

IN HONOR OF ARCHER RAYMOND
MORGAN, JR.

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Simi Valley Police Department Sergeant Archer Raymond Morgan, Jr., who will retire October 12 after 33 years of dedicated and exceptional service to the department and the city it serves.

Simi Valley, California, has been my home for more than 40 years. When I was first elected to the City Council, Simi Valley's public safety was entrusted to the Simi Valley Community Safety Agency. Officers rode in white cars and wore light blue uniform shirts. It was an intentionally low-key and, some might say, casual approach to law enforcement.

Not long after my election to the council, I became the city's first elected mayor. Soon thereafter, we transformed the Simi Valley Community Safety Agency into the Simi Valley Police Department. White patrol cars became traditional black and whites. Community safety officers became trained and professional police officers and dressed the part.

Arch Morgan was an integral part of that transformation into a professional police force. I have done several ride-alongs with Arch over the years—in both white cars and black and whites. He is a professional's professional and one of the most liked and respected members of the department.

Arch worked patrol for the first 5 years with the department. He also served as the department's Court Officer, field training officer, and on the department's Driving Under the Influence Team (DUI). In 1980, he was promoted to sergeant. As a sergeant, Arch worked in Patrol, Patrol Support, Youth Services, Inspection & Planning, and the Special Enforcement Detail. For the past 11½ years, he has supervised the Field Training Office Program.

Prior to his law enforcement career, Arch was a Medical Corpsman for the U.S. Army National Guard. He earned his associate of arts with a Police Science major from Moorpark College.

Sergeant Archer Raymond Morgan, Jr., epitomizes the professionalism of the Police Department he has served for more than 3 decades and on which he has left a visible possible mark.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in thanking Arch Morgan for his dedication to the Simi Valley Police Department and the people it serves, and in wishing him well in a long and fruitful retirement.

TRIBUTE TO CARRIE CONLEY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the admirable accomplishment of kidney transplant recipient, Carrie Conley. Mrs. Conley won two gold and two silver medals at the U.S. Transplant Games.

In a brief statement Conley says, "I attend the games to promote organ donation and to

honor my donor family, which I met in 2004 at the Louisville games." Mrs. Conley received her kidney failure gradually from polycystic kidney disease. She won gold medals in swimming and golf, and her silver medals in the 5K race and track and field.

The U.S. Transplant Games encourage athletes of all ages who have received transplants to participate in this admirable and charitable event. Carrie Conley is an inspiration to transplant recipients of all ages, and I admire her greatly for her benevolent efforts.

HONORING ZACHARY RAYMOND
BUKATY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary Raymond Bukaty of Grain Valley, Missouri. Zachary is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1332, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zachary has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Zachary has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zachary Raymond Bukaty for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO JEAN HINES

HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HULSHOF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a special woman who has more than left her mark on Missouri. Jean Hines, of Sullivan, has been named by Experience Works, provider of job training and employment opportunities for older Americans, as the Outstanding Older Worker from the State of Missouri. Experience Works serves over 20,000 older workers and local communities.

Ms. Hines is a resident of the Ninth Congressional District. She works as a machinist; specifically, she works in finishing operations for the Cardin Machine Shop, which makes precision machine parts for the aerospace industry for companies such as Boeing and Lockheed.

Experience Works began in the summer of 1963 when President John F. Kennedy decided to make poverty reduction a focus of his anticipated 1964 reelection campaign. Shortly thereafter, President Lyndon B. Johnson, looking to help heal a shocked Nation after President Kennedy's assassination, took the advice of several national leaders and declared war on poverty.

On October 5, 1965, President Johnson signed the Nelson Amendment to the Eco-

omic Opportunity Act, which funded the "green thumb" project of the National Farmers Union. Soon after, Green Thumb, Inc. (now Experience Works) became the first nonprofit organization whose sole function was to help provide jobs for disadvantaged rural Americans.

While the Economic Opportunity Act stalled in Congress, Lady Bird Johnson helped press the initiative forward. A proposal suggested taking "the 'green thumbs' of poor, older, and retired farmers and put them to work to beautify our highways." The First Lady said that "an opportunity is presented here to provide [older farmers] with useful employment for which they are fully qualified, and at the same time, to beautify highways for the benefit of all our people."

Over time, that program went from beautification projects in four States to a major Federal workforce initiative known as the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), which today provides training, employment, and community service opportunities to thousands of seniors across the country.

I believe this program is an effective tool, which helps to strengthen families, communities, and our Nation by providing older workers with opportunities to learn, work, and serve others. Many of Missouri's seniors have benefited from this program.

Ms. Hines will be honored this week in Washington, DC, during National Older Workers Week. Today I want to shine a spotlight on not only Ms. Hines' achievements, but also on the vital role that older workers play in our Nation's economy. Ms. Hines' tireless commitment to her work has helped break down the barriers to hiring, training, and retaining older workers. Indeed, she is a role model for other older workers and employers. She has shown that much can be achieved and attained after the traditional retirement age. For these reasons, I am privileged to stand before this body and congratulate Ms. Hines on her receipt of this prestigious award. It is much-deserved.

HONORING MARINE CORPORAL
BRADLEY J. WALKER

HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of the House of Representatives the story of Marine Corporal Bradley J. Walker of White Pine, Tennessee.

Corporal Walker, a proud American and proud Marine, was injured when his Humvee vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device in Haditha, Iraq in November of 2006. As a result of his injuries, Corporal Walker had both legs amputated at the knees. Since that time, Corporal Walker has been an inspiration to all of us as he has taken to his recuperation with the same drive and determination that was the hallmark of his service with the Marine Corps.

As has always been the case, the community of White Pine rallied to the cause of Walker's family in the true "Volunteer State" spirit by transforming their home to meet Corporal Walker's new needs as well as honoring him