

those who want to make their own communities the best that they can be in serving the needs and desires of their residents. My heart goes out to those who will miss him most, his loving wife and partner, Catherine, and his children Sarajane, David, Donald and Susan.

PROMOTE AND PROTECT OUR
STRONG ECONOMY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, America's third quarter GDP grew at an impressive 4.9 percent. That means we have had 6 straight years of economic growth coupled with a record 51 straight months of job growth creating 8.3 million additional jobs. In the district I represent, the Nation's fourth largest cabinet company, the ElKay Cabinet Division, has announced a new manufacturing plant in Barnwell which will create hundreds of jobs. This job success is the product of the pro-growth tax policies that President Bush signed into law 4 years ago.

There remains much more that we must do in order to promote strong economic growth. We need energy legislation that actually helps create new energy, health care reform that values individual choice over government mandate, and sensible tax reform. We must enact legislation—including a repeal of the Alternative Minimum Tax—that doesn't expand the burden of Washington spending on the backs of middle class Americans and small businesses.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th.

IN RECOGNITION OF KATE
WHITACRE

HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of Cadet Kate Whitacre from Boonville, IN. Kate recently received the Carl A. Spaatz Award—the highest honor bestowed upon members of the Civil Air Patrol.

The award is based on a demonstrated excellence in leadership, character, fitness and aerospace education. And Kate's receipt of this prestigious award is a testament not only to her abilities in these areas but also to her commitment to our community.

As a member of the Civil Air Patrol, she is volunteering to risk her own life to make others safer, and she understands that there is no higher calling than service to others.

I congratulate Kate Whitacre on her tremendous accomplishment. She is a leader among many and an inspiration to us all.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND
SECURITY ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, the energy bill before us today raises the bar and sets new, higher standards for us as a Nation and all I can say is "It's about time."

It's about time we raised CAFE standards to a level to be competitive with the rest of the world. Allowing these standards to fall behind is an embarrassment for a country that should be a role model for other countries in technology and efficiency.

It's about time that we had a nationwide renewable energy standard. Renewable energy in some form is available in every corner of this Nation. We need to invest in it and make it work for us and for a cleaner future for our children. Setting a standard at 15 percent is a good start.

And it's about time that we work toward making cleaner fuels for our automobiles. That's why I'm proud language is included in this bill that I authored with the gentleman from Maryland, Mr. BARTLETT, which sets a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the production and use of biofuels.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill and move our energy policy forward for our children and grandchildren. It's about time.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
SHIRLEY WADDING

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the many accomplishments of the Honorable Shirley Wadding, Mayor of Lake Station, Indiana. I have known Shirley for many years, and she is one of the most involved citizens that I have ever known, especially when it comes to her service to the residents of Lake Station. Shirley has been a public official in Lake Station for the past twenty years, the last twelve of which she served as the city's mayor. Though Shirley has been the cornerstone of her community, she decided not to run for reelection and will be retiring from her elected office at year's end. For her efforts and many contributions to the City of Lake Station, Shirley was honored at a retirement celebration on Saturday, December 1, 2007, at the Lake Station Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9323.

Originally from Indiana, Pennsylvania, Shirley came to Northwest Indiana in 1960. A resident of Lake Station since that time, Shirley's familiarity with the people of Lake Station and her fondness for the city emerged from her everyday interactions with them as the owner of a local sandwich shop. Undoubtedly, it was her connection to the people that steered her in the direction of public service and led to her election to the city council in 1987. Following eight years on the council, Shirley's leadership

skills and dedication led to her election as mayor, serving from 1996 to 2007. During this time, Shirley received numerous accolades from the community, including: the Liberty Bell Award from the Indiana State Bar Association in 2002, the Department of the Army's Certificate of Appreciation in 2005, and the Marine Corps League Distinguished Service Award in 2007.

As the mayor of Lake Station, Shirley was instrumental in many improvements and upgrades within the city. Throughout her tenure, Lake Station has welcomed several new subdivisions and businesses, as well as many new public facilities, including a community center, a senior and nutrition center, a food pantry, a public library, and a compost facility. Thanks to Shirley's leadership and perseverance, the city was also able to acquire and restore what would become her most rewarding contribution, the Lake Station Boys and Girls Club. Throughout the years, Shirley's commitment to public safety and the well-being of the community was constant. During this time, the city saw improvements and additions made to the ambulance service, the police department, and the fire department. These included additional vehicles, equipment, officers, computer upgrades, and a new 911 emergency system. Public health services were also improved through the addition of a mosquito sprayer, new storm sewers, a renovated water tower, and new sidewalks and walking trails. Beautification of the city has also been one of Shirley's primary objectives, as is evidenced by Lake Station's Veterans' Community Park, a covered walking bridge, and numerous landscaping projects throughout the city.

