

completion of her tour, CSM King was reassigned to Fort Stewart, Georgia, as a Platoon Sergeant in Bravo Company, 724th Main Support Battalion; given the opportunity to serve as a First Sergeant, she was reassigned to 24th Forward Support Battalion, Fort Stewart, Georgia. After completion of First Sergeant duties, she attended the First Sergeant Course and was selected to work as a active duty advisor to the National Guard, 1454th Transportation Battalion, Concord, North Carolina; assigned to Readiness Group, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from 1993–1995.

Her next assignment was with the 2nd Infantry Division; Camp Red Cloud, Korea, as the NCOIC of the Division Transportation Office. She was reassigned to Fort Story, Virginia, serving as both First Sergeant and Battalion Command Sergeant Major. In 1998 she attended the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Class 49 with a subsequent assignment in 1999 to Advanced Individual Training Battalion, 58th Transportation Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. CSM King served as the Brigade Command Sergeant Major in Kaiserslautern, Germany, with the 1st Transportation Movement Control Agency from May 18, 2001 to June 20, 2003. She currently serves as the Command Sergeant Major for Installation Management Agency-Europe, Heidelberg, Germany.

Her awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, 4th OLC, Army Commendation Medal, 3rd OLC, Army Achievement Medal, 3rd OLC, Good Conduct Ribbon, 10th Award, National Defense Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon, 3, and the NCOES Ribbon.

CSM King is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnie King of Fernandina Beach, Florida. She has two children, Tiffany, a graduate of Georgia Southern University and Nathan, a member of the Florida National Guard and a junior at Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, CSM King has set a high standard of service, and her career embodies the commitment to honor, duty and service to country. I wish her well on her retirement and every happiness and success in her future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JODET-MARIE HARRIS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Jodet-Marie Harris for her exceptional work as a Clark County high school teacher.

Jodet, a teacher at Mojave High School in Las Vegas, Nevada, holds certification as a Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) in accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act. She has obtained both a Master's degree in Special Education and a Doctorate in General Education studies. She is also a National Board Certified Teacher.

According to Mojave High School Principal, Charity Varnado, Jodet has a passion to take a child under her wings and work with them individually to focus on the needs of that child and what it is that will help them learn." Jodet

has realized that, when working with special education students, patience and compassion helps each student to understand the material being covered.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor Ms. Jodet-Marie Harris. Her dedication and enthusiasm has greatly enriched the lives of her students. I commend her devotion to constantly looking for innovative ways to increase the learning opportunities of her students and I wish her luck in all of her future undertakings.

RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL SUSAN K. RIOPEL'S RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to honor my friend, LTC Susan K. Riopel, a respected officer in the United States Army Reserve, as she retires after having distinguished herself by continuous meritorious performance during 23 years of dedicated service.

LTC Susan Riopel was selected and served as one of the prestigious Army Congressional Fellows from August 1998 until November 1999, handling a wide range of responsibilities such as preparing input for committee hearings and conference mark-ups and conducting research and analysis, recommending sponsorship of bills, drafting speeches, talking points and press releases. Upon completion of her assignment as an Army Congressional Fellow, LTC Susan Riopel continued as a Legislative Liaison, for the Army Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison as well as the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve Legislative Liaison.

LTC Susan Riopel has been an exemplary leader. Her efforts have brought a higher quality of life to the men and women in uniform who serve our country. She is, however, first and foremost, a loving and supportive wife to Frank, her husband, a caring and understanding mother to her children, Elizabeth and David.

Mr. President, I therefore honor LTC Susan Riopel today for her outstanding contributions to the United States Army Reserve as well as our Nation. She is a visionary and a leader and a mentor, a beloved wife, and mother, and I am proud to call her my friend.

TRIBUTE TO DIANE AND EMERY KLEIN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two leaders from my district, Diane and Emery Klein.

This marvelous couple has teamed to provide an unusual level of commitment to community. They are being honored on September 28th with the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit's most prestigious recognition, the Fred M. Butzel Award.

