

## RECOGNIZING HUTTON HOUSE

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hutton House, a State-licensed youth shelter, for providing 30 years of steadfast commitment to troubled teens and their families in Central California.

Hutton House began in 1976 with the goal of providing a safe, temporary shelter for runaway, homeless, and youth in crisis. In addition to providing the shelter, it is also a goal of Hutton House to provide resources aimed at keeping these youth off the streets, out of the criminal justice system and to aid in mending relationships with their families.

For the past 30 years, Hutton House has made great strides to meet and expand its original goals. The center has been remodeled to accommodate up to eight youth, and some of the services they now offer are: individual, group and family counseling; meals and snacks for both residential and non-residential clients; bus passes and transportation to medical appointments; coordination of medical, dental and counseling services; youth development activities; reunification planning so that youth can return home or to another permanent housing situation; substance abuse intervention; and parent education. Hutton House is currently the only facility helping youth from Stockton to Fresno and from the foothills to the Bay area.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Hutton House for 30 years of dedication and philanthropy to troubled youth and their families. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Hutton House years of continued beneficence and success.

IN HONOR OF TED BURKE AND  
BOB MUNCEY**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generosity of the co-owners of the Shadowbrook Restaurant in the city of Capitola, Ted Burke and Bob Muncey. The Shadowbrook is known as one of the best restaurants in Santa Cruz County. But I am not here to commend them on their wonderful cuisine. I stand here today to thank them for their humanity and kindness to those in need.

Since 1982, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County has created one-on-one mentoring relationships between children and responsible, caring, and dependable adult volunteers. These volunteers provide guidance and friendship to children in need. Many times these adults act as role models to children who lack this type of support system in their homes. The vast majority of the children live in very low-income, single-parent households. The mentoring services of Big Brothers Big Sisters have proven effective in preventing juvenile delinquency and decreasing school drop out rates. It also improves self-esteem, as well as peer-family relationships. By exposing children to new opportunities, the volunteer

mentors show that options do exist; no matter how difficult the child's situation or life experience.

In 1986, Ted Burke and Bob Muncey began a tradition of closing down the Shadowbrook Restaurant to host a luncheon for the little brothers and sisters and their mentors. Ted Burke has carried on this tradition. During the past 20 years, over 1,000 children and volunteer mentors have shared the warmth of the holiday season at a restaurant many of the children may never have had the pleasure to dine at. Not only do the co-owners provide an amazing festive meal to the children, but the staff of the establishment volunteer their time to serve the children and volunteers.

Ted is no stranger to the challenges of raising a family. He has been a single parent and knows the value of mentoring in a child's life. He values those who take their time to spend with children, and he is aware that many of these children neither expect nor ask for anything in return. For many of the children, the holidays serve as an additional reminder of the hardship they face, as there may be very few if any gifts beneath the tree. Ted and his staff kindly share the holiday spirit with these children. This annual luncheon is a way to not only thank the mentors for their dedication and service, but to bring joy to the children during the holiday season.

Mr. Speaker, for all of these reasons it is with gratitude that I acknowledge the Shadowbrook Restaurant during this holiday season for 20 years of unselfish giving.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW ERA CAP  
COMPANY ON THE OPENING OF  
THEIR NEW CORPORATE HEAD-  
QUARTERS**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of western New York's premier local corporate citizens, New Era Cap Company.

New Era began producing hats in Buffalo in 1920 and has been one of the local communities most stable companies ever since.

While the production and corporate facilities moved to the rural region surrounding the city of Buffalo, New Era has always remained loyal to western New York.

New Era is and will always be a western New York company, and they proved that point once again when their new corporate headquarters opened in the heart of downtown Buffalo, Saturday, November 25.

For their investments made into the community and their commitment to excellence, I pay tribute to the New Era Cap Company as they embark on another chapter in their marvelous history.

TRIBUTE TO CLYDE A. THOMAS,  
SR.**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 to pay tribute to an excep-

tional Kentuckian, Judge Clyde Thomas. After serving 16 years as Rowan County Judge Executive, Judge Thomas is retiring and embarking on a new stage of life. I want to express my deepest gratitude for his many contributions and years of public service.

