

the attorney for the City of Lake Station and the Town of Schererville. Steve's knowledge of law and his overwhelming desire to serve his community made him a perfect fit to continue his work on behalf of the Polish American community, and his willingness to serve has made him very successful in the many posts he has held.

Indisputably, Steve Tokarski has been extremely successful throughout his legal career. However, his efforts on behalf of the Polish American community have truly set him apart from his peers. As a member of the Polish National Alliance (PNA), he has served as the Director for the Indiana/Michigan region, as a member of the Board of Directors, as Chairperson of the Rules and Regulations Committee, and as a member of the Education Committee, the Financial Control Committee, and the Membership Committee. He also served as Parliamentarian, First Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary for various conventions. Additionally, Steve has served as President of PNA Council Number 127 and of PNA Lodge Number 2365—Silver Bell Club.

In addition to his efforts with the PNA, Steve has also been extremely active in the Polish American Congress (PAC), currently serving as the President for its Indiana division, a position he has maintained since 1977. Mr. Tokarski has also served as the National Director and the Parliamentarian for the Council of National Directors of the PAC and as Chairperson of the By-Laws and Grievance Committees. He has also served as Vice President of the PAC's charitable foundation since 1995.

Steve's community involvement does not end with his service to these two outstanding organizations. He is also an active member of several Purdue University alumni associations, as well as the Purdue President's Council, and he has held positions as Secretary-Treasurer and State Vice President of the National Advocates Society since 1984.

When not engaged within the community, Steve spends his spare time with his loving wife of 35 years, Marsha. Steve and Marsha, a stained glass artist and former science teacher, have two sons: David and Christopher.

Madam Speaker, Steve Tokarski has given his time and efforts selflessly to his church, his community, and the Polish American people of Northwest Indiana and beyond. His efforts have touched the hearts of many people throughout the years, and at this time, I ask that you and all of my distinguished colleagues join me in commending him for his lifetime of service and dedication.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF COLONEL RICKY CREWS, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Colonel Ricky Crews, U.S. Air Force, who is retiring after 33 years of dedicated service to this Nation. A graduate of the University of West Florida and Troy State University, Colonel Crews is the Installation Inspector General for the 94th Airlift

Wing, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, GA. Colonel Crews acted as the "eyes and ears" of the Wing Commander as he identified and corrected problems and coordinated the installation Fraud, Waste and Abuse monitoring program.

Colonel Crews enlisted in the Air Force in 1975. He completed basic training at Lackland AFB, TX before receiving specialized training at Keesler AFB, MS in Signals Intelligence. He performed tours of duty with the 6987th Security Group at Shu Lin Kou, AS in Taipei, Taiwan and with the 6917th Security Group, at San Vito AS, in Brindisi, Italy. He finished his active duty commitment with an assignment as a Communications Specialist at Strategic Air Command Headquarters in Omaha, NE.

Colonel Crews joined the Air Force Reserve in 1979 at Eglin Air Force Base Aux Field 3 (Duke Field), FL as an Airborne Weapons Mechanic, flying AC-130A Gunship missions worldwide. Upon his commissioning in 1983 through Officer Training School, he was assigned back to the 711th Special Operations Squadron at Eglin AF Aux Field 3 (Duke Field), FL, as a Fire Control Officer. He was responsible for directing and controlling the tactical operations of the AC-130A aircraft during both training and actual combat operations. In 1988, Colonel Crews moved forward in the AC-130A to assume the duties of Mission Navigator. During his assignment at Duke Field, Colonel Crews participated in several real world contingencies including operations in Panama, Haiti, and Iraq.

Colonel Crews' other assignments include: the 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh, PA, the 908th Airlift Wing, Assistant Director of Operations for the 357th Airlift Squadron, 908th Operations Support Flight Commander and the Deputy Commander, 908th Operations Group, Air Force Reserve Command in Maxwell AFB, AL, 908th Aeromedical Evacuation Support, and the 908th Operations Support Squadron. This assignment included recruiting, equipping and training combat aircrews to ensure combat readiness to meet all Air Force Reserve and global airlift requirements in peace and wartime in support of the Total Force. While assigned at Maxwell, Colonel Crews served in both Afghanistan and Iraq in support of the Global War on Terror.

A navigator with over 3,500 hours, Colonel Crews has flown global close air support and airlift missions including combat missions in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan and combat support missions in Panama, Haiti, Qatar and Uzbekistan. He completed Air War College in 2004 and Air Command and Staff College in 2001.

Madam Speaker, few can match the dedication and professionalism of Colonel Ricky Crews. He is a man of honor and a man of principle. On behalf of the United States Congress and a grateful Nation, I wish to thank Colonel Crews for his years of dedicated service. Vicki and I wish him, his wife, Debbie, and their daughter, Alyssa Ivey our best wishes for continued success and happiness in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. JOE ADERHOLT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the attention of the House to pay recognition to an important day in the lives of two constituents of mine, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aderholt.

On August 24, the Aderholts celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Joe Marvin Aderholt was born on March 25, 1936, in Cedar Springs, AL, and his wife, Mary Jane Finley, was born on September 19, 1936 also in Cedar Springs. Joe and Jane met and married in the small community of Weaver, AL. Over the years, they have been blessed with two daughters, Alison and Angie, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Joe and Jane have been active members of Weaver Baptist Church where Joe has been a soloist in the church choir.

They celebrated their 50th Anniversary on August 23 at Weaver Baptist Church with a reception honoring them given by friends and family.

I would like to congratulate Joe and Jane for reaching this important milestone in their lives. They are shining examples of love and dedication for us all, and I wish them and their family all the best at this important occasion.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH J. MICARE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and the State of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor Judge Joseph J. Micare and pay tribute to his memory.

A native of Albany, NY, Joseph Micare served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He graduated from Albany Law School and was past Venerable of the Albany Chapter of the Sons of Italy and a lifetime member of the Bucci McTeague Post.

Judge Micare served for many years as the chief counsel for the New York Liquor Authority. He worked as an assistant attorney general for the State of New York before he was appointed administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration.

Judge Micare and his family have proudly called southwest Alabama home for the past 25 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader, a friend to many throughout Alabama, as well as a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

Judge Joseph L. Micare will be dearly missed by his family—his wife of 35 years, Sharleen McClellan O'Hare Micare; his son, Pascal Micare; his daughters, Jan Micare and Gina Micare; his stepson, Shawn O'Hare; his stepdaughter, Meghan O'Hare; his 10 grandchildren, Deana Corrigan, Marc Micare, Jason