

and Nicholas Mudry. Those who will be honored for 55 years of service include: Lester Cornett, Billy Frost, William Gabbard, Sam Loiacano, Harold Massa, Fred Roberts, Robert Rosenbaum, John Taylor, Leonard Taylor, Robert Tucker, James Williams, and Ivan Wynkoop. The members who will be honored for 50 years of service include: Melvin Anderson, Jack Bartruff, Walter Catlow, Carl Cauley, James Cooley, John Curtis, Otis Davis, John Gottby, Robert Green, Bartul Letica, Walter Mahns, John Mihalko, Sam Pysch, Jr., Glen Snow, Albert Touchette, and Tage Borg. Those members who have served for 45 years include: Kenneth Anderson, Felix Bannon, Eugene Claus, Clyde Fauser, George Hendershot, Kenneth Horan, William Kristoff, Clive Leach, George Nannenga, Raymond Nicksch, George Patterson, Jr., Fred Reynolds, Harry Spurgeon, Charlie Stokes, Raymond Wardell, and Jessie Castle. Those members who will be honored for 40 years of service include: Howard Johnson, Jr. and Peter Znika. The members who will be honored for 35 years of service include: Eddie Andersen, Steve Hostinsky, Otto Massow, Oscar Mischan, Loren Pollard, James Thoreson, Grant Wedding, Warren Wilkerson, Dennis Williamson, and Kenneth Mahler. Those members who will be honored for 30 years of service include: Leroy Dewar, Gene Harlow, Winford Harris, Charles Prewitt, John Rassbach, Ronald Robinson, Charles Spiller, and Joe Sulhoff. The members who will be honored for 25 years of service include: Gordon Anderson, Theodore Blahunka, Joseph Crnkovich, Michael Darden, Ronald Dwight, Joseph Erb, William Herbst, Paul Hernandez, Sr., Kenneth Huhn, George Klippel, Nick Kotur, Wray Loney, Roy Scarborough, Rich Steinhilber, Robert Stivers, Bruce Thomas, Thomas Trulley, Michael Twilla, and Donald Welch. Those members who will be honored for 20 years of service include: Jeff Basco, Paul Cieszkiewicz, Harold Evers, Eugene Glowacki, Jeffrey Hall, Roy Jonkman, John Kucik, William Lueder, Daniel Lustgarten, William McCarty, Ricky Nance, Robert Paske, Warren Perry, Jessie Simmons, Drew Smith, and Michael Stanton.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, honorable, and outstanding members of Carpenters Local 1005, in addition to the hardworking union men and women throughout the country. The countless hours of exceptional service the men and women of Carpenters Local 1005 have provided to their community deserve our admiration and respect. Their dedication and commitment are the epitome of the values we hold in Northwest Indiana, and I am proud to represent such fine men and women in Congress.

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with the President and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. MANZULLO) in celebrating small busi-

ness week. Small businesses are the engine of our nation's economy providing 53 percent of the private work force and \$63 billion worth of goods and services to the federal government. Additionally, small businesses are at the heart of our nation's communities providing charity to community service organizations and donations to direct service providers. I would like to acknowledge the hundreds of small businesses that reside in my district which are essential to our nation's social and economic vitality.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to extend my congratulations to Allstate Corporation, which is located in my district, on receiving a 2001 Phoenix Award for their quick response in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and Virginia in the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd. The Allstate Corporation along with the countless other business and individuals who have dedicated their time and resource to our nation's communities should be commended.

MAY 11, 2001: PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

HON. MICHAEL FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor childcare providers throughout the world on the eve of Provider Appreciation Day.

Provider Appreciation Day, celebrated annually on the Friday before Mother's Day, was spearheaded by a group of volunteers from New Jersey in 1996. They saw the need for a day to show our appreciation to childcare providers. And as a result of their dedication and perseverance, Provider Appreciation Day has not only spread nationwide, it is also celebrated in Canada, Europe, and Asia.

Early childhood is undoubtedly the most critical time of development for our children. Today, approximately 13 million children in the United States under the age of six, are in childcare at least part-time. An additional 24 million school age children are in some form of childcare after school. Provider Appreciation Day recognizes the hard work childcare workers perform and the sacrifices they make in their dedication to the development of our children.

I encourage all parents with children in childcare to join me in showing their providers how much they are appreciated. While the profession is one of the most under-recognized and underpaid professions in the country, providers bring compassion, patience, encouragement and love to our children each and every day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Suzanne Williamson, Chairwoman of Provider Appreciation Day, for her commitment to establishing a national day of recognition for childcare providers. Ms. Williamson is also the Director for Monday Morning Child Care, Inc., a network of childcare providers located in Union County, New Jersey. Her endless efforts have made Provider Appreciation Day possible.

NATIONAL FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS DAY

HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day on May 12, 2001.

Fibromyalgia remains a great mystery of the medical world. It affects 3 to 6 million Americans and causes debilitating symptoms that often times make it impossible for an afflicted individual to lead a normal life. Fibromyalgia patients describe their pain as being so severe that it can be impossible to lift a glass of water or even get out of bed some mornings.

While the disease tends to affect women between the age of 35 and 50, cases have been reported in children, men and the elderly.

Fibromyalgia is a chronic disorder characterized by widespread musculoskeletal pain, fatigue and multiple tender points. These tender points are located in the knee, shoulder, hip and back and can make walking a short distance a challenge. It is also common for Fibromyalgia patients to have a sleep disorder, causing the fatigue to worsen.

The most frustrating aspect of this disease is that it causes a chronic pain for which there is neither a cure nor a known cause. I hope that through awareness efforts like National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day, more attention will be focused on finding a cure and 3 to 6 million Americans can return to living normal, pain free lives.

I applaud the efforts of the National Fibromyalgia Awareness Campaign and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing May 12, 2001 as National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day.

THE TRAGIC HELICOPTER CRASH KILLING A JOINT US/VIETNAMESE MIA SEARCH TEAM

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, while much of the world was focused just a few weeks ago on the crisis in the South China Sea, at the same time a tragedy occurred in that part of the world that should be remembered. On Saturday, April 7th, we lost seven American and nine Vietnamese personnel in a helicopter crash. The accident happened while this joint U.S.—Vietnamese team was on its way to an operation to help find the remains of missing US service members from the war.

In many of my visits to Vietnam, I had the privilege to meet the members of the Joint Task Force—Full Accounting, the US military unit tasked with helping to find our missing. I marveled at the stories of their dangerous missions to find the remains of our missing servicemen. They told me of operations done on treacherous mountaintops surrounded by landmines and unexploded ordnance. Intense jungle heat, hazardous weather conditions and

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insects and animals often made their jobs incredibly tough. In more turbulent times, they even encountered fire from across the Cambodia border. From my exposure to them, it was clear to me that these were truly remarkable men and women. It is a tragedy that we lost these brave soldiers.

I think it would be even more tragic if the important work they did was not remembered. They were proud of their mission, which they saw as a sacred duty. It was also a mission that brought our two nations closer together. Many of the Vietnamese who perished in the crash had been deeply involved for much of their lives in helping us find more answers about our missing. The cooperation and friendships forged by this work has only helped to heal the scars of a war that ended some 25 years ago.

These men were American heroes and we should remember their sacrifices as well as the Vietnamese who gave their lives in trying to answer the questions about our missing. My thoughts are with all of their families.

REGARDING LUIS RENDON

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a unique patriot and beloved sports figure in Texas, and the nation, Luis M. Rendon.

He will be honored this Saturday, