

after years of dedication, to focus his attention on developing emergency and disaster procedures, and continuing his focus on environmental issues affecting his community.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize such an accomplished individual and commend Mayor Robert Bernstein for his years of dedicated service. On behalf of his wife, three children, two grandchildren, and the Village of Lake Success, I ask the whole House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mayor Robert S. Bernstein, and wishing him many years of happiness and good health as he celebrates his well deserved retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR  
HAL ROTHMAN

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Professor Hal Rothman, who has recently received the President's Medal which is the highest honor awarded by the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

Professor Rothman was selected for this honor based on the recommendation of a University Committee. The honor is granted only after serious consideration of a highly select group of faculty, and awardees must have demonstrated extraordinary qualities both as teachers and scholars and must have achieved national and international recognition in their fields of study.

Professor Rothman joined UNLV's department of history in 1992 and served as chair from 2002–2005. During his tenure, Professor Rothman received numerous awards for his scholarship, teaching and contributions to the academic environment in Las Vegas, including the Marjorie Barrick Distinguished Scholar Award, the Harry Reid Silver State Research Award, and the Alumni Association Distinguished Faculty Award. Professor Rothman is also a prolific author and has published numerous books and articles on a variety of topics, including tourism in the Western U.S., Las Vegas history, and the environment. He has won five prizes for his books and been named to the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame. Professor Rothman is considered one of the Nation's leading experts on tourism and post-industrial economies.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Professor Hal Rothman for his receipt of the University of Las Vegas President's Award. His demonstrated academic excellence and skillful tutelage have greatly enriched the academic caliber of the University and the quality of education for the students. I congratulate him for receiving this distinguished award and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JONATHAN MATTHEW LEONE FOR ACHIEVING  
THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jonathan Matthew Leone, a very

special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 98, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jonathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jonathan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned the numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jonathan Matthew Leone for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING MRS. PINKIE HARDY

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mrs. Pinkie Hardy of Eunice, Louisiana on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Born May 19, 1916 in Washington, Louisiana, Mrs. Pinkie and her family moved to Eunice when she was just two years old. A self-educated woman, Mrs. Pinkie attended school until the seventh grade. During the years of the segregated south, African American children did not have a high school to attend in smaller communities like Eunice, and if their parents could not afford to send them to larger towns for a high school education, their schooling was limited to an elementary education. Despite this obstacle, as a girl Mrs. Pinkie developed a love for reading that has stayed with her ever since with the Bible being among her favorite things to read.

Mrs. Pinkie married Herman Hardy in 1936. Together, the couple had seven children and one stepson. They were married for 43 years until he passed away in 1979. During most of those years, Herman worked in the dry cleaning business and Mrs. Pinkie worked in food services at Charles Drew High School, which became Central Middle School when the local high schools were integrated in 1969. She continued to work there until she retired from the Louisiana school system in 1980. Mrs. Pinkie's children are now living and working in various states across the country, and many of them are now retired and pursuing second careers. She has 22 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, and has always encouraged and stressed the importance of education and independence to all her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Pinkie was and still is active in her church and community. A devout Catholic, she was one of the first Eucharistic Ministers in Eunice, and in 2002 received the Bishop's Medal from the Diocese of Lafayette for her achievements. She also served as State Deputy for the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies' Auxiliary, and was honored with an award for 50 years of service. In 1987, Mrs. Pinkie was presented with the Martin Luther King Jr. Award and in 1990, she was honored as Mother of the Year. Furthermore, in February 2005, she was presented with the "Woman Who Made a Difference" Award from the National Association of University Women. In ad-

dition, she has served as President of the League of Mary and St. Mathilda School Parent Teacher Association.

In her lifetime, Mrs. Pinkie has witnessed and made a great deal of history, living through some of the most tumultuous periods in our country's history, particularly in the years before and during the Civil Rights Movement. Throughout that time she has been a leader in her community and her family, providing wisdom and direction to all who know her.

One of her sons is married to my sister, so I know firsthand what a strong, caring, unique and inspirational woman Mrs. Pinkie is. As the leader and matriarch of her family, Mrs. Pinkie is who everybody turns to. She is the voice of reason and compassion for all her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives, her church community and her friends, and continues to be a bright light we all look to for guidance.

