

As Ms. Nelms retires, she will be remembered for her belief in the needs of the total child along with her other accomplishments. She started a tennis program and encouraged fine arts within the schools. She is an excellent role model as well as the consummate professional. Her elegance and charm are as integral to her being as her love for learning. Ms. Nelms has touched the lives of countless students, parents and administrators.

Quite appropriately, Ms. Nelms has received many awards, accolades and honors for her work in the Newark Public School System. I am truly grateful that she chose Newark as her system of choice because I know she had other options. As a former teacher, I know that to be in an educational environment is to serve with one's heart. Ms. Anzella Nelms has served with her heart since 1964 and in the process has created a memorable legacy.

Madam Speaker, I am sure my colleagues agree that Ms. Anzella Nelms deserves to be feted at a party in her honor on Friday, April 18, 2008, for her many years of dedicated service to the Newark community. I am proud to have had her in my Congressional district and wish her never-ending success in her future endeavors.

HONORING CHRISTIAN ALBERT  
MCGRAIN

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 22, 2008*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Christian Albert McGrain, the first baby born in New Jersey in 2008. Christian was born 26 seconds after midnight on January 1, 2008 at St. Peters University Hospital in New Brunswick. NJ to proud parents Jacqueline Dempsey McGrain and Michael McGrain. Christian is the pride and joy of his grandparents Albert and Carol McGrain, Thomas K. and Gail Dempsey, and great-grandparents, Tom and Phyllis Dempsey.

Madam Speaker, the birth of Christian Albert McGrain, mere seconds after midnight on New Year's Day, is a cause for celebration. With Christian's timely birth, this is a year his family will always remember. I wish Christian and his family the very best in 2008.

RECOGNIZING SHANNON MICHAEL

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 22, 2008*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shannon Michael on achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award. Receiving the Gold Award is a testament to Miss Michael's leadership, citizenship, and service to her community.

For her Gold Award project, Shannon Michael organized volunteers from her church, Girl Scouts, and a senior center to donate baby supplies and materials to make baby blankets. Miss Michael then taught younger girls how to sew and knit the blankets which

were given to Metrocrest Social Services to distribute to needy families with babies.

The Girl Scouts of America promotes a positive influence for young women of today. I am honored to represent Shannon Michael in earning the highest award bestowed in Girl Scouts. I commend her commitment and dedication for the betterment of her life, her community, and her country.

JARED BRYAN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 22, 2008*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jared Bryan who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jared Bryan is a student at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jared Bryan is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Jared Bryan for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

HONORING TARAN RAY WINNIE

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 22, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Taran Ray Winnie of Kearney, Missouri. Taran is 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 397, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Taran has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Taran 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 Taran Ray Winnie for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MICHAEL  
T. LILLY

**HON. BILL SALI**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 22, 2008*

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Michael T. Lilly of Boise,

Idaho. Sergeant Lilly was killed on April 7, 2008 in Sadr City, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom when a rocket propelled grenade caused an explosion near Sergeant Lilly's position.

While serving the United States, Sergeant Lilly distinguished himself amongst fellow soldiers as an enthusiastic, patriotic soldier, passionately dedicated to serving his country and defending freedom abroad. Sgt. Lilly embodied high caliber leadership in keeping with the highest traditions and customs of the United States Army, and his guidance will be sorely missed by all of those with whom he served.

Sgt. Lilly was a graduate of Borah High School, a "Borah Lion." At the memorial service held in his honor, one of the speakers, former Boise Airport police chief and Borah grad Mike Johnson said, "Lilly had the heart of a Lion. Tonight, the Lion sleeps." There can be no finer tribute to this sterling young man.

I extend to his wonderful family my most sincere condolences and express my heartfelt appreciation for the brave men and women like Sgt. Lilly who have borne the hardships of battle and perished in the line of fire.

EQUAL PAY DAY

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 22, 2008*

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise to call attention to Equal Pay Day.

This is the day when the average wages of a female worker catch up to the average wages of a male worker during the previous year.

That's right, the Equal Pay Act was signed into law by President Kennedy in 1963, yet here we are in 2008 and women still earn only 77 cents to every dollar a man earns.

When women earn less, their entire family suffers. When we allow women to be paid unequal wages for equal work, we as a society are tolerating discrimination. That is why we must take action to close the wage gap, and treat all workers equally.

Further compounding the difficulties that are faced by women and their families due to pay inequity, is the Supreme Court decision last year in Ledbetter v. Goodyear. The Court rules that a worker must file a charge of pay discrimination within 180 days of an employer's initial decision to pay someone less for discriminatory reasons. This clearly went against the intent of the Civil Rights Act and I was so proud that the House acted quickly to pass the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which provides more effective remedies to women who are not being paid equal wages for doing equal work.

This week, the Senate will consider this important legislation—how fitting that it occurs during the same week as Equal Pay Day?

I urge my colleagues in the Senate to pass the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act immediately and urge the President to sign it into law.