

a senior driver for the United States Brass Corporation.

After retirement, Mr. Siebman spent his remaining years devoted to his family, hunting and fishing. He was a tireless worker for conservative candidates in local political campaigns. He was known for his generosity and for being a loyal friend and neighbor.

The family and friends of Moody Newell Siebman will long remember his devotion to his family and to his community, and the legacy of this fifth-generation Texan will continue in the lives of his children and grandchildren.

CELEBRATING THE U.S. GENERAL  
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION'S  
60TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 10, 2009*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce a resolution honoring the Government Services Administration (GSA) for their sixty years of hard work and dedication to federal employees. On June 30, 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed legislation to create GSA and streamline the administrative work of the federal government. The Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 took effect almost 60 years ago today, on July 1, 1949.

GSA consolidated the National Archives Establishment, the Federal Works Agency and its Public Buildings Administration, the Bureau of Federal Supply, the Office of Contract Settlement and the War Assets Administration. GSA was tasked with administering supplies and providing workplaces for federal employees.

GSA's original mission was to dispose of war surplus goods, manage and store government records, handle emergency preparedness, and stockpile strategic supplies for wartime. GSA also regulated the sale of office supplies to federal agencies.

Today, through the Public Buildings Service, Federal Acquisition Service, various staff offices and 11 regional offices nationwide, GSA provides workspace to more than 1 million federal civilian workers. It oversees the preservation of more than 408 historic buildings. It facilitates the purchase of high-quality, low-cost goods and services from quality commercial vendors.

GSA has a history of providing environmentally sound or sustainable products and services that reduce waste and pollution, and providing federal employees with healthy work environments. GSA's efforts to design, build and manage federal properties in a sustainable and environmentally sensitive manner helps reduce energy consumption by the federal government.

Today, GSA touches the lives of nearly every U.S. citizen by providing goods, services, and workplaces at best value to its federal agency clients. The GSA has worked to ensure that the federal government leads by example—promoting fiscal fitness and environmental responsibility throughout the federal government.

As we mark its 60th anniversary, the GSA is playing a critical role in revitalizing our economy. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included \$5.5 billion for GSA

building projects and \$300 million for energy efficient motor vehicles. Just as importantly, GSA is assisting other federal agencies in meeting their goals under the legislation, and has used its technical expertise to support Recovery.gov as part of the government's commitment to openness and transparency.

As GSA enters its seventh decade of service, it does so with a new slogan: "A Legacy of Service, a Pursuit of Excellence," that articulates the agency's storied history and continued excellence on behalf of its customers and American citizens.

I am proud to offer this resolution honoring the men and women who work to keep our government running.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 10, 2009*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Chair, on rollcall No. 498, on agreeing to the DeLauro of Connecticut Amendment to H.R. 2997, I would have voted "aye."

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 10, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally-directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: MILCON, Army National Guard

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kentucky Department of Military Affairs

Address of Requesting Entity: Boone National Guard Center, 100 Minuteman Parkway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$1.805 million to complete construction of the Phase IV Aviation Operation Facility—London Joint Readiness Center located in Laurel County, Kentucky. The funding will be used for the construction of two additional (11,400 SF) unheated aircraft storage buildings at the facility. The project is required to fully house the Joint Support Operations equipment and personnel in one facility located in the vicinity of operations. At the conclusion of this project, the unit will be able to respond quicker and in a much more efficient manner which will allow a greater return on investment funds spent on the operation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN  
WISE "JAY" ADKISSON

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 10, 2009*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a dedicated

serviceman, excellent businessman, and community activist, Mr. John Wise "Jay" Adkisson of Greenville, Texas.

Born on October 5, 1920, to John Wise Adkisson Sr. and Lenna McCandless Adkisson in Greenville, Texas, Jay graduated from Greenville High School in 1938 and from Texas A&M University in 1942, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in landscaping architecture. He was also a member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. Shortly thereafter, he attended the U.S. Naval Midshipmen's School at Columbia University in New York, NY and upon graduation, was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy. For the remainder of WWII, he served in the South Pacific as commanding officer of a Landing Ship Medium (LSM) and was honorably discharged having obtained the rank of full lieutenant.

In 1946, Jay returned to Greenville to join in the operations of the family business, Wise Adkisson & Sons Florist, Greenhouse, and Nursery. In 1996, Jay was elected as President of the Texas State Florists Association (TSFA) and in 1978 he received the TSFA Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his numerous contributions to the floral industry.

In addition to his work in the floral business, Jay was a dedicated public servant. He was elected for two terms as Greenville City Councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem in the 1960s, served as Chairman of the Administrative Board for Kavanaugh United Methodist Church, member of the Greenville Lions Club, and Director of the Greenville Lake Club. He was also involved in the adult leadership of Boy Scouts of America and the Hunt County Aggie Club.

Jay is survived by his wife of 61 years, and business partner Nita Lee "Tubby", son Richard Wise Adkisson and wife Jan, son John Jay Adkisson and three grandchildren, Benjamin, Rebecca and Rob Adkisson, sister Mary Ward, brother Dr. Mike Adkisson and wife Beverly, great-granddaughter Bailey, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I am privileged to have known such a wonderful citizen of Greenville, Texas, who leaves a legacy of service that will be long remembered.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND  
BIRTHDAY OF JAMES R.  
PAULSON, UNITED STATES NAVY

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 10, 2009*

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join in celebrating the 90th birthday of James R. Paulson, a veteran of World War II, a philanthropist and a leader in business.

As a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, James R. Paulson was the skipper of a Sub Chaser "SC671", conducting mine-sweeping operations in Alaska's treacherous seas along the Aleutian Islands from the North Pacific to Japan during WWII.

Jim met his beautiful wife Marijane Lewis in 1938 and they were married four years later, just days before he deployed to the North Pacific. Together they raised four wonderful children.

He received his undergraduate degree from University of Puget Sound, in WA. His career