

center have successfully negotiated 850 administrative discharges.

Elizabeth's work continues to have national effect as she provides counseling support to troops testifying at the Winter Soldier hearings in D.C. At an upcoming GI national retreat, she will conduct training on post-traumatic stress for hotline counselors.

Aside from her lifelong international work for human rights, Elizabeth is mother to three adult children and Sanctuary Mom to five, whose father was executed by death squads after helping to found El Salvador's Human Rights Commission.

Madam Speaker, Elizabeth's commitment to the rights of the vulnerable has rightly earned her the 2008 Jack Green Civil Liberties Award. I am honored to have Elizabeth Stinson as my constituent. I commend her for her work and for the well-deserved award being bestowed on her by the ACLU of Sonoma County.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. GORDON  
HOWE

**HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 31, 2008*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a living legend in Detroit ice hockey, Mr. Gordon "Gordie" Howe, as he celebrates his 80th birthday today.

Mr. Hockey, as Howe is universally recognized for his greatness on the ice, sprang from humble beginnings. Born in Floral, Saskatchewan, Canada, in the midst of the Great Depression, Howe, who was the fifth of nine children, grew up in poverty and was often sick due to poor nutrition. A significant milestone in Howe's life came at the tender age of 5, when his mother purchased some used belongings from a neighbor, which included his first pair of skates.

Howe immersed himself in hockey, day in and day out, using anything he could find, be it a puck, a tennis ball, or even clumps of dirt. While he didn't make the local youth hockey team, Howe didn't let this discourage him, and worked hard to develop into an excellent skater. During summers, Howe would work with his father at construction sites where the work helped him develop the exceptional strength that would give him one of the hardest shots in hockey. By the time he was 15, Howe was already an imposing 6 feet tall and 200 pounds.

In 1943, Howe was invited by the New York Rangers for a tryout. Howe failed to make the team, but despite this rejection, he was invited to try out for the Detroit Red Wings, where he impressed the coach and general manager Jack Adams. In 1946, at the age of 18, Howe made his National Hockey League debut playing right wing for the Detroit Red Wings. He quickly established himself as a great goal scorer, a gifted playmaker, and a dominating physical presence on the ice. Using his strength and talent, Howe was able to dominate the opposition throughout a career that spanned 5 decades, a feat unmatched by any athlete in any sport.

By the time Howe retired from the Red Wings in 1971, he had led them to four Stanley Cup championships, seven first place finishes, and established the team as a perennial

powerhouse. In addition, Howe was a six-time NHL Most Valuable Player and winner of the scoring title, and was the career leader in games played, goals, assists, and points. In 1973, when his sons Marty and Mark joined the Houston Aeros of the World Hockey Association, they convinced Gordie to fulfill his dream of playing on the professional level with them. After the WHA folded in 1979, Howe joined the Hartford Whalers of the NHL for one final season, helping the team make the playoffs. In 1997, Howe accomplished the last milestone in his storied career when he played professional hockey in a sixth decade. Playing a shift with the Detroit Vipers of the International Hockey League at nearly 70 years old, Howe was greeted by a thundering ovation.

Along with his many achievements on the ice, Howe and his wife Colleen are dedicated to the children of their community and around the world. The Howe Foundation, which they founded in 1993, is dedicated to enriching the lives of those in need.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a fine neighbor, a true Michigan fixture, and the man who made Detroit "Hockeytown," the greatest sports city in the world. I wish him a happy and healthy birthday, and wish him many more to come.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT  
OF COMMANDER GEORGE SHERWOOD

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 31, 2008*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the many unsung heroes of our Nation's history, CDR George Sherwood, who will soon retire from an honorable career with the United States Navy.

Commander Sherwood was designated a Naval Aviator in 1985, following graduation from the University of Kansas and completion of flight training in Pensacola, FL, and Corpus Christi, TX. He served in a number of naval air deployments over the next 12 years in California, Texas, Japan, Puerto Rico, Panama, Iceland, and Sicily. He served in a variety of leadership positions, including Plane Commander, Mission Commander, Instructor Pilot, Tactics Officer, Training Officer, and Maintenance Officer.

In 1998, Commander Sherwood reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Arlington, VA. He continued his personnel role as Officer-in-Charge in Dallas, TX. And, Commander Sherwood has spent the final stage of his career as the Naval Attaché with the U.S. Embassy in Baku, Azerbaijan. He has received two Meritorious Service Medals, an Air Medal, three Navy Commendation Medals, four Navy Achievement Medals, and multiple campaign and unit awards.

Commander Sherwood is one of many men and women who have spent their lives in service to their Nation. They do so for love of country and out of a true sense of commitment to the principles of freedom for which America stands. They do so without fanfare and without expectation of gratitude. But, our limitless gratitude is, indeed, what they deserve.

CDR George Sherwood is not only one of those fine men and women in uniform, but also my brother. My family and I are immensely proud of him. And, we thank him for his tireless dedication to our Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JEWISH  
FUND

**HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 31, 2008*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jewish Fund, a charitable organization in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Sinai Hospital began as a clinic opened by Dr. Harry Saltzstein in 1922. In January, 1953, Sinai Hospital opened their doors to give Jewish health care professionals a place to practice and as a central institution for the Jewish community. It was the realization of a dream for Detroit's Jewish community. From there the hospital grew into one of Detroit's top health care institutions.

In 1997, when the Detroit Medical Center purchased Sinai Hospital, it was not the end of that dream, but rather a transformation into another institution of excellence. Established with the proceeds from the sale, the Jewish Fund is an organization designed to perpetuate the Sinai dream through stewardship and innovation. The Fund continues the tradition of assuring excellent and compassionate care for those in need.

The Fund, recognizing the diverse population in Detroit, serves as a resource for the entire community, whether supporting the public health needs or fostering stronger relations with the city. Their role today is vital to many health care initiatives. They have provided over \$35 million in grants for health care over the last 10 years, including \$600,000 in grants for the Jewish Hospice and Chaplaincy Network this year alone.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the achievements and service of the Jewish Fund. Their contributions to Detroit and the metropolitan area are too great to enumerate, and I wish them many years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF THE NEWLY ELECTED  
PRESIDENT OF TAIWAN, DR.  
MA YING-JEUO

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 31, 2008*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I join my congressional colleagues in congratulating Dr. Ma Ying-jeou on his victory in Taiwan's recent Presidential election. The election was conducted with fairness and is free of any controversy.

I wish Dr. Ma every success as he leads Taiwan forward in a period filled with many challenges but also filled with many opportunities for Taiwan to prosper and achieve even greater success. I look forward to continuing to grow our relationship with Taiwan under the leadership of the newly elected President Ma.