

HONORING KYLE EDWARD
BOWMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Edward Bowman, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Edward Bowman for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on February 26, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my votes for rollcall Nos. 72–77. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 72—“yes”—On Approving the Journal; rollcall No. 73—“yes”—Providing for consideration of the bill, H.R. 3521, to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; rollcall No. 74—“yes”—Providing for consideration of the bill, H.R. 3521, to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; rollcall No. 75—“yes”—Sires of New Jersey Amendment; rollcall No. 76—“yes”—Meek of Florida Amendment; rollcall No. 77—“yes”—Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act.

HONORING NATIONAL PEACE
CORPS WEEK AND THE 47TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE PEACE
CORPS

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate National Peace Corps Week and the 47th anniversary of the Peace Corps.

While much has changed in the world since the Peace Corps was created in 1961, its goals and ideals of promoting goodwill remain. Volunteers continue to provide invaluable services in 74 countries, serving as educators, technology consultants, environmental specialists, and business advisors.

At a time when extremism is sweeping through much of the globe, more than ever, we need these dedicated individuals.

As the former chairman of the House Subcommittee on Africa, I have had the opportunity to meet with several Peace Corps volunteers around the continent. The commitment these men and women have shown is extremely impressive and is to be commended.

During his trip to Africa last week, the President announced the return of Peace Corps volunteers to Rwanda, and he met with volunteers in Ghana, recognizing their work.

Madam Speaker, I have seen the valuable work the Peace Corps is doing in Africa, and throughout the world. It deserves our recognition and support.

TRIBUTE TO BILL CROW

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

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Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor the dedicated public service of a long time friend and member of my staff, Bill Crow. Bill and his wife Jan have been two of my closest and most trusted advisers since I first ran for State representative back in 1986. While Jan served as my district director during my seven terms in the State legislature and my first two terms in Congress, Bill served as my chief of staff for 3 years and my special projects director for the last 2 years.

Bill and Jan have always been much more than just members of my staff; they are part of my family. Having served as a legislator for over 20 years, I rely heavily on my own instincts to guide many of the most difficult decisions, but I have come to rely just as heavily on the sound advice and good judgment of Bill Crow. Although Bill readily admits, as does any good husband, that his best ideas actually come from Jan.

Bill began his career as a geologist who dabbled in politics, but he is ending his career as a skilled political adviser with a degree in geology. My work schedule keeps me in Washington much more than I would like, but with Bill and Jan serving as my eyes and ears in Houston, I felt like I never missed a beat. Bill is locally renowned as an expert on transportation policy, having spearheaded my work on the Katy Freeway reconstruction and improving access to the Texas Medical Center. He also led the effort to promote and fund the groundbreaking collaborative research being done by the Alliance for Nanohealth, and he assembled a first-rate team of doctors and scientists to serve as my Science Advisory Board, which is vital to my work on the House Appropriations Committee.

Any veteran legislator will tell you that the most valued members of their staff are not the ones who tell them they did a good job, but the ones who tell them how they can do a better job. Bill and Jan were those members of my staff, which is why I still seek them out after any public appearance or speech I have in Houston. Although retirement will allow them to spend more time with their family, I take solace knowing that Bill and Jan will stay active and engaged in local politics and that they will remain a permanent fixture in my family.

TRIBUTE TO ELLIOTT BROIDY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, my colleague, HENRY WAXMAN, and I rise to pay tribute to Elliott Broidy, recipient of the prestigious Raoul Wallenberg Award. This Award is given to individuals who exhibit courage, selflessness and success against great odds. Elliott Broidy's civic duty and philanthropy have earned him this great honor. On February 27, 2008, the Raoul Wallenberg Committee and the Gateways Organization will host a special dinner recognizing his outstanding achievements.

Elliott Broidy has helped strengthen the beloved country of his birth, the United States, and his spiritual home, the State of Israel. In 2001, when the Second Intifada threatened Israel's security, Mr. Broidy formed Markstone Capital Partners with the intent of providing a superior return to its investors while strengthening Israel's economic viability. Markstone is Israel's largest private equity fund. To date, the fund has invested nearly half a billion dollars in Israeli companies, creating hundreds of new jobs and helping to build a strong economy for Israel.

In our community, Elliot Broidy has dedicated himself to countless humanitarian causes and foundations, including the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, Aviva Family and Children's Service, Hebrew Union College and the University of Southern California. He serves as a member of the United States Homeland Security Advisory Council, the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, the Los Angeles Police Foundation and the Board of Governors of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. For the last 5 years, he has served as a Commissioner of the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension Fund. He is also a member of the Young Presidents Organization and the Board of Advisors for the USC Marshall School Center for Investment Studies.

Prior to founding Broidy Capital Management, Elliott Broidy had a successful career in money management. He is a Certified Public Accountant and received a B.S. in accounting and finance from the University of Southern California. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Robin, and their three children. Throughout the years, Robin has worked alongside her husband in many worthy organizations and causes that have greatly benefited thousands of children and families in Los Angeles.

We ask our colleagues to join us in saluting Elliott Broidy for his longtime service to the State of Israel and to our community.

HONORING KYLE JOSEPH KRUG

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