

the Arboretum's mission. The nonprofit organization Friends of the Arboretum has helped preserve this valuable ecological resource both by fundraising for the Arboretum and through volunteer work. Those efforts, and the work of many others, have made possible invaluable scientific research and unique community opportunities.

Of course, Madison's Arboretum may not have been possible without the initial commitment of 200 hardworking individuals from the Civilian Conservation Corps. During the Great Depression, the efforts of these young government workers produced a natural sanctuary free from encroaching development and biological contamination. Just a few years after its dedication, the Madison Arboretum became the site of several important ecological experiments on conservation and restoration. One historic study conducted on the Arboretum's Curtis Prairie helped establish the use of fire as an effective prairie restoration technique, a method now widely recognized. Those 60 acres of Curtis Prairie today comprise the oldest restored prairie land in the United States.

As University of Wisconsin scientists continue to develop and enhance methods of ecological restoration, the Arboretum remains an important resource in the research process. The Arboretum now contains several preserved forests, prairies, and other lands, spread over hundreds of acres, which make possible influential ecological studies. Since the Civilian Conservation Corps first began reintroducing native flora to the various ecosystems of the Arboretum, it has grown to house over 300 different species of plants. Though urbanization and the invasion of new plant types have provided new, modern challenges for this space, the commitment of university workers and community volunteers, such as those from Friends of the Arboretum, have kept the Arboretum strong. In addition to scientific research, Arboretum workers and volunteers facilitate a variety of community events, and offer unique educational opportunities in the field of ecology.

Today, Madison's University of Wisconsin Arboretum contains the single most comprehensive assortment of restored ecosystems and a highly dedicated group of supporters. I therefore honor the 75th anniversary of the University of Wisconsin Arboretum, and commend both Friends of the Arboretum and all other Arboretum volunteers. The sustained commitment of numerous community members has maintained and enhanced a truly priceless natural resource.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHEROKEE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL WINNING THE ALABAMA 4A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the Cherokee County High School football team in Centre, Alabama, which recently won the 2009 Alabama 4A State Football Championship.

On December 3, the Cherokee County Warriors defeated Jackson High School by a score

of 31–24 at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The Warriors finished the season with a record of 15–0, making them the only undefeated team in the state.

The Warriors are coached by Tripp Curry, and the school's principal is Doug Davis. I'd like to congratulate the football team, coaches and high school students and staff on this outstanding achievement. All of us across Cherokee County and East Alabama are deeply proud of these talented young Alabamians.

HONORING COLONEL JONATHAN FLAUGHER

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague JIM COSTA, to commend and congratulate COL Jonathan Flaughner upon being recognized as a "Citizen Soldier" by Fresno City College. Colonel Flaughner was recognized on Friday, November 6, 2009 at the annual Veterans Peace Memorial event held at Fresno City College in Fresno, California.

COL Jonathan Flaughner assumed command of the 144th Fighter Wing, California Air National Guard in Fresno, California in October 2004. He is a "Command Pilot" with over 4,000 hours of Air Force jet and fighter time, and is currently an F–16 Instructor Pilot. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 1977, with a bachelor of arts degree in History, and entered the United States Air Force through the ROTC program.

Colonel Flaughner was on active duty until 1995, and he has been with the 144th in Fresno ever since. Prior to his assignment as the 144th Wing Commander, Colonel Flaughner served as the Active Duty Advisor, 194th Squadron Flight Commander and Operations Officer, 144th Logistics Group Commander, 144th Maintenance Group Commander and 144th Operations Group Commander. He graduated from the United States Air Force Air War College in-residence program at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama in 1998. Previous assignments include a staff tour with HQ USAF and flying assignments in the F–16 at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany, the F–106 at Griffiss Air Force Base in New York. After pilot training at Williams Air Force Base in Arizona he was assigned to the T–33 at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. His first Air Force assignment was with the 726th Tactical Control Squadron base at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

Madam Speaker, Mr. COSTA and I rise today to commend and congratulate COL Jonathan Flaughner upon being recognized as a "Citizen Soldier." I invite my colleagues to join us in wishing Colonel Flaughner many years of continued success.

IN APPRECIATION OF MILLBRAE MAYOR ROBERT GOTTSCHALK

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, every community should be so fortunate as to have a dy-

amic and committed public servant like Millbrae Mayor Robert Gottschalk.

Mayor Gottschalk is stepping down after eight years on the City Council, including two stints as Mayor. Bob's tenure on the council has been defined by his steady advocacy for the people of Millbrae, giving special emphasis to youth and senior programs, improving downtown and mitigating the impact of BART on Millbrae residents.