Emery and Diane are passionate advocates for innumerable Jewish causes and organizations and give tirelessly of their time and talents. The presentation of the Fred M. Butzel Award is the latest honor presented to Emery and Diane for their service to the community.

Emery is a past chair of the Federation's Annual Campaign, past president of the Hebrew Free Loan Association, and a national board member of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. His honors include the Yeshiva Beth Yehudah Golden Torah Award, the International Association of Hebrew Free Loans Maimonides G'Millut Chasodim Award, and the Bar Ilan Honorary Fellowship Award.

Diane is a native Detroitter and past president of Federation's Women's Department, past vice president of the Federation, past president of the Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah and a past vice president of the Fresh Air Society. Diane has also generously contributed her talents to the Jewish Vocational Service, the Jewish Community Council and Israel Bonds Women's Division. Diane is a recipient of the Hadassah National Leadership Award and an Israel Bonds Lion of Judah Honoree.

Emery and Diane Klein have carried out with unusual passion their duties as citizens of their beloved country. Born in Czechoslovakia and a survivor of the Holocaust, Emery Klein has devoted himself to assure our Nation's full commitment to the security of Israel as the homeland of the Jewish people. He is currently a Board member of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. His deep belief in democratic values, freedom and tolerance has motivated his decades of political activity, including an active role in Presidential campaigns including Bill Clinton's and in many Congressional races. Diane has been an active partner in these efforts.

Committed to education, the Kleins have established an Excellence in Education Fund to support professional development of Jewish educators in our community.

They are devoted to their children, Jeffrey and Barbara, and grandchildren, Spencer, Griffin, Zoe and Isabel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Emery and Diane Klein. They have worked tirelessly to make a difference and they indeed have done so. Privileged to witness their devotion and advocacy firsthand, I know I speak for many others in offering congratulations to Emery and Diane Klein as they are honored for their service with the Fred M. Butzel Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain how I would have voted on September 25, 2006 during rollcall votes No. 471, No. 472, and No. 473 during the second session of the 109th Congress.

Rollcall vote No. 471 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5059.

Rollcall vote No. 472 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 5062.

Rollcall vote No. 473 was on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 6102.

If present, I would have voted "yes" on each of these rollcall votes.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RAY GIUNTA

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Ray Giunta for his compassionate support for families and victims in times of crisis.

Ray is an ordained minister of the Evangelical Church Association, has a Bachelor's Degree in social work from the California State University in Sacramento and a Bachelor's in Pastoral Studies from Borean University. Not too long after graduating, Ray co-founded We Care Ministries with fellow minister Jeff Jones. We Care Ministries is a nonprofit Christian social service organization that dedicates its time to helping individuals and communities cope with the trauma of crises, from slayings and accidental deaths to high-profile tragedies like hurricanes, school shootings, and terrorist attacks. Since its existence, approximately 15,000 people have been touched by the Crisis Intervention team with physical, emotional, and prayer support.

Most recently, Ray aided several displaced families of Hurricane Katrina by providing \$11,000 in rental fares for the bus that brought the evacuees from Gonzales, LA to Henderson, NV. His congregation also supplied the families with toiletries, cell phones, gift cards to department stores, and shelter in homes of church volunteers.

Ray has worked with a number of agencies, including FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association), the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. He has worked to provide relief at a number of different disaster sites, including: earthquakes in San Francisco; the Oklahoma City bombing; New York after 9/11; and several hurricane disaster areas in Florida and Louisiana. Ray also has counseled families and friends at school shootings in Texas and California as well as corporate mass shootings throughout the Nation.

When he isn't aiding distressed families and friends, he serves as the Encouragement Pastor at Central Christian Church in Las Vegas, NV, where he oversees a congregation of 8,000 members as well as the community outreach programs to the city. As pastor, he trains sympathetic, willing volunteers with the tools necessary to provide exceptional spiritual support for those in need.

Ray has received numerous awards for his compassionate care, including "Investigator of the Year" during his time as a criminal investigator. He also accepted the California Governor's "Heroes in Health Care" Award and the "Good Samaritan" Award from the American Red Cross. The California State Legislature also recognized him for his outstanding service in Oklahoma City and New York.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor Reverend Ray Giunta for his generosity and selflessness to numerous people during some of the most tragic events in today's world. On behalf of the Las Vegas community, I thank him for his caring attitude and wish him luck in all of his future deeds.

HONORING DONNA PAOLETTI
PHILLIPS

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Donna Paoletti Phillips, my constituent, and one of three recipients of the first annual American Civic Education Teacher Award. This award honors teachers who have demonstrated a special expertise in teaching about the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Congress, and public policy at the state and local levels. It is one of the activities of the Alliance for Representative Democracy, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Education by an act of Congress.

Now in her eleventh year as an educator, Donna, a resident of Columbia, Maryland, teaches eighth grade at Robert Frost Middle Schools in Rockville. She has worked to make her classroom an incubator of democracy, believing that "the essence of civic education lies in the people the students become while in the care of our classrooms." She describes her teaching style as experiential, noting that civic education cannot be a "from the neck up" activity.

For 6 years, Donna has coordinated We the People, the Citizen and the Constitution, a simulated congressional hearing held annually at the Robert Frost Middle School. In that time, she has witnessed a profound change in the participating teachers as they moved from direct instruction to a more facilitative role in the students' education process. She has also observed the students' progress to more self-directed research and collaboration with their peers. For these reasons, Donna sees this program as a life-changing activity for those involved.

Throughout the school year, Donna's students are able to witness her collaboration with fellow faculty and her volunteer efforts in the community. She initiates discussions on global, national, local, and school-based events, and frequently questions the causes of injustices, inspiring her students to do the same.

Donna says that she is proud to have "the best kids in the country" in her class, and she considers it a wonderful opportunity to teach in the Washington Metropolitan Area, where Capitol Hill can be so easily accessed. I am very pleased that she is visiting my office today, and I call upon my colleagues to join me in honoring Donna Paoletti Phillips' accomplishments and congratulating her on receiving this award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, on May 22, 2006, I was unable to cast a vote on H.R. 3858, the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act, rollcall vote No. 178. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was not present in the Chamber on September 25th to cast my vote on rollcalls 471, 472, and 473.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcalls 471 and 472, and "aye" on rollcall 473.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ESTHER
FRIED

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Esther Fried, who passed away on Wednesday, September 6, 2006.

Esther was born October 16, 1919 in Denver, Colorado and was raised in Denver and Salt Lake City. Moving to Las Vegas with her husband in 1959, they opened what would become a Las Vegas institution, Freeds Bakery. Launched in 1959, this bakery grew from a mom-and-pop operation into a world-renowned business. Having seven locations in the 1970s when Las Vegas' population was one-fifth what it is today, Freeds Bakery eventually was consolidated into one location. Under her leadership the bakery grew exponentially and gained widespread recognition. In 1996, Bon Appetit named Freeds Bakery one of the top 10 places to eat in Las Vegas. The bakery was also featured in the April 2002 edition of Martha Stewart Weddings magazine.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Esther Fried. She will be dearly missed by the Las Vegas Community.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
CASEY COLEMAN DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Cleveland's Casey Coleman Day. Mr. Casey Coleman is a landmark in Cleveland radio broadcasting and sports-casting who has recently been diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer with only months to live. Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson has proclaimed September 26 as "Casey Coleman Day" to honor the distinguished Cleveland resident.

Mr. Coleman has been an acclaimed sports broadcaster for over 25 years and has been recognized by the Associated Press for "Best Regularly Scheduled Sports" and "Best Sports-caster" in the State of Ohio. While performing television broadcasting, Mr. Coleman received four Emmy Awards. Mr. Coleman also has the honor of being the field and locker room reporter for the Cleveland Browns for the past five consecutive years.

Casey Coleman Day will be more than just a title, as a ceremony will be held at Tower