Having decided to retire from public service, Shirley will now be able to spend much of her time with those closest to her, her family. A loving wife, mother, and grandmother, Shirley's commitment to the people of Lake Station is surpassed only by her dedication to her family. Shirley and her husband, Harry, have shared many wonderful years together. They have been blessed with three children: Jody, Toni, and James. Harry and Shirley are also the proud grandparents of 6 adoring grandchildren: Larissa, Kristin, Jordan, Jenna, Jake, and Jonas.

Madam Speaker, Shirley Wadding has given her time and efforts selflessly to the people of Lake Station for the past twenty years and beyond. At this time, I ask that you and all of my distinguished colleagues join me in commending her for her service and dedication. I also ask you to join me in wishing her the best of health and happiness in the years to come.

CARDINAL JOHN P. FOLEY DAY IN
PHILADELPHIA

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, December 13, 2007, is a special day in Philadelphia. The City Council has declared 'Cardinal John P. Foley Day in the City of Philadelphia' to honor a great and humble priest of our city who has been elevated to Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church.

Both in Philadelphia and on the world stage, Cardinal Foley has served ably as the communicator of both faith and social policy for the

Catholic Church as it performs vital work in maintaining the health and welfare safety net for many of our citizens in need, regardless of religion, race or nationality.

Even as Cardinal Foley has served two Popes at the Vatican for the past 23 years, he always left his heart in Philadelphia. He has made frequent return visits to friends, family, fellow priests and all his admirers in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, where he was born, raised and ordained.

December 13 highlights Cardinal Foley's first visit home since the Consistory in Rome on November 24, 2007, at which he and 22 other priests were elevated to Cardinal. He will be honored in Philadelphia City Council, where he will open the weekly session with a prayer. Then he will celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul along Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Cardinal Foley's career as a Catholic communicator extends back to his youth, as a teenager in Sharon Hill. As a student at St. Joseph's Preparatory School, he wrote and produced plays on the lives of saints that were broadcast on a radio station that specialized in Catholic programming. Also at St. Joseph's Prep he developed an abiding lifetime friendship with Richard A. Doran, an outstanding Philadelphian on whose counsel and friendship I often relied in the dawn of my career. Tragically, Dick Doran died less than a year before this week's celebration, but the ceremonies this week will be graced by his widow Mary Doran.

As a student at St. Joseph's University the future Cardinal Foley was a TV regular on a Channel 3 college debate series, often jousting with Penn's ARLEN SPECTER, now Pennsylvania's senior senator. And in typical Foley storytelling fashion he recalls that the show shared studio space with "Bertie the Bunyip," a legendary local puppet show of the 1950s.

The late Cardinal John Krol spotted this young priest as a devout man of great talent and potential. Cardinal Krol arranged for him to attend Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, installed him as Editor of the Catholic Standard and Times for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 1970 to 1984, then recommended him to Pope John Paul II for a new post as President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications at the Vatican.

Then-Archbishop Foley undertook the task of explaining church teachings through the worldwide media. He designed and implemented the Vatican's modern communications policy. He also served as the voice of the Vatican on such occasions as the global telecast of Midnight Mass from St. Peter's—a role he intends to continue.

Now, in addition to solemn duties as advisor to Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Foley has taken on the responsibility at the Vatican for overseeing the Catholic holy places in the Middle East as Pro Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Through it all, this man of God has never lost his humility, his gentle wit and his broad smile as he has risen to this most elite level of the billion-member worldwide church to

which he devotes his life. Cardinal Foley Day is a day of celebration for all of us.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JELINDO
ANGELO "J.A." TIBERTI

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jelindo Angelo "J.A." Tiberti, who died on Wednesday May 3, 2006.

