

In his writing, Mr. Shieler brings the issue of poverty in America front-and-center. He spent years interviewing and building lasting relationships with people falling between the cracks, despite their steady work, many of whom live in the Cleveland area. The people he describes make incredible sacrifices and still are unable, in many cases, to provide for their basic needs and those of their family, such as food, health care, child care, transportation, sick days, and adequate time with their families.

He identifies acts of kindness of friends and employers who assist those not able to meet these needs through work as their saving grace, but he also discusses these interactions as the exception. There are many, many more working people in constant struggle without the help they need from their employers or their Government.

In all of his works, Mr. Shieler describes and explains real social and personal conflicts while emphasizing the need for principles of peace and understanding as the way forward.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring David Shieler for his distinguished and passionate career of spreading public awareness of crucial issues of inhumanity and injustice. His work has undoubtedly led many towards a greater awareness and push for social change.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEL  
JOSEPH

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007*

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mel Joseph as he receives the March of Dimes 2007 "Alexander Macomb Citizen of the Year" award.

Mr. Joseph is currently the General Manager for Kem-Tee & Associates in Macomb County. He worked to expand the company, which today covers over 21 counties, and has become one of the largest surveying and engineering businesses in southeast Michigan.

Combining his love of sports and work experiences, Mr. Joseph is deeply involved in a variety of community and professional organizations. He is an active member of the Michigan Mortgage Lender's Association, Michigan Mortgage Bankers Association, Women's Council of Realtors, Commercial Real Estate Women of Detroit, National Association of Mortgage Brokers, Detroit Association of Realtors, Western Wayne & Oakland Consolidated Association of Realtors, North Oakland County Board of Realtors, Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and Downriver Association of Realtors.

He has served as chairperson for the Continental Amateur Baseball Association, a board member for the Macomb Community College Surveying Advisory Board, and a member of the Luxury Suite Advisory Committee for the Detroit Tigers.

Mel Joseph was born and raised in the lower east side of Detroit. He attended St. Martin's school where he played basketball and was captain of the football team. He worked his way through college at his father's trucking business, and earned his bachelor's degree in communication from Wayne State University.

After graduation, Mr. Joseph went to work for Phillip Morris U.S.A. as a sales and marketing representative and advanced through the company to Divisional Sales Manager for the State of Illinois. He left Phillip Morris to pursue his love of sports and became the executive vice president of Professional Sports Representatives for Professional Management and Consultants.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mel Joseph for his commitment to excellence, as well as his professional and personal devotion to his community.

HONORING INSIGHT ENTERPRISES,  
INC. PENINSULA CENTER FOR  
INDEPENDENT LIVING

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Insight Enterprises, Inc. Peninsula Center for Independent Living of Hampton, Virginia. This year marks its 20th year of service to individuals with disabilities on the Virginia peninsula.

For 20 years, the Peninsula Center for Independent Living's philosophy has been that individuals with disabilities should play a major role in deciding their future. As a coalition of professionals working in the fields of education, rehabilitation and community services, the Peninsula Center has been instrumental in allowing persons with disabilities to empower themselves to truly live independent lives.

Madam Speaker, the Peninsula Center for Independent Living provides an invaluable service to thousands. The Peninsula Center works to ensure that individuals with disabilities who need housing, whether public or private, can locate housing that is accessible and suitable to their needs. The Peninsula Center has also provided assistance in resolving complaints in the areas of housing, education, employment and community programs. Other core services provided by the Peninsula Center include peer counseling, and independent skills training. The Peninsula Center also provides community outreach, including disability awareness, technical assistance regarding accessibility and legal issues, and general disability related information.

Insight Enterprises was founded by Ralph W. Shelman of Hampton, who still serves as its executive director. I have had the privilege of working with Ralph on a variety of issues affecting individuals with disabilities both here in the U.S. House of Representatives and during my service in the Virginia General Assembly. Ralph served as an influential member of the coalition that helped enact the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Commonwealth of Virginia knows no better advocate for persons with disabilities than Ralph. The Virginia General Assembly even passed a joint resolution commending Ralph for his work for individuals with disabilities in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Insight Enterprises, Inc. Peninsula Center for Independent Living, its executive director, Ralph Shelman, and their very professional and caring staff on their 20 years of service to the people of the Virginia peninsula. I com-

mend the officers, staff and board members of the Peninsula Center for all that they have done and will continue to do to better the lives of countless individuals, and I wish them many more years of service to the people of the Virginia peninsula.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
PAUL E. BEBOUT ON HIS INDUC-  
TION TO THE OHIO VETERANS  
HALL OF FAME

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Paul E. Bebout has been a wonderful father to seven children and made time to coach little league, be a boy scout leader and serve as a school board member; and

Whereas, Mr. Bebout is a Mason and Shriner, where he serves as the local project chairman and has helped raise thousands of dollars for Crippled Children's Hospitals; and

Whereas, he is a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and American Legion; and

Whereas, Mr. Bebout was named Legionnaire of the Year 2002/2003; and

Whereas, Mr. Bebout contributes to the Church Christmas programs; and

Whereas, he assisted to raise funds for scholarships for the local high school; and

Whereas, Mr. Bebout belongs to the Military Order of the Purple Heart Post #625; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Paul E. Bebout for his contributions to his community and country. Congratulations to Paul E. Bebout on his induction to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

CONTINUED PROHIBITION OF  
INTERNET GAMBLING

**HON. TOM FEENEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2007*

Mr. FEENEY. Madam Speaker, last year, I cosponsored legislation with Congressman BOB GOODLATTE to help stop the widespread growth of gambling over the internet. Though Federal law already prohibits gambling over telephone wires, the passage of this legislation was necessary to maintain the original intent of the law while also bringing it up to speed with the explosion of current and future technology. However, this update of the law made clear that it would only affect interstate commerce, respecting the rights of states by leaving to them the decision whether and how to regulate gambling within their own borders. New legislation before the Financial Services Committee attempts to undo all of this previous work, instead granting the federal government the expansive and exclusive right to regulate all online gambling. This new legislation would represent the first time in history that the Federal Government would be given power to issue gambling licenses, and it