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IN MEMORY OF CROSWELL FIRE  
CHIEF THOMAS A. DICKENSHEETS

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2010*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to honor and remember the life of Thomas A. Dickensheets. Sadly, at just the age of 55 years old, he unexpectedly died on Sunday, March 7th, 2010. I offer my deepest sympathy and condolences to his family, friends and colleagues from the City of Croswell. I know this is an extremely difficult time as they mourn his passing, but hopefully they can find comfort and solace and eventually start the healing process.

Tom was a loyal and dedicated employee for the City of Croswell. He served his community with great pride and enthusiasm while performing numerous functions in many different capacities. He worked for the Croswell Department of Public Works (DPW) for 25 years, serving as the Superintendent for 11 years as well as the City's Zoning Administrator and Cemetery Sexton.

In addition, he achieved 34 years of service as a Volunteer Fireman and was the Chief for the past 22 years. His knowledge, expertise, and commitment to the safety and security of this community will be significantly missed. He dedicated his life to protecting property and saving lives. Instead of running away from a threat, Chief Dickensheets hurried to the firehouse to throw on his gear and race towards the emergency and danger that awaited him. That is an admirable characteristic that many would not choose to pursue on a daily basis and as a profession. There is no doubt his impeccable integrity has created a void throughout Sanilac County, the 10th Congressional District and the State of Michigan. He truly was an outstanding person.

Chief Dickensheets' life demonstrates a consistent pattern of going above and beyond the required call of duty. He served his community through numerous roles such as the City of Croswell Emergency Management, Sanilac County 911 Committee Member, and President of the Sanilac County Firemen's Association, President of the Sanilac County Police Firemen Field Day Association, Regional Homeland Security Committee Member, and a Sanilac County Fire Training Committee Member. These are just some of the leadership roles Tom pursued during his tenure with the city.

I cannot imagine how heart-breaking this time is for the family of Mr. Dickensheets and the City of Croswell. Tom was an inspirational leader and a wonderful man. He loved his family, community and country very much. He always strived to improve the world around him and the fire department he served so proudly. Without question, he will be severely missed but definitely not forgotten.

In closing, it is an honor to have an opportunity to recognize his lifetime of achievements and offer my sincere gratitude and thanks for his service. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of those who knew Chief Dickensheets. May he rest in peace and receive eternal rest.

MICAH PROCTOR

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Micah Proctor. Micah is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Micah's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Micah has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Micah can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Micah Proctor for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

**MOURNING THE PASSING OF JON  
JONES**

**HON. JANE HARMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2010*

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of my friend Jon Jones, the Vice President of Raytheon Company and President of Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems (SAS)—and to celebrate his life.

Jon was a single father with sole custody of his two beloved daughters. He was a proud family man and was pleased to see them grow successfully into adulthood—Alexis, a nurse practitioner who does research at USC, and Ashley, a student at the University of Arizona. He was looking forward to Alexis' wedding in May.

Jon led a life devoted to others. In addition to supporting numerous veterans' charities and causes, Jon is remembered for his authenticity, his even temper, and the kindness with which he treated others.

He was a proud native of California and a true Bruins fan serving on the Dean's Advisory Council at UCLA School of Engineering, where he was scheduled to give the commencement address in May.

He was Raytheon Executive Diversity Champion and throughout his career served as a model for inclusion and embracing diverse viewpoints to solve some of our nation's most difficult technology challenges.

He pioneered the development of the Sidewinder missile and the Tomahawk cruise missile, both of which have provided critical capabilities to our nation's military.

Jon served as Vice President and Deputy General Manager of Space and Airborne Systems before becoming its president in 2005. He demonstrated for his 12,400 employees the professionalism and self-confidence that allows them to serve their country so well. He demanded excellence and got it, turning a troubled Raytheon contract around after some major challenges.

Jon was an admired innovator. He won the Malcolm R. Currie Innovation award in 1996. He was named the State of Arizona's Innovator of the Year in 1997, and he received Raytheon's corporate Excellence in Technology Award for advancements in infrared guided missiles in 2001.

He was an advocate for the warfighter, a patriot, and a successful businessman and innovator, but most importantly, a devoted and wonderful father. My colleagues and I who knew and worked closely with him mourn his passing.

CONGRATULATING HON. JAMES M.  
MUNLEY FOR 25 YEARS OF  
SERVICE TO THE FRIENDLY  
SONS OF ST. PATRICK OF  
LACKAWANNA COUNTY

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2010*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Hon. James M. Munley, senior Federal District Court Judge of the Middle District of Pennsylvania, who is being honored for 25 years of service to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. Judge Munley was nominated by President William Clinton, confirmed by the United States Senate and sworn in as a federal district judge on October 26, 1998.

A graduate of the University of Scranton and Temple Law School, he also graduated from the National College of State Trial Judges in Nevada and pursued additional legal studies at Harvard Law School, Massachusetts, and participated in national security seminars at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

He served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1960 during which he was stationed in Germany.

Formerly engaged in the practice of law with his brother, Attorney Robert W. Munley, from 1964 to 1978, he was elected as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas November 8, 1977, and was retained for additional terms in 1987 and 1997.

In 1986 he was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to serve on the Judicial Inquiry and Review Board. He was elected chairman of that board in 1989.

He has lectured, taught and written extensively on the law over the years and has remained active in the Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations.

Judge Munley has also been active in the Boy Scouts, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Columbus and the Country Club of Scranton.

He has also been actively involved in Lourdesmont, Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services, St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Lackawanna County United Way, Everhart Museum, First National Bank, Peckville, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Pennsylvania Trial Judges Association and its State Ethics Committee.

He has received numerous awards from Marywood University, University of Scranton, Women's Resource Center of Scranton, Boy