Clyde Thomas' service in Kentucky began almost 50 years ago as a dispatcher for the Kentucky State Police. In 1964 he graduated from the Kentucky State Police Academy and 6 years later was promoted to Detective Sergeant after earning the highest test score in the history of the Kentucky State Police. Clyde Thomas was later promoted to Lieutenant and graduated from the FBI National Academy. Before his retirement in 1984, Clyde Thomas made many positive changes and contributions to the Kentucky State Police, including serving as the first president of the Kentucky State Police Professional Association.

With this keen law enforcement background and a commitment to our community, Clyde Thomas was elected Rowan County Judge Executive in 1989. During his tenure, Judge Thomas has been a strong leader for various job creation and community development projects transforming this rural county into a formidable, regional economic engine. Judge Thomas has championed countywide sewer and infrastructure improvements including the recent expansion of the Morehead Wastewater Treatment Facility. Through his efforts, more than 1,500 homes and businesses have adequate sewer. Another 100 sub-standard road bridges have been upgraded, and over 250 miles of roadway paved all under his careful watch.

Judge Executive Thomas has kick-started several long-term growth initiatives including securing a new Army National Guard Readiness Center, expanding regional healthcare and educational facilities, and working with county neighbors to construct industrial development zones. I particularly want to acknowledge the Judge's strong backing of the new airport in Rowan County which will be a general aviation hub and important gateway to eastern Kentucky. By bringing local leaders together and working with the State and federally elected leadership, including myself, Judge Thomas has brought a first-rate, 5,500 foot, safe and secure airport to our region. This project will bring economic benefits and a robust aviation industry well into the future.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Judge Clyde Thomas for his sacrifice and service on behalf of the people of Rowan County, KY, and the entire Commonwealth. Although his days as Rowan County Judge Executive are drawing to a close, I know his contributions will live on for many years to come. I want to wish him and his family all the best for this new chapter in life.

## HARRY P. MIRABILE, SR.

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Harry P. Mirabile, Sr., who was named the Man of the Year Award at the Sicilian Businessmen of Norristown Luncheon on Monday, December 4th.

Harry was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania in 1935 to an Italian immigrant mother and a

local Norristown businessman. The youngest of six children, Harry grew up with a strong sense of family, faith, philanthropy. Harry left school at the age of 16 to join the family beverage business. However, before leaving school, Harry met Seda Scoma, his wife, in the 7th grade at Rittenhouse Junior High School. The couple was married on November 4, 1956 and have three children, Joseph, Susan, and Harry Jr., as well as a growing number of grandchildren.

Harry's strong Catholic faith has been a guiding light throughout his life. Harry has dedicated his life to serving his church and community. He was the chairman of the Holy Saviour Church Building Committee fundraiser, chairman of the Columbus Monument Elmwood Park fundraiser, and participated in the Bishop Kenrich, Centennial Capital Committee of Holy Saviour Church, Sacred Heart Hospital and Montgomery Hospital fundraising efforts. Harry is also the chairman of the Norristown Police Athletic League fundraiser, chairman of the Invest in a Cop initiation, and a trustee for the Plymouth Township Police Department fundraiser. Additionally, Harry served for 6 years on the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors and was chairman for 2 of those years.

When not serving others, Harry enjoys golfing at area golf clubs and he continues to honor his family's Italian heritage by co-founding and participating in the Italian American Heritage Club and Camelot Club in Norristown.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Harry P. Mirabile, Sr. on being selected the Man of the Year by the Sicilian Businessmen of Norristown and for his years of exemplary service and commitment to the Norristown Community.

MEDICAL CENTER OF LEWISVILLE  
CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Medical Center of Lewisville, located in the heart of the 26th district of Texas.

The Medical Center of Lewisville provides state-of-the-art medical services in its beautiful new facility, and is administered by a truly supportive and caring staff. Beyond saving lives, the Center has been very active in promoting comprehensive health initiatives and participating in a wide variety of local programs to benefit the community for the past three decades.

