## TRIBUTE TO ZACH JOHNSON'S 2007 MASTERS TOURNAMENT VICTORY

### HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 17, 2007*

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, today, my colleagues and I from the Iowa delegation are introducing a resolution congratulating Zach Johnson on his 2007 Masters Tournament victory. Zach Johnson is the first Iowan to win the Masters, and is only the second native born Iowan to win a major golf championship. As many Iowans will recall, Jack Fleck won the 1955 U.S. Open Championship at Olympic Club in San Francisco. Zach has joined the ranks of golfs greatest champions, including Byron Nelson, Sam Snead, Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, and many others.

I'm particularly proud of Zach's accomplishments because he is a true Iowan, and from the 2nd District, which I represent. He was born in Iowa City and raised in Cedar Rapids.

Zach was a member of the Regis High School golf team in Cedar Rapids. His talent and dedication helped lead the team to an Iowa 4A State Golf Championship in 1992. He also played on his Drake University golf team in Des Moines, there he helped lead the team to three NCAA regional meets and two Missouri Valley championships.

Zach continued to impress in his early professional career. He won his first PGA Tour event at the 2004 Bell South Classic and qualified for the 2006 U.S. Ryder Cup team representing the U.S. as one of 12 golfers in Kildare, Ireland.

On Sunday April 8, 2007, Zach Johnson showed great skill, patience and will. He withstood the challenge of the weather and of the course, and won the prestigious 2007 Masters Tournament. All of Iowa is proud of our hometown success story.

## HONORING GIL COHEN FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN THE VISUAL ARTS

### HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 17, 2007*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary Eighth District resident. Mr. Gil Cohen has recently received the Bucks County Arts Award for his devotion and talent as an artist. An exceptional aviation artist, Mr. Cohen is a member of many local art groups.

As a young boy in Philadelphia, Mr. Cohen became an expert in identifying the various World War II planes flying overhead. He combined this knowledge with a love of history and a gift for painting, first as an artist with the United States Army in West Germany and later as a freelance artist. One of his greatest accomplishments is a series of oil paintings depicting the Eighth Air Force during World War II.

Mr. Cohen has received a number of awards for his work, and he has exhibited his paintings at the National Military Park system, the Kennedy Center and the Pentagon. He is a member of the Air Force Art Program, the New York Society of Illustrators, and the American Society of Aviation Artists. He is also a past Vice President and Chairman of the Exhibition Committee of the American Society of Aviation Artists. He is a Coast Guard Illustrator and has served as a member of the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce Byers Bucks Fever Art Exhibition committee.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Cohen has proven himself to be both an accomplished artist and an upstanding citizen. His past service to the United States of America as an Army and Coast Guard illustrator demonstrates his commitment to his country, as does the work he still does in his community. Madam Speaker, such an exemplary model for society is seldom found, and I rise today to honor Mr. Cohen for his service and commend him for his talent.

## IN HONOR OF JOHN JOSEPH HAMMILL

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 17, 2007*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true servant of New Jersey and the States, who devoted his life to the safety and well being of his neighbors and community. John Joseph Hammill, a veteran of the United States Navy, Highland Park Police Department and the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, passed away on December 6, 2006 at the age of 59.

Born on July 23, 1947 in Jersey City, Mr. Hammill moved to Carteret, New Jersey as a teenager. After graduating from Carteret High School, Mr. Hammill enlisted in the United States Navy and served in a military hospital in Yokohama, Japan until 1969.

When Mr. Hammill returned home, he joined the Highland Park Police Department, dutifully protecting his community for 8 years and attaining the rank of Detective, First Grade. Demonstrating exceptional knowledge and passion for traffic safety, Mr. Hammill transferred to the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office in 1977, where he served as a detective in the Fatal Accident Unit until his retirement from law enforcement in 1994.

Mr. Hammill's relentless commitment to public service brought him out of a brief retirement to the Damon House Drug Rehabilitation Center in New Brunswick. Through hard work and dedication he ascended quickly through the organization to the role of Assistant Director, where he served in this capacity until retiring in 2004.

While devoting his professional career to serving the public, Mr. Hammill was equally unselfish with his personal time, working to better his community through organizations such as the New Jersey State Policeman's Benevolent Association, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the New Jersey Coalition Against Impaired Driving, the Middlesex County Alcohol Association and as an AARP defensive driving instructor.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the life of Mr. John Joseph Hammill. A caring family man, Mr. Hammill served his community and country with pride and honor. His life's work served as an inspiration to us all, and he will be deeply missed.

## LIEUTENANT TODD JASON BRYANT POST OFFICE

SPEECH OF

### HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2007*

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud cosponsor of H.R. 988, the Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office Building Designation Act. Todd Bryant, a First Lieutenant in the United States Army, was killed in action on October 31, 2003 when his Humvee encountered an explosive device on the road between Fallujah and Baghdad. He was 23 years old. He is a recipient of the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Purple Heart, the Iraqi Freedom Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Bronze Star.

Bryant, a 2002 graduate of West Point, was a member of Company C, 1st Battalion and 34th Armor Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas. Todd Bryant was deployed to Iraq in September 2003, a few days after he married his wife Jenifer.

Todd was born at the Long Beach Naval Hospital. Although he grew up in Riverside, he attended La Canada High School, located in La Canada-Flintridge, California, one of the cities I am privileged to represent. While at La Canada High, he participated in the band and played for the Spartans football team. Todd came from a military family. His parents, Larry and Linda, prior to both working at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in La Canada-Flintridge, both served as Captains in the U.S. Air Force. His older sister Tiffany is a fellow West Point graduate and his older brother Timothy is a U.S. Marine. Although Todd excelled at being a solider, he also had other interests. He volunteered as a Congressional intern in Congressman KEN CALVERT's office and he spent a summer participating in Service America at West Hills Elementary School in Bremerton, Washington in 2001. Learning more about Todd's interests and actions, one can not come away without noting the extraordinary impact he had on his friends, family and community. Today, his friends and family are still reminiscing about his humor, his love of In-N-Out burgers and his charisma.

Mr. Speaker, without question, Congress and the American people will continue to honor and remember the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in this war. We hope this small act of memorializing Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant at the Rubidoux post office honors his memory and serves as a reminder to those in the community of the remarkable heroism of Todd and his family.

## TRIBUTE TO J. LLOYD ''BUD'' JACOBS, JR.

### HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 17, 2007*

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize J. Lloyd ''Bud'' Jacobs, Jr., a remarkable educator who is retiring from the Los