

you today to recognize the 30th Anniversary of Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp-Resort in Portage, Indiana. To commemorate this special occasion, Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park will be holding an anniversary celebration on Saturday, July 5, 2008, at Jellystone Park in Portage, Indiana.

Jellystone Park was established in 1978 in order to provide camping and entertainment to vacationing families from across America. The Portage, Indiana, Jellystone Park is one of over 70 parks in the Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp-Resort Franchise System. The Jellystone Park Board of Directors are: President Rochelle Carmichael, Vice President Don Butler, Secretary Connie Williams, Treasurer George Hill, Park Director Carolyn Julovich, and members: Marlene Jacobs, Tina Green, and Charles Taylor.

Every year, thousands of families vacation at the Portage Jellystone Park to share time together and enjoy its amenities. The Park offers a fulltime recreation program, a private lake, beaches, fishing, rentals, arcade room, and several pools.

In addition to the weekly activities, the 30th Anniversary will feature a special commemorative ceremony, followed by live music at the Yogi Bear Stage and a fireworks display over the lake at dusk.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Yogi Bear's Jellystone Camp-Resort on their 30th Anniversary. Their many great accomplishments and hard work throughout the years are worthy of commendation.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING BELMONT, OHIO FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR BICENTENNIAL

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Belmont, Ohio was founded in August of 1808 by Joseph Wright; and

Whereas, the residents of Belmont, Ohio are active, dedicated members of their Ohio community; and

Whereas, all citizens of Belmont, both past and present, will be honored with a multiple day bicentennial celebration that will include a pig roast, barn dance, antique car show, and old-fashioned games for children; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Belmont, Ohio and its residents for their contributions to our community and country.

THE DAILY 45: ERIC KEITH WALTON

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2008*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, every day, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. My heart goes out to the family

in Grand Rapids, Michigan who lost a dear loved one.

Thirty-eight-year-old Eric Keith Walton, slain in his home Monday, couldn't have put up much of a fight because he had been receiving dialysis treatments for kidney failure and was weakened, his family said.

Eric was apparently the victim of a home invasion. According to newspaper reports, Walton was shot twice, in the stomach and chest.

I was terribly impacted as I read this statement from a family member: "They really hurt us on this one. Everybody comes up and says, 'We love him to death.' He raised kids that weren't even his. I can't believe this."

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will Americans say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

IN HONOR OF JERRY PRIETO, RETIRING FRESNO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2008*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a man who has been a tireless voice for agriculture in my home district of Fresno County, California. On June 29, 2008, Jerry Prieto will be retiring as the Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner after over 35 years of dedicated service to Fresno County.

Agriculture continues to be California's number one industry with Fresno County ranking as the number one agricultural producing county in California and the nation. The fertile soils of Fresno County support over 300 different crops, valued at near \$5 billion annually to the economy of California. Many things contribute to California's bountiful crops, but one significant underlying factor in Fresno County's agricultural success has been the presence of Jerry Prieto as its lead advocate.

Jerry has never been a stranger to agriculture. The son of a migrant farm worker, Jerry was raised on a small family farm near Corcoran, California. Jerry attended California State University, Fresno, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Plant Science. In 1974, Jerry began working for the Fresno County Department of Agriculture advancing to the position of Deputy Agricultural Commissioner in 1980. In 1999, he was appointed to the position of Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures. In this position, Jerry has been responsible for promoting and regulating the Nation's number one agricultural producing county, and protecting the county's environment and the public's health, safety, and welfare.

Among Jerry's varied accomplishments is serving on then Governor Davis' State Committee on Terrorism. Jerry has also been active on many boards and for 4 years served as chairman of the Fresno County Department Heads Council. Mr. Prieto is a member of the Fresno County Farm Bureau, the Fresno County Council of Governments Farmland Conservation Steering Committee, chairman of the Fresno County Council of Governments Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee, and the Fresno County Land Conservation

Committee. He is the immediate president of the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association and was the first Agricultural Commissioner to serve two terms as President.

Jerry Prieto recently was quoted as saying, "All I ever wanted to do was to be a farmer." Part of what Jerry will now be able to focus on more is the acreage he owns. He plans to spend time with wife Cindy, his two children and two grandchildren. He also hopes to catch up on a little fishing. Though only days away from retirement, Jerry is still found diligently carrying out his responsibilities. His prompt and earnest action concerning the drought now facing California, mobilized Fresno County resources to quickly produce valuable data necessary for the Governor's office to declare an official drought emergency. I know that Jerry will continue to energetically advocate for Fresno County's Agriculture needs, not only up to, but well beyond his retirement date. It is only fitting that I recognize Jerry Prieto today before this Chamber and the country for unflinching service to his community, State and Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GRIFOLS USA TO LOS ANGELES AND THE UNITED STATES.

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2008*

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Grifols USA to my community and other communities across the country.

This Friday will mark 5 years since Grifols USA began operating its facility in East Los Angeles. That is 5 years of over 600 jobs for residents of East Los Angeles and the surrounding area. Furthermore, Grifols' steady growth and expansion will continue to present additional opportunities to my constituents for years to come, and well into the future.

Grifols' prosperity has positively impacted many communities, not just my district. Currently, Grifols operates 78 plasma donor facilities, in 27 States across the country, which provide skilled and entry-level employment opportunities to over 3,000 Americans.

Perhaps more praiseworthy than Grifols' economic contributions though, is the company's mission. I would like to honor Grifols for its commitment to producing unique, life-saving medicines to treat small, chronically ill patient populations. The company's unwavering dedication to the development of safer, more effective plasma therapies, and progressing methods, has been a benefit to countless patients around the world who suffer from a number of disorders.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Grifols for the company's positive presence in many of our Nation's communities and tireless commitment to improve the lives of patients with chronic illnesses.