

with equal excellence. She became a popular figure in the community because she always seems to be at the right place at the right time whenever people need help.

That Gerry Nelson should be recognized as the Lakewood Democrat of the Year is a culmination of a life of service to the Democratic Party and to the Lakewood community.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Gerry Nelson not only for her work in Lakewood, Ohio, but because she represents a lifetime of dedication to others which makes her a great American.

MEMORIALIZING BOB BACKUS

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Bob Backus, a friend and devoted patriot.

Bob and his wife of fifty-seven years, Nancy, lived in Lincoln, California. Bob and Nancy raised their children: Robert, Tami and Tina, who watched and learned from their father's commitment to serving his community and others. Bob served as the Chaplain for Vine Life Ministries, ready to respond to calls night or day, going wherever people needed help. He gave freely of his time to renovate and decorate old wagons for which he became famous, painting them red, white and blue and displaying them in local fairs and parades.

Bob spent many years as an advocate for the founding principles of our nation, volunteering and serving as an elected member of local political groups. Thomas Jefferson once said that "timid men prefer the calm of despotism to the tempestuous sea of liberty;" it is safe to say that Bob Backus not only chose to chance the waters himself, but through his ardent devotion to his beloved country assured a brighter future for his posterity.

Bob will be sorely missed by his friends, family and the countless individuals whose lives he touched.

CIGNA WINS "WELLNESS BY DESIGN" AWARD

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Eden Prairie, Minnesota-based CIGNA company for winning the 2010 "Wellness by Design Award" from Hennepin County for the third consecutive year. CIGNA, a national health service company, earned the Platinum award—the highest level of award possible.

Cigna, which employs nearly 1,200 hundred people, provides health coaching programs for tobacco cessation, weight loss and stress, and a nationally-recognized employee assistance program.

Hennepin County—which comprises most of the Third Congressional District—honors business and schools with Wellness by Design awards for fostering safe and healthy work and learning environments.

CIGNA's selection as a Wellness by Design award winner is a tremendous example of a company that has taken the initiative in providing employees and customers alike with a safe and healthful place to work because it results in better outcomes for everyone involved.

I congratulate CIGNA on winning this award and look forward to honoring them again in 2011.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID ECHOLS, A LEADER IN ALABAMA INDUSTRIAL RECRUITMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the passing of a giant personality in my home state's industrial recruitment efforts and an individual who was one of the most influential for transforming Alabama into the auto manufacturing hub of the South.

David Echols passed away on June 20, 2010. For most Alabamians, David Echols might not be a household name, but his legacy—both inside and outside our state—is monumental.

Back in the early 1990s, David Echols, a project manager with the Alabama Development Office, was tasked, nearly single-handedly, by state officials to go after a major unknown manufacturer. He had no idea at the time that Mercedes Benz was on the other end of his recruiter's fishing line, but he confidently cast his lure and after expert angling, reeled in what many believe to be Alabama's biggest-ever industrial recruitment prize.

Mercedes not only located in Vance, Alabama, but also expanded its operations, and with it, enabled Alabama to capture the eye of many other manufacturers.

For many, this would have been a success to crown one's career, but for David, it was just another day at the office. He continued to earn his reputation as a tireless advocate for Alabama, pressing ahead to help land Toyota's truck engine manufacturing plant in Huntsville, Honda's SUV auto manufacturing facility in Lincoln, and Hyundai's North American manufacturing base in Montgomery, Alabama.

Those who worked with David have observed that he possessed the skills and energy of a team of individuals and it will require more than one person to fill his enormous shoes. They also note that he relished in getting the job done, rather than standing in the spotlight—a role he left to others.

Echols' passage at the young age of 53 is a loss for his family and our entire state. I regret that his remarkable efforts on behalf of Alabama workers were not better known during his lifetime. He deserves to be remembered for contributions which certainly equal those of any of our elected officials.

To David's wife, Cynthia Nicholson Echols, and his daughters, Elizabeth Smith Melancon and Mary Katherine Echols, I extend my condolences and prayers in this time of loss. The entire state of Alabama has been made better by the unselfish service of your husband and father. May he rest in peace.

HONORING EUNICE BOROVIK

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great and respected Chicagoan, Eunice Borovik, who recently passed away at the age of 88. Eunice Borovik was a woman who lived life to the fullest, and the friends and family she had are a testament to the quality of her character and the type of woman she was.

Eunice's top priority was always her family and the love and support they provided her was most important in her life. She married her husband, Jerry, and together the couple raised two sons, George and his wife Jolanta, and Andrew and his wife Catherine. Her family also includes her two grandsons, Jed and Caleb.

Following her 1979 election, Eunice continued her voluntary tenure as Portage Park Chamber of Commerce President for 21 years. As Alderman Levar stated in a City Council resolution, "Eunice Z. Borovik has created, planned and helped carry out projects beneficial to all those good citizens who have lived, worked, and prospered in Portage Park . . . , heralding an era of uncommon growth and achievement." She improved the long overdue streetscape in the early 1980s and worked with what is now known as the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) in the Chicago Police Department to reduce crime.

Eunice and her late husband were owners and managers of the local Bee Drug Store in the Cragin neighborhood and the family business, Borovik Drug Company in Portage Park, for nearly 35 years. Following her retirement as president of the Portage Park Chamber of Commerce in 2000, the City Council of Chicago gave a portion of West Irving Park Road the honorary name "Eunice Borovik Way."

Madam Speaker, Eunice Borovik was an inspiration to all who knew her. I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating her incredible life and her extraordinary contributions to the Portage Park and Irving Park communities.

HONORING 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pontifical Institute of the Religious Teachers Filippini in Morristown, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

In August of 1910, five teachers, under the orders of Pope Pius X arrived in Trenton, New Jersey, from Italy and established their first center of worship. Then in 1930, they settled on Tower Hill in Morristown, New Jersey, now known as Villa Walsh in honor of Archbishop Thomas Joseph Walsh, where the Provincial Motherhouse and Villa Walsh Academy are located.

Mother Ninetta Ionata, one of the five original teachers sent to the United States, holds