Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to honor Mr. Thomas Anderson for his service to our great Nation during World War II. As a brave young pilot, Lieutenant Anderson flew a number of missions in his Northrup P–61 Black Widow Night Fighter. One of Lieutenant Anderson's most notable accomplishments was being the last pilot on a combat assignment in the air in the European theater of operations. Moreover, Mr. Anderson flew the final air combat mission of World War II through treacherous weather that caused his entire aircraft to entirely freeze over. Captain Anderson nearly lost his life and plane, but managed to land the aircraft safely where crewmembers had to use ice picks in order to remove Thomas from the cockpit.

After a trying tour in Europe, Captain Anderson was reactivated during the Korean War where his experience and leadership were imperative to the United States campaign in the region. Captain Anderson is a respectable, humble, and honorable citizen-soldier. It is our duty as Americans to acknowledge Thomas Anderson's accomplishments and recognize the honor, pride and valor in which he served our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor and recognize Captain Thomas Anderson (Retired) for the courage and heroism that he displayed while serving in World War II and Korea. Our Nation owes Captain Anderson a debt of gratitude and his actions will never be forgotten. I commend citizen-soldier, Thomas Anderson for his honorable and distinguished service to the State of Colorado and our great Nation.

Tribute to Marvin R. Hohenstein

Mr. EHLICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Marvin R. Hohenstein on his retirement from the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center located in Edgewood, Maryland after 32 years of dedicated service to our country. During his tenure with the Federal Civil Service, Mr. Hohenstein was recognized as the resident expert in the Army Acquisition Process. He is to be commended for his exceptional service and significant achievements in the chemical and biological defense development and production area. His pattern of career excellence has contributed to accomplishments that significantly enhanced the ability of our armed forces on the battlefield.

Mr. Hohenstein's personnel initiative and leadership qualities, as well as his work ethic, have done much to enhance employee morale and to develop our future leaders.

Mr. Hohenstein deserves the thanks and praise of this grateful Nation he has faithfully served for so long. I know the Members of the House will join me in wishing him all the best in the years ahead.

Phil Saal was born and raised in Goshen, Indiana, a small Amish-Mennonite community where he graduated from Goshen High School in 1961. After attending a trade school in Chicago he decided to move to San Diego and join the U.S. Navy. Phil was honorably discharged after his service to our Nation, which included three tours in Vietnam.

Phil began working for United Parcel Service (UPS) in 1966 and became a member of Teamsters Local 542. He served as a Shop Steward for his union over the next twenty years at UPS.

In 1986, Phil went to work as a full time Business Agent for Teamster Local 542, and during the next nine years, Phil administered and negotiated its contracts, with his primary responsibility being the UPS contract. In August 1995, Phil became the Secretary-Treasurer of Teamster Local 542, representing over 5,000 members, and since this time he has organized twenty-one new companies with nearly 800 new members. Phil now serves as a Trustee of Teamsters Joint Council 42, Health and Welfare Trusts, Pension Trusts, and as an Executive Board Member of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council.

Actively committed to labor's involvement in our communities, Phil continues efforts to establish a scholarship fund for children of Teamsters Local 542's members, which will enable them to continue their education in college or trade school.

My congratulations go to Phil Saal for his significant contributions to organized labor and our community. Phil's commitment to Labor speaks for itself: he is highly deserving of the 2001 JOHNS “Labor Leader of the Year” Award.

Honor the Glade Park Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Speaker, volunteering to be a fire fighter is a noble cause and a huge responsibility. The volunteers in Glade Park have displayed their courage, dedication and resourcefulness in the face of danger. They selflessly offer their time to their neighbors to overcome obstacles that threaten their community and I find it important to offer them the praise and admiration of this body.

Mr. Speaker, Charyl’s inspiration for the founding of the school included the celebration...