

forcefulness, honesty and wit to accomplish her goals.

While in college in Minnesota, Maureen started a campaign to get the city of Minneapolis to lengthen the time of the green traffic lights so that she and other persons with disabilities could cross the streets safely. Later, she worked tirelessly for the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and attended the signing ceremony at the White House.

After living in New York City and Tokyo, Maureen, her husband Takashi, and their daughter Hannah moved to Chappaqua in 1997. She quickly became involved in civic and political organizations, often accompanied by her young daughter to whom she was totally devoted. Maureen Keating Tsuchiya worked with Westchester Disabled on the Move on a voting rights lawsuit by testing polling places for their accessibility. She also spearheaded an effort to increase access to the Chappaqua train station.

Maureen Keating Tsuchiya, although taken from us and her valiant causes prematurely, leaves a rich legacy of principled activism and involvement for all of us to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in offering condolences to her husband, her daughter, and her entire family.

#### HONORING JACK FINNEY

### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor my friend Jack Finney. Jack recently celebrated his 90th birthday by donating more than \$1 million to the Hunt Memorial Hospital District Charitable Health Foundation. Jack's generous donation will ultimately enhance the soon-to-be-built cancer center on the campus of Presbyterian Hospital of Greenville.

Jack has a long history of making generous gifts to the community, having donated land, money, and his time to a variety of institutions such as Texas A&M University at College Station, Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum, Greenville YMCA, Greenville Chamber of Commerce, Paris Junior College, Texas A&M University-Commerce, the Greenville schools and many others. Other institutions that have benefited from his leadership include the local Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, and Board of Development as well as Texas A&M University, the Texas Baptist Foundation, and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Jack's efforts have led to multiple honors from Texas A&M, including his selection as a Distinguished Alumnus and election to the Hall of Honor of the A&M Corps of Cadets. Jack has also been honored with Greenville's "Worthy Citizen" Award, for which he donated \$50,000 establishing an endowment to maintain the annual award in perpetuity.

In appreciation of Jack's latest gift, the Hospital District's Board of Directors have decided to name the new cancer center the Lou and Jack Finney Cancer Center in honor of Jack and his late wife, Lou House Finney. Lou and Jack were married for 68 years prior to her death in 2005.

During the reception honoring Jack's gift, Mayor Tom Oliver of Greenville proclaimed

August 15th Jack Finney Day in the City of Greenville.

It has been speculated that Jack's gift is the largest single gift that an individual has ever made to a non-profit organization in Hunt County, and that certainly speaks volumes about Jack's generosity. Having given his time, money, and energy to so many worthy causes it is not surprising for Jack to have celebrated his 90th birthday with so large and charitable a gift. The community is fortunate indeed to have so generous a benefactor. Jack has spent his life serving and enriching the community, and his latest gift only further reinforces this legacy.

Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in appreciation of the benevolence of this fine man and my friend—Jack Finney.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE MICHAEL G. OXLEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEECH OF

### HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. McHENRY. Madam Speaker, Congressman MIKE OXLEY served the 4th district of Ohio for 25 years with great distinction. Much can be said about a man who dedicates himself to the People's House for a quarter-century. Perhaps the most telling example of his magnetism and leadership can be seen in the number of staff members who dedicated themselves to serving Mr. OXLEY during his distinguished tenure.

The longstanding members of Mr. OXLEY's staff—Jim Conzelman, Debi Deimling, Bonnie Dunbar, Bob Foster, Phil Holloway, Tim Johnson, Kelly Kirk and Peggy Peterson—have served the chairman a combined 250 years among them. This is an amazing feat, given the fact that Capitol Hill is synonymous with high turnover rates and the frequent shuffling of staff members. I believe this speaks to the statesmanship MIKE OXLEY exhibited over his congressional career. His colleagues—just like his staffers—recognize his character, which inspires loyalty and perseverance.

#### INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. 1106

### HON. CYNTHIA MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I come before this body today as a proud American and as a servant of the American people, sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States.

Throughout my tenure, I've always tried to speak the truth. It is that commitment that brings me here today.

We have a President who has misgoverned and a Congress that has refused to hold him accountable. It is a grave situation and I believe the stakes for our country are high.

No American is above the law, and if we allow a President to violate, at the most basic and fundamental level, the trust of the people and then continue to govern, without a proc-

ess for holding him accountable—what does that say about our commitment to the truth? To the Constitution? To our democracy?

The trust of the American people has been broken. And a process must be undertaken to repair this trust. This process must begin with honesty and accountability.

