

IN HONOR OF JEANETTE
GRASSELLI BROWN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in esteem of Jeanette Grasselli Brown's lifetime of profound accomplishments. Ms. Grasselli Brown has contributed immensely to the world through her distinguished career as a chemist, and since retiring she has been just as busy working to improve northeast Ohio.

After beginning her career as the only female chemistry major at Ohio University, Ms. Grasselli Brown continued to work for 39 years at BP America, retiring as the director of corporate research. At BP, Ms. Grasselli Brown fought to ensure that female employees received salaries equal to their male coworkers, and that they received flexible schedules while raising their children. While working full time, she earned her master's degree in organic chemistry, and wrote a monthly column called "Letter from America," for a European spectroscopy journal. Ms. Grasselli Brown also has served as an advisor for The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Energy, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the International Women's Forum, the Ohio Academy of Sciences, the Smithsonian Institute, and the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. Furthermore, Ms. Grasselli Brown is a champion within the scientific world and is considered the outstanding woman chemist in the United States. She received the Garvan Medal in 1986 from the American Chemical Association, and the Fisher Award in 1993 from the American Chemical Society. In 1999, she followed these accolades with the American Chemical Society's Award for Encouraging Women into Careers in the Chemical Sciences. She has been recognized by the Society for Applied Spectroscopy with their Distinguished Service Award; she has received 13 honorary doctoral degrees from universities in both the United States and Hungary; and she is listed in both *The World's Who's Who of Women* and *Foremost Women of the Twentieth Century*. In 1989, Ms. Grasselli Brown was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, and she was the first woman to be inducted into the Ohio Science and Technology Hall of Fame. In addition to her full time job at BP, she has been a director of six corporations, three of which are Fortune 500 companies.

Ms. Grasselli Brown has been a tireless worker in the corporate, civic, and philanthropic realms, and continues her commitment to northeast Ohio through her work on numerous committees and boards of regents, acting as trustee and chair.

Today I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and achievements of this amazing woman, Ms. Jeanette Grasselli Brown.

RECOGNIZING KYLE HERNDON FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Herndon, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 357, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. It is with extreme pleasure that I commend the dedication Kyle has shown.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout. I am proud to represent Kyle in the United States House of Representatives.

FRISCO RECEIVES COMMUNITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Frisco and the Frisco Economic Development Corp. in the 26th District of Texas for receiving the Community Economic Development Award. The City of Frisco excels in bringing leadership, partnership, and creativity to the economy, and is the winner of the 40,000 to 100,000 population category.

The Texas Economic Development Council presents this prestigious award to member cities in recognition of exceptional contributions to their community. Superior projects in Frisco include the T-Mobile USA Technology Campus, DebtXS, Technisource, Inc., and the National Breast Cancer Foundation. These projects have created and maintained over 1,600 jobs for the community, and brought new investments of nearly \$64.2 million to the city of Frisco.

I am proud to recognize the city of Frisco as recipients of the 2006 Community Economic Development Award. Under the capable direction of Mayor Mike Simpson, City Manager George Purefoy, and the Economic Development Corp., the city of Frisco has cultivated a standard of excellence and leadership, and serves as a role model for all other communities.

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS DOUGLASS,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DE-
PARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-
FAIRS EDUCATION SERVICE

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

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Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Dennis Douglass, who will retire on January 3, 2007, after 30 years of service to our Nation's veterans.

Over the last 7 years Mr. Douglass has served with distinction as the Deputy Director for the Education Service at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He was a consummate professional with unquestioned integrity, who consistently exhibited management and leadership qualities that put him among VA's top performers.

I first had the privilege of meeting Mr. Douglass when I became chairman of the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity at the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and began working on legislation to improve education benefits for servicemembers and veterans. Mr. Douglass has always made himself available to Congress when needed and served on behalf of the Secretary with honesty and sincerity. He has been the VA's institutional memory on education benefits and his contributions will truly be missed.

Mr. Douglass began his Federal career in 1976 as a Veterans Claims Examiner at the VA regional office in Detroit, Michigan. In 1982 he transferred to VA Headquarters in Washington, DC, to work in Education Service. Since his arrival, he has written procedural guidance for education claims processing, assisted in systems design, performed quality assurance reviews, conducted regional office appraisal visits, and served as Budget Analyst and Staff Assistant to the Director of Education Service. In 1999 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs appointed him Deputy Director in Education Service.

When asked, staff at VA describe him as an avid golfer with a penchant for corny jokes. Many remarked on his priceless collection of bad ties from the 70's and 80's. Overall, Mr. Douglass is known as one of the nicest persons that any of them have had the privilege to work with at VA. His colleagues state that his understanding of veteran's needs and his dedication to the job will be sorely missed by all, including the veterans he dedicated his career to serve.

Mr. Douglass was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1969 through 1971. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1974 and did graduate work at Wayne State University. He resides in Springfield, Virginia, with his wife JoAnn, son Daryl, and daughter Alison.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN W. JACOBS, JR.

HON. NATHAN DEAL

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as a journalism major, John W. Jacobs, Jr., understands that a person's life is like a newspaper.