

capacity for 120,000 books. Its features included two garden courts, a lecture hall, several meeting rooms and an art studio.

Retrofitting and renovation of the 1961 main library began in 1997. The library was expanded to a two-story building and 75,000 square feet. Its grand opening was on December 16, 2000 and showcased its impressive features, which include 75 public computers, an electronic learning center, lecture hall, art gallery, 6 meeting rooms as well as a gift shop, café and book store. There are currently over 219,000 books in the San Leandro Library's collection and the library serves an average of 50,000 patrons a month.

I applaud the city of San Leandro and the administrators and staff of the San Leandro Public Library for their exemplary efforts to keep the library functioning with enhanced technology and outstanding patron services.

Happy 100th birthday and best wishes for continued success.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MASTER
SERGEANT KEVIN M. DAVIS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor MSG Kevin M. Davis for his courageous valor in Operation Enduring Freedom, OEF, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, OIF, and his continued voluntary service in support of the mission.

Master Sergeant Davis is the first sergeant assigned to the Joint Air Ground Operations Group at Nellis Air Force Base, NV. He is a qualified joint terminal attack controller and a tactical air controller/instructor as well as a qualified military freefall jumpmaster, static line jumpmaster, Army pathfinder, and Army air assault. He has been deployed four times in support of OEF and OIF, where he has always been the first to volunteer to serve his country. For his combat heroism, Master Sergeant Davis received the Bronze Star with Valor.

In addition to the Bronze Star, Master Sergeant Davis has received numerous awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize MSG Kevin M. Davis for his admirable service in defense of democracy and freedom. He is truly an American hero. I wish him luck with all his future deeds.

IN RECOGNITION OF LETHA
ADAMS CANNON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th birthday of a woman who is not only an example of strength to her family, but to all of us as well.

Born in Hartville, OH, December 11, 1906, Letha was the second-born of 10 children to

Alvin and Jesse Adams. The family of 12 resided in Ohio until 1915, when they moved west, on what she describes as "a very long train ride." The family settled on a farm in French Camp, just outside of Stockton, CA.

Letha married Wilfred Cannon in 1928. They raised two children, Ruth and Wilfred, Jr., in the Stockton area.

After Wilfred passed away, Letha persevered, and even began a new career as a nurse. She spent 11 years at St. Joseph's Hospital.

In addition to her roles as a nurturing mother and nurse, Letha has made time for her community. She has been active in the PTA, Grange, Escalon Presbyterian Church, French Camp Vaqueros, and Dixon Community Church.

As if her plate was not full enough, Letha is a prize-winning gardener. Her African Violets took first place at the Dixon May Fair.

Letha also takes pleasure in travel. Even at her age, in the past year, she has flown across the country to New Jersey and Wisconsin.

Letha is blessed with 5 surviving siblings, 2 children, 8 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and 29 nieces and nephews.

Her family and friends have gathered together to celebrate her remarkable age of 100 and to thank her for being their "foster mom," as many fondly call her.

Letha Adams Cannon has spent her life enjoying travel, gardening, and most of all, her family. I wish Letha and her family the best on this momentous occasion.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF TIMOTHY M.
SATOLA AND RECOGNITION OF
THE SATOLA FAMILY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Tim Satola. A model citizen throughout his life, Tim's enthusiasm, motivation, and personal drive to help people is echoed in his accomplishments.

A leader all his life, Tim was high school linebacker for the Garfield Bulldogs. His energy and spirit was an inspiration to his teammates and anyone who knew him. On the football team, his passion and energy earned him a reputation as "the light of the team." Tim went on to graduate from nursing school and began his career as a registered nurse shortly before his untimely passing.

Tim's commitment to helping people continues even after his death with the establishment of the Tim Satola Scholarship Fund. His parents, Donna and Dennis Satola, set up the scholarship fund to help students of Garfield Heights High School with the financial burdens of attending college. Already, the fund has awarded two \$500 scholarships.

The Tim Satola Memorial Scholarship Fund honors students who share Tim's zest for life and his commitment to helping others. The fund continues the tremendous compassionate spirit that Tim would have wanted to inspire in the students of his high school alma mater.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Tim Satola and the continuing inspiration he brings through the

Tim Satola Scholarship Fund to the students of Garfield Heights High School.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
GILBERT F. WHITE

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Dr. Gilbert F. White, the "Father of Floodplain Management," who died October 5, 2006 in his home in Boulder Colorado. He will be missed by friends and loved ones, yet the legacy of his social and environmental vision will long continue in communities throughout the world.

Gilbert F. White was born on November 26, 1911 in Hyde Park, Illinois and received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Chicago. As a graduate student in the late 1930s, he studied the Mississippi River Basin for the federal government when many planners followed a flood control policy based on the construction of dams. White questioned the impact of such projects and suggested alternatives that protected people, as well as floodplain ecosystems. He served as president of Haverford College in Pennsylvania from 1946 until 1955 and taught at the University of Chicago from 1956 to 1969. He was a visiting professor at the University of Oxford in 1962-63, and he chaired the American Friends Service Committee from 1963 to 1969.

In 1970, White joined the faculty of the University of Colorado at Boulder as a Professor of Geography and Director of the Institute of Behavioral Science, remaining active in academic work well into his 90s. He founded the University of Colorado's Natural Hazard Research and Applications Information Center in 1974 which has become the nation's leading repository of knowledge on human behavior in disasters. White's work in natural hazard mitigation changed the way people addressed their surroundings and made the world safer for its inhabitants in the process. In his doctoral dissertation of 1942, White wrote, "Floods are acts of God, but flood losses are largely acts of man." So significant was this work that it has since been called the most influential book ever written by an American geographer.

In an era characterized by the construction of bigger and stronger flood control devices, Dr. White pioneered effective models of flood management that promoted public safety while preserving rivers and waterways. He was a true humanitarian, making extraordinary contributions toward educating governments on the most effective actions available in managing floodplains and alleviating flood losses. Dr. White's persistence convinced the nation to take a broader view in reducing flood risks, culminating with the implementation of the National Flood Insurance Program. This program encouraged responsible floodplain management at the local level and created stronger, safer communities for generations of Americans.

Among White's numerous honors are the National Geographic Society's highest honor, the Hubbard Medal; the United Nation's