

was a man who never imagined such a horrific tragedy could befall his daughter, and that his family could be victimized so cruelly; however, he refused to stand there and do nothing. He became an advocate; he became Jessica's voice. This ordinary man became an extraordinary dad and I am truly honored to pay him this tribute.

That's just the way it is.

HONORING JOSEPH H. HALLISSEY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2006

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay honor to and celebrate the storied career of Joseph H. Hallissey. His 60 years of remarkable leadership, in positions at the YMCA, Hallissey Travel, the Dearborn Public Schools, and the Henry Ford Community College, more than distinguish Mr. Hallissey as a truly impassioned and accomplished citizen.

After serving his country as an officer in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1953, Mr. Hallissey excelled in his time at the YMCA, as well as in his years as a travel agent during which time he served as President, Trustee, and General Congress Chairperson for the American Society of Travel Agents. Mr. Hallissey was honored as Travel Agent of the Year by the 30,000 member American Society of Travel agents, and "Travel Person of the Year" for his efforts in founding the Institute of Certified Travel Agents in Detroit.

While Mr. Hallissey was indeed an invaluable aid to those who wished to escape for a short time, his work in that area was, and continues to be, equaled only by his ceaseless effort to better the lives of those around him. Through the years he has served on numerous committees supporting public education, the Dearborn Public Schools, and Henry Ford Community College, and co-chaired seven campaigns generating hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue for these institutions. He has also served on the Board of Directors and fundraising campaigns for countless community organizations, among them: Centurions of Dearborn, Dearborn Chamber of Commerce, Dearborn Goodfellows, Dearborn Rotary Club, Fairlane Club, Henry Ford Hospital, and Inter-service Club Council of Dearborn.

Mr. Hallissey and his lovely wife Veronica have been recognized for their longstanding support of public education by having the Dearborn Public Schools' Miller Element School Library Resource Center and the Henry Ford Community College North Hall dedicated in their honor. Mr. Hallissey's commitment to public education was also clearly expressed as he excelled during his career as Coordinator of Community Relations and Ventures in Partnership Coordinator for the Dearborn Public Schools, as well as in his career as Director of the Henry Ford Community College Office of Development. He also serves as chairperson for the Scholarship Committee of the University of Michigan Alumni Club of the Greater Detroit and reviews hundreds of scholarship applications annually.

Admittedly, I am not the first of those who have found it fit to admire Mr. Hallissey's compassionate contributions. He has been hon-

ored by many organizations for his community volunteer efforts, receiving the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year" Award, the Dearborn Rotary Distinguished Community Service Award, the Dearborn Inter-Service Club Council "Member of the Year" Award, the Henry Ford Community College Distinguished Service Award on two occasions in 1976 and 1991, and the Henry Ford Community College President's award. Joseph Hallissey's commitment to bettering the lives of those around him, and endless efforts to create a vibrant, outreaching educational community, will not soon be forgotten. I would like to thank Joseph Hallissey for his ceaseless and industrious humanitarian accomplishments over the past 60 years, and would ask that all my colleagues rise to wish him the best for a long and rewarding retirement.

FOR JOB WELL DONE DURING
CITIZENSHIP DAY

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2006

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to thank our staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication in holding one of our most successful Citizenship Days.

Citizenship Day is an event that our office has held for the past 12 years. It is an event that assists legal residents in becoming Citizens. Since 1994 this event has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had since becoming a Member of Congress. To be able to assist someone in their dream of becoming a citizen of this great Nation is truly amazing. This year we were able to assist over 320 people process their applications for citizenship.

In order to become a citizen, one must go through a series of stages to fully complete their application forms. Our office assists these very people by setting up a one-stop application processing opportunity. We set up various stages where applicants were able to get assistance in filling out the application form, take the necessary pictures, purchase a cashiers check for the application fee, speak with and receive quality control of their application from an immigration attorney, and the postal service provided the opportunity to send their citizenship application by certified mail.

None of this would have been possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers that took time from their families to be with us on this great day.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the members of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), J.P. Morgan Chase, NALEO, LULAC, the U.S. Postal Service and Mamacita's Restaurant for their dedication to the community and for the intricate role they played in assisting many of our residents fulfill their dreams of becoming U.S. Citizens.

I would also like to give a special thanks to the following volunteers that made this day such a success: Constable Victor Trevino and his officers, Ms. Theresa Turmini, Mr. Charles R. Flores, Ms. Herlinda Garcia, Mr. Francisco B. Rodriguez III, Mrs. Margaret Rodriguez, Ms. Josephine Mendoza, Mr. John Martinez, Mr. Rafael Palafox, Ms. Juana Wilson, Ms. Anna

Nunez, Ms. Mary Clossner, Ms. Amanda Stewart, Ms. Rose B. Garcia, Mr. Anselmo Davila, Mr. Guadalupe Flores Jr., Ms. Frances Munoz, Ms. Veronica Sanchez, Ms. Xiaochun Zhou, Mr. Jaime Elizondo, Ms. Sylvia Ramirez-Martinez, Ms. Sylvia Espadin, Ms. Natasha Jabbar, Ms. Thelma Valle, Miss Perla Gonzalez, Ms. Sophie Hu, Mr. Joe Vail, Ms. Teresa Murguia, Miss Krystal Hernandez, Ms. Frances Hernandez, Mr. Francisco Valle, Ms. Veronica Avalos, Ms. Ursula Featherston, Ms. Rosalinda Salazar, Ms. Carmen Galle, Ms. Martina Garza, Ms. Patrese Ruffin-Bush, Ms. Patricia Perez, Mr. Adrian Espadin, Mr. Edward Gonzalez, Dr. Melissa Najera, Ph.D., Mr. Cassandra Juarez, Ms. Clarissa Juarez, Mr. John Gavidia, Ms. Esther Arrendell, Mr. Jimmy Jackson, Mr. Jose Henriquez, Ms. Santa Herrera, Ms. Martha Bulbai, Mrs. Kristen Quan, Ms. Ada Smoot, Mr. Eduardo Garcia, Ms. Cristina Valdez, Ms. Claudia Rodas, Mr. Eric Rodas, Ms. Ivonne Moreira, Ms. Jenny Marquez, Ms. Terasina Niles, Ms. Erika Faz, Mr. Kirk Savarese, Ms. Jeanette Niles, Ms. Tania Buitron, Ms. Veronica Sainz, Ms. Belinda Castro Ms. Sylvia Halfhill and Ms. Sandy Heathman.

For too long we have been hearing that immigrants are a detriment to our society. Well I'm here to tell you that most immigrants are just like our forefathers who established this great Nation of ours. They are just like the millions of immigrants who have come before them longing for a better life, longing to become American citizens, longing for the American Dream.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SUE LOWES

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Gwendolyn Sue Lowes, as she prepares to move from Henderson, Nevada to Tyler, Texas. Sue has worked in my District Office since I was elected to the House of Representatives in 2002, and has been an invaluable asset and outstanding example of what a person ought to be.

Sue was born on October 12, 1946 in Breckenridge, Texas. She graduated from McCollum High School in San Antonio, Texas. After high school, Sue attended San Antonio Junior College and began working for Traveler's Insurance. She spent more than thirty years in the insurance business. She worked for the prominent San Antonio insurance firm of Cato & Cato for nineteen years and was known among her colleagues and clients as a bright, cheerful, talented person who always went the extra mile to get the job done. After leaving San Antonio, Sue and her husband Ted lived in Florida and Northern California. They moved to Las Vegas in 1992 and began working at my insurance office in 1993. Sue came to my staff with an outstanding reputation in the insurance field. During the ten years she spent at my Farmer's office, she always maintained an extraordinary work ethic, a positive attitude and a friendly demeanor.

In 2003, Sue joined my Congressional staff and has been an incredible asset to my staff and my constituents. Sue balances a variety of duties with grace and skill. She greets