

teachers how to use the scientific method. Additionally, she has reached out to the parents and the community to work with her students on science-related projects. Dawn is the kind of teacher who loves her students and loves what she does. She is truly an inspiration to all of those around her.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Dawn Pack as the Okaloosa Teacher of the Year. She is a great educator to students and teachers alike, as well as a passionate community leader. My wife Vicki and I wish Dawn and her family all the best for the future.

HONORING WILLIAM ALLAN WOOD
FOR A LIFE WELL-LIVED IN
SOUTH JERSEY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William Allan Wood for his many years in New Jersey's First district. Mr. Wood, at 105 years old, sets an excellent example of how to live fully and completely.

Mr. Wood was born the second of seven children in June of 1904 in Camden, New Jersey. He grew up in Haddonfield, NJ. He started attending Drexel night school in the fall of 1923 studying mechanical engineering and received his certificate in 1928. While attending Drexel, he worked in a shop rebuilding machine tools and then at the Southwark Foundry in Philadelphia and later at the Baldwin Locomotive Works as a draftsman and then an engineer. In 1936, he started working for Florence Pipe Foundry, part of the R. D. Wood Company. He started as an engineer/draftsman. In 1940, he became a plant engineer and oversaw the expansion of the foundry's capacity during WWII. He remained plant engineer until he retired in 1961.

Allan married his wife Virginia in 1937 and moved to Delanco, NJ where they raised a daughter and a son. His wife passed away in 1999. He has three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Allan has always stressed the importance of family, friends and has served on many local and state boards and commissions.

Allan has been a lifelong sailor, first in small racing sailboats and then in cruising sailboats. For 25 years, Allan and his wife sailed their beloved 27-foot sailboat on the Delaware River and the Chesapeake Bay, often in company with family and friends. It was through a sailor friend that he started his second career at C-Lec Plastics in 1962 as an engineer designing tools and equipment for casting, curing and machining large high tech plastic components. When his wife became ill he cut back to a 3-day workweek and for the past 5 years he has been working 3 half-days per week. Even at 105 years of age, Allan is one of the most reliable employees at C-Lec and is appreciated by everyone there.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Wood on a life filled with achievements and service. It is an honor to pay tribute to Mr. Wood, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF FIRE CHIEF
BERNARD M. BENEDICT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Fire Chief Bernard M. Benedict, upon his retirement from the Middleburg Heights Fire Department, following nearly forty years of leadership, service and dedication to the citizens of Middleburg Heights.

Chief Benedict joined the Middleburg Heights Fire Department on June 16, 1973. In November of that year, he completed the State of Ohio's 160 Hour Fire Training course, finishing fourth in his class. On June 29th, 1977, he graduated from the Paramedic Program at Cuyahoga County Community College. One year later, Chief Benedict became one of the first paramedic-firefighters with the Middleburg Heights Fire Department. From the beginning, Chief Benedict set a tone of camaraderie and professionalism within the Department, and he easily gained the respect and admiration of his colleagues and superiors.

Equipped with expertise in the safety field, an unwavering dedication to his vocation, and an affable nature, he quickly rose through the ranks, and was appointed as Acting Lieutenant in March, 1987. Committed to continuing his education, Chief Benedict completed his Associate's Degree in Emergency Medical Technology in 1990. In 2000, he was appointed as the Technical Rescue Director for the Southwest Emergency Response. One year later, in May of 2001, he was appointed Chief of the Middleburg Heights Fire Department.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Fire Chief Bernard M. Benedict for his commitment and his leadership in creating a safe community for everyone who lives and works in Middleburg Heights. His superior work as Chief, firefighter, paramedic and instructor has set the bar high for safety, response and protection within Middleburg Heights, Ohio. His service will forever be a true example for others to follow.

H.R. 4495—DESIGNATING THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 100 NORTH TAYLOR LANE IN PATAGONIA, ARIZONA, AS THE "JIM KOLBE POST OFFICE"

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4495, which designates the United States Postal Service facility located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the "Jim Kolbe Post Office."

Jim Kolbe served the people of Arizona in Congress for 22 years, including 2 decades on the House Appropriations Committee. He chaired the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies during his final 6 years in Congress, which is when I came to know him.

I traveled with Jim in 2005 as part of a Congressional Delegation to Africa and worked with him to promote human rights and economic growth in the developing world. Jim is now the Senior Transatlantic Fellow for the German Marshall Fund, where he continues to contribute his expertise to the Caucus for Congressional-World Bank Dialogue.

H.R. 4495 is a well-deserved honor. Today I have the privilege of joining my colleagues in paying tribute to this distinguished public servant by designating the "Jim Kolbe Post Office" in Patagonia, Arizona.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE
NEW YEAR: TET, 2010 YEAR OF
THE TIGER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Vietnamese New Year: Tet, 2010, Year of the Tiger. As the Vietnamese community in Greater Cleveland gathers at St. Helena Catholic Church to celebrate, I join them in celebration of their rich history and culture.

Tet is the time of the year to pay homage to ancestors, reconnect with friends and family and celebrate every hope and possibility rising with the new year. This year's gathering will once again honor community volunteers and leaders, showcasing many Vietnamese cultural treasures including Vietnamese culinary cuisine, music and dance.

2010 also marks thirty-five years of service to the community by the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc. This organization has been an invaluable resource for hundreds of Clevelanders of Vietnamese descent, linking them to needed resources and preserving the rich heritage of the Vietnamese people.

I would also like to recognize Le Nguyen, President of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc., and every member, past and present, for their dedication to Vietnamese-Americans of Northeast Ohio.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebration of the Vietnamese New Year, Tet 2010: Year of the Tiger. May every American of Vietnamese heritage hold memories of their past forever in their hearts, and find peace and happiness within every new day of the rising new year.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
JEAN HANDLEY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and work of Jean Handley, an inspiring leader in our New Haven community and a long time friend to the arts and to the dispossessed, who passed away at the age of 83 last month.

A path-breaking career woman who spent three decades working for AT&T and Southern New England Telephone, SNET, Jean