

IN HONOR OF NANCY ANN BUDDEN

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Nancy Ann Budden as she transitions to a new career. She currently serves as Associate Provost for Strategic Development at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, and as of December 1, 2006 she will become the Director for Counter Terrorism Technology under the Secretary of Defense.

Nancy graduated from Carmel High School with the highest honors, earned her Bachelor of Sciences in Earth Sciences from the University of California at Santa Cruz in 1974, went on to get her Master of Sciences in Marine Geology from Oregon State University's School of Oceanography in 1977, and also took an M.B.A. at California Lutheran University's Graduate School of Business in 1982, again with highest honors. From earth science to counter terrorism seems like a big step, but it's not at all surprising for those of us who know Nancy.

In 1977 Ms. Budden joined Union Oil Company of California, (UNOCAL), as an exploration geologist and oceanographer. There she conducted research and wellsite geology, and served as chief scientist on research vessels conducting exploratory cruises off the shore of California.

In 1983 she joined the National Science Foundation in Washington D.C. as a White House Placement in the Reagan Administration, where she worked in Science Policy and Planning for the Assistant Director for Geosciences.

Nancy began a long career with NASA in 1988 at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, where she was Manager of the Office of Science Integration within the Lunar and Mars Exploration Program Office. During those years she participated in mission planning for human missions to the Moon and to Mars, published technical papers in professional journals and books, spoke to professional and government audiences around the world, and appeared on television programs and films dealing with the human exploration of space. She accepted several special assignments: Project Scientist for the NASA and NSF Antarctic Space Analog Program, and Acting Deputy Director of NASA's Mission Development Office. Nancy continues her association with NASA to this day as Acting Chair of NASA Headquarters Advisory Committee on Planetary Protection, and as Visiting Scientist to the Lunar and Planetary Institute. She is also an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

In 1999 Nancy's husband, R. Terrance Budden, President of UNOCAL, was transferred to Dhaka, Bangladesh with UNOCAL Bangladesh, Ltd. Nancy and their son, Spencer, accompanied him on this assignment. Nancy worked two years there as Director of the Office of External Affairs. In that short period of time Nancy was instrumental in building the first tuberculosis hospital in Bangladesh, four regional libraries, and seven schools. She was a team leader for the regional joint USAID and UNOCAL Polio Campaign, and in 2000 she coordinated national flood relief efforts with CARE and Shell Oil Company.

After Bangladesh she returned to the Monterey Bay area with her family and began yet another career at the Naval Postgraduate School as Associate Provost for Strategic Development. In this capacity she worked with various directorates within the defense, intelligence and academic realms to advance the mission and accomplishments of NPS. These included the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Combatant Commands, Combating Terrorism Technology Task Force, OSD Office of Stabilization and Reconstruction, Departments of Homeland Defense and Homeland Security, the Office of Naval Research, NASA, the National Science Foundation, and advisory bodies such as the Defense Science Board, National Research Council, and the Naval Research Advisory Committee.

I have known and worked with Nancy over a number of years, but especially in helping save the NPS and DLI from base closure efforts. Her inside work was most helpful and in the end, successful.

Mr. Speaker, I join her colleagues, friends, and family in congratulating her on this well-deserved promotion.

RECOGNIZING BUSINESSWOMAN  
AND ENTREPRENEUR KATHLEEN  
M. BALUS

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of western New York's business leaders. Kathleen M. Balus will be honored tomorrow, Friday, November 17, by her corporation, Pioneer Credit Recovery, for her lifetime of achievement.

Ms. Balus founded Pioneer Credit Recovery while a senior at the State University of New York at Buffalo. She graduated with a B.S. in business administration. Following graduation, Ms. Balus incorporated Pioneer and built it into the industry-leading collection agency that it is today.

Ms. Balus has, throughout her career, been recognized as one of western New York's most distinguished business leaders. She has been awarded four Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards from Working Women Magazine. She has also been awarded the 1999 Better Business Bureau's Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics; the Wyoming County Business Development Corporation's Retail/Service Business of the Year; U.S. Small Business Administration's 2000 Small Business Person of the Year for the State of New York; Buffalo Niagara Partnership's ATHENA Award; MDA's 2005 Humanitarian of the Year; and in 2006, she was named a New York State "Woman of Distinction."

