

Mayor Conway is a veteran of the United States Army, having served in Vietnam where he distinguished himself and was the recipient of numerous medals and commendations.

Mayor Conway began his community involvement in Delaware Water Gap in 1997 as a member of the Planning Commission. He has been chairman of the Planning Commission since June, 2004. During this time, he has been instrumental in revising numerous zoning ordinances.

Mayor Conway is active in the Delaware Water Gap Chamber of Commerce and is the backbone of the current annual golf tournament. He also sponsors a Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament.

Mayor Conway has obtained over \$485,000 in grant money for the borough and other related organizations, such as the Antoine Dutot Museum, the police department and the fire department.

And even though he resides in the borough's flood zone, he is well known for helping his neighbors even before he works on his own home. He also coordinates all flood recovery efforts.

He was a past member and president of the Kittatiny Lions Club. He is currently a veteran member of the Kiwanis Club. He served as Lt. Governor for Division 17 in 1993 for the Pennsylvania District of Kiwanis International. He was also a recipient of the Pennsylvania Kiwanis International Keystone Award.

For the past 15 years, he has been involved with golf tournament fund raising for the Geisinger Children's Heart Program. He is also active with the Children's Miracle Network.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mayor Conway on this happy occasion. His commitment and service to the Borough of Delaware Water Gap has greatly enriched the quality of life in that community.

TRIBUTE TO THE VAQUEROS

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, whereas, the Vaqueros are the true original cowboys of South Texas, and they were an essential part of the early ranching industry in Jim Hogg County.

Whereas, Vaqueros were renowned for their exemplary ranching and stock-handling skills, which were needed for the development of ranches and without them, the ranching industry would not have developed to the State it is today.

Whereas, the skills and the ranching practices shown by the vaqueros have left a lasting impact on modern ranching. The equipment of the vaquero—saddle, chaps, bandana, lasso, and spurs—has become the standard gear of all Texas cowboys.

Whereas, the first ranches founded in the area with the help of the vaqueros were Randado, Las Noriacitas, Las Animas, San Antonio Viejo, Las Emamadas, Las Viboritas, El Baluarte, and San Javier. Some of these ranches are still held by descendants of the original owners such as Randado, which was visited by General Robert E. Lee during the Civil War.

Whereas, ranching remains one of the vital elements of the economy in Jim Hogg County, and the City of Hebbronville is located on the land that once was a part of the Las Noriacitas Ranch. W.R. Hebbron, the town's namesake, established the city along the route of the Texas Mexican Railway in 1883.

Be it hereby resolved, That Congressman HENRY CUELLAR, in representing the 28th Congressional District of the State of Texas, commends the City of Hebbronville on its celebration of the history of the vaquero on November 4, 2006.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA WILLIAMS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Patricia Williams, a community leader and entrepreneur. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding woman and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive service.

Born to the Honorable Kathryn Williams and the late James Williams, Patricia Williams credits living and growing up in evolving neighborhoods like Harlem, Bedford Stuyvesant and East New York as an inspiration to work for social and economical change.

Ms. Williams knows hard work is an investment. She currently is the President/CEO of Ecotech Enterprises, Inc., a firm she established to provide consultant services to government agencies, private sector corporations, and small, minority-owned business enterprises. In the past, Ms. Williams provided community outreach and event planning for the Brooklyn Museum of Art Construction Project. She has delivered bottom line services such as marketing and sales to well known small businesses and she provides fundraising and workshop development assistance to several non-profits. Ms. Williams has been called upon as a panelist and guest speaker on numerous occasions and is considered an authority on business development.

Prior to starting her own consulting firm, Ms. Williams was executive Director of the Minority Business Opportunity Center under the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency where she provided business services to more than 70,000 minority/women-owned and small businesses. As senior Administrator of Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity for Morse Diesel International, she successfully implemented policies to ensure 100 million dollars of contracting opportunities for minority-owned and small businesses where she exceeded labor force and contracting goals set for women and minority skilled workers at JFK Airport's Terminal 4 construction project. She was Senior Employment Specialist and Career Development Instructor for Non-Traditional Community College, Operations Manager for Madison Avenue firm Durham Temporaries Inc., and has several years of experience at the U.S. Small Business Administration, Finance Division.

