

Guam, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Japan, and Canada have participated in C.A.B.A. Current Major League Baseball Stars, Alex Rodriguez and Todd Helton, were both Graduates of the Year of this superior organization.

I am proud to honor Trinity Ballpark for hosting this year's Midwest National Championship, and wish all the players the best of luck in the tournament. Today is a fine day to celebrate America's favorite pastime with elite players from all over the country.

A MODEL FORD

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I wish to insert the following poem by Albert Carey Caswell into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. This poem is a fitting tribute to former First Lady Betty Ford.

A MODEL FORD

In life . . .
Do we dance? Or do we stand?
A . . .
A Model Ford . . .
A strong woman, our Nation loved and
adored . . .
Nothing Ordinary about her!
About this Ford!
From behind the scenes, a star was born!
Touching hearts, so very deeply . . . so very
warm!
Who became an activist, for our nation this!
A role model for women to look up to!
Who evolved and into a work of art . . . so
grew!
The only person a great President, owed any-
thing to!
Took away the shame, that women knew . . .
Giving them courage to speak up and out, to
fight Cancer too!
With her profiles of courage, out of her own
diseases . . . creating something new!
A place for all to so face, and battle and
fight their dark demons too . . .
For in you, we all so saw ourselves so too!
As the Betty Ford Clinic grew into a haven
for saving lives so true!
A place on this earth so very bright, to win
that battle that fight!
Oh Yes, oh how you spoke up and out for
women's rights!
A Mother . . . A Wife . . . A First Lady so
very bright . . .
An activist who so brought her light!
A Midwesterner, through and through!
A Michigander True Blue!
To bless our Nation, me and you!
A Model Ford, and a Cadillac of first ladies
too . . . who now so who . . .
Is up in Heaven as but an Angel, with her
husband Gerald too!
Because in the end, in your life Betty . . .
you danced!

In Memory of a great First Lady and a giv-
ing American, Betty Ford

—By Albert Carey Caswell

HONORING THE TOWN OF
EDDINGTON, MAINE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of the town of

Eddington, Maine, as they celebrate their community's bicentennial.

In 1784, after the close of the Revolutionary War, Colonel Jonathan Eddy was granted 9,000 acres on the east bank of the Penobscot River in appreciation of his services during the conflict. This area would later be incorporated in 1811 as the town of Eddington, becoming the 184th town in the District of Maine. Working together to clear the land, the early settlers erected buildings, planted crops and built roads. Town records over the years from the individual villages show saw and grist-mills, a post office, general stores, churches, schools and other large and small enterprises. The town of Eddington illustrates the spirit of industry and perseverance that Maine people throughout history have demonstrated in embracing the challenges and opportunities of living in our state.

Eddington has shared in many of our nation's experiences. There is evidence of the Underground Railroad, and in the Civil War, one-eighth of the total population of the town was in service. Industrialization brought railroads to neighboring towns, small factories, and electric lights. The depression hit hard as the lumber industry began to diminish and mills were relocated. The conflicts of the twentieth century called upon many Eddington residents to protect their country, state and community, but the members of this town have always risen to the challenge.

Today, the people of Eddington celebrate the bicentennial of their town filled with the same local spirit and sense of common purpose that filled the first families as they petitioned to have their community recognized. These individuals embody the hardworking people of Maine.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the people of Eddington. It is an honor and a privilege to represent them, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to help Eddington celebrate its 200th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen family medical emergency yesterday morning, I was unable to vote on amendments to H.R. 2354 that were rollcall vote numbers 534–538. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way on the amendments: rollcall No. 534, Tierney of Massachusetts Amendment, “nay”; rollcall No. 535, Graves of Missouri Amendment, “yea”; rollcall No. 536, Scalise of Louisiana Amendment, “yea”; rollcall No. 537, Woodall of Georgia Amendment, “yea”; rollcall No. 538, McClintock of California, “yea.”

RECOGNIZING THE POVERELLO CENTER AND COMMEMORATING THE GRAND OPENING OF ITS NEW FOOD BANK AND THRIFT STORE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Poverello Center of Wilton Manors, Florida and commemorate the grand opening of its new food bank and thrift store. For 25 years, The Poverello Center has been an institution in the Broward County community, providing support services to men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS. With the dedication of its new, green facility at 2056 North Dixie Highway in Wilton Manors, The Poverello Center begins a new chapter in its mission of ensuring that individuals living with HIV/AIDS have life-sustaining food and basic living essentials.

The Poverello Center was founded in 1986 by Father Bill Collins, a man whose courage and compassion know no limits. At a time when many were turning their backs on individuals living with HIV/AIDS, Father Collins reached out to help them with the utmost understanding, respect, and love. Operating at first out of the trunk of his car, he used much of his pension to open the first Poverello food bank and thrift store in Pompano Beach. From those humble beginnings, The Poverello Center has continued to expand and improve its operations to better meet the needs of its clients.

Today, The Poverello Center provides a wide variety of support services to more than 2,500 low-income Broward County residents living with HIV/AIDS while protecting their privacy. Through its food bank, Poverello volunteers ensure that individuals receive 21 meals per week and meet the nutritional requirements necessary to remain adherent to their treatment. Furthermore, clients are given vouchers for clothing that can be redeemed in the Poverello thrift store. And, in order to help promote wellness and physical fitness, clients also have access to Poverello's full-service gym and alternative therapies annex.

Since Poverello's founding, Father Collins and his outstanding team of volunteers have helped over 12,600 lives touched by HIV/AIDS. Remarkably, they are able to provide these services completely free of charge. This would not be possible without the tremendous support of the community or critical HIV/AIDS programs at the state and national levels. That is why I pledge to continue doing everything in my power to help fund the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and other efforts that address the issues affecting individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Mr. Speaker, as we recognize The Poverello Center's tremendous success and celebrate the dedication of its new home, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Father Bill Collins as well as each and every member of the Poverello team for all the hard work they continue to do on behalf of the AIDS community in Broward County and the least of us in our society. Their selflessness is a true inspiration to us all.