Ms. Balus has also affected her community through her efforts in the public sphere. She has served as a Sardina town board councilmember; Sardina town supervisor; member of the Small Business Administration Advisory Board and the board of Wyoming County Business Development Corporation. She is a past president of the New York State Collector's Association as well as serving two terms on the board of directors.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and gratitude that I stand here today to recognize

the work of Kathleen M. Balus, a business leader and admired community member of the western New York region.

TRIBUTE TO EULA HALL

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Eula Hall, an exceptional Kentuckian. On October 27, 2006, friends and colleagues of Eula Hall gathered at the Mud Creek Clinic on Kentucky Route 979, KY 979, in Grethel, KY, to celebrate the life and accomplishments of a brave mountain woman. As a result of a resolution passed unanimously by the Kentucky General Assembly, KY 979 will be renamed Eula Hall Highway.

For the past 40 years, Eula Hall has probably traveled Kentucky Route 979 more than anyone else. She was a woman with a mission—to bring quality health care to people who had no medical insurance and could not afford to pay for things like visits to the doctor, shots, prescription medicine, much less surgery, physical therapy, and other more expensive treatments and procedures. She's made it her life's work to make sure that no one within her reach goes without the basic health care they need to live full, productive lives.

Born on Greasy Creek in Pike County, Eula didn't start school until she was 9 years old. She remembers crying on her last day of the eighth grade because she knew she couldn't continue her education. The closest high school was about 20 miles away, and school buses did not travel that far out in the county. She had six brothers and sisters; her parents didn't own a vehicle and as farm workers they couldn't afford to send her to boarding school or college.

In 1973, as a young mother raising five children on her own, she realized the terrible toll that lack of proper health care took on people without money or insurance. She organized screenings using medical students from the University of Kentucky and Vanderbilt as well as volunteer nurses and physicians. They found undiagnosed tuberculosis, pneumoconiosis—black lung, diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure. Shortly afterward, Eula managed to get a clinic licensed to operate on Mud Creek in Floyd County. The Mud Creek Clinic opened in a rented house on Tinker Fork, which it quickly outgrew. Hall moved the facility to her own home on Mink Branch. Her house was bigger and easier to get to. But it meant moving her family into a mobile home. Eula Hall picked up patients and took them home because many of them had no means of transportation.

By 1977 the clinic merged with Big Sandy Health Care, which remains its parent organization today. Today, there are 24 employees, including two full-time physicians, a full-time certified physician assistant, and a part-time doctor. The clinic is housed in a modern brick building with another facility behind it that houses a dental clinic and food pantry. Now she even works to get people their rightful Social Security and other benefits. Eula Hall is 78 years old but still goes to work at 8 o'clock every morning.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, I want to thank Eula Hall for her sacrifices and service on behalf of the people of Floyd County, KY. Her dedication and integrity are an inspiration to us all.

KATHRYN OPPERMAN

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kathryn Opperman on her installation as the President of the Montgomery County Association of Realtors.

Kathryn will now lead a group of 300 local real estate agents committed to outstanding ethical and professional service to the community. The organization, formed over 85 years ago, is the local arm of both the Pennsylvania and the National Association of Realtors. Kathryn was inducted as president at a ceremony on Friday, December 1, 2006.

Kathryn is an agent with the Century 21 Alliance in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. She joined the Central Montgomery County Association of Realtors in 1986 and rose to various leadership roles before it merged with several local real estate groups to form the current association in 1998.

Kathryn has shown her commitment to the associations by serving on several committees, including the Technology, Finance, Grievance, Education and Professional Standards Committees. She was also appointed to the Board of directors in both organizations.

Kathryn currently holds the position of Vice President for the local group, and she serves as a Director and a member of the Standard Forms Committee for the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors.

In addition to the dedication she shows to her organization, Kathryn, a former nurse, volunteers her energy and time to the community through numerous church, civic, and charitable organizations. She balances all of her community commitments with caring for her two daughters and husband in Norristown.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Kathryn Opperman on her installation as the President of the Montgomery County Association of Realtors and extending best wishes for a successful tenure in leading this outstanding professional organization.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 523, H. Res. 1078, congratulating the St. Louis Cardinals on winning the 2006 World Series, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PANTEGO BIBLE CHURCH  
CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pantego Bible Church for 100 years of service and involvement in the Fort Worth and Pantego communities. Pantego Bible Church is located in the 26th District of Texas.

