

translate their findings into inventions that may benefit society. To date there are more than 500 members in the NAI, each being awarded a patent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The NAI provides a valuable role in the translation of science and technology within the university community, and for the benefit of society. It serves to promote creative thinking and originality, encourage the development and utilization of inventions, and offer guidance to new and existing inventor's efforts. Moreover, the NAI has assisted in awarding hundreds of successful patents for universities around the world.

More specifically, USF has progressed into a leading research university with important economic ties to the Tampa Bay community and Florida. The aptitude of the faculty, staff and students are the fundamental components that drive USF's research initiatives. USF lists among 14 universities in the top 300 organizations to receive patents from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in 2010 with 83 patents awarded.

Innovation, based on new inventions and technologies, has proven to be a key factor in the industrial and economic development of the world. The support, encouragement and development of technology and innovation are also fundamental to the success of a university, non-profit research organization or federal research institute. Furthermore, in addition to submitting this record, I am honored to introduce a House Joint Resolution recognizing the significance of the NAI.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF HOWARD M.
DASCHBACH, JR.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of a good friend and neighbor, and a highly respected member of our community, Howard M. Daschbach, Jr., who died on February 9, 2012, at the age of 87.

Howard was a man of deep and abiding faith. He was installed as a Knight of Malta in 1982, and a member of Saint Raymond's Church in Menlo Park, California, where he was seen daily, attending Mass. He had a special devotion to the Religious of the Sacred Heart who educated his children, and his Faith carried him through good times as well as difficult times.

Howard grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, graduated from Duquesne University, and served his country proudly during World War II. He served with the Army in Europe, the Philippines and Japan, and then moved to California to attend Stanford Law School. Upon graduation, Howard embarked upon his lifelong career of serving the legal needs of hundreds of people.

Howard was a member of the Circus Club and the Serra Club. He was an avid tennis player, an ardent Giants fan and a winning dominos player.

Howard and his beloved wife of 59 years, Leonore, who survives him, were the proud and devoted parents of LeeLee and her hus-

band Steve; Rooney and his wife Claire; Lisa and her husband Rory; Laura and her husband Mark; Mark and his wife Elizabeth; and Michele, who died on October 12, 2011, and her husband Patrick. He adored his 18 grandchildren and two great grand-daughters, and is also survived by his sister Jeanne and sister-in-law Joan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincere condolences to the family of Howard Daschbach Jr., and to all those who were privileged to know and love him. He was a wise and good man whom I was proud to call my friend and neighbor. Our country was blessed with his service, strengthened by his faith, and bettered by his devotion to his family, his community and his country.

RECOGNIZING RANDELLA LINDSAY
AS THE 2013 WALTON COUNTY,
FLORIDA SCHOOL TEACHER OF
THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Randella Lindsay as the 2013 Walton County, Florida School Teacher of the Year. For more than 38 years, Mrs. Lindsay has served the students of Northwest Florida, inspiring them to strive for excellence. I am honored to recognize her achievements.

Teachers are amongst our nation's most valuable public servants. They are responsible for mentoring our students and ensuring that our next generation emerges ready to lead our nation in the future. Mrs. Lindsay's assiduous work and unbridled enthusiasm for her profession exemplify the characteristics of a successful teacher. Today, Mrs. Lindsay approaches the challenge of teaching with the same energy and excitement that she has harnessed since she stepped into the classroom in 1973. Her enthusiasm and dedication to her students fosters an atmosphere of success, where individual students can pursue their education goals at their own pace.

Mrs. Lindsay clearly understands the important position that teachers serve as role models for their students. Being a role model demands an incontrovertible commitment to professionalism in all aspects of life. Mrs. Lindsay treats her students, their parents, faculty, and staff with the utmost respect. She also understands the importance of mentoring young teachers and always seeks to help young people interested in pursuing a career in teaching. By sharing her years of wisdom and experience with all of her fellow colleagues, Mrs. Lindsay improves the quality of her own classroom, as well as the entire school.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Lindsay has been selected to serve in important roles in both her school and her school district. In 1983, while teaching Florida History as part of her 4th grade curriculum in Okaloosa County, Florida, Mrs. Lindsay recognized that the state's Florida studies program did not include any information on Okaloosa County. Over the next two years, she worked with two of her colleagues to research the history of Okaloosa County, and they produced a work book to supplement the Florida History course for fu-

ture students. Mrs. Lindsay was also chosen to serve as one of three members on a committee responsible for planning the opening of a new elementary school, where she was later selected as their Teacher of the Year.

The importance of teachers is unquantifiable. Each and every teacher should be commended for their commitment to our nation's future. Mrs. Lindsay has proven to be among the many exceptional teachers in our nation. To be selected as Teacher of the Year, chosen from a large pool of extremely qualified applicants, is a reflection of Mrs. Lindsay's tremendous work ethic and steadfast dedication to the students of Northwest Florida.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Randella Lindsay for her accomplishments and her continuing commitment to excellence at Mossy Head Elementary School and in the Walton County School District. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mrs. Lindsay, and we wish her all the best.

ZERO G AND I FEEL FINE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away, a world watched as a lone American sat inside a small capsule on top of an Atlas rocket waiting for blast off. Fifty years ago, after several disappointing and discouraging postponements, all systems were "GO" at Cape Canaveral's launch pad 14, the weather clear, and the countdown pounded as the voice of Astronaut Scott Carpenter at Mission Control wished—"Godspeed John Glenn."

Friendship 7 lifted off with 360,000 pounds of thrust on its mission to put a man into Earth orbit, observe his reactions in space and safely return to Earth. It was the third Project Mercury manned mission and the first orbital flight. People around the world stopped and held their breath. Glenn felt six times the force of gravity on lift off and then once in space, we heard his voice crackling over the radio, "Zero-g and I feel fine." "Capsule is turning around. Oh! That view is tremendous!" The space race had begun in 1957 with Sputnik, the sinister Soviet satellite that propelled America into the new space age. Caught from behind, the U.S. scrambled to catch up. The first federal college loans were established under the National Defense Education Act of 1958 and federal support for basic research and development and the space program dramatically increased.

NASA was reorganized from the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) in 1958 and began the manned space program. In 1959, NASA selected 7 military test pilots to fly in space with Project Mercury. In 1961, Soviet Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to orbit the Earth. America was on a mission. The Nation focused in a united cause, identified the challenge, built and organized a plan for that challenge, and rose to meet it. We pulled together. A collection of scientists, soldiers, and contractors, with tremendous public support welded together a national program without an established infrastructure that would later become the Kennedy Space Center and the Johnson Space Center. Flight tests