Today, the friends and family of Mrs. Pinkie Hardy come together to celebrate the 90 incredible years during which we have been blessed to have her in our lives and the lives of our loved ones. On this very special day, I join all of them and the entire Eunice community in congratulating Mrs. Pinkie on this wonderful occasion, and in saluting her for her many years of service, leadership and dedication to helping others in her family and her community.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD COSGROVE WHO WAS AWARDED AN  
HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE  
BY KINGS COLLEGE

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Richard B. Cosgrove, of Pittston, Pennsylvania, who was recently presented with an honorary doctorate degree from King's College.

Mr. Cosgrove enjoys a reputation as the dean of local journalists in Northeastern Pennsylvania. After graduating from St. John the Evangelist High School in Pittston in 1941, he joined the staff of the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader in January, 1943. He later joined the staff of the Pittston Dispatch in 1947 in time for the publication of their very first edition on February 9.

Mr. Cosgrove continued his newspaper career with the Pittston Dispatch until the summer of 2000 when he joined the staff of the Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice as a correspondent, a position he continues to hold. He also served for several years as a local correspondent for the Scranton Tribune.

Richard is a son of the late George and Elizabeth Healy Cosgrove. Mr. Cosgrove's wife, the former Mary Neary, died in April, 1981. Their union was blessed with two sons, George B. Cosgrove, principal of the Pittston Area Middle School and Joseph M. Cosgrove, a practicing attorney in Luzerne County. His family also includes two granddaughters, Jill, a nurse at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital and Mary Ann, a drug and alcohol counselor in Scranton.

Mr. Cosgrove has a long history of community service. He is a member and past president of the Wyoming Valley Sierra Club of Wilkes-Barre and he is a past district governor of District 80, Sierra International.

Mr. Cosgrove is also a member and past grand knight of President John F. Kennedy Council 372 of the Knights of Columbus in Pittston and a member of the council's Fourth Degree Assembly.

He is a member of the parish community of St. Casimir, St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph Churches in Pittston where he serves as a Eucharistic Minister, an altar server and a member of the parish liturgy committee. He also performs bereavement counseling with those who have lost loved ones. He is also a past president of the parish's Holy Name society.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Cosgrove on this auspicious occasion. His love for his community, his devotion to the pursuit of truth and his faithful service to his church have endeared him to many, many people and has earned him widespread respect. Mr. Cosgrove's contributions to his community have clearly improved the quality of life in the greater Wyoming Valley.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE  
HONORABLE BERT M. GOLDWATER

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the Honorable Bert M. Goldwater, who died on May 3, 2006.

Judge Goldwater attended schools in Reno and Stockton, California. He attended Stanford University for three years, and because of his lifelong battle with asthma, returned to the University of Nevada, Reno, where he graduated in 1936. He received his law degree from the University of Colorado in 1939, where he was the Editor of the Rocky Mountain Law Review. Judge Goldwater was admitted to the Nevada Bar in 1939 and practiced both civil and criminal law. He was later appointed the United States Bankruptcy Judge in October 1979. After retiring from the bench in 1982, he joined Lionel, Sawyer and Collins Law Firm, where he practiced private law for more than a decade. Judge Goldwater was recalled to serve as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in October 1994, where he served until his death.

Judge Goldwater was also very active in the Nevada Bar. He served as President of the Washoe County Bar Association, Secretary and Chairman of the State Board of Bar Examiners and Chairman of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Judge Goldwater was also very passionate about education, serving as the president of the B.D. Billingshurst Junior High School P.T.A. and Chairman of the statewide Save Our Schools Committee. In the 1960's, he was appointed by the Nevada Legislature to serve as Chairman of the Citizens Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Affairs. He also served on the Nevada State Gaming Commission, the Nevada State Human Rights Commission, and was a 1964 alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the Honorable Bert M. Goldwater. His dedication to justice and community are admirable and should serve as an example to us all. He will be greatly missed by the community.

RECOGNIZING LARRY REETER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I stand to recognize Larry Reeter, a lifelong resident of Livingston County, Missouri and the recipient of the Elks Citizen of the Year Award. Born in 1941, Larry has lived in Livingston County his entire life. He graduated from Chillicothe High School in 1958 and then went to serve his country honorably in the Army National Guard from 1959 to 1968. After 42 years of service as a lineman and construction supervisor for the Farmers Electric Co-op, Larry retired in March of 2004.