J.A. was a pillar of the Las Vegas construction industry, patriarch of Tiberti construction and a civic leader. J.A. came to Las Vegas from California in 1941 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build the runway at what is now Nellis Air Force Base. He formed Waale, Camplan and Tiberti Construction Co. in 1947 and developed Bonanza Village on Bonanza Road before venturing out on his own in 1950. Among his many prominent works in Las Vegas are the Las Vegas Club, Palace Station, Sunset Station, Club Bingo and the Gold Coast. He built schools, hospitals, and public buildings. Not only was he a great craftsman, he was also a benevolent member of society. J.A.'s charitable contributions include a million dollar donation to help create the UNLV College of Engineering in 1979, and he provided the funds to build Camp Potosi for the Boy Scouts Boulder Dam Area Council. He was also appointed to the Las Vegas City Planning Commission in 1953 and served six consecutive four-year terms. J.A. received a number of professional awards as well, such as the Southern Nevada Engineer of the Year award in 1972, and the state's Most Distinguished Nevadan in 1987.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Jelindo Angelo "J.A." Tiberti. His professional success and philanthropic nature should serve as an example to us all. He will surely be missed by the community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LEE STRAWHUN—

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the many years of dedicated service of Mr. Lee Strawhun. Having known Lee for many years, I can truly say that he is one of the most committed, knowledgeable, and honorable citizens in Northwest Indiana. Nowhere has his knowledge and commitment been more evident than in his faithful service to the mental health profession, and more specifically, to the Southlake Center for Mental Health. Lee has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Southlake Center since its founding in April of 1976. For many years, Lee has been a constant fixture at the Southlake Center for Mental Health, and for his efforts, he was honored at a farewell reception on Thursday, December 6, 2007, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana.

Lee Strawhun has spent his entire life, both professionally and personally, working at ways to improve not only mental health services, but society as a whole. From his service to his country as a member of the United States

Army Reserves to his consulting work with various organizations to his service to the youth of his community as faculty member at Indiana University-Northwest and guest lecturer at Purdue University-Calumet, Valparaiso University-School of Law, and DePaul University-School of Law, Lee has always sought opportunities to improve the quality of life for all people.

Looking back, it is not surprising that Lee was chosen as the first staff member at the Southlake Center for Mental Health back in 1976. Following a very successful six years as the Deputy Director of the Northwest Indiana Comprehensive Health Planning Council, Lee was brought on during a time when mental health services were not readily accepted. Since serving Southlake Center's first clients in 1977, Lee Strawhun has led the way and has been the catalyst for the improvement of mental health services in Northwest Indiana and beyond. During Lee's tenure, the Southlake Center for Mental Health has seen astonishing growth. To name a few of these outstanding advances, Southlake Center has expanded to include: drug and alcohol treatment programs, GED and general medical services programs, supervised group living homes, a psychology doctoral internship program, an acute partial hospitalization program, a countywide divorce education program, residential treatment centers for adolescents and children, independent group living facilities, and a forensic diversion program.

Without a doubt, Lee Strawhun has been an innovative and respected leader throughout the years. To attest to this fact, Lee has been the recipient of numerous awards for his leadership and dedication. To name a few of his many accolades, Lee was honored with the "Distinguished Hoosier Award" in 1982 by Governor Robert Orr, the "Adam Benjamin Advocacy Award" in 1989 by the Indiana Mental Health Association's Lake County Chapter, the "Outstanding Achiever Award" in 1990 by the American Cancer Society, and the "Outstanding Board Member of the Year Award" in 2001 by the Indiana Association of Community Corrections Counties. Then, in 2004, Lee was awarded the prestigious "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Governor Frank O'Bannon.

Though it may be difficult to imagine where he has found the time, Lee has always been an active member of various professional organizations, including: the National Council of Community Mental Health Centers, American Society for Public Administration, Reserve Officers Association, American Correctional Association, and the Mental Health Corporations of America. He has also been a member of various organizations within Northwest Indiana, including: the Mental Health Association, Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers, Calumet Region Montessori, Merrillville Rotary Club, Alumni Association of the Indiana University—School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University-Northwest—Center for Medical Education, Lake County Community Corrections Advisory Board, Workforce Investment Board, Merrillville Chamber of Commerce, Merrillville Sanitary District, and the Merrillville "Vision 21" Committee.

Madam Speaker, Lee Strawhun has devoted his life to improving mental health services and to serving the people of Northwest Indiana. At this time, I ask that you and all of my distinguished colleagues join me in commending him for his lifetime of service, perseverance, and dedication. I also ask that you join me in wishing him the best of health and happiness in the years to come.