

scholarly research projects through Undergraduate Research Fellowships. Since its inception in 1996, the fellowship has remained committed to enriching academic experiences by providing 236 students with over \$200,000 over the past 10 years to support efforts in their area of study.

After competing in a rigorous application process that included resume submissions, itemized budget proposals, and faculty recommendations, these four outstanding students from the 32nd District of Texas were selected. They were chosen with the anticipation that their efforts would assist in future studies of the field and contribute to the researchers' disciplines. The high caliber of these students' achievements is truly impressive and for that I wish to acknowledge them to my congressional colleagues.

It is my honor to recognize these students. The people of the 32nd District of Texas are proud of their successes. I wish the recipients the best of luck in both present and future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JOSE LUIS FLORES, SR., 1922–2007

**HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to recognize the passing of a distinguished Texan and member of the San Antonio community, Mr. Jose Luis Flores, Sr. Mr. Flores passed away on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at the age of 84. He was a friend, a husband, a father, and an inspiration to many in San Antonio, and he will be missed.

Mr. Flores's life was devoted to service to both his community and our country. He was an active parishioner of his church for 47 years, worked tirelessly to improve the lives of others by serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps, and courageously served our nation during the Second World War. For these reasons, we'll forever be grateful for all that he did on behalf of others, and San Antonio will deeply miss one of its native sons.

His life of service epitomizes the word "American." He gave back to his community and served his country to the best of his ability with the hope that he could better the lives of others. His life and legacy provide a great example for all that we as a Nation to strive to accomplish, and he will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.

HONORING CITY TILE AND FLOOR COVERING COMPANY'S 50 YEARS IN BUSINESS

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Doug Young and City Tile and Floor Covering Company on its 50th anniversary. The Murfreesboro, Tennessee, store began with fewer than five staff and now has about 20 employees and 30 subcontractors.

Doug's father, Andrew Young, was a partner in the business and brought Doug in as a partner shortly before he passed away. In 1978, after college and a tour in the U.S. Army, Doug became the sole proprietor of the business while in his late 20s.

Today, Doug's son, Andrew; brother, Rule; and son-in-law, Jerry Clark, are future partners-in-training. Doug says the tremendous amount of trust that exists in having a family business is the way to go. That trust exists not only inside the business, but also for City Tile and Floor Covering Company customers, as well. Doug's family has provided any type of flooring you can imagine for current generations, their parents and grandparents.

Doug lived down the street from me as we were growing up, so I have had the opportunity to watch and admire as Doug has developed his business and raised his family. Doug, I wish you and your family business many more happy milestones.

CONGRATULATING AMY KUENKER

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Amy Kuenker of the College of William and Mary. Ms. Kuenker is a teaching student and a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Award. This grant is given to promising individuals to aid them in their academic and cultural pursuits abroad.

The Fulbright Program was established by Congress in 1946 and is sponsored by the U.S. State Department. This program was designed to help build mutual understanding between Americans and the global community. Individuals who are awarded this distinction have demonstrated outstanding academic or professional achievement and have proven themselves as leaders in their field.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Ms. Kuenker and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

IN TRIBUTE TO ANDREW R. RENEAU

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and work of Mr. Andrew Reneau, a highly-respected and deeply principled Milwaukee attorney and Family Court Commissioner. Mr. Reneau died on May 6, 2007, at the age of 90.

Andrew R. Reneau was one of two African Americans to graduate from the University of Wisconsin in 1942. Upon graduation, the only work he could find was as a metal chipper at the Allis Chalmers foundry. After sustaining a serious eye injury, Mr. Reneau went back to school. A coin toss determined whether Mr. Reneau should become a mortician or go to law school. In 1946, Andrew Reneau earned a law degree and was the only African American in his Marquette University graduating class.

Mr. Reneau began a successful private law practice serving people from all over the city, conversing both in Polish and Italian with his clients. In 1976, Reneau became an Assistant Family Court Commissioner. He was named the first African American Family Court Commissioner in 1978, serving until his retirement in 1995. Andrew Reneau was a NAACP chapter president, the first editor of The Globe newspaper, and was active with the Boy Scouts of America Council and the YMCA. He was a founding member of St. James United Methodist Church and involved in the National Conference of Christians and Jews. A proud graduate of UW and Marquette, he lectured on family law at both law schools.

The grandson of slaves, he was born in Pontotoc, Mississippi in 1916, the youngest of eight children. The family moved to Beloit, WI, when he was 2 seeking better opportunities. Due to ill health, Mr. Reneau was unable to attend grade school for several years thus delaying graduation from high school until age 21.

Mr. Reneau met the former Phyllis Cabell at a church convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, and they were married after he graduated from UW. Phyllis Reneau supported the family by working at a foundry while he attended law school. Phyllis Reneau passed away in 1995. Reneau family survivors include sons David, Paul, Joseph, and Peter; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, in Andrew Reneau's death Milwaukee has experienced a profound loss. Today, I thank him and his family for their immeasurable achievements, I mourn his loss and I salute his legacy.

FREEDOM FOR NORMANDO HERNÁNDEZ GONZÁLEZ

**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to inform Congress about Normando Hernández González, a valiant prisoner of conscience in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. Hernández, an independent journalist and the director of the Camagüey College of Independent Journalists in Cuba, has been a chronicler of truth amid the lies and deceit of the Cuban totalitarian regime. Because he is a journalist who exposed the deplorable conditions, ruthless repression and failed policies of the totalitarian tyranny, Castro's thugs have continuously harassed Mr. Hernández. He has been detained and released miles from his home on various occasions and his telephone service has been cut off since June 15, 2002. In Cuba, men and women who seek truth or freedom are considered enemies of the state.

In March 2003, as part of the tyrant's heinous island wide crackdown on peaceful pro-democracy activists, Mr. Hernández was arrested by the tyranny. In a sham trial, he was sentenced to 25 years in the totalitarian gulag, for the crime of preparing reports, in which he attacked the health system, and the education provided in this country, questioned the justice system, tourism, culture, agriculture. Following his incarceration, Mr. Hernández has been kept in solitary confinement and allowed only

4 hours of sunlight a week. All communication with his family has been severely restricted and according to Yarai Reyes, his wife, he has been fed rotten food, refused all medical care and has been kept in a cell with no electricity.

When Mr. Hernández participated in a hunger strike to protest the deplorable prison conditions, he was transferred to another prison over 400 miles away from his family and loved ones. In this prison, he languishes in a rat and insect infested dungeon which he shares with common prisoners, many of which are considered dangerous and unstable. Mr. Hernández is routinely beaten and denied access to the outside world.

Madam Speaker, on April 30, 2007, the PEN American Center, which works to advance literature, defend free expression, and to foster international literary fellowship, named Mr. Hernández the recipient of its 2007 PEN/Barbara Goldsmith Freedom to Write Award honoring international literary figures that have been imprisoned or persecuted for defending the basic human right of expression. Let me be clear, Mr. Hernández is confined in an infernal dungeon for reporting truth instead of the mandated lies of the dictatorship in Cuba.

My colleagues, it is unconscionable and condemnable that just miles from our shores, a grotesque gangster regime keeps thousands behind bars simply for supporting freedom and democracy. I ask all members of this great Congress to demand with one, united, voice, the immediate release of Normando Hernández Gonzalez and every political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

#### EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO THE CITIZENS OF GREENSBURG, KAN- SAS

SPEECH OF

#### HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2007*

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sympathy of the citizens of Greensburg, Kansas. On May 4, 2007 a devastating tornado ripped through the community and destroyed 95 percent of the town. Ten lives were lost and 1,500 people were directly affected by this deadly terror. Greensburg was a quiet and charming town surrounded by pasture land lush and fertile. This town was preserved by generations of hardworking people who valued what they had and worked to keep it.

In the heartland, people know what it means to be a good neighbor. After this deadly tornado ripped through the community, there were countless examples, of strength, compassion and perseverance, traits we often see in Kansans. As people sifted through the shambles and rumble of what had been, at one time, their homes and personal belongings, wheat trucks and regular old four wheel drive pick-ups from neighboring towns drove in to lend a hand and a shoulder of comfort. It is heartwarming to witness how Kansans have come together in response to the Greensburg tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, my heart and prayers go out to all the citizens in Greensburg. Progress is being made and being made daily. They are picking up the pieces of their lives from what

was left from this horrible force of nature and are moving forward. The people of Greensburg obviously have tough days ahead, but I know with the resilient spirit they have demonstrated, they are up to the challenge and they will not be alone in overcoming it.

#### IN HONOR OF THE STUDENT GRADUATES OF PARAMUS' D.A.R.E. PROGRAM AT EAST BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, the Paramus Police Department will hold its D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony with the students of East Brook Middle School. More than 140 students are participating in this important program that gives young people the support they need to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., began as a small program in Los Angeles in 1983. Today, it is implemented in more than 75 percent of our Nation's school districts and in more than 43 other nations. It uses positive peer pressure to help children defeat the negative cultural influences that bombard them daily.

