Merit.

Ms. Waterman continues to dedicate her time to the people and children of Brooklyn. She has truly made a strong positive impact on the community and for that I ask that we recognize and give thanks to Ester E. Waterman for her wonderful contribution to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Ester E. Waterman, as she offers her talents and community services for the good of our local communities.

Mr. Speaker, Ester E. Waterman selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

Mr. Speaker, please join our community in honoring Ester E. Waterman for her dedication and outstanding service to our community.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT COLLINS AS HE IS NAMED ''MAN OF THE YEAR'' BY THE PITTSTON FRIENDLY SONS OF SAINT PATRICK

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Robert P. Collins, of Wyoming, Pennsylvania, who is being honored by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Greater Pittston as their ''Man of the Year'' for 2006.

Raised in the city of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, he attended St. Mary's High School in Wilkes-Barre. He also attended St. Joseph's Seminary in Callicoon, New York. He is a member of the Third Order of St. Francis.

Mr. Collins served with the United States Army during the Korean War and has been the president of the United States Army 306th Field Hospital Association for the past 20 years.

He is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, Kingston Post 102, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wyoming Post 396. He is a past commander of American Legion Post 670 and the Korean Veterans Association of the Wyoming Valley.

Mr. Collins is a member of St. Joseph's Church in Wyoming where he has served as a lector and altar server. He is a life member of the Knights of Columbus Council 302, Wilkes-Barre, and Bishop Hafey Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Collins is a life member of the Wyoming Hose Company, No. 1, and is a former school board member of the Wyoming Area School District.

Mr. Collins is a past president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Avoca Division, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Emerald Society and the Donegal Society of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Collins was a member of the Governor's Committee on the Handicapped, having served three Pennsylvania Governors. He was also a member of the White House Committee on the Handicapped, having served three Presidents.

Mr. Collins was assistant to the President of Nelson Manufacturing Company for seven years and has been affiliated with the Metcalf and Shaver Funeral Home for 36 years.

Married to the late Mary Eicke Collins of Wyoming, they had three children.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Collins on the occasion of this honor. Mr. Collins epitomizes what it means to be a community servant. The countless hours he has spent supporting worthy causes and projects has improved the quality of life in the greater Wyoming Valley immensely.

CONGRATULATING MR. MIKE TRIMBLE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mike Trimble of the Denton Record-Chronicle for winning the Distinguished Writing Award for Editorials from the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

The American Society of Newspaper Editors is the principal organization of American newspaper editors and annual awards for distinguished individuals in various categories of writing and photography are given. This year, the awards will be presented on April 27th during ASNE's convention in Seattle.

Mr. Trimble, who is described by coworker Donna Fielder as having ''a down-home, Mark Twain kind of way that is always engaging and sometimes mind-boggling,'' was chosen in the category of Editorial Writing from a contest that attracted almost 600 entries this year. Trimble is often described as a man who ''inspires people to laugh, to cry, to think and to protest.''

The Denton Record Chronicle is my hometown paper and since coming to Congress, I have frequently worked with Mike Trimble. His writing is both informative and fair, and I commend Mike for the integrity and honesty of his writings over the years. I look forward to many more years of excellent journalism.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Mike Trimble on receiving the ASNE Distinguished Writing Award and commend his dedication and desire to help educate our local community through quality writing.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SONJA AND MIKE SALTMAN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sonja and Mike Saltman for their contributions to the communities of southern Nevada and their humanitarian efforts worldwide. On Saturday, March 11, 2006 they will be presented with the David L. Simon Bridge Builder for Peace Award during the Champions of Freedom Dinner Gala at the Venetian Resort Hotel Casino.

Mike Saltman is President of The Vista Group, a developer and manger of office, retail, industrial and housing projects in Nevada, California, Florida and Utah. He is a partner with FFL Partners, Bounty Hunter, LLC, VMA California, LLC, a Director of US Bank's Advisory Board in Las Vegas, and practiced as a private attorney in Munich, Germany, in the 1970s. While in Munich, he also held the post of Corporate Counsel and Director of International Operations for Shareholders Capital Corporation. Additionally, Mike served as Staff Counsel, IOS in London and Geneva. Mike Saltman's community activities include membership in the Urban Land Institute, Nevada Development Authority Board of Trustees, National Home Builders Association, the Clean Air Action Plan Task Force and the World Presidents' Organization. He is a member of the Young Presidents Association and a board member of the Nevada Dance Theatre, the Las Vegas Symphony, KNPR—Nevada Public Radio and The Nevada Institute of Contemporary Arts.

Sonja Saltman earned her master's degree in psychology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 1980, is a Co-Founder and board member of the Existential Humanistic Institute, which seeks therapeutic methods for dealing with psychological problems, and is the only non-Jewish member of the Anti-Defamation League. Sonja is an Emerald Lion of Judah, has served on the Women's Division Board and currently serves on the Women's Philanthropy Executive Council of The United Jewish Community.

In 2003, Sonja and Mike co-founded the Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution at UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law. The Saltman Center has already undertaken significant efforts related to teaching, scholarship and public service. Sonja and Mike also support several UNLV academic programs through the President's Inner Circle Giving Club and a graduation award in the College of Liberal Arts.

Not only interested in the local area, Sonja and Mike have devoted their lives to many