

Professions in 1958; he was the only African American in his graduating class. After graduation, Dr. Carter worked for a pharmacy in his hometown of Omaha, Nebraska formulating pills and ointments at the back of the store. There he honed skills he would later use to create his own medicines because the owner was afraid to allow him to serve white customers at the front of the store. In 1967, he moved to Wisconsin and six months later he opened his own pharmacy.

Dr. Carter's interests and impact reaches far beyond just filling prescriptions. He is very much aware of the health disparities facing African Americans and has used his extensive knowledge to help the community with health care problems ranging from healthy eating habits to diabetes. In fact, Dr. Carter is a certified diabetes educator and stocks his pharmacy with books about diet and herbology, old fashioned mouthwash, ointments and soaps.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues of the 111th Congress to join me in congratulating Dr. Lester Carter on receiving the James Baker Award. Dr. Lester Carter continues to provide immeasurable support and care to the African American Community and the Greater Milwaukee Community at large. I am proud that Dr. Carter is a resident of the 4th Congressional District and applaud his lifetime of accomplishments and success.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN VINCENT WILCZYNSKI UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS CHIEF OF THE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SECTION OF THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CAPT Vincent Wilczynski. I want to commend Captain Wilczynski for his long and distinguished career as he retires as the Chief of the Mechanical Engineering Section of the Coast Guard Academy.

Captain Wilczynski has served as a visionary leader at the United States Coast Guard Academy. He received the national Professor of the Year award in 2001 and has worked extensively at FIRST Robotics, a non-profit organization that motivates young people to pursue careers in science, technology and engineering. Before assuming his current position at Yale, Captain Wilczynski cultivated and led the Mechanical Engineering Section as a Faculty Member and Chief of the Mechanical Engineering Section. He was also Head of the Engineering Department.

A 1983 USCGA graduate, Captain Wilczynski earned a graduate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a doctorate from Catholic University. Captain Wilczynski's many accolades include the 2003 American Society of Mechanical Engineers, ASME, Distinguished Service Award, the 2005 ASME Edwin C. Church Medal for national contributions in engineering outreach and he was awarded a prestigious American Council on Education Fellowship in 2006.

Captain Wilczynski's outreach and leadership have been invaluable to the USCGA, to Yale and to the Connecticut community as a

whole. His unstinting dedication and innovative teaching have touched the lives of many Americans and his dedication will be remembered for years to come. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me, and the people of Connecticut, in thanking Captain Vincent Wilczynski for educating a generation of engineers and acting as an example to so many.

IN TRIBUTE TO HARRISON INDUSTRIES

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to Harrison Industries, which is being recognized by the Ventura County Council, Boy Scouts of America, as Ventura County's Distinguished Citizen for 2010.

Harrison Industries is one of the oldest and largest privately owned trash collection businesses in the United States. It provides residential, commercial and industrial services to about 80,000 customers in Ventura, Camarillo, Fillmore, Ojai, Santa Paula, Thousand Oaks, the surrounding unincorporated areas of Ventura County and Carpinteria. In addition, Harrison-owned Gold Coast Recycling processes and markets the curbside recyclables for Santa Barbara County.

E.J. Harrison and Sons was founded in 1932. E.J. died in 1991 but his wife, Myra, remains with the company as founder. Four generations of Harrison family members are involved in the day-to-day operations of the company. Myra's oldest son, Ralph, is president while her other sons, Jim and Myron, serve as vice presidents.

Harrison Industries is on the forefront of the recycling movement in California. In addition, Harrison Industries opened the first liquefied natural gas fueling station in western Ventura County and converted a significant number of its diesel trucks to run on the cleaner burning LNG.

Harrison Industries has won many awards in recognition of its financial support of local non-profit organizations and community cultural events. The company has been particularly generous to organizations that help children such as the Boy Scouts of America. E.J. was a Pack leader for several years and taught his sons the traditions and expectations of the Boy Scouts. E.J.'s sons continue the Harrison family tradition of supporting the Boy Scouts.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Harrison Industries for its business leadership, community service, deep commitment to public service and for exemplifying the values found in the Scout Oath and Law, and in congratulating the Harrison family for this well-earned recognition.

TRIBUTE TO KEN BARKWILL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ken Barkwill, a World War II Air Force veteran from Boone, Iowa, and to express my

appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Ken Barkwill was recognized on Tuesday, November 2. Below is the article in its entirety:

[From the Boone News Republican, Nov. 2, 2010]

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: KEN BARKWILL
(By Greg Eckstrom)

Ken Barkwill found himself in World War II as a result of his love of model planes and trains.

Not in a literal sense, mind you. It's likely that Barkwill would have been drafted into a branch of the military during WWII and called to serve his country, but this love of building models—a seemingly insignificant interest—set in motion a series of events that guided him through an intriguing life thus far, and one that was guided by these interests.

Originally from Marion, this love of building models led a young Barkwill to a job at the local airport as a youth. As part of his pay, he received instruction at the airport and did some flying. He was hooked.

"That's why I wound up in the Air Force," he said. "Back in '43, there was a draft and I was going to be drafted. I'd been in the civil air patrol in high school. If you wanted to, you could go sign up ahead of time, and I wanted to go into the Air Force, so I went in April and signed up to go into the Air Force and finally got called up in September."

Barkwill took his training at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. The training was, in a word, "sandy."

"All I could think of was sand all over the place," Barkwill said. "Hot and sandy."

After getting through basic training, Barkwill went to college for five months at the University of Alabama before going to Texas where he worked on the line with guys waiting to get into school at Randolph Field in San Antonio. From there, Barkwill was sent to armament school in Denver, where after learning from others for his entire military career was given a strange offer from one of his instructors.

"Barkwill," he recalled the teacher asking. "How would you like to stay in Denver?"

He was offered a job as an instructor, after being identified as a "high achiever" along with two other individuals. Having a girlfriend in Denver at the time, the decision was not difficult . . . especially for someone with a love of airplanes.

"That was an interesting stint," he said. "We got B-17s in there. We didn't have a plane with a chin turret on it. One day they come in and belly-landed a B-17 and we wound up with that one to teach the chin turret on, because it didn't wipe it clear out. And then, B-29s were just out when I was there. We got some through there, too, and got to teach armament on them."

Barkwill worked as an instructor from December of 1944 to July of 1945, when he was sent to a replacement depot in the Philippines.

Upon arrival, Barkwill recalled a great deal of uncertainty. The depot was a jumping off point, and all he could do was wait for his orders, which came one day in the form of a simple phrase: "Get your gear together, you're shipping out."

He got on a truck and was transported down the road a few miles. Barkwill unloaded in a new camp with some others before being given his orders.

"There were several of us pulled out of the depot and moved down the road a ways to an outfit called recovered personnel," he said.