I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program at East Brook Middle School, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship:

Pankti Acharya, Omar Al-Rashdan, Danielle Ambrose, Elias Atie, Benjamin Audi, Amanda Aydin, Joseph Bacich, Matthew Barbara, Timothy Barkho, Adam Basner, Brianna Behrens, Christopher Billera, Lindsay Braverman, Vince Calupad, Eric Carminio, Tyler Casamenti, Alexa Cascione, Jessica Chakonis, Winnie Chau, Hae Chang Cheong, Daniel Choi, Emily Colasante, Matthew Criscione, Erica Cruz, Nicolas Datz, Dean Delucia, Michael DeSimone, Lillian Do, Timothy Dungan, Jermiah Emmenuel, Shannon English, Veronique Falkovich, Kenny Frohnapfel, Gia Fuerte, Cayla Gao, Kaitlyn Garcia, Miny Ge, Eric Giannantonio, Harlee Glock, Zoe Gnecco, Keisuke Goto, Tance Gozukucuk, Nicholas Gramuglia, Daniel Grisanti, Rebekah Guidroz, Aris Gungormez, Leila Hassak, Sabrina Helm, Erik Helstrom, Adriana Hemans, Kellie Heom, Darius House, Phillip Huffman, Yoon Jeong Hwang, Jaime Iacono, Suguru Ikeda, Alen Jo, Laila Jouejati, Erica Kato, Ji Soo Kim, Ah Young Kim, Victor Kim, Alexandra Kipp, Caroline Kordell, Theodore Koutros, Karen Kouyoumdjian, Anna Kuriakose, Richard Labarbiera, Kevin Lannigan, Stephanie Lasprilla, Paul Lawton, Sarah Lee, Jun Oh Lee, Monica Lehner, Andrew Licini, John Lukert, Aysia Luna, Melissa Lynch, Fabio Macias, Yu Maruyama, David Medvitz, Samuel Melendez, Paul Meyer, Matthew Miller, Koji Minoda, Edwin Montalvo, Bryan Mosquera, Heather Murphy, Stephen Oregon, Timothy Oechsner, Kevin Oh, Yula Oh, Daichi Omori, Rasha Orfali, Pamela Ospina, Abigail Ovadia, Kyrstie Pagunsan, Sylvia Pak, Michael Paladino, Thomas Palestina, Michelle Park, Dean Park, Mona Park, Sungho Park, Alex-

andra Pascual, Michael Passarelli, Kinjal Patel, Mitesh Patel, Gina Pecchinenda, Justin Peter, Kishen Pujara, Alejandra Ramirez, Elizabeth Reyes, Julia Reynolds, Colin Richardson, Jerry Rickelmann, III, Kathryn Roque, Gina Ruzhansky, Victoria Savastano, Stephen Scheideler, Gianna Scimeca, Bryan Shin, Olivia Sluka, Dominick Smith, Zachary Smith, Regina Smith, Alexis Stella, Rose Velli, Danielle Villa, Chelsea Virga, Thomas V. onborstel, Corinne Weinzierl, Alison Wolfer, Cindy Wu, Hosun Yoo, Andrew Yoon, Geena Yum, Ariana Zarour, Colette Zarour.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, May 22, I was unavoidably detained and was not present for six rollcall votes on that day.

Had I been present I would have voted: "no" on rollcall 390 on agreeing to the Price of Georgia amendment No. 9; "no" on rollcall 391 on agreeing to the Doolittle of California amendment No. 19; "no" on rollcall 392 on agreeing to the Hensarling of Texas amendment No. 30; "no" on rollcall 393 on agreeing to the Neugebauer of Texas amendment; "yea" on rollcall 394 on agreeing to the Neugebauer of Texas amendment No. 4; "no" on rollcall 395 on motion to recommit with instructions for H.R. 1427.

#### IN MEMORY OF DR. BENEDICT K. ZOBRIST

#### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Dr. Benedict K. Zobrist, the former director of the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library.

Dr. Zobrist was born in Moline, Illinois, on August 21, 1921, son of Benedict and Lila A. Colson Zobrist. He graduated from Moline High School in 1939 and went on to attend Augustana College, but left his studies to join the United States Army in 1942. After serving in World War II and upon discharge from active duty, he returned to complete his college studies. It was at Augustana College that he met Donna Anderson, his future wife. Benedict graduated in 1946 with a bachelor's degree in history and began graduate school at Stanford University. However, he returned to the Midwest to be closer to Donna and on October 23, 1948, they were united in marriage.

Dr. Zobrist resumed his studies at Northwestern University, earning both a master's degree (1948) and a doctor of philosophy degree (1953) in history. After completing his education, Dr. Zobrist joined the staff of Augustana College, where he became a full-time faculty member in 1960. In 1962, he won a Fulbright Fellowship and studied at Tunghai University in Taichung, Taiwan. He also pursued advanced studies at the East Asia Institute at Columbia University in New York in 1962-63.