

HONORING TEXAS DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY TROOPER
LARRY BUXTON FOR RECEIVING
A PURPLE HEART

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the bravery of Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Larry Buxton. Mr. Buxton, who is stationed in Denton, Texas, in Texas' 26th District, is a recent recipient of the department's Purple Heart Award.

Trooper Buxton suffered life-threatening injuries April 6, 2007, at a roadside park in Denton County after he pulled over a suspected drunken driver. While performing routine checks he was injured when a car driven by another suspected drunken driver veered off the highway into the park. Despite his severe injuries, Buxton managed to check on the condition of the drivers while also calling for help.

Trooper Buxton has been with the Texas Department of Public Safety for 13 years, and has since returned to duty. The Purple Heart Award which he was justly awarded honors the sacrifices of troopers while performing their duties. The Texas Department of Public Safety provides public safety services to the people of the State of Texas.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant. Trooper Larry Buxton is a fine example of what the Texas Department of Public Safety requires in an officer and is truly deserving of the Purple Heart Award. I am glad to know that the 26th District of Texas has the best of the best protecting its citizens and am truly grateful for the commitments and sacrifices Larry Buxton has made to protect his community. It is an honor to represent him in the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. MELANIE
STALLWORTH

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Ms. Melanie Stallworth, who was nominated to be the 2008 Delaware Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year and awarded the Future Leaders Award.

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school education is important and what the Club means to them. Additionally, students had to prepare a 3–5 minute speech and have an interview session with a panel of judges. The candidates attended the Youth of the Year Summit, where they received professional guidance regarding public speaking, writing, and interviewing skills.

After winning the Local Youth of the Year award, Melanie moved onto the state level competition, where she refined her essay and prepared for the next round of interviews. Melanie was an extremely qualified candidate for the Youth of the Year 2008. Melanie actively volunteered through her club with Habitat for Humanity. Melanie serves as a mentor to younger members and she is a member of Torch Club, Caesar Rodney High School Kick Butts anti-smoking club, and the Spanish Club. Melanie's activism did not go unnoticed, and she was awarded the Future Leaders Award.

Once again, I would like to commend Melanie Stallworth for being nominated as the Boys & Girls Club of Delaware's Youth of the Year and winning the Future Leaders Award.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROGER HALL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend Roger Hall, the Director of the Boulder City Parks and Recreation Department for his outstanding achievements throughout the Boulder City community.

Roger was born in Arlington, Virginia in 1952 when his parents were in the military working at the Pentagon. His father was in the Air Force, which required his family to travel. Roger attended various schools in Japan and Germany, where he graduated from Munich American High School in 1971. In high school, he was the captain of both the football and basketball teams, and was an All-Conference soccer player. He received an Associates of Arts Degree from the University of Maryland Campus in Germany, and Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation Administration from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. In college, Roger was the starting point guard on the University of Maryland Basketball Team in which he graced the cover of a recent Boulder City local newspaper decked out in a short 70's inspired uniform complete with long flowing hair and a matching headband. At this time he was a player and coach for their football team, and was an avid soccer player. Upon graduation, Roger worked at the Air Force Academy for the summer, before moving to Boulder City, Nevada.

While working in Boulder City, Roger established the soccer program, and was the first Pool Manager of Boulder City Pool and Racquetball Complex which was built in 1980. In 1984, Roger was promoted to the Director for the Boulder City Parks and Recreation Department, which he has proudly held for 23 years. In addition to his professional duties, Roger is very active within the Boulder City community. He has served as President of the Boulder City Rotary Club and has been a member for the past 16 years. In his free time Roger is a true outdoorsman, and an avid hunter.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the accomplishments of Roger Hall. He is a passionate and dedicated, civic-minded, individual and an integral force within the community. I congratulate Roger, his wife Tracey, his four children, and two grandchildren for his contributions to the people of Boulder City.

HOUSE ESTABLISHING A LETTER
CARRIERS APPRECIATION DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 49, which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Letter Carriers Appreciation Day.

In 1775, Members of the Second Continental Congress established the Post Office Department, the predecessor of the Postal Service and the second oldest Federal department or agency in the United States. For the past two centuries, the United States Postal Service has evolved and changed as the United States has grown. Today, the Postal Service delivers hundreds of millions of messages each day to more than 141 million homes and businesses. Behind the delivery of each of these letters is the hard work and dedication of a letter carrier.

Letter carriers deliver more than 43 tons of mail per year, which averages out to about 2,300 letters, cards, and circulars per carrier per day. Six days a week, rain or shine, hurricane or blizzard, our Nation's 705,000 carrier letter carriers and 98,000 non-carrier employees faithfully contribute to our economic strength and vitality through their timely and efficient delivery of mail.

I have spent hours walking mail routes with the letter carriers in New Jersey. I have seen first hand how dedicated postal employees are to ensuring the timely and safe delivery of mail and tying together our local communities. These letter carriers should be applauded for their service to all Americans.