Leading up to our invasion of Iraq, the American people supported this Administration's actions because they believed in our President. They believed he was acting in good faith. They believed that American laws and American values would be respected. That in the weightiness of everything being considered, two values were rock solid—trust and truth.

From mushroom clouds to African yellow cake to aluminum tubes, the American people and this Congress were not presented the facts, but rather were presented a string of untruths, to justify the invasion of Iraq.

President Bush, along with Vice President CHENEY and then-National Security Advisor Rice, portrayed to the Congress and to the American people that Iraq represented an imminent threat, culminating with President Bush's claim that Iraq was six months away from developing a nuclear weapon. Having used false fear to buy consent—the President then took our country to war.

This has grave consequences for the health of our democracy, for our standing with our allies, and most of all, for the lives of our men and women in the military and their families—who have been asked to make sacrifices—including the ultimate sacrifice—to keep us safe.

Just as we expect our leaders to be truthful, we expect them to abide by the law and respect our courts and judges. Here again, the President failed the American people.

When President Bush signed an executive order authorizing unlawful spying on American citizens, he circumvented the courts and the law, and he violated the separation of powers provided by the Constitution. Once the program was revealed, he then tried to hide the scope of his offense from the American people by making contradictory, untrue statements.

President George W. Bush has failed to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States; he has failed to ensure that senior members of his administration do the same; and he has betrayed the trust of the American people.

With a heavy heart and in the deepest spirit of patriotism, I exercise my duty and responsibility to speak truthfully about what is before us. To shy away from this responsibility would be easier. But I have not been one to travel the easy road. I believe in this country, and in the power of our democracy. I feel the steely conviction of one who will not let the country I love descend into shame; for the fabric of our democracy is at stake.

Some will call this a partisan vendetta, others will say this is an unimportant distraction to the plans of the incoming Congress. But this is not about political gamesmanship.

I am not willing to put any political party before my principles.

This, instead, is about beginning the long road back to regaining the high standards of truth and democracy upon which our great country was founded.

Mr. Speaker, under the standards set by the United States Constitution, President Bush—along with Vice President CHENEY, and Secretary of State Rice—should be subject to the

process of impeachment, and I have filed H. Res. 1106 in the House of Representatives.

To my fellow Americans, as I leave this Congress, it is in your hands—to hold your representatives accountable, and to show those with the courage to stand for what is right, that they do not stand alone.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN MIKE  
SODREL

**HON. STEVE BUYER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, it has been an honor and privilege to serve with MIKE SODREL during his tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives. Plain spoken and determined, MIKE spent his time in Congress working hard for Indiana's Ninth Congressional District.

MIKE's success in the trucking industry was brilliantly translated into a multitude of valuable contributions during his tenure on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. His vast knowledge of transportation issues served him well to promote needed for roadway improvements and expansion throughout the district and the Nation.

MIKE SODREL's expertise and service was not limited to transportation, but extended to three other committees—befitting not only his past experiences but the interests of Indiana—Agriculture, Science, and Small Business. MIKE played a crucial role as a member of each committee, using his keen insight to promote issues important to Indiana, such as research and development projects, alternative energy sources such as E-85, and hosting two successful job fairs with me in Bloomington.

Although his time in Congress was short, MIKE SODREL's imprint on the 20 counties comprising the Ninth District will be felt for years to come. His heart and mind were always in tune with the Hoosiers back home and in concert with the welfare of this great Nation that he had the great honor and responsibility of representing.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER A.  
ANDERSON

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a very heavy heart and I wish to ask the Members in this Chamber to join me before we end the 109th session of Congress tonight in honoring a fallen sailor from Longmont, Colorado.

This week, Hospitalman Christopher A. Anderson was killed in action while serving our Nation in Iraq. He was a patriot that believed strongly in the freedoms we enjoy here in America and he joined the Navy to help defend the rights of citizens in Iraq.

I have contacted his family, and they are heartbroken about their loss, undoubtedly. They are to be admired for their courage and continued dedication to America's military forces who are fighting terrorists in the Middle East. As a mother of an enlisted sailor, my heart goes out to Christopher's family.

I would like to take a solemn moment to reflect on the life of Christopher and share the thoughts of his parents Rick and Debra Anderson. They released the following statement:

Christopher was a son of which any parent would be proud. He was a natural leader in the truest sense: warm, giving, thoughtful and caring. He went well out of his way to assist family, friends and neighbors with everything from the sweat of his brow to sound advice that many commented held wisdom beyond his years. He was consistently elevated to leadership positions by his actions.

This same thought process was at work when he chose to join the U.S. Navy. Chris comes from generations of Navy men and women. I myself am retired Navy. The Navy is, in general, an exciting career, however Christopher was not content to settle for anything less than being at the tip of the spear. He chose the career path of Hospital Corpsman (the Navy equivalent to a Medic in the other services). He requested the additional training of a Combat Medic, and to be assigned to the front lines with the United States Marine Corps. The Marine Corps does not have their own medical personnel, and Navy Sailors fill that role on a voluntary basis.

He was an "encourager", and "uplifter" with a truly unique ability to empower others to rise to success they themselves did not think possible. He attracted many, many close friends into his circle. These are fine young men and women, who I was proud to be introduced to and invite into my home.

In August of 2005, Christopher joined the Navy. While in Longmont awaiting his formal Navy school start date, he aggressively pursued high visibility leadership positions within his group of peers attached to the Longmont Navy Recruiting Office. Chris was already a good athlete, but chose to compete with the Navy SEAL candidates for even greater athletic excellence. He additionally excelled in his Navy-oriented academics, and was ultimately promoted from E-1 to E-3 before ever leaving for the Recruit Training Center (Boot Camp).

Once at Boot Camp he again excelled in academics, athletics and leadership, completing the program as the "Honor Graduate" the number one person in his class, as voted on by both his peers and the senior staff. He then attended his actual Hospital Corpsman medical training, "A" School, followed by Advanced Combat Medical Training, "C" School. Working with experienced combat veterans, he reaffirmed his desire to provide a critical service to those in harms way. He knew full well that he too would be at the forefront of the action.

Christopher deployed to Iraq in September of this year. The moment his aircraft's door opened to the 120 degree heat, he knew this would be the start of his greatest challenge. He loved the people of this country, however he began to see immediate action, and was soon credited by senior medical staff for saving the life of a Marine sergeant seriously wounded on patrol by an improvised explosive device (IED).

Christopher earned the affectionate title of "Doc." This title is only given to Navy Hospital Corpsmen who have impressed their U.S. Marine Corps counterparts with medical excellence under field combat conditions. His colonel also credited him with the compliment, "The most squared away 'Marine' we have in this Unit."

Christopher gave his life in the defense of his nation, his local community, his Marine brethren and his family. Christopher wanted all his life to make a difference in this world and in his short 24 years accomplished more than most will ever accomplish in a lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, we are so fortunate to live in this great country where free-

dom is something that we rarely have to think about and often take for granted. It is simply a way of life for us, and we are truly blessed to live in a country that honors citizens for their spirit, their ideas, their individuality, and their courage. We can maintain the blessings of our freedoms only because we have citizens like Hospitalman Christopher A. Anderson who are willing to fight to defend them for us. My most sincere condolences go out to Rick and Debra and the entire Anderson family for loss of their beloved son.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MITCH FOX

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Mitch Fox for his outstanding career and innovative contributions in broadcast and print journalism.

Mitch began his broadcasting career at KABC-TV Los Angeles as an intern and later apprenticed there as a cameraman. Less than 2 years later in 1976, Mitch relocated to Las Vegas where he began his first on-air reporting position with KTNV Channel 13. During his tenure in Las Vegas he has also served as a freelance writer for the Las Vegas Review-Journal, the Las Vegas Sun, Newsweek and Nevada Magazine.

Mitch began covering the Nevada State Legislature in 1979 and currently produces a weekly series entitled "Capitol Issues" during Nevada's biannual legislative session. He has also moderated several candidates' debates, some of which air nationally on C-SPAN. Mitch initiated collaboration with the Las Vegas Review-Journal where RJ readers were able to post candidate questions on the newspaper's website for use during Channel 10's election debates and since 1996, he has brought KLVX and the NBC affiliate KVBC together to produce prime-time election coverage.

It was 1978 when Mitch embarked on his long broadcast career in public television at KLVX Channel 10. He began as senior news and public affairs producer and was later promoted to news and public affairs manager in November 1997. Five years later, in June 2002, Mitch was further promoted as director of production services at KLVX where he supervised the entire programming department, including the oversight of 30 full-time and part-time employees. In this position he has also managed oversight of Channel 10 and Cox Cable Channel 70 programming schedules. In July of 2005, Mitch became director of programming at KLVX and has helped to ensure that the station remains well-versed in use of digital media such as video-on-demand, multicasting, podcasting and online streaming.

For 11 years Mitch produced the award-winning documentary series called "Real to Reel" and won an Emmy nomination in 1993 for a documentary on nuclear waste. And now for nearly 20 years Mitch has been host and producer of the popular public affairs talk show, "Nevada Week in Review" providing viewers with insightful debate, discussion, and analysis of the most important Nevada news stories of