Mayor Gottschalk graduated from San Jose State University and went on to receive an M.B.A. in Finance from the University of California at Berkeley and a J.D. from UC Hastings College of the Law. He served our nation with distinction, retiring as a Captain from the U.S. Navy Reserves and worked for 21 years in banking before becoming an attorney.

Mayor Gottschalk represents Millbrae on the Association of Bay Area Governments, Peninsula Congestion Relief Alliance and the Joint Powers Authority for County Emergency Medical Response. He has also served as a member of the Millbrae Community Preservation Commission and was citizen advisor to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority.

Madam Speaker, I have worked closely with Mayor Gottschalk and my impression of him can be summed up as "leadership with a velvet glove." Bob has always led with gentility and a sense of decorum and the simple fact is that Millbrae, California is a better place to live because of his work. I know of no better barometer for public service than that.

HONORING JERRY "ICEMAN" BUTLER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor a legendary singer and songwriter, Jerry "Iceman" Butler, on the occasion of his 70th birthday today. An award-winning performer, producer and composer, and one of the architects of Rhythm and Blues, Mr. Butler, has enjoyed a 51-year career that began at the young age of 18, when he and Curtis Mayfield formed a rhythm and blues group, The Impressions, in Chicago in 1958.

The same year, Butler wrote a song titled For Your Precious Love, which became "the first of the Soul Music recordings" and a "landmark recording," according to Rolling Stone Magazine. The single, on Vee-Jay Records, became the first for The Impressions to "go Gold."

Mr. Butler, named "The Iceman" in 1959 by Philadelphia radio personality Georgie Woods for Butler's "cool as ice" delivery and debonair, effortless style has had numerous million selling recordings ("Gold") during his career: For Your Precious Love (with The Impressions, Vee-Jay, 1958); He Will Break Your Heart (Vee-Jay, 1960); Moon River (Vee-Jay, 1961); Never Gonna Give You Up (Mercury, 1976); Hey Western Union Man (Vee-Jay, 1968); Brand New Me (Mercury, 1969); Only The Strong Survive (Mercury, 1969); and Ain't Understanding Mellow (Mercury, 1973).

Nominated for three Grammys for singing and composing, Butler is the recipient of numerous awards, including several from

ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) for his songwriting and publishing work; two Billboard Magazine Awards as a writer and artist; two Humanitarian Awards and several BMI (Broadcast Music Inc.) Awards as a writer and publisher. Butler was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1991 as “. . . one of the architects of Rhythm & Blues;” and was the recipient of a Rhythm & Blues Foundation “Pioneer Award” in 1994.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Butler, married for 50 years to Annette and the father of adult twin sons, is now using his considerable talent to serve the public as a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. First elected in 1986, Mr. Butler is currently the longest serving member of the Board. In his official capacity, he has led efforts to improve the quality of health services in the second most populous county in the United States, serving as Chair of the Board's Health and Hospitals Committee. Butler also serves as Commissioner and past President of the Northeastern (Illinois) Planning Commission, responsible for the planning and consultation for the six counties of Northeastern Illinois.

Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege and honor to my friend and colleague, The Honorable Jerry “Iceman” Butler on the occasion of his 70th birthday and I am privileged to enter these words into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO MR. SALVATORE F.  
(SAL) PERRY

### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Salvatore F. Perry on the occasion of his 70th birthday which was November 16, 2009 and to salute him for his many years of outstanding service as a businessman and civic mainstay in the Taylor Street area of Chicago, commonly known as Little Italy.

Madam, Speaker, Salvatore F. Perry was born on November 16, 1939 at Mother Cabrini Hospital in Chicago to Francis and Grace Perry, both of whom were born in Sicily Italy. Sal was educated at St. Phillip High School and graduated in 1957. When he was 9 years old, his father bought Perry's Bakery at 1052 West Taylor Street. Sal worked there all through high school. After graduation he worked at the South Water Market and later joined the Army and served 2 years at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri as a quartermaster. On November 12, 1962, Sal married Roseanne Raimondi Perry and they had two children, Cynthia and Salvatore.

In 1962, Sal opened Westside Foods at 1152 West Taylor Street and operated the store until 1990. In 1990, Sal opened Rosals Cucina and it continues to operate to this day. During this time Sal has won the Humanitarian Award from Holy Family Church and contributed to many charities in the form of food donations and volunteer work to improve the community in which he has lived and worked.

On several thanksgivings, working with Congressman DANNY K. DAVIS, he has donated dinners to seniors and the children at The

Boys and Girls Club on Taylor and Racine. He helped to promote the rehabilitation of Holy Family Church by soliciting donations and other forms of marketing.

Madam Speaker, Sal retired in 2008, yet he continues to donate food and time to local charities. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Salvatore F. Perry is a true humanitarian who has contributed significantly to humanity and I take this opportunity to commend him for his great work.

IN APPRECIATION OF MILLBRAE  
CITY TREASURER MARY VELLA  
TRESSELER

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, this evening the city of Millbrae, California will say thank you and farewell to a true public resource as City Treasurer Mary Vella Treseler retires from the post she has held for eight years.

Mary Vella Treseler was elected by the voters of Millbrae in 2001 and re-elected four years later. She brought thirty years of experience in the banking industry to her job and helped guide the city through the many challenges that local governments have had to deal with in recent years.

This City Treasurer, however, serves her community in many ways. She has donated her time and talents to the Constitution Bicentennial Planning Committee, Millbrae Beautification Commission and Public Access Television Committee. Ms. Treseler also took an active part as a member of the Mayor's Civic Coordinating Council and Millbrae's Smoking Ordinance and 50th Anniversary Committees. In addition, she represented Millbrae on the San Mateo County Sesquicentennial Committee and was President of Soroptimist International of Millbrae-San Bruno. As if that is not enough, Mary has somehow found the time to serve as President of the Millbrae Historical Society for the past eight years.

As should be expected, Mary is no stranger to civic honors. She was named “Millbrae Woman of the Year” in 1999 and is the recipient of the Millbrae Historical Society's “Living History Award.”

Mary moved to Millbrae in 1977, where she and her husband, Joseph Amoroso, raised their children, Adonna and Joseph Raymond, in Millbrae schools. Sadly, Mary was widowed in 1985. Her response was to get more involved in her community, which began her quarter-century of service to Millbrae. In 1990, Mary married then-Mayor Robert Treseler and her involvement in local government increased. So, too, did her family as Mary embraced the addition of step-children Robert Jr, William, James and Catherine. Sadly, we lost Mayor Treseler two years ago.

Madam Speaker, this is a remarkable woman with boundless energy and a passionate interest in her community. On behalf of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives, I want to thank City Treasurer Mary Vella Treseler for her longtime service to the people of Millbrae and to our nation.

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE ROBERT WEXLER

### HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise with a mix of sorrow and optimism as we wish farewell to Congressman ROBERT WEXLER, a true friend, fellow New Yorker—by birth—and leader on the House Foreign Affairs Committee as he moves ahead in the next stage of his successful career. Congressman WEXLER leaves behind a great legacy as one of the first legislators to truly harness the great potential of a U.S.-Turkey partnership. This legacy is illustrated time and again through the warm reception Congressman WEXLER receives from even the most skeptical audiences in Turkey, Israel and the Middle East. His example reminds us all of the power of diplomacy and American values.

As an outspoken advocate for increased dialogue between the United States and Turkey, he has created an environment of increased stability, security and friendship for all people in not only the United States and Turkey, but throughout the Middle East. Turkey is a strong partner with the U.S. in combating terrorism, particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan. Turkey also is on the verge of a successful rapprochement with Armenia. Additionally, Turkey is actively engaged in facilitating multilateral negotiations that often complement U.S. foreign policy on delicate post-conflict matters, greater economic and trade cooperation and of course, global energy needs.

As a founding co-chair of the Turkish Caucus and the Chairman of the Europe subcommittee, Congressman WEXLER has played a key role in all of these achievements. Most recently, his work to facilitate greater communication between legislators in the U.S. and Turkey culminated in last month's announcement that the Congressional Turkish Caucus hit a record number of 104 Caucus members since its inception in 2001.

Though the departure of Congressman WEXLER is saddening and no doubt a huge loss to the Turkish-American community and the U.S. House of Representatives, I am encouraged that in his new position as president of the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation he will continue to bestow his vision of greater peace and understanding upon legislators and world leaders alike.

I would like to thank Congressman WEXLER for his great service to this country and look forward to continuing to work with him to develop a long-lasting diplomatic relationship with our allies in Europe and the Middle East.

IN APPRECIATION OF REDWOOD  
CITY COUNCILWOMAN DIANE  
HOWARD

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, in an era of increased animosity in public life, Redwood City Councilwoman Diane Howard has been a