

Dunes National Lakeshore and will allow future generations to enjoy this tremendous natural, educational, and recreational asset of Northwest Indiana.

I would like to thank Dr. Joan Brennecke and Dr. Paul Bohn for organizing the July 7th event and for their tireless work in addressing our nation's energy problems. The conference will offer Hoosiers the opportunity to hear from state and national leaders in energy research. While prices at the gas pumps may be getting most of the attention now, the energy crisis is about more than just oil. As a nation, with the help of our research universities, we need to continue efforts in examining our entire mix of energy sources and how to go about changing that mix over the long term in order to increase our economic and national security.

The state of Indiana and its industries can benefit from this type of research and discussion, and I believe that Indiana will be at the forefront of this nation's energy revolution. The sluggish economy and increasing energy costs have left families struggling to make ends meet. The work being done by those involved at this event seek to ease their burden and create the next generation of energy-related jobs in Indiana.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE, GEORGIA

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the City of Riverdale, Georgia for reaching its 100th anniversary this July. Home to over 15,000 people, this great city, on the outskirts of the bustling city of Atlanta, is known for its close knit communities, beautiful landscapes and abundant resources. With a rich history of vibrant festivals and community building activities, Riverdale prides itself on promoting the well-being of its residents. This city was formally founded in 1908 as a railroad depot. However, its history traces back to before the Civil War and owes much of its early success to a generous donation of land by Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Rivers, who wanted to see the area and its businesses thrive and prosper.

The City of Riverdale will mark the occasion by holding a Centennial Celebration. This celebration will include a full commemoration of the centennial year as well as a tribute to Riverdale's rich history. Additionally, the Centennial Celebration will strive to educate the public on the history of Riverdale, encourage community involvement and recognize organizations, businesses, and institutions that have been a part of this city for 100 years. Among the events planned for this celebration are a Centennial Parade, concerts and picnics, a Centennial Gala and a Tree Planting, as well as other activities designed to further foster a greater sense of involvement among the city's residents.

I would like to recognize Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, Mayor of Riverdale, along with City Council members Rick Scoggins, Wayne Franklin Hall, Wanda Wallace, and Kenneth Ruffin for their hard work and dedication to this community. And congratulations are cer-

tainly due to the great residents of this city who are the true heart of this community. Their hard work, family values, and commitment contribute to the daily growth of Riverdale. I look forward to seeing the continual development and prosperity of this city and it is an honor to represent them in the United States Congress.

In closing, I would like to extend my congratulations to the city of Riverdale for marking its 100th Anniversary and I wish them a healthy and prosperous one hundred more.

TRIBUTE TO LISA KOLL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great achievement by the Fort Dodge, Iowa native and current member of the Iowa State University women's track team, Lisa Koll. Lisa earned a national championship in the NCAA women's 10,000 meter race.

Although Lisa never won a state championship in her career at Fort Dodge High School, as a collegiate sophomore, she won a national title on the same blue track at Drake University where the Iowa High School State Championships are held. She is the first Iowa State track athlete to win a national championship since 1984 after completing the over six mile race in 32:44.95—short of her own American collegiate record of 32:11.13 set earlier this spring, but good enough for a Drake Stadium Record and national championship.

Lisa's impressive feat demonstrates the reward for hard work, dedication and determination. I am honored to represent Lisa Koll in the United States Congress, and I know that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating her on her national championship and wish her success in her future running career.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE ON THE OCCASION OF THE WALK AGAINST GENOCIDE IN NEW YORK CITY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the genocide perpetrated on the Ukrainian people by Joseph Stalin's murderous Soviet regime. This month, countless Ukrainian-Americans and persons of goodwill, including members of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and the United Ukrainian American Organizations of New York, join together in a Walk Against Genocide in New York City in remembrance of the terrible events in the Ukraine in 1932–33 that took the lives of millions. Participants in the Walk are honoring the Ukrainians who perished in the famine by observing a moment of remembrance.

Three quarters of a century ago, the Ukrainian genocide, also referred to as the Holodomor, or "Death by Starvation," was

consciously inflicted upon the Ukrainian people by the totalitarian tyranny of dictator Joseph Stalin. With its radical agricultural collectivization policies, Stalin's brutal Soviet regime caused widespread famine and mass starvation, systematically murdering millions of innocent men, women and children.

The Holodomor was an intentional act perpetrated against the Ukrainians as punishment for their resistance to Soviet control. Evidence in the form of recently released KGB archival documents reveal the Soviet government's ruthless plans. The Commission on the Ukraine Famine created by the United States Congress in 1985 issued a report 3 years later confirming the existence of a deliberate policy to starve the Ukrainian people and concluded in 1988 that "Joseph Stalin and those around him committed genocide against Ukrainians in 1932–1933."

