

Wind energy is a critical component of America's clean energy future. The growth potential for the industry is enormous: in 2008 alone the industry installed enough new wind energy production capacity to power over 2 million homes. My state of Minnesota is currently fourth in the nation for installed wind energy production capacity and is in the top ten states for wind energy production potential. However, like many new industries, the wind energy industry requires federal incentives to fuel its growth. The Wind Energy Research and Development Act authorizes an important new demonstration program at the Department of Energy to reduce the costs of construction, generation, and maintenance of wind energy systems. Developing these technologies will help reduce existing barriers to expansion of wind power around the country.

America's shift to a clean energy economy requires the development of advanced vehicle technologies to save consumers money and reduce harmful emissions. In addition to clean passenger vehicles, we must modernize our commercial transport fleet. The Heavy Duty Hybrid Vehicle Research, Development and Demonstration Act will create a competitive grant program to support research, development and demonstration of advanced heavy duty hybrid vehicle technologies. This program will help make America's commercial transport fleet the cleanest and most efficient in the world.

Transitioning to a clean energy economy and curtailing global climate change are two of the great challenges of our time—American innovation is the key to addressing them both. I urge my colleagues to support these two important pieces of legislation.

RECOGNIZING DAVID DAVIS FOR  
WINNING THE VOLUNTEER OF  
THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2009*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate David Davis for winning the Volunteer of the Year Award. According to his peers, since 2003, David Davis has volunteered for the City of Dallas and has logged approximately 1,947 hours. This year David has logged 394 hours and in the month of June alone has logged 62 hours.

David Davis had made a significant contribution by taking charge of several Volunteer Programs which include being a Crime Watch Captain for the Oaklawn Crime Watch, a VIP Captain for Oaklawn Neighborhood and participates in every Central Patrol VIP training class. David Davis also sits on the CWEB Board as a NE and NW alternate. David is CERT trained and heads up CERT Teams for Northeast and Northwest.

David Davis also volunteers for COPS, White Rock Lake VIP, VIP Traffic Safety Fairs, assists in traffic and crowd management for various parades throughout the city, CHIPS training assistance, CHIPS on the job training, VIP training and participated in the Citizens Police Academy.

In May 2009 Dallas Police Crisis Intervention Training Program (CIT) held the National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI) walk at

Fair Park and David Davis assisted by organizing a group of volunteers for additional crowd management in order to facilitate this successful fundraiser.

On numerous occasions David Davis has contacted the local police personally to offer his assistance with crime watch events, parades and volunteer training and has always shown a great dedication and reliability in his support of these Dallas Police events.

David Davis has also proven himself to be an accomplished crime fighter and has made a tremendous impact during his Volunteering in Patrol. David Davis leads by example in this area by explaining to new volunteers that crime may be brought down by the volunteers who patrol certain areas.

David Davis has also taken on patrol of the Katy Trail and Reverchon Park areas. He has organized newly trained volunteers for these areas and keeps track of current crime trends and passes along information to police officers who also work these parks.

Congratulations David Davis. I salute you.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD  
HOLST

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2009*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and accomplishments of Mr. Richard Holst, who died in the line of duty on September 9, 2009, while defending the community from a fire.

Mr. Holst served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War in the Atlantic Fleet on the U.S.S. Saratoga. In addition to his military service, after retirement, he joined the Huntington Manor Fire Department as a firefighter, eventually becoming the head of New York State Association of Fire Chaplains.

Mr. Holst was a true leader, who carried the torch of service throughout his life. He will be remembered by his family, friends, and community for his generosity and sincere commitment to helping those in need.

IN RECOGNITION OF RONNIE E.  
BELL UPON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, a community leader who is retiring after over thirty years of public service with Walton County, Florida. Mr. Bell spent his career serving Northwest Florida, and I am proud to honor his dedication and service.

Ronnie is life-long resident of Walton County. He graduated from Walton Senior High School in 1977 and from Okaloosa-Walton Junior College in 1980. He began his career with Walton County in 1977 as an Emergency Medical Services Secretary. From 1978 through 1986, Ronnie served as an EMT and Paramedic for Walton County EMS, and was the Walton EMS Supervisor between 1986 and 1987. In 1988, Ronnie became the Wal-

ton County Administrative Supervisor, and served in that capacity for eleven years. In 1999, he became Public Works Director, and was selected as Walton County Administrator in 2004.

In over thirty years of service to the public as a Walton County employee, Ronnie has shown a true dedication to helping his fellow citizens. He has always strove to make Walton a better place to live.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Ronnie Bell for his lifetime of service to Northwest Florida. Walton County will miss his leadership. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for him and his family as they embark on this next journey in their lives.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF FORMER SENATOR JOSE  
"PING" ANDRES RAMIREZ  
DUEÑAS

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2009*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of former Guam Senator Jose "Ping" Andres Ramirez Dueñas, a lifetime resident of the village of Dededo, Guam. Senator Dueñas passed away on August 31, 2009 after a long illness. He was 78.

Born on October 17, 1930, in Hagåtña, Guam, Ping was the oldest of four sons of Juliana Ramirez Dueñas and Jesus Camacho Dueñas. Ping and I were classmates at George Washington High School, where we both graduated from in June of 1951. On April 19, 1954, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, he married his high school sweetheart, Rosario Cruz Perez, fondly known as "Ling". Ping enrolled in Marquette University and later received his bachelor's degree in accounting from St. Thomas Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

After graduation from college, Ping returned home and began his twenty-eight year career of public service with the Government of Guam. Ping started as an auditor with the Department of Administration before being promoted to chief accountant. In 1962, Ping and nineteen others joined together to form the Government of Guam Employees Federal Credit Union (GGEFCU). From an initial membership of twenty founding members, the GGEFCU has grown to over 40,000 members, three branches, and is an important resource for financial services to the Government of Guam employees.

Ping sought political office in 1970 and was elected to four consecutive terms as a Senator in the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th Guam Legislature from 1970 to 1978. He served on the Rules Committee; the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Federal and Foreign Affairs; and Natural Resources, Land and Community Development. He also served on the 1975 Legislative Task Force for the review of the federal-territorial political relationship with its findings to be reported to the White House. After serving as Chairman of the Democratic Party of Guam, Ping and I joined together as running mates in the 1990 gubernatorial election. While unsuccessful in our bid for Governor