Since opening the doors of a small, thatched shelter in 1906, Pantego Bible Church has encouraged the ministry, fellowship, and outreach of its members. Pantego Bible Church has grown through the years and now conducts services in a beautiful campus. Under the faithful guidance of their five senior pastors, Pantego Bible Church has flourished as a cornerstone of worship in our community for the past century.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent this congregation. I congratulate Pantego Bible Church as they celebrate 100 proud years of cultivating a commitment to ministry. I look forward to many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO NORMA R. HAGENOW

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Norma R. Hagenow as she is honored by the Boy Scouts of America Tall Pine Council. The Tall Pine Council has named Norma their Distinguished Citizen of the Year and held a banquet on November 30 to express their appreciation for her support over the years.

Norma Hagenow is a graduate of the Trinity Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing, received a bachelor of science in nursing from Milton College, and has a master's degree in business administration from Indiana State University.

After serving as the vice president of Care with Carondelet Health System in Tucson, AZ, Norma also was vice president of operations for the Mercy System in Des Moines, IA. She came to Genesys Health System in January 1999 as the executive vice president and chief operating officer and assumed the presidency in May 2001. In addition to her position with Genesys, Norma is also the president and senior partner of CenterPoint, LLC, a healthcare consulting firm in Arizona; serves as adjunct faculty with several universities; and has written course curriculums at these schools.

She has had several articles published in national journals, contributes to the National Public Policy dialogue at the Brookings Institute, serves as chair of the Certificate of Need Program for the State of Michigan, was appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm to the State of Michigan Council for Labor and Economic Growth, and was a health care expert on the United States Secretary of Labor's Committee on Changing Demographics in the Workforce from 2002 to 2004. As a member of the national level Clinical Excellence Team for

Ascension Health, Norma has direct input into the operations of the largest non-profit healthcare delivery system in America.

Since her arrival in the Flint, MI, area she has been very supportive of the Tall Pine Council, the Boy Scouts of America and the Annual Friends of Scouting Campaign. The Tall Pine Council serves over 16,000 youngsters in Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee Counties.

Mr. Speaker please join me in congratulating Norma Hagenow upon receiving the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award from the Tall Pine Council. I commend her for her service to the community and wish her the best in the coming years.

RECOGNIZING CHARLES H.  
HORRELL, JR.

**HON. RON LEWIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Federal employee, Mr. Charles H. Horrell, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of the Navy after 38½ years of dedicated service to our country.

During his career, Mr. Horrell's contributions to the Navy have varied, ranging from naval gun ammunition to aircraft carriers. He has specialized in multiple career fields including engineering, logistics, and program management. From this diverse portfolio he has risen through the ranks from junior project engineer to senior leadership.

Mr. Horrell began his career in 1968 as a project engineer for air launched weapons at the Naval Ordnance Station in Indian Head, MD. Relocating to the Naval Weapons Support Center in Crane, IN, in 1970 he served for 10 years in various design and in-service engineering positions, completing multiple overseas TDY tours in Southeast Asia and South America, and working independently with both deployed U.S. naval forces and foreign navies.

In 1980, he was selected for a position in the Naval Sea Systems Command responsible for the program and life cycle management of conventional naval ammunition. In 1986, he was selected as director of program management in the Mine Warfare Ships Program Office where he oversaw program, logistics and business/financial management operations.

In 1994, he was selected as the director of logistics in the Aircraft Carrier Program Office. He later served in various leadership positions in the Aircraft Carrier Program including deputy program manager and director for in-service carriers. Most recently he was elevated to the position of assistant PEO in the Aircraft Carrier Program Executive Office where he served as the director for strategic planning and alignment and director for human capital planning and management.

Beyond undergraduate studies in physics, his academic pursuits include graduate work in public administration, program management, executive leadership, and business management. He has studied at American University, Virginia Tech, the University of Virginia, Darden, and Duke University, Fuqua School of Business. He is widely recognized