In sheer numbers, this genocidal tragedy ranks among the worst examples of man's inhumanity towards man, and offers one of history's starkest examples of the devastation that is wrought by oppressive governments when they use food as a weapon. The Holodomor was perhaps the greatest national catastrophe in the history of the Ukraine, and its emotional repercussions still affect the Ukrainian people to this day.

By remembering that horrific period, we work towards a day when such atrocities will never again occur in the world. This year, the 75th anniversary of the famine was commemorated in Kiev and indeed throughout the world. All Americans should join in remembering this historical atrocity and resolve to act against future crimes against humanity. The Walk Against Genocide not only serves to commemorate the innocent men, women and children of the Ukraine who lost their lives, but also to take a stand against acts of genocide that still occur in the world today. The Walk Against Genocide is thus an uplifting manifestation of the enduring resilience of the human spirit.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in saluting the participants in the Walk Against Genocide and in recognizing the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and the United Ukrainian American Organizations of New York on the occasion of the 75th anniversary commemorating the Ukrainian genocide.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR LOUIS E. TESSIER, THE SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE, NY

HON. KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today on behalf of Louis E. Tessier, the Supervisor of the Town of Lake George, in recognition of his 80th birthday on July 19, 2008. I extend my congratulations on this special occasion to Lou, his wife Mary, his daughter, Rene, and to his entire family.

Mr. Tessier has a distinguished career in public service. He was elected into and has held his office since 1984. He served as the Warren County Budget Officer from 1992 through 1995 and as the Warren County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors from

1996 through 2000. He has served on a long list of many of the county's committees—everything from Airport to Youth Programs. During his career, he has also been appointed to the following:

Board of Directors of the Warren-Hamilton Counties Action Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc.; Warren County Sewer Commission; County Jury Board Member; Advisory Council for Warren-Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging; Warren County Traffic Safety Board; Warren County Deferred Compensation Program; Warren County Representative of the Adirondack Park Centennial Committee; Industrial Development Agency; Warren County Labor/Management Committee; Inter-County Committee of the Legislative Bodies of the Adirondack Representatives; Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council; Warren County Local Development Corporation (LDC); Warren County LDC—Executive Committee of the Board of Directors; Inter-County Solid Waste Coordinating Committee; Bi-County Ad Hoc Committee for Burn Plant Negotiations; Negotiating Committee for Burn Plant Acquisition; Warren County Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Alternatives to Incarceration Service Plans; Sub-committee on Revenue Enhancement; Airport Consultant Selection Board; Lake Champlain—Lake George Regional Planning Board; Bi-County Ad Hoc Committee for Hartford Landfill Negotiations.

Please join me, the Town of Lake George, the people of Warren County and New York's 20th Congressional District in wishing Supervisor Lou Tessier a very happy 80th Birthday.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NEVADA
AIPAC DELEGATION

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor the Nevada delegation from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. I am delighted to have my colleagues in the Nevada Congressional Delegations, Representatives SHELLY BERKLEY and DEAN HELLER, join me in recognizing the advocacy efforts of the AIPAC delegation.

The Nevada delegation from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) recently visited Washington, DC to advocate on behalf of Israel and ensure that American support for Israel remains strong. AIPAC is working to promote strategic cooperation between the two nations, to develop sound U.S. anti-terrorist policies, to share homeland security techniques and technologies, and to stop rogue nations such as Iran from acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

Following several days of meetings and speakers, the Nevada delegation visited with their Congressional Representatives to advocate on behalf of these ideals and share their views with the Nevada Congressional delegation. It is truly an honor to meet with such dedicated advocates. AIPAC has a strong record of creating citizen advocates who are passionate about pro-Israel issues and are dedicated to learning how they can affect Israel's future and security by promoting strong ties with the United States.

This year's Nevada AIPAC delegation included: Ms. Ariel Shalin, Miss Heather Brown,

