

I thank him for his many decades of serving the Syracuse community.

HONORING WASHINGTON POST EXECUTIVE EDITOR LEONARD DOWNIE JR.

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Leonard Downie Jr. for 17 years of service and dedication as the executive editor for The Washington Post. Leonard is widely recognized as one of the great editors of our time.

Mr. Downie began his career for The Washington Post as a summer intern in 1964. He soon established himself as a well-known local investigative reporter in Washington, specializing in crime, courts, housing and urban affairs. To honor his superior reporting, Mr. Downie received two Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild Front Page awards, The American Bar Association Gavel Award for legal reporting, and the John Hancock Award for excellent business and financial writing.

Mr. Downie then worked on the Metropolitan staff for 15 years, where he earned the title of deputy metropolitan editor. In 1979, he was named London correspondent. 3 years later, he returned to Washington as national editor, and, in 1984, became the managing editor and director of The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service.

On September 1, 1991, after 7 years as managing editor, Mr. Downie was named executive editor of the Washington Post. Under his guidance, the Post developed into a major online force. His immense talent for investigative journalism was also apparent as the Post won numerous prizes for high-profile expositions, including the secret CIA prisons in Eastern Europe and the Watergate Scandal. His excellent leadership was rewarded; the post won 25 Pulitzer Prizes under his tenure. Mr. Downie announced his last day at The Washington Post will be on September 9, 2008. Leonard, always modest, summed up his management philosophy in one sentence: "You hire people smarter and more talented than you and enable them to do their best work."

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank Mr. Downie for molding The Washington Post into a dominant news outlet, for his contributions to journalism, and for doing his part to keep our world honest. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on his many successes and in wishing him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GROUP OF ARROW ROCK, MISSOURI

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to congratulate the historic preservation group of Arrow Rock, Mis-

souri. In April 2008, Arrow Rock was designated as a Preserve America Community.

Arrow Rock is one of 600 nationwide sites that have earned the designation of being a Preserve America Community. This Federal designation helps in the historic preservation work for communities throughout the United States. Preserve America is focused on providing financial support systems for the non-physical work done in historic preservation communities. The Arrow Rock community will now be able to apply for Federal grants, awards, and other help in research, planning, and training efforts to help in the preservation of their village. First Lady Laura Bush said, in a written statement, "Preserve America Communities demonstrate that they are committed to preserving America's heritage while ensuring a future filled with opportunities for learning and enjoyment."

I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in congratulating the historic preservation group of Arrow Rock for their accomplishments and in wishing them luck in all their future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 6431, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ELECTRONIC REPORTING ACT

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA, Electronic Reporting Act. This legislation would require VA to submit to Congress reports required by law in an electronic form.

VA is required to submit numerous reports to Congress on issues ranging from assistance provided to homeless veterans to the establishment of new cemeteries. This fiscal year we will receive over forty reports mandated in title 38, United States Code.

Requiring VA to submit these reports electronically would be more efficient and reduce paper waste. It would also maximize the utility of the information created, collected, and provided to Congress in these reports.

Madam Speaker, VA submits thousands of pages of reports to Congress each year and I hope my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will join me in this effort to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government information management.

HONORING THE GARDEN CITY COUGARS

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Garden City Cougars, champion women's high school softball team, upon reaching Garden City High School's first team State title.

The Cougars, a MHSAA Division 1 team, were determined to achieve victory this season. Led by Head Coach, Barry Patterson and Assistant Coaches, Al Russell, Mark Minch,

and Chuck Drewicz, the Cougars were on the prowl; knocking teams out of the tournament bracket left and right. The final game was a nail-biter. With two outs and a 2-2 count, senior Hallie Minch slammed the game winning hit, driving in teammate Katie Torok to make the final score 2 to 1.

The Cougars season rounded out to 32 wins and 6 losses after the championship game on June 14, 2008. To seniors, Hallie Minch, Christina Seward, Katie Torok, Stacey Brickan, Kristina Susalla, Tricia York, Breannea King, and Karen Greficz; juniors, Shannon Pietruska, Katelyn Shattleroe, Jenniger Leone, Melissa Dimitrijevic, Amanda Quartz; sophomore Allison Chiti, and Freshmen, Carley Shattleroe and Naomi Oxendine, the thrill of softball will have given them an unforgettable day on Bailey Field.

Madam Speaker, the Garden City Cougars deserve to be recognized for their determination, achievement, and spirit. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Garden City Cougars for obtaining this spectacular title and honoring their devotion to our community and country.

RECOGNIZING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DISASTER RECOVERY AND RELIEF EFFORTS IN MADISON COUNTY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and recognize the extraordinary contributions of emergency management, disaster response, and recovery personnel as well as elected officials and community leaders in my district which was devastated by the recent severe weather in Indiana.

I wish particularly to honor the Board of Commissioners, County Council, and all the other outstanding individuals in Madison County who rose to the occasion during these difficult times. This area suffered greatly from severe storms and weather, creating a catastrophe of nature that inflicted injuries, destroyed property, and displaced many of our citizens. In response, these officials went above and beyond the call of duty, showing great poise while saving many lives and serving the people of their communities.

Madam Speaker, I commend these fine men and women for their tremendous dedication to the Hoosier families, businesses, farmers and communities that they serve. As Hoosiers continue to recover from Mother Nature's fury, I feel confident that the people of Madison County will be well served by these officials.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA TRIEFF

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mrs. Barbara Trieff, an English and journalism teacher at Interstate 35 High School in Truro, Iowa, on the occasion of her retirement. I also wish to express my appreciation for Barbara's dedication and commitment to the youth of Iowa.

For the past 34 years, Mrs. Trieff has contributed her time and talents to improving youths' lives through education and mentoring. She grew up on a farm and graduated from Orient Macksburg High School in 1970 before attending Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. In 1975 she started her career in education by teaching junior high English at Westwood in Sloan, Iowa. After her first year of teaching, she applied for, and obtained a high school English teaching position at Interstate 35 High School where she remained for the next 32 years. Mrs. Trieff certainly left a positive mark at I-35 High School, playing a crucial role in many school programs including the development of the Life Skills course, Career Planning, Career Day, the job shadowing program, and instating a reading program as well as the Advanced Placement English literature class.

Mrs. Trieff has truly made a lasting impact on students, family and faculty throughout her illustrious career, and her leadership at I-35 will certainly be missed by everyone. I consider it an honor to represent Mrs. Barbara Trieff in the United States Congress, and I wish her and her husband Richard a happy and healthy retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF WPIX-TV ON
THE OCCASION OF ITS 60TH AN-
NIVERSARY

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 pay tribute to WPIX-TV, the award-winning and groundbreaking New York City television station historically known to millions of New Yorkers as Channel 11. This month, the first independent television station in our nation's greatest city is celebrating its 60th anniversary. All Americans should pay tribute to its remarkable success in bringing thoughtful, newsworthy and entertaining programming into our homes over the course of the past six decades.

Since its founding, WPIX-TV has been a leader in the field of television broadcasting. A pioneer, it established a standard of innovative, visionary programming that other TV stations have sought to emulate. It never lost sight of its mission to deliver the most accurate, timely, and pertinent issues of the day. Even as the television industry has undergone huge changes, WPIX-TV's originality, creativity, and understanding remain its hallmarks today.

The flagship station of the CW Television Network, WPIX-TV is seen in more than 10 million homes. It has come a long way from the humble origins of its launch. The station's top-rated CW network programming, the award-winning CW11 News at Ten, the CW11 Morning News, its extensive library of hit movies, first-run programs, off-network sitcom favorites, quality children's programming and public affairs shows, and outstanding event coverage have contributed immensely to the station's success. Under the leadership of News Director Karen Scott and with outstanding reporting by veteran broadcast journalists like the Emmy Award-winning Marvin Scott, WPIX-TV's news programming remains widely respected, not just in the nation's larg-

est media market, but around the country, and at the able direction of Vice President and General Manager Betty Ellen Berlamino, WPIX-TV continues to maintain its distinctive flair and brand identity.

WPIX-TV has earned more than 150 Emmy Awards, including for Outstanding Morning News Program and for its News at 10. In addition, the CW11 has been honored with numerous Edward R. Murrow Awards, New York State Broadcasters Awards, New York State Associated Press Broadcasters Awards, New York Press Club Awards, and Deadline Club Awards for excellence in reporting, news coverage, public affairs, news specials, and features.

Over the course of six decades, WPIX has marked numerous milestones in TV history, including the first use of instant replay, which took place on July 17, 1959 during its broadcast of a ballgame between the New York Yankees and the Chicago White Sox. WPIX also aired the first appearance on New York television of the Rolling Stones on "The Clay Cole Show" in 1964. From the Giants to the Yankees to the Mets, from Cap'n Jack McCarthy to Officer Joe Bolton, WPIX has enjoyed a rich and illustrious history. The little station that could, WPIX and its talented and hard-working employees have richly earned the right to celebrate the station's 60th anniversary. Its success derives from the resilience and drive required to realize the American dream.

In addition to its broadcasting excellence, WPIX has dedicated itself to community service. In 1981, it partnered with the McCormick Tribute Foundation to create the CW11 Care for Kids fund. Since its creation, the fund has provided more than \$7 million in grants to outstanding nonprofit organizations in the Tri-State area that address the unmet needs of kids and their families, including AIDS support services, drop-out prevention, drug abuse prevention/treatment, and child abuse prevention/treatment programs. These interests address a wide range of children's needs and the goal of this fund is not only to provide grants, but also significant programming that is important to families with children and teenagers.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the enormous contributions to our lives made by WPIX-TV Channel 11 New York.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BOB
STOLDAL

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 Bob Stoldal by entering his name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today, I honor Bob Stoldal for his devoted service to the Las Vegas community and congratulate him on his retirement.

Bob has been an institution in journalism circles in Las Vegas for five decades, most recently as the top news executive for KLAS-TV Channel 8. Bob began his career in journalism as a typesetter for the Las Vegas Review

Journal in 1960, and later moved from print media to radio working as a reporter for KLAS radio in the early 1960s. In 1966, Bob moved to what is now KNTV Channel 13 as a part time sports reporter and weatherman and later moved to KLAS-TV as a reporter and anchor. Over the course of his career, Bob has been dedicated to providing accurate reporting on important events and correcting historical inaccuracies about the Las Vegas area. Bob's knowledge of history and events in Las Vegas are irreplaceable, and the passion and ethics he brought to the field has shaped hundreds of journalists.

Bob also serves as the Chairman of the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society as well as the Las Vegas Historical Preservation Commission. Additionally, Bob served as a historian for Las Vegas' centennial celebration in 2005.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Bob Stoldal. His journalistic practices serve as an example for the next generation, and I applaud him on his success. I also commend Bob for his dedication to history and his efforts to ensure its accuracy for posterity. I wish him the best in his retirement and with his future endeavors.

THE DAILY 45: WILLIS GRAHAM

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. Too many lives are cut short unnecessarily.

Just yesterday, in Chicago, 29-year-old Willis Graham was found suffering gunshot wounds. He was dead upon arrival at the hospital from multiple gunshot wounds, according to police. This shooting occurred on Chicago's south side in the Englewood community. Another family grieves. Another gun became the tool used to take the life of a human being. I could stop speaking on this issue, but am I not my brother's keeper? Are you not your brother's keeper?

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 RECOGNITION OF JUDY
NEWBILL BURNS AS SANTA
ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA'S POINT
OF LIGHT RECIPIENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of Judy Newbill Burns as Santa Rosa County, Florida's Point of Light Recipient.

For the past 6 years, Ms. Burns has volunteered her time to help autistic children. Through the Autism Society of the Panhandle, Ms. Burns has vigorously worked to expand educational opportunities for children with autism. The Kids for Camp Program, spearheaded by Ms. Burns and the Autism Society