

grin and twinkling eyes revealed the thorough happiness and pride he felt.

With Tom Clifford it was never about the talking. It was all about getting the job done successfully. He lived long. He lived well, and his own success created in turn generations of success in the lives of his students and the ongoing economic activity he helped create in our region.

President Tom Clifford was one of the greatest North Dakotans we have ever known. I am proud to have been his friend, and I will never forget his sterling example of integrity and strong leadership.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CLAUDIA S. KNOTT

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 13, 2009*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Ms. Claudia "Scottie" Knott, who will retire from the Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on March 1, 2009. Ms. Knott's distinguished government career spans 31 years, and her record of achievement during this period reflects greatly upon herself and upon the organizations with which she has served.

Ms. Knott has served as DLA's Senior Procurement Executive/Component Acquisition Executive (SPE/CAE) since 2001. Under this position Ms. Knott was responsible for the development, application, and oversight of DLA acquisition, policy, plans, programs, functional systems and operations. She has overall acquisition management responsibilities for the Agency including an annual Agency acquisition program exceeding \$38 billion.

Born in Petersburg, Virginia, Ms. Knott has followed a wide-ranging career of increasing responsibility culminating in her appointment as Director of Acquisition Management. In 1978, she entered the Federal service as a program assistant for the Department of Agriculture and in 1981 was selected into the Defense Logistics Agency Intern Program. In 1993 she was accepted into the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF), Defense Acquisition University. After ICAF Ms. Knott went to work for the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition Reform/Electronic Commerce). In 1997, Ms. Knott became the Assistant Executive Director, Procurement at the Defense Logistics Agency.

In 2003, Ms. Knott was selected by the Director, Defense Logistics Agency, to be the Deputy Director, Logistics Operations. As the deputy, she was responsible for DLA's supply, distribution and reutilization and marketing business areas which resulted in over \$30 billion in sales and services to the United States military and federal customers. Ms. Knott served as the Deputy Director, Logistics Operations until her appointment to Director, Acquisition Management in 2007, a principal staff code in DLA, as part of a reorganization to elevate contracting and contract management.

Ms. Knott attended Florida Institute of Technology, Chapman College and the National Defense University and is the recipient of numerous special achievement and performance awards including the Distinguished Civilian

Service Award in September 2008. Ms. Knott was selected as one of the Federal Computer Week Top 100 IT Professionals in 1999 and 2001. She is an honorary lifetime faculty member of the Army Logistics Management College. Ms. Knott has also received the Vice President's "Hammer Award" for business re-engineering in 1996 and has been confirmed into the Distinguished Order of Saint Martin, the patron saint of Logistics.

Madam Speaker, I wish to commend Ms. Claudia S. Knott on her retirement from Federal civil service. She epitomizes the dedication and professionalism that make our Federal government a model all over the world.

A TRIBUTE TO A.V. JONES, JR.

**HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 13, 2009*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize A.V. Jones, Jr. for his dedication to the West Central Texas Municipal Water District. A.V. retired last year after 46 years of continuous service to the District, which includes the cities of Abilene, Albany, Anton, and Breckenridge.

A.V. Jones, Jr. was born in Wichita Falls, Texas in 1932 and moved shortly after to Albany, Texas, where he has lived ever since. After graduating from Oklahoma University with a Bachelors of Science in Petroleum Geology, A.V. settled in Albany with his wife, Pat. They have two children, Patti Holloway of Abilene, Texas and K.C. Jones of Albany, Texas.

A.V. joined the West Central Texas Municipal Water District in 1962. During his nearly half-century of service, A.V. served twice as President of the District. Under his leadership, the District oversaw and completed the construction of the Hubbard Creek Reservoir and its pumping system and pipeline that provides water to the District's four member cities. A.V. worked to maintain and preserve the Hubbard Creek Reservoir as a secure long-term water source for the District by exploring and pursuing alternate sources for the cities.

A successful entrepreneur in the oil and gas industry, A.V. and his family founded several oil and gas exploration companies. He is a Vice President of the Texas Oil and Gas Association, is on the Board of Directors of the American Petroleum Institute, and is a past President of the Independent Petroleum Association of America. Moreover, A.V. is a former President of the Board of Trustees of the Albany Independent School District.

A.V. brought his spirit of leadership and his knack for success from the oil and gas industry to the Water District. As a Director and Officer, A.V. had a profound impact on reaching the District's goal of providing a safe and reliable source of water through the management of existing resources and the pursuit of additional sources of water.

Many people in West Texas can attribute the running water in their homes to the hard work and commitment of A.V. Jones. Those in District 19, including myself, would like to thank him for a job well-done and extend to him our best wishes for his future endeavors.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DON ALEXANDER

**HON. EARL POMEROY**

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 13, 2009*

Mr. POMEROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember a good man and a great American, the Honorable Donald C. Alexander. Don's recent passing was a great loss to those who loved him and to our Nation as a whole. He was a man of dignity and integrity whose brilliance was exceeded only by his kindness and generosity of spirit.

Don is perhaps best remembered for his distinguished tenure as head of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the 1970s. Don always stood firmly on the side of right, and famously resisted President Nixon's attempts to use the IRS to persecute his political enemies. This was utterly in character for Don—he hated injustice in any form, and fought against it his entire adult life. He was a dedicated public servant, and served on numerous Federal commissions, including the Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday Commission.

Don never bragged about his distinguished military service, but he was a true American patriot who loved his country deeply. He was a twice-decorated veteran of World War II who served in Europe as a forward artillery observer and received the Silver Star and the Bronze Star.

Don was an honors graduate of Yale and Harvard Law School and one of the smartest tax lawyers our country has ever seen. His wise counsel on tax policy was sought by Members of Congress across the political spectrum, including myself. Don believed that the tax code could be an instrument of justice, and worked his entire adult life to make it more simple and more fair for every American.

Don never quit trying to make this country better. He came to work every day well into his eighties. His thorough knowledge of the tax code on a technical level, the legislature process on a practical level, and the context of the times on a historic level made his counsel and guidance second to none.

In addition to his many professional accomplishments, Don was a loyal and loving friend. He was the consummate gentleman, and his unstinting generosity and courtesy were widely admired. Don had a sharp wit, a ready charm, and a perpetual twinkle in his eye. He was always humble, kind, and loving to those around him. He will be dearly missed, but never forgotten.

BIPARTISAN RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IRAN'S PERSECUTION OF BAHA'IS

**HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 13, 2009*

"In Germany, they first came for the gypsies, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a gypsy. Then they came for the Bolsheviks, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Bolshevik. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade