

neighbors, and in wishing him and his family many joyous years ahead.

SALUTE TO FIREFIGHTER STEVE HALL

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, January 6, 2001*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to salute Steve Hall, the Montclair Fire Department Firefighter of the Year.

Our brave firefighters do a hero's work, exposing themselves to danger, in acts of selfless heroism.

Steve was nominated by his peers for his exemplary work, both within and outside the Department. Steve has been employed by the Montclair Fire Department for 22 years, presently holding the rank of Firefighter, and a certification to act as a Fire Engineer.

Steve has been involved in a number of volunteer efforts. This past summer, Steve served on a mission to Thailand, to aid the victims of land mines and military conflict. When Steve was in the Army, over 22 years ago, he worked in an orthopedic shop making prosthetic limbs. Steve contacted a former army colleague, Richard Fite, who owns the Brace Place. Richard aided Steve in learning and teaching proven techniques to provide amputees in Third World Countries with new prosthetic limbs. Steve raised the funds to go to Thailand on his own and donated his time, including taking his personal time off to go and help the unfortunate in Thailand.

Steve has also served on the Executive Board of the Montclair Firefighters' Association. He is quick to volunteer his time for Association matters, from staffing the cooking trailer to working for members to allow them to attend a class sponsored by the International Association of Fire Fighters or the California Professional Firefighters. Steve is always there, and can always be counted on.

Happily married for twenty years to his lovely wife, Theresa, together they are blessed with two fine children, Andrew Joseph and Kathryn Rose. We in the Congress salute him for his selfless efforts and achievements.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL HOMER A. BOUSHEY, USAF (RETIRED)

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, January 6, 2001*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to celebrate the life of a distinguished American and a beloved Californian, Brigadier General Homer A. Boushey, USAF (Retired).

Brigadier General Boushey died on December 22, 2000, at the age of 91. He was a native of San Francisco and a graduate of Stanford University. He enlisted as a flying cadet at Randolph Field, Texas, where he became interested in Robert H. Goddard's studies of extreme altitude flying. He flew a postal route

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between Cleveland and Newark in an open cockpit bi-plane, and then returned to San Francisco where he flew bi-planes from Crissy Field. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroism in bringing in a Douglas O-46 with damage to both ailerons and the main wing spar. With the outbreak of World War II, Boushey was assigned to a P-40 Pursuit Group, but was soon transferred to Research and Development to work on the development of jet engines and was instrumental in the development of the revolutionary Lockheed P-80.

His life history is a litany of "firsts" and of honors bestowed. He commanded the first U.S. jet fighter group, and held briefly the "over-water" air speed record. He was listed in the Aerospace Museum's 1959 Laureates Hall of Fame for his efforts on behalf of a military space program and he was invited to the President's Astronauts' Dinner after the successful moon landing.

Brigadier General Boushey, an ardent advocate of a strong national defense, was an early opponent to U.S. involvement in Vietnam, the arms race and nuclear proliferation. He sponsored California's Nuclear Freeze Initiative in 1982 and in June 2000, he was a signatory to the Global Security Institute's Joint Nuclear Reduction/Disarmament Statement.

After his retirement, in addition to pursuing his hobbies of tennis and inventing, he supported his wife in her career as a Councilwoman and Mayor of Portola Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great and good man whom I was proud to represent and to call my friend. I ask my colleagues to also join me in extending my deepest sympathy to Homer's beloved wife, Eleanor, and his children Annette, Helen, Boyd and Homer, Jr. We are indeed a better nation and a better people because of him.

HONORING BARBARA ANN RIEDER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, January 6, 2001*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the achievements of Barbara Ann Rieder, Deputy Director of Operations for the Public Health Department of Santa Clara County. Ms. Rieder is retiring after over 35 years of dedicated service to the people of Santa Clara County.

Barbara Rieder began serving in the Department of Public Health in 1963 as a staff Public Health Nurse after graduating from the University of California at San Francisco. She was consistently commended for her dedication and the quality of her nursing care, and was promoted to Supervising Public Health Nurse and then Director of Public Health Nursing. Inspiring others with her tireless work for the health of the community, in 1980 Ms. Rieder became the Deputy Director of Operations for the Public Health Department she had joined 34 years earlier.

Working through the Public Health Department, Barbara Rieder addressed public health

crises such as AIDS and the effects of substance abuse on infants. Her work on behalf of children led to commendations from such diverse groups as the California Nurses Association, San Jose State University and the Women of Achievement Organization. Ms. Rieder's example has led many nurses to take a stronger role in legislative advocacy and public health. In her many articles and presentations, Ms. Rieder brought her compassion for the community to the often arcane matters of health policy.

Barbara Rieder expanded her service to the entire state during her tenure as the cofounder and president of the California Association of Public Health Nursing Directors, and as the president of the California Conference of Local Health Department Nursing Directors.

Barbara Rieder has been a role model and a leader in her community and in the county. After 35 years of service, her passionate concern for the health of the community is undiminished; her leadership and visionary approach have left their mark on both the Public Health Department and all of Santa Clara County.

I wish to thank Barbara Rieder for her compassionate and dedicated service to the County and wish her the best in her future endeavors. Furthermore, she has my personal thanks for our years of friendship. Her integrity, vision and strength will be sorely missed, but our lives are the richer for having had the chance to know her.

COMMENDING LT. GENERAL WILLIAM F. PITTS, AND REAR ADMIRAL ALLEN E. HILL

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, January 6, 2001*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, today I speak with great pride to commend and praise two magnificent Americans—men who unselfishly made a career of serving their country, in times of peace and war, one in the United States Air Force and the other in the United States Navy. On November 20, 2000 I had the honor of emceeding an event where the names of these native sons—both born in my Congressional district of Riverside, California—were inscribed on the Mission Inn Fliers' Wall. The men of whom I speak so highly and hold in such esteem are Lieutenant General William F. Pitts, U.S. Air Force, and Rear Admiral Allen E. Hill, U.S. Navy.

On March 26, 1934, the first wing ceremony of the Mission Inn Fliers' Wall took place and established a tradition that recognizes great aviators and contributors of aviation. For the ceremony a pair of copper wings, bearing the name of the date that the flier visited the Mission Inn, is attached to the wall of the St. Francis Chapel—The International Shrine of Aviators. A 20th century phenomenon, man's taking to the sky can be recognized by any visitor to the Fliers' Wall today, we have all seen incredible events in air or space in our individual lifetimes. I was proud to witness Lt. General William F. Pitts and Rear Admiral Allen E. Hill place their wings among the 141

presently on the wall—the wings of pioneers and heros—taking their place of honor among the great birdmen of history.

Lt. General William Pitts gave over 36 years to his country in the United States Air Force commanding a broad array of units from a bombardment squadron to the sixth Allied Tactical Air Force in NATO at Izmir, Turkey. In World War II he flew B-29 aircraft striking at the Japanese Empire from Pacific bases on 25 missions. He completed his service at March Air Force Base (now March Air Reserve Base) in 1975 as the Commanding General of the Fifteenth Air Force, Strategic Air Command. The Fifteenth Air Force was responsible for the Strategic Air Command operations in the Western United States and Alaska with a mixed force of reconnaissance, bomber aircraft and missiles that supported the national strategic deterrence mission.

Lt. General William Pitts has received numerous decorations and awards during his service that include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Purple Heart and others.

Rear Admiral Allen E. Hill made a career in the United States Navy serving as a carrier aviator, where he participated in five combat cruises and flew over 400 combat missions. In fact, he was twice deployed to Korea flying F-9/F-2 Panthers and, during his first combat cruise, he and three other pilots participated in the first all jet and highest aerial engagement in the history of air warfare. He retired only after accomplishing his objective of institutionalizing the tactical training of Naval officers responsible for Battle Group operations, through his opportunity to establish in Washington, DC, an office of Director of Tactical Readiness. In that position he was the first Admiral to be completely responsible for Naval Warfare Doctrine, the tactical training of Fleet Commanders and Battle Group Commanders, and the Assessment of Warfare Readiness.

Rear Admiral Allen E. Hill has been awarded over fifty personal combat decorations, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Four Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Purple Heart, three Legion of Merit awards, the Korean War Presidential Commendation, two Bronze Stars with "V" clasps for valor in combat and many others.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I bring the story of these two men to my colleagues. The Mission Inn Fliers' Wall recognizes the role aviation has had in America's fight for freedom and democracy. To Lt. General William Pitts and Rear Admiral Allen Hill I would like to say "God Bless You" and "God Bless America"—without them, and all of our service men and women, America would not be the strong and healthy democracy it is today.

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A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM D. HOOPER, D.D.S. FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO COLUMBUS, OHIO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, January 6, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I today pay special tribute to an outstanding individual from the State of Ohio. Dr. William D. Hooper, a general dentist, is celebrating more than twenty-five years of distinguished service to his community in Columbus, OH.

Dr. Hooper, originally a Tennessee native, attended Lambuth College prior to entering the University of Tennessee, College of Dentistry. After graduation, he served the North Carolina Department of Human Resources as a practicing dentist. In 1975, he moved to the Columbus area where he has resided ever since.

Setting up his practice more than 25 years ago in Upper Arlington, Dr. Hooper and his staff have embodied the practice's motto, "Excellence by Choice." Dr. Hooper has constantly sought to hone his skills at the prestigious L.D. Pankey Institute for Dental Education. Throughout his career, Dr. Hooper has trained under some of the most recognized names in dentistry, such as Dr. Frank Spear of Seattle, WA, Dr. Peter Dawson of St. Petersburg, FL, and Dr. Mark Piper also of St. Petersburg, FL. He has mastered many techniques in cosmetic dentistry as well as focused on determining the many causes of Temporal Mandibular Joint Dysfunction and how to treat the problems associated with it.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Hooper's dedication and service have earned him the highest regard for his character and abilities as a dentist. At this time, I would ask my colleagues of the 107th Congress to join me in paying special tribute to Dr. William D. Hooper. His professionalism and service to his community are an example for all citizens of Ohio and across the country. We thank him, and wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

VOTING DISENFRANCHISEMENT

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, January 6, 2001

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, today this body meets in a joint session to certify the Electoral College votes for the 43rd President of our nation.

As an African American, a member of a "so called" minority and a person of Caribbean descent, while I accept the decision of the Supreme Court and will also accept the results of this process today, I do so with a strong resolve born out of the hurt and disappointment in the events of the past two months.

The disenfranchisement of many citizens of our country whose legally cast votes were not counted has left a dark cloud over the country—a cloud which will not easily clear with the inauguration and the administering of the oath

of office. We cannot turn back the hands of time, however, nor change what is past. But we can determine to shape and direct our future.

And so I pledge to work with my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus, other members of Congress and national leaders to put in place whatever policies and introduce and support whatever legislation which will ensure that a travesty such as this never happens again. We must commit ourselves to restoring the integrity of the election process in this country.

As we return to work later this month, we must include among our first priority items addressing the many unmet needs in the Territories, in other districts of color, in our rural areas and poor communities.

The Congressional Black Caucus have in the past been referred to as the "conscience of the Congress" and the "Fairness Cops of the Nation." As such, we will take the lead on these issues on behalf of those we proudly represent. It is incumbent on all of us though—the president-elect and his Cabinet, as well as the leadership in Congress—to be our full partners in this effort to lift up all Americans and make sure that no one is left behind.

We have the wherewithal to do it, now as never before. A time of plenty like this is not promised again. And so, if not now, when!! And if not us, who!!

Let us seize this time to make America the great country it is destined to be.

HONORING HARRY E. JOHNSON, SR.

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, January 6, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I honor today my fellow Texan Harry E. Johnson, Sr. for his upcoming inauguration as the 31st General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in Houston, Texas, January 12-14, 2001.

It is fitting that as the world focuses on the election of the first American President for the 21st Century, Alpha members direct their time and attention to welcoming General President-Elect Johnson as a rising community leader. Throughout his career—and, as a loving husband to Karen and father to their children Jennifer, Harry Jr., and Nicholas—Harry Johnson has exemplified and advanced the Alpha Phi Alpha motto . . . "manly deeds, scholarship and love for all mankind."

General President-Elect Johnson, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, was elected to the position of General President after serving as the fraternity's Legal Counsel, Johnson practices law in Houston and serves as adjunct professor of Law at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Honoring the legacy of past presidents, Johnson plans to fulfill many of the commitments started by his predecessors, including building a national memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Alpha Phi Alpha was given the sole authority by the United States Congress to design and build a memorial to Dr. King. The winning design was