Ms. Adriel Espinoza, Mr. Michael Roitman, Mr. Andrew Spivak, Mr. Michael Thomas, Ms. Sara Kantor, Mr. Max Berkley, Dr. Stanley Ames, Mrs. Georgia Ames, Mr. Allen Anes, Mrs. Eileen Anes, Mr. Eli Applebaum, Ms. Vanessa Aragon, Mr. Jerome Blut, Mrs. Arlene Blut, Rabbi Hershel Brooks, Ms. Diane Brounstein, Mr. Jonathan Craft, Mr. David Dahan, Mr. Bob Dubin, Mrs. Shelley Dubin, Mr. Peter Dubowsky, Mr. Leslie Dunn, Mrs. Joan Dunn, Mrs. Liz Goodman, Mr. David Jacobson, Mrs. Jewell Jacobson, Ms. Eva Kallick, Ms. Stephanie Lehrner, Dr. Larry M. Lehrner, Dr. Marc Leitner, Ms. Terri Greer, Ms. Vivian Perlmutter, Mr. Brett Primack, Mrs. Christina Primack, Mr. Joshua J. Primack, Mr. Jordan Primack, Mrs. Deborah Primack, Mrs. Laurie Robinson, Dr. Joseph Shalev, Mrs. Batsheva Shalev, Ms. Lisa Skurow, Ms. Nicole Steiner, Mr. David Stone, Mr. Steven Strasser, Mrs. Sharon Strasser, Mr. Stuart Blake Tener, Mr. Sam Ventura, Mrs. Rachael Ventura, Mr. Michael Werner, Mrs. Dana Werner, Mrs. Lynn Wexler, Rabbi Yitzack Wyne, Mr. Benny Yerushalmi, Mr. Elad Yerushalmi, Mr. Jeff Zucker, Mr. David-Jacques Farahi, Ms. Parinaz Farahi, Mr. Hy Kashenberg, Ms. Brenda L. Nelson, Ms. Tali Farahi, and Mr. Faramarz Yousefzadeh.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Nevada AIPAC delegation. These individuals have dedicated themselves to a very worthy cause, and I applaud their efforts and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING HANK THOMPSON'S
SERVICE TO SUMNER COUNTY

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Hank Thompson, who passed away July 6.

As a County Commissioner, Mayor of Hendersonville and Sumner County Executive, Hank served the people of Sumner County for more than 25 years.

Hank always sought what was best for the people he represented. He was a very forward-thinking public servant and a good friend and adviser to me. I worked with him for many years and always admired his passion and love for his community.

Following the devastating Gallatin tornado in 2006, Hank was the first person to contact me to get federal assistance for storm victims. He also led the local assistance effort, helping people put their lives back together and rebuild their communities.

He was a tireless advocate for the people of Sumner County and his contributions to the families there are countless. Whether it was building bridges, expanding highways, creating greenways or building new baseball and soccer fields, Hank was always Sumner County's number one advocate. I spent many hours in his car, driving from community to community while he showed me projects he envisioned for the area.

He served on the boards of numerous organizations, including Children Are People, Inc.; the Jason Foundation and Youth Inc. Hank was a member of the Homeland Security Region Executive Board, Regional Transit Au-

thority Board, Tennessee Municipal League Board, Sumner County Resource Agency, U.S. Conference of Mayors, Hendersonville and Gallatin Chambers of Commerce, Civitan Club and Rotary Club.

Hank served his state and nation as a first lieutenant in the Tennessee National Guard.

Hank will be missed by his wife, Nancy, his children Nick, Lance and Amanda and his many friends in Sumner County and across Tennessee.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL ROBERT
MAGNUS, USMC

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that a distinguished military career is coming to an end. General Robert Magnus, U.S. Marine Corps, is retiring from active duty after serving our nation for 40 years.

General Magnus enlisted in the Navy in February 1968. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1969 with a bachelor of arts degree in history and received a masters of science in business administration from Strayer College in 1993. He received a commission in June 1969 and completed the following military training schools: Naval Aviation flight training, nuclear safety officers course, survival evasion resistance and escape course, weapons and tactics instructors course, aviation safety command course, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, National War College, CAPSTONE Course, Joint Force Air Component Commanders Course, Executive Business Course.

During his 40 years of service, General Magnus has served during several operation tours and held many squadron assignments. These include intelligence officer, HMM-264; operations officer, H&MS-15 SAR Detachment, Task Force Delta, Nam Phong, Thailand; training officer, Station Operations and Engineering Squadron, MCAS Quantico; aviation safety officer, MAG-26 and HMM-263; weapons and tactics instructor, MAG-26 and HMM-261; operations officer, MAG-29; executive officer, HMM-365, MAG-29; commanding officer HMM-365, MAG-29; commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area; and deputy commander, Marine Forces Pacific.

General Magnus also has served in several staff assignments, including aviation assault medium lift requirements officer; chief, Logistics Readiness Center, joint staff; executive assistant to the director of the Joint Staff; head, Aviation Plans and Programs Branch; Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation; Assistant Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations; and Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources.

General Magnus's decorations and awards include: Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

General Magnus is concluding his career having served as the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. In this capacity, he has been the principal adviser to the Commandant of the Marine Corps on all decisions affecting