After working and serving at the Medical Center of Lewisville, it is particularly heartwarming to know that it is celebrating its 30th year. The staff, physicians, and nursing personnel truly make the Medical Center of Lewisville a unique institution. It provides exemplary, cutting-edge medical care without losing its sense of humanity and compassion.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Medical Center of Lewisville on its 30th anniversary. I am proud to have this facility in my district and look forward to many more years of quality health care and service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD GROVOM

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Richard Grovom as he prepares to donate his 307th pint of blood to the American Red Cross.

Richard began donating blood in 1945 when he was in the U.S. Army. One of his fellow soldiers needed emergency surgery and Richard stepped forward and donated blood. He continued donating on and off over the next 10 years until 1955. At that time his oldest daughter was born with a peptic ulcer. She was 2 days old, bleeding, and was given donated blood. The kindness of that anonymous person inspired Richard and he decided to make donating blood an ongoing part of his life. His motto is "It is better to give than receive."

When Richard had donated his 36th gallon of blood the Red Cross presented him with a case to hold the gallon pins he had earned over the years. He has now earned both his 37th and 38th gallon pins and the blood he donated when stationed at Camp Roberts in California is not included in this amount. A resident of Grand Blanc, Michigan, Richard is a retired tool and die foreman with Chevrolet. He is part of the elite group of Americans that donate blood. The American Red Cross estimates that 5 percent of our population donates blood, but 95 percent of Americans will need blood at least once in their lifetime.

Mr. Speaker please join me in congratulating Richard Grovom for his immense achievement and may God bless him for his generosity to his fellow citizens.

HONORING SPENCER COUNTY STUDENTS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

**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 six remarkable students from the Spencer County School System for their participation and high achievement in the National History Day Competition held last month at the University of Maryland.

National History Day is an innovative history education program for students in grades 6–12 who are interested in improving their historical knowledge in a fun and challenging environment. Each year, students choose a topic congruent with an annual theme, conduct research, then synthesize and analyze their findings into a paper, exhibit, documentary or performance. These projects are then evaluated at the local, state, and national levels. Finalists from each level advance to the next round of competition.

This year's theme was "Rights and Responsibilities in History." Ten Shelby County students, who placed first or second at the state contest held at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort last April, traveled to Washington, DC, to compete in the national contest at the

University of Maryland, June 15–19. Together, they demonstrated great academic prowess, teamwork and sportsmanship before a regional audience, representing competitive values that make Kentucky proud.

I would like to commend Maureen McCoy, Paige Walls, Joel Fickel, Ashleigh Steever, Chase Thomas and Breisa Baker for their accomplishment. I would also like to recognize the effort and support of their coaches. I am very proud to represent these students, educators and their families.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating these students for their achievement and wish them continued success in their promising future years.

IN RECOGNITION OF POLICE CHIEF  
RANDAL MICHAEL ULIBARRI

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Randal Michael Ulibarri, Chief of Police of the Union City, California Police Department. Chief Ulibarri is retiring after 30 years of exemplary service on the force.

Chief Ulibarri grew up in Fremont and first worked at the Pacific States Steel Mill in Union City and joined the police department in 1976. As an officer, he served as a member of the Department's Specialized Enforcement Response Team (SERT) and held the positions of Detective and Field Training Officer.

He rose through the ranks and was promoted to Sergeant on October 16, 1986. As a sergeant, Chief Ulibarri served as the SERT team leader. His other assignments included Personnel and Training Manager, Crime Prevention and Research Analysis Supervisor, and patrol watch commander. He is a graduate of the Herman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute.

On October 25, 1995, Chief Ulibarri was promoted to lieutenant and was assigned as the SERT team commander and in addition was assigned to the Administrative Division and Field Operations Division. He is credited with developing and implementing the Community Policing Program for the Department.

Chief Ulibarri was promoted to captain on December 15, 1997 and was responsible for administrative oversight over both the Support Services Division and the Field Operations Division. He attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and graduated with the 192nd class. He is a member of the California Police Chief's Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

On July 20, 2000, Chief Ulibarri was promoted to the position of Chief of the Union City Police Department. During his long and distinguished career, two of his most noteworthy accomplishments are the development of the Volunteer Program and the Police Chaplain's Program.

Chief Ulibarri's colleagues, friends, family and admirers will come together on January 13, 2007 to honor his illustrious career as he retires after years of dedicated law enforcement service. I join in thanking him for a job well done.