In service to his community, Larry joined the Calvary Baptist Church in 1961. Then he became a Deacon in 1970, was licensed to preach in 1979, and ordained as a minister in 1986. During that time he presided over services in the Ludlow Baptist Chapel, Calvary Baptist Church, and for 30 years at the National Guard Armory. He routinely fills in for churches in the area that are in need of a pastor and holds services at the Chillicothe Correctional Center. Larry has also donated his time to many families who have suffered the loss of a loved one or are experiencing an illness in the family, and he makes frequent trips to visit with people in the local hospitals and hospitals in Kansas City.

In his spare time in retirement, Larry continues his service by taking community members to their doctor appointments and to visit family members or friends in the hospital. He also makes presentations portraying Abraham Lincoln to the local elementary schools, giving young students a history of Lincoln's life and the strong values that he believed in.

I am proud to represent Larry Reeter as an outstanding member of our community and now as the recipient of the Elks Citizen of the Year Award. The residents of Livingston County appreciate his service and all of Northwest Missouri is proud to have him as one of our most valued citizens. It is an honor to represent him and I ask the United States Congress to extend their appreciation for his lifelong service.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2006 MIAMI HERALD/EL NUEVO HERALD SILVER KNIGHTS

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to 15 outstanding students in Miami-Dade County schools who were honored on May 16th at an impressive ceremony in the Dade County Auditorium. These 2006 Miami Herald/El Nuevo Herald's Silver Knights were cited for their

academic excellence and all-around leadership, as well as for their dedication to uplifting the lives of others. This honor reflects their personal achievement as "visionaries and role models" for whom we feel absolute pride and unique honor. These exceptional students represent the best and the brightest of our youth, and it is in this spirit of service and commitment to their fellow man that our community will rest assured of a bright future.

The awardees and their achievement areas are: Athletics—Amanda Estevez from Florida Christian School; Business—Stephanie Fink from Coral Gables Sr.; English—Gerardo Munoz from Miami Sr.; General Scholarship—Xavier Gonzalez from Coral Park Sr.; Journalism—Marcus Parramore from Coral Gables Sr.; Math—Gongqi "Gina" He from Palmetto Sr.; Music—Cathy Kim-King Ng from Sunset Sr.; News Media—Kemy Joseph from Homestead Sr.; and Speech—Clarissa Parks from Coral Reef Sr.

I would also like to commend the following honorees, who are my constituents and attend schools in my District. They are: Art—Charolette Jarrett from Dr. Michael Krop Sr.; Drama—Brittany Little from Miami Northwestern Sr.; Foreign Language—Dave Fils-Aime from Dr. Michael Krop Sr.; Science—Zachary Sandoval from Dr. Michael Krop Sr.; Vocational-Technical—Chynna Clayton from Turner Technical Sr. In a special manner, I am extending my commendation to Nicholas Nelson-Goedert from North Miami Beach Sr., the Social Science awardee, who is currently serving as an intern in my District Office.

There are other Silver Knight Honorable Mentions from my District: Business—Diana Augustin from Turner Tech Sr.; English—Dmitriy Rokhfeld from Dr. Michael Krop Sr. High; Foreign Language—Carol Toro from Miami Country Day School; Music—Drew Davis from Dr. Michael Krop Sr. and Trestiese Davis from Miami Central Sr. High; Math—Willedra Mosley from Miami Carol City Sr. and Kevin Pan from Dr. Michael Krop Sr.; Science—Genevieve Carvil from Carol City Sr.; and Speech—Rhyanne Carrington from Miami Norland Sr.

This group of accomplished young men and women represent the finest high school seniors around, and their individual and collective achievements give me comfort in knowing that the future of our community is in good hands. With earned scholarships they will soon be attending their respective schools of higher learning to once again compete and demonstrate their abilities and character in tackling the demands of a yet greater challenge. Bound by the same commitment to hard work and personal ethic, I am confident that they will bring to fruition their dreams of personal achievement and scholastic excellence in a manner that will benefit society as they go about spreading their contribution of good will as productive and responsible citizens.

Against innumerable odds that would have intimidated lesser spirits, and guided by their faith, work ethic and utmost discipline, these young men and women have genuinely earned their kudos as the 2006 Silver Knights. My pride and honor in representing them in Congress are only exceeded by my deep gratitude for all that they have done to uphold the honor and dignity of our community.