

take extraconstitutional oaths under a draconian "Provisional Order." Predictably, they were summarily dismissed and locked up. The few opportunists who obliged now preside over empty courts boycotted by an overwhelming majority of lawyers. If this takes hold, the judicial purge would amount to retaining the weeds while killing the flowers.

Pakistani citizens view the emergency proclamation as Musharraf's desperate attempt to hold on. Democratic stability requires an orderly, defined and predictable means of transferring power. Musharraf, like others in the dust-bin of Third World history, is trying to break this mandate, subjugating national interest to personal power. Does the self-professed "enlightened-moderate" appreciate the difference between Robert Mugabe and Nelson Mandela? Why, then, does he walk in Mugabe's footsteps?

Muneer, who is supported by Santa Clara's and Yale's law schools, along with the American Bar Association, said while free, "No army can stop the march of an idea whose time has come." I urge our government to be on the side of an advancing idea and on the right side of history. This is also the moral side and the right tactic in the war on terror.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
JAMES MYRON

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of James 'Jim' Myron, a resident of the First Congressional District of Tennessee, who died November 19, 2007.

James Myron was a lifelong resident of Johnson City. He was co-owner of Black Tie Formalwear and Janes's Lunch Box, two staples in downtown Johnson City.

Mr. Myron was a member of the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Neighborhood Association, and active throughout the community.

He was dedicated to his family. He is survived by his wife, Jane Moon Myron, who our thoughts and prayers are with during this time.

Mr. Myron enjoyed the surroundings of the First District. He was known for his love of the beautiful mountains, area lakes, and the local sports scene.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my fellow members to join me in honoring the memory of James 'Jim' Myron, a successful businessman, a true servant of the community, and a dedicated family man. He will be missed.

HONORING THE 135TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BORAX COMPANY

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. McKEON. Madam Speaker, it is with great privilege that I rise today to pay tribute to the 135th year of continuous business conducted by the Borax Company, which was celebrated on October 12, 2007. This occasion makes Borax one of the longest surviving mining firms in the United States. I am proud

that between 1993 and 2006, the national headquarters for Borax remained in Valencia, CA, in my home district.

Borax traces its roots back to 1872, when F.M. "Borax" Smith discovered Borax in Teel's Marsh, NV. Borate deposits, which are used in insulation, textile fiberglass, detergents, ceramics, plant fertilizers, flame retardants, pest control, cosmetics, medicines, and more, were also discovered in California's Death Valley.

By 1883, teams of 20 mules were used by the company to haul Borax out of the remote Death Valley 165 miles away to Mojave. Though the mule-hauling years only lasted from 1883 to 1888, the teams continue to live on as a symbol of the company's commitment to innovation.

In 2000, Borax's global operations achieved certification for excellence in environmental management. Then in 2001, the company formed partnership with Millennium Cell to develop a safe, clean fuel alternative based on sodium borohydride. This was followed by the pit-stop of the 2002 Chrysler Natrium, the world's first sodium borohydride-powered zero-emission vehicle, at the Borax Company's national headquarters.

Today, Borax employs over 1,000 people and is acknowledged as the world leader in Borate technology, research and development. Technical support for customers, product quality, and supply reliability are the pillars of the company's commercial commitment. Borax proudly reflects a respectable commitment to ensuring that practices and products are socially, environmentally, and economically sustainable.

Madam Speaker and my colleagues, I ask that you join me in honoring the 135th year of continuous business for this admirable mining company. It is a special occasion when businesses witness such good fortune resulting from the many long hours of dedicated teamwork which are given by employees for the good of the company and its customers.

RECOGNIZING MIKE ANDERSON AS
FLORIDA'S MAYOR OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of Mike Anderson for his extraordinary contributions as mayor to the city of Fort Walton Beach, FL.

On November 9, 2007, Mayor Mike Anderson was selected as the 2007 Florida League of Cities Mayor of the Year. He was recognized for his "outstanding commitment and public outreach, as well as his initiative in developing innovative programs."

Mayor Anderson holds degrees from the University of Southern California, the University of Texas, and the University of West Florida. Upon graduating from USC, he joined the Air Force, which brought him to northwest Florida, where he retired in 1984. He worked with Civil Service at Eglin from 1985 to 2005 and it was during this stage in his career that he became active in the community.

He served as a city councilman for 4 years, where he served on the Okaloosa-Walton

Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and the Northwest Florida Regional TPO. In 2005, he was elected mayor of the city of Fort Walton Beach.

Mayor Anderson is also known throughout the community for his leadership roles throughout much of northwest Florida. He is currently a member of the Florida League of Cities Home Rule Council, President of the Okaloosa County League of Cities, Government Affairs Committee of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors of the Emerald Coast Marine Institute, the Okaloosa School Foundation, and many other civic organizations.

While Mayor Anderson works diligently to improve the quality of life for the members of his community, he also makes time to greet airmen as they return from service overseas, visit area businesses to show gratitude for their community support, and even congratulate residents for their award winning lawns.

His service does not stop there; he also focuses much of his attention on another passion: the youth of the community. His commitment to helping shape the children of Fort Walton Beach into well-rounded young people has inspired Mayor Anderson to introduce several youth programs. These include the Summer Youth at Work Program, the Student Award for Civic Excellence, and a Youth Committee Program. For his dedication to students in the Take Stock in Children initiative, he was presented with the Award of Excellence in Mentoring—Local Government Mentor of the Year in the spring of 2007 by the Florida Mentoring Program.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor Mayor Mike Anderson for his achievements and thank him for his dedicated service. His recognition by various organizations confirms his commitment to excellence and the continuous advancement of the city of Fort Walton Beach. May God continue to bless him and I wish him continued success in his career.

IN TRIBUTE TO LLOYD MICHAEL
HAMMES

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an exceptional man, Lloyd Michael Hammes, a constituent of mine from Iowa's 3rd District. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, was a prisoner of war, and until recently, was one of the few World War II veterans still living in the 3rd District of Iowa.

Mr. Hammes served his time during the Second World War in North Africa, where he was captured and spent time as a prisoner of war. During this imprisonment, he was shuffled around to various detainment camps throughout Europe. At the end of his service, he was the deserving recipient of the Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars.

When Lloyd returned to the United States, he met his wife, Virginia Perdue, at the Des Moines Veterans Affairs hospital. They were married, and eventually settled down near Harper, Iowa, where they lived for nearly 40 years. Lloyd Michael Hammes passed away