

destroyer. Their prowess became so legendary they were nicknamed the "Red Tails Angels," by the pilots they protected, as only the red back end of the aircrafts were visible while they flew in front of U.S. air bombers on their vital missions. After the desegregation of the military in 1948, the Tuskegee Airmen went on to make exceptional individual contributions in the integrated U.S. Air Force.

I had the pleasure of attending the Tuskegee Institute of Technology, now Tuskegee University, the site of the training program for these brave young men, as an undergraduate. Tuskegee University has provided me and a multitude of African American youth with the most precious commodities in life, education and self-esteem.

HONORING THE HONOREES OF THE  
OXFORD HILLS CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE AWARDS

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 2012*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the recipients of the 2012 Annual Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce Awards. Representing over 400 area businesses and organizations, the Oxford Hills Chamber has been instrumental in advocating for economic growth throughout the region.

Each year, the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce honors local businesses, business leaders, and individuals who promote and advance a vital and healthy economic environment. These honorees embody the kind of entrepreneurship and resourcefulness which has helped the state to weather one of the harshest economic climates in American history.

This year's award recipients include Business of the Year, New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc.; Employee of the Year, Ted Moccia, Principal of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School; Rising Star of the Year, Mitch and Judy Green of Crazy Horse Racing Parts and Engines. Additionally, Connie Allen, Jean Delmater, Karen Ellis, Doreen Tibbetts, Carlene Treadwell, Wendy Williams, and John Williams of Right Start will receive the Community Service Award.

These recipients are among the best that Maine has to offer. Through their leadership and incredible commitment to their communities and to the region, Maine is a better place to live and to do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the Oxford Hills Region Chamber of Commerce and these individuals on their outstanding service and achievement.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF  
MILL SPRINGS

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 2012*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Mill Springs and to honor

the soldiers who fought and died in this significant battle during the Civil War 150 years ago today.

The Battle of Mill Springs took place on January 19, 1862, in Pulaski and Wayne Counties in Kentucky and was the first significant victory for the Union Army in the west during the Civil War. The battle marks the death of Confederate General Felix Zollicoffer, who was the first general to die in the Civil War.

The Battle of Mill Springs was the second largest battle to take place in Kentucky and engaged over 10,000 soldiers. The outcome of this battle broke the main Confederate defensive line that was anchored in eastern Kentucky and opened the path for the Union Army to move through Kentucky and into Tennessee, affecting the outcome of the war.

The Mill Springs Battlefield is considered a National Historic Landmark, as the Mill Springs Battlefield Association along with countless volunteers have made significant strides in preserving the site and educating the public about this historic event.

With the Mill Springs Battlefield Association Visitor Center providing visitors with battlefield tours, access to Civil War artifacts, and a Civil War library, there have been 50,000 Civil War enthusiasts who have traveled to this uniquely preserved, nearly 500 acre historic battlefield. On this anniversary, I would like to honor and thank the Mill Springs Battlefield Association for preserving this important site, particularly Chairman Bill Neikirk, who has dedicated significant time and energy to the museum and battlefield acquisition. In honor of those who fought valiantly during the battle 150 years ago and in appreciation for all that Chairman Neikirk has done in preserving this historic site, an American flag will be flown over the Capitol Building on the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Mill Springs.

Today I am also introducing non-binding legislation which commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Mill Springs and its significance during the Civil War, as well as binding legislation that directs the Department of the Interior to conduct a study which evaluates the feasibility of incorporating the battlefield into the national park system. Such an addition will ensure its preservation for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand with the Mill Springs Battlefield Association and Civil War enthusiasts in commemorating this anniversary today and in seeking to preserve these hallowed grounds for tomorrow's visitors. I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Mill Springs and to recognize those who bravely fought to help preserve the union of the United States.

TRIBUTE TO GREATER CORONA  
VALLEY CHAMBER OF COM-  
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**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 2012*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Corona, California, are exceptional. Corona

has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Dean Seif, a board member of the Greater Corona Valley Chamber of Commerce, is one of these individuals. On January 21, 2012, Dean will receive a prestigious honor when the Greater Corona Valley Chamber of Commerce gives him the Chairman's Award at the organization's annual awards and installation gala at the Eagle Glen Golf Club.

Dean was voted onto the Board to serve in 2011 and as a new board member took on the responsibility of chairing the weekly networking group, "Chamber Networking Solutions." Taking his board responsibility seriously, Dean attended a special Southern California Training for Chamber Volunteers, bringing his wife, Shannon, who also is a member of the Chamber. They enthusiastically participated, taking notes and bringing back to the Board a full report which engaged and motivated other board members to consider future training. This past September a similar training session was held and Dean and ten other board members attended this time, bringing value back to the Chamber and its members.

Annually, the Chamber travels to Sacramento for Legislative Days and the Chamber excels in bringing a contingent of volunteers to the trip each year. In 2011, both Shannon and Dean were part of the 18-person group from the Greater Corona Valley Chamber.

Dean's passion and leadership is contagious and when it comes to commitment, Dean matches his words with his actions. He was the top ticket seller for the Super Bowl Ticket drawing contest. Dean has attended countless meetings for creating and revising the 2012 budget. This next year, Dean will serve as an officer, becoming the Treasurer and overseeing the Finance Committee. Additionally, Dean will move to the chair position for the Ambassador's committee and is planning on having the Chamber host the Ambassador Rally in 2012.

In light of all Dean has done for the community of Corona, the Greater Corona Valley Chamber of Commerce has given Dean their Chairman's Award. Dean's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. He has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives this prestigious award.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF KATHLEEN  
"KATIE" DEVRING

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Kathleen "Katie" Devring who dedicated her life to those in need.

Katie was the second child of John and Margaret Devring and grew up on Cleveland's West side. She attended St. Rose Elementary School and began high school at St. Peter's.