

families for children, not children for families, an important distinction that sets the tone and priorities for Holt. Since the 1955 act, Holt has placed 49,630 children from 31 countries with families in all fifty states. As the oldest intercountry adoption agency, Holt is the only organization that has more than three generations of adult adoptees.

Holt continues to play an active and vital role in establishing policy and practice for intercountry adoption. In 1993, Holt adoptees Susan Cox and David Kim were members of the U.S. delegation to the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption, an agreement which sets international standards for intercountry adoption that protects the child, the birth family and the adoptive family. Later, in 2008, Holt was a leading advocate in ensuring the U.S. ratify the Hague treaty. Holt believes that adoption is a life long experience and has been at the forefront of developing post adoption services to ensure that adoptees grow and develop to their fullest potential.

In addition to these monumental accomplishments, Holt International has become much more than an adoption agency. When considering a child's future, Holt always keeps the child's best interest at the forefront of every decision. For some children adoption is the only option, but Holt realizes that it is not the first option for children without families. Holt believes that it is best if children can stay with their birth family. Over the years, Holt has worked to develop and maintain programs overseas to give orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children safe and nurturing environments in which to grow and thrive. These overseas programs include initiatives directed at Family Preservation, Nutrition Support, Child and Maternal Health, Income Generation, Assisting Children with Special Needs, and Shaping and Establishing Intercountry Child Welfare Systems. Through these initiatives, Holt impacts approximately thirty thousand children each year and helps to ensure that children at all stages of need are provided for in an effort to avoid the separation of families.

In November, as we celebrate National Adoption Month, it is appropriate to recognize Holt International Children's Services for its diligent efforts and accomplishments in the field of child-welfare and intercountry adoption that have impacted thousands of children in the United States and around the world.

THANK YOU, JACK

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a fellow, now deceased Veteran from the 11th District of Michigan, John Edward Emmett.

John Emmett served four years as a United States Marine, Special Weapons Company, 29th Marine Regiment 6th Marine Division from 1942–1945. He enlisted a few months after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Legend has it he only joined the Marine Corps to impress his girlfriend, and later, wife of over 60 years, who was far more impressed by the Marine uniform than the army's—as she insisted he wear his dress blues on their wedding day.

“Jack” as he was known by his friends and family, was a gunnery sergeant and marksman. He saw action in Okinawa and was responsible for 30 men who specialized in the operation of four 37mm anti-tank guns.

He was called “the old man” because he was the oldest in his platoon—24 and said he never thought he would make it home. A part of him, even late into his 80's always felt a sense of guilt for surviving when so many of his fellow soldiers did not.

After the War, Jack and his wife built their own home in upstate New York. After the birth of their four children they moved to the 11th district where they lived for over 50 years. Although Jack never talked much about the war, it was obvious how much that time in his life affected him. Jack passed away in 2003 at the age of 86. He left behind a wife, four children, 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

His love of country transcended generations. His son Craig served in Vietnam and currently, his grandson Justin, is in the United States Air Force. His wife Betty, now 95, and daughter, a teacher in Farmington, Michigan, still reside in the 11th district.

Jack was the type of man everyone loved and respected. Always the practical jokester, Jack left a smile on the faces of all he encountered and never missed an opportunity to express his love to friends and family.

A man of courage, honor, loyalty, and kindness, Jack exemplified what it means to be a United States Marine.

On this Veterans Day, the people of the 11th District of Michigan salute John “Jack” Edward Emmett for his sacrifice, dedication, and love of country.

Thank you, Jack.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF FORREST STANLEY JENKINS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House's attention today to recognize Forrest Stanley Jenkins who celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday, August 25th, 2013.

Mr. Jenkins was born on August 25th, 1923 to John Veitch Jenkins and Velma Elizabeth Miller. He graduated from Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery before beginning active duty in the United States Air Force in 1943. That year he married Ethel “Jinx” Barry Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins served on B–17s, B–24s and C–47s. He completed a number of overseas assignments before retiring from the Air Force in 1967.

On August 24th and 25th, Stan joined friends and family in Rosemary Beach, Florida, to celebrate 90 years of dedication to his family and his country. His children, Stan, Jill and Jennifer, their spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren celebrated a life of what is rightly called our greatest generation.

Mr. Speaker, we join his family and friends in celebrating Stan's birthday and wishing him many more.

CELEBRATING JACK MURRAY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor an extraordinary citizen of my district, my State, and of this great nation. On Christmas Day, Mr. Jack Murray of Elmira, New York, will celebrate a milestone in his life; his 90th birthday.

Mr. Murray's life and career exemplify selfless and tireless commitment to his neighborhood, his community and his noble profession of public education. Jack is the son of the late major league baseball great “Red” Murray, one of the notable stars on the roster of the New York Giants in the early years of the 20th Century. Mr. Murray followed in his father's athletic footsteps through a decades-long career of promoting good health and fitness as a physical education teacher within the Elmira City School District. He was a laudable fixture in the public school system of his community for over thirty years, and his work touched the lives of thousands of young people in a supportive and positive fashion.

Likewise, Jack Murray has been recognized over the years by his neighbors in Elmira as a highly regarded figure in his community. Jack is described as a gregarious and well-regarded friend to many and a man of gentle, companionable warmth whose inherent sense of dignity and personal grace have left him a uniquely beloved man.

It is important that we honor such individuals for their devoted and generous work, for their community leadership and for their service on behalf of their neighbors. People like Jack Murray make our communities better places through their efforts and by their example. It is a true pleasure for me to participate in some small way in the celebration of this happy and significant day in Mr. Murray's life. I join with his friends, neighbors and former students in offering best wishes and good health for many, many years to come.

HONORING A TRUE HOOSIER HERO, OFFICER ROD BRADWAY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of an outstanding public servant, Officer Rod Bradway, who served his city and country with principle and integrity. Tragically, Officer Bradway was killed in the line of duty on September 20, 2013.

Rod Bradway served the citizens of Indianapolis honorably for five years as an officer in the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. A lifelong Hoosier, he grew up in the small northern Indiana town of Nappanee and was a decorated member of the police force, having been previously awarded the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department's Medal of Bravery. Although I did not have the good fortune of knowing Officer Bradway, I am incredibly proud of his heroic and brave actions to protect the City of Indianapolis.