I urge all of my colleagues to support H. Res. 49 and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the letter carriers in your congressional district.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. BRIAN
ROSARIO

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Mr. Brian Rosario, who was nominated to be the 2008 Delaware Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year.

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After winning the Local Youth of the Year Award, Brian moved onto the State level competition, where he refined his essay and prepared for the next round of interviews. Brian was an extremely qualified candidate for the Youth of the Year 2008. As a member of the Appoquinimink Boys & Girls Club, Brian learned communication skills and how one can better service his community. Besides volunteering and participating in the Boys & Girls Club, Brian is a member of the Japanese and Art Clubs, Middletown High School Track Team, and performed in his school's plays and musicals.

Once again, I would like to commend Brian Rosario for being nominated as the Boys & Girls Club of Delaware's Youth of the Year.

CELEBRATING DON BROWN'S LEADERSHIP IN YOUNG LIFE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don Brown for his contribution to the Young Life organization. Following many years of passionate, devoted service to the high school students of North Texas, Mr. Brown is retiring.

Don Brown served as a volunteer for Young Life for seven years prior to taking over as director of the Lewisville/Flower Mound area branch of the organization. Whereas the standard tenure for a leader is five years, Don served as the local director for 30 outstanding years.

Young Life is a non-denominational Christian youth outreach ministry for high school students. In 1938, youth leader Jim Rayburn started a weekly Christian club in Gainesville, Texas; by 1941, it had evolved into a motivational and inspirational group called Young Life. The goal of the organization is to introduce young people to Jesus Christ and to help them grow in their faith. This occurs by creating an atmosphere in which caring adults can build genuine friendships and a connection of faith with the young group members. Young Life depends on the relationships between the leaders and the students to create a strong fellowship within the group, and there is no better example of a successful and devoted Young Life leader than Don Brown.

Mr. Brown facilitates the Young Life assemblies, during which attendees watch skits, sing songs, and learn about Christ. Don also serves as a confidante, mentor and friend to

the students, proving time and again that he is a reliable source of information, advice, and compassion for those interested in learning.

I extend my sincerest congratulations to Mr. Brown on his retirement and commend his dedication and desire to serve the Young Life community. It is an honor to represent such a selfless and civic-minded individual in the 26th District of Texas. I know his commitment to the youth of North Texas will inspire others to follow his lead.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TRUST IN RELIABLE UNDERSTANDING OF CONSUMER COSTS ACT (TRUCC ACT) TO RESTORE FAIRNESS FOR SMALL AND INDEPENDENT TRUCKERS

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that would require that fuel surcharges collected by a motor carrier, broker or freight forwarder be passed through to the person responsible for bearing the cost of the fuel. This is similar to legislation introduced in the Senate by Senators OLYMPIA SNOWE and SHERRON BROWN.

I am introducing this bill in response to comments I have heard from independent truckers and small trucking companies in my district and the State of Wisconsin. They tell me that there are occasions where they must pay for the cost of fuel but the broker or carrier they are working with is not passing on to them fuel charges that are being billed to the shipper.

In normal circumstances, this seems patently unfair, but in this day of \$4.00-plus per gallon diesel fuel, it is unconscionable that a fuel surcharge is being assessed but not passed on to the one actually paying the fuel bill. I have been told by one of my constituents who is an independent trucker who will be appearing in bankruptcy court next month that this inequity contributed to his financial problems. It is not right and it should be corrected.

Diesel is now the largest operating expense that truckers are facing. According to the American Trucking Associations, it is expected that the annual diesel bill for the trucking industry will increase by more than \$22 billion in 2008—from \$112 billion in 2007 to \$135 billion this year.

The trucking industry is primarily small businesses and we have 325,000 independent owner-operators that collectively operate 525,000 trucks in the United States. They are crucial to our economic vitality in delivering goods across the country, but are facing ever-increasing challenges in terms of regulation and costs. The TRUCC Act is the least we can do to send the message and be clear that they should not be disadvantaged from the payments they deserve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday during the roll-

call votes for the following three bills considered under suspension: H. Res. 1079, Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month 2008; HR 4332, Financial Consumer Hotline Act of 2007; S. 2739, Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "Yes" on rollcall vote 224 (H. Res. 1079, Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month 2008); "Yes" on rollcall vote 225 (H.R. 4332, Financial Consumer Hotline Act of 2007); "Yes" on rollcall vote 226 (S. 2739, Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008).

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JEREL BREECE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Mr. Jerel Breece, who was nominated to be the 2008 Delaware Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year.

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After winning the local Youth of the Year award, Jerel moved on to the state level competition, where he refined his essay and prepared for the next round of interviews. Jerel was an extremely qualified candidate for the Youth of the Year 2008. Jerel is a member of Claymont Boys & Girls Club Keystone Club, Brandywine High School track team, and participates in Claymont Community Center's Green Day. Jerel was also selected as Claymont Boys & Girls Club's representative at the Northeast Regional Keystone Conference.

Once again, I would like to commend Jerel Breece for being nominated as the Boys & Girls Club of Delaware's Youth of the Year.

TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the National Institutes of