Ms. Williams attended John Jay College where she majored in Criminal Justice and Labor Law. Her work has not gone unnoticed. Ms. Williams has been recognized by several government agencies and community organi-

zations. She is also the recipient of the Columbia University Non-Profit Executive Management Scholarship. Ms. Williams is the proud mother of two, Leah and John.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the work of Patricia Williams. Her deep commitment to her community makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS WITH THE EVERMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Everman Independent School District as they celebrate their 100th anniversary of providing quality education for its students. The Everman School District has been a fixture in southwest Fort Worth since 1906.

The School district was first established in 1906 when the Enon School and the Antioch School consolidated to make the Everman School. After the merger the School district prospered, experiencing massive growth in the community as well as the student body population.

During its 100-year history, Everman ISD has earned state and national recognition in academics, athletics, fine arts, leadership, and service disciplines.

The mission of Everman Independent School District is to provide all students with an educational program which allows them to develop their full potential intellectually, physically, and socially in order to be responsible citizens and contributing members of society. With a century of success behind them, I am more than confident that Everman ISD will continue to educate and inspire the young adults that walk the halls of their schools.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand here today and honor the 100th anniversary of the Everman Independent School District for their dedication and continuing commitment to education in Everman, Texas.

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH J. FLEISHER, ESQ.

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a man who personifies the finest traditions of the legal profession. Kenneth J. Fleisher is a Philadelphia native. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Yale University and a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School.

For more than a decade he has been a member of the prestigious law firm Zarwin, Baum, DeVito, Kaplan, Schaer, Toddy, P.C. in Philadelphia.

He also serves as the chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Real Property Section.

In spite of his impeccable legal credentials I did not meet Mr. Fleischer in a board room, at a big ticket gala or as the attorney of record

representing a powerful client. I came to know him because of the countless hours that he and an amazing group of attorneys have put into representing, on a pro bono basis, my constituents who were forced from their homes because their properties were literally sinking on a street in my district.

Mr. Speaker, putting aside any question of profit, Ken and his fellow volunteers at the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program have worked tirelessly to ensure that these constituents who found themselves in the middle of a bureaucratic nightmare had the best legal representation possible. No words can express the gratitude I have for their diligence and commitment to work through the legal maze these homeowners faced.

But, Mr. Fleisher's efforts would come as no surprise to anyone who knows the culture of the Zarwin firm. It has been home to many people I have been honored to work with and call my friends over the years. It is a firm that inspires leadership and dedication in its attorneys. Two of my good friends, the late Rotan Lee, a former Philadelphia School District president, and Seth Williams, Philadelphia's Inspector General, both were a part of the firm.

Mr. Speaker, as the Philadelphia legal community today honors Mr. Fleisher for his highly successful tenure as chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Real Property Section, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his service and wish him well in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MELANIE
TEEMANT

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Melanie Teemant for her outstanding achievements as a seventh-grade teacher.

On October 18, 2006, Melanie was named 2007 Nevada Teacher of the Year for hard work and dedication to her young students at Bob Miller Middle School in Henderson, Nevada. The award was presented by the Department of Education and it is also part of a nationwide program from the Council of Chief State School Officers.

As part of the award, Melanie was given a key to the city of Henderson and she is entered in the nationwide competition for teacher of the year. She is given a trip to the Nation's capital in April, during which she'll have the opportunity to meet President Bush. Melanie was also awarded a trip to Huntsville, Alabama, this summer where she will be visiting a NASA space program.

Once a year, Melanie holds a performance entitled Dancing Through the Decades, where she gives her students a chance to share some of what they learned in her reading class. She heads the school's teacher mentor program, which is designed to help new teachers acclimate to the school as well as helps them develop lesson plans and reviews classroom management skills. Melanie is active in afterschool activities, such as student council, guitar club, and the scrapbook club.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Ms. Melanie Teemant for her commendable devo-

tion to improving the lives of her students. Her perseverance and dedication is an admirable trait. I applaud her efforts and I wish her luck in all her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING DON COOPER
UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RE-
TIREMENT FROM THE WYOMING
VALLEY JEWISH COMMUNITY
CENTER AND THE JEWISH FED-
ERATION IN WILKES-BARRE,
PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Don Cooper, retiring executive director of the Wyoming Valley Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, PA.

During his tenure, Mr. Cooper developed an active and involved membership that included commitment and participation from all elements of the community. He also enhanced JCC programming in all areas by developing and encouraging an outstanding, competent, productive and loyal staff.

Mr. Cooper made exceptional contributions in the areas of day care, elder programming and leadership development. He has protected, improved and expanded the JCC facility in downtown Wilkes-Barre and its day camp facility nearby.

He has overseen successful fundraising and grant writing applications that have assisted in securing the financial future of the JCC.

Mr. Cooper received a BA in sociology and economics from the University of Cincinnati and a MSW; ACWS in community organization from Western Reserve University.

During the course of his career, Mr. Cooper served as a field worker in the Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association; assistant executive director for the Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association in New York; assistant executive director for the Jewish Federation and Council of Greater Kansas City; executive director for the Tampa Jewish Federation/Jewish Community Center; and as executive director for the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford.

Mr. Cooper is affiliated with the Academy of Certified Social Workers, National Association of Social Workers, National Association of Jewish Community Organization Personnel, CJF and UJA regional and national planning committees; professional advisory board of Joint Distribution Committee; University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work Board of Visitors; and the Beth Israel Zion Synagogue in Philadelphia.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Cooper on the occasion of a well deserved retirement. The contributions he made to the Jewish community as well as the community at large have been responsible for improving the quality of life for so many people, a fact for which Mr. Cooper should be justifiably proud.

TRIBUTE TO THE 150TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE SEBASTOPOL
HOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of the Sebastopol House State Historic Site in the City of Seguin, located in the 28th District of Texas.

This 3,000 square foot home was built in 1856 and is constructed mainly of limecrete, an early form of concrete, a material rarely used in the area. Joshua Young, who lost his son in the Civil War, built the Sebastopol House and later sold the house to his sister, who then sold it to Joseph and Nettie Zorn. Joseph Zorn served as Alderman, Postmaster, and Mayor of Seguin for twenty years, was instrumental in the growth and the modernization of the city, and left a remarkable legacy in the creation of the trustee-managed, free public school system in 1891. The house remained with the Zorn family until the death of Calvert Zorn, when the house was rented out to families, including that of Robert and Mary Ybarra, who lived in the house for many years.

The Sebastopol House faced the threat of demolition in the early 1960s, but was saved by the Seguin Conservation Society to serve as a historic house museum until 1976, and was restored to its original condition in the 1980s by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to preserve this important piece of Texas architectural history. As we look back on the past 150 years of this house and its inhabitants with pride, we also look forward to an enduring future for the Sebastopol House State Historic Site.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to honor the 150th anniversary of the Sebastopol House State Historic Site.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANT
CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN DAVID
LYNN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Assistant Chief of Police John David Lynn as he retires from 34 years of service in the North Richland Hills Police Department.

Assistant Chief Lynn began his career in 1973 as a patrolman. He was assigned to the Criminal Investigations division, and by 1975 he had been promoted to Sergeant. Throughout Mr. Lynn's career, he has served as a patrol supervisor, been promoted to the rank of Captain, and served as the Investigative Services Division Commander for 11 years. During his service as Captain, Mr. Lynn attended the 139th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

In May of 1993, Mr. Lynn was promoted to his current rank of Assistant Chief of Police. As commander of the Management Services Bureau, Assistant Chief Lynn was awarded his second Meritorious Service Award. He also