

Delaware Latin American Community Center will honor Joe and Joanne for their contributions to the Delaware community at their Annual Grand Ball, *Una Noche en España*.

Joe's life in public service began following his 1970 graduation from Lincoln University when he accepted a position teaching in the Wilmington School District in Wilmington, Delaware. He continued teaching in the Christina School District until his retirement in 2001. In 1975, he earned a masters degree from West Chester University and completed post-graduate degree work at the University of Delaware. Joe's career in politics began in 1992 when he was elected to the New Castle County Council, serving until his election to the Delaware House of Representatives in 1998. As a member of Delaware's General Assembly, Joe has been a strong advocate of an increased focus on improving education statewide and nationwide, joining such associations as the Delaware State Education Association and the Association of Teachers of Foreign Language.

Likewise, Joanne has dedicated herself toward improving education for our youth in Delaware and across America. Her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Delaware and background in education and school counseling have served her well in numerous influential leadership positions, including serving as vice president of the College of Education, Human Services and Public Policy at the University of Delaware and as president of the Delaware School Counselors Association and the Delaware Counseling Association. Joanne also served as a board member of the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. Joanne currently serves as an education associate for school improvement with the Delaware Department of Education.

In addition, Joe and Joanne have been very active members in the Hispanic community. Joe currently serves as the President of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators and as a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic Affairs. From 1994 to 2002, Joe was a board member of the Latin American Community Center in Delaware. Joanne continues to lend her support to Joe's efforts in representing the interests of Latinos in Delaware and throughout the United States.

I acknowledge and thank Representative Joe and Joanne Miro for their service to the State of Delaware and our country. I am confident that they will remain active and enthusiastic advocates for these causes that are so dear to their hearts.

HONORING SHERIFF RICHARD
ROTH

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my highest commendations to Sheriff Richard Roth and to thank him for the nearly twenty years of service that he has selflessly dedicated to Monroe County.

It is a testament to the greatness of our nation that a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota can find his calling in the Law Enforcement

community of Florida and work his way up from a radio dispatcher to the Sheriff of Monroe County.

Sheriff Roth has committed himself wholly and unwaveringly to the safety of our community. Throughout his career, he has sought to further his expertise in law enforcement with a degree in Police Administration from Florida Keys Community College, as well as successfully completing courses at the National Sheriff's Academy and the prestigious FBI National Academy for police executives all so that he may better serve our community.

As Sheriff, his efforts to boost community involvement have resulted in nearly 140 Crime Watch groups in Monroe County and recognition at the State and National level for its accomplishments; not the least of which is reducing crime in Monroe County by fifty percent during his tenure as Sheriff.

His service to his country in the United States Navy and to his community in the Monroe County Sheriff's Department have benefited us all, and I know that I sleep soundly at night knowing that Sheriff Richard Roth is watching over all of our neighbors.

IN HONOR OF COMMISSIONER
CYNTHIA WHITE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Denton County Commissioner Cynthia White and her years of service to Denton County and the North Texas region.

Cynthia White began her career in public service as a Constituent Liaison for U.S. Congressman Dick Arme. She then began a distinguished career in local government serving on the City of Lewisville Planning and Zoning Commission as well as the Board of Adjustment. In 1992 Commissioner White was elected to the Lewisville City Council where she served as Mayor Pro-Tem from 1994 to 1995. She was elected Commissioner in Denton County in 2000 where she has since worked hard for the people of Precinct 1 and beyond.

Commissioner White has become known as a leader on transportation issues for her region. Her dedication has helped pave the way for numerous projects in Precinct 1 from safety improvements along Highway 377 to providing needed funding for FM 423 to partnering with local cities to secure funding for improvements on FM 2181. When the Lewisville Lake Bridge/FM 720 concept stalled, Commissioner White brought concerned parties back to the table to get the project moving again. Thanks to her efforts, that bridge is now being constructed and will soon help provide needed relief to traffic congestion. The Commissioner has served as the Chair of the Regional Transportation Council, a board member of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition, and has spoken on transportation to audiences throughout the state, including the Texas Senate.

Commissioner White's public service goes far beyond government. She has volunteered with organizations such as the United Way, the Boys and Girls Club, the Denton Benefit League, the American Heart Association, and the Salvation Army of Denton Advisory Board.

In addition to this, she remains an active member of her church, a certified personal trainer and promoter for health and fitness issues, and often performs as a musician in the community.

It is with great honor that I recognize Commissioner Cynthia White for her years of hard work and dedication given to the citizens of Denton County and North Texas region. I am proud to represent her in Washington. Her service sets a standard of devotion and true leadership, one that will never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. SHAYS. Madam Speaker, I pay tribute today to Honor Flight for its dedication to our World War II Veterans.

In Connecticut, we have been blessed by the vision of Christopher Coutu, Founder of American Warrior. This organization is dedicated to bringing World War II Veterans from Connecticut to Washington, DC to see their monument erected for their service to our country during its darkest hour. Mr. Coutu created American Warrior with the ideas of Honor Flight in mind and has helped many Veterans see this important memorial for the first time.

Honor Flight has done this for many Veterans around the country. Their dedication has given so much back to the generation that defended us and sacrificed so much to keep their fellow Americans safe.

We cannot do enough for our Veterans in exchange for what they gave us, but we can honor them and give them opportunities to be thanked by a grateful nation. I stand in awe of Honor Flight, American Warrior for giving our World War II Veterans the opportunity to see their memorial erected in their honor.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND
SERVICE OF REPRESENTATIVE
RAY LAHOOD

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge my friend and colleague Representative RAY LAHOOD, who is retiring from the House after 14 years of service to the 18th District of Illinois.

I have had the pleasure of working with RAY LAHOOD on many issues of importance to our State. We have not always agreed on every policy issue, but we have always been able to discuss our differences with respect and good will and we have always been able to work together to promote the interests of Illinois. His common sense and sense of fairness are recognized and valued not just within the Illinois delegation, but within the entire House of Representatives.

A member of the House Appropriations Committee, RAY LAHOOD has been a strong advocate of Illinois farmers and rural communities. When the Republicans were in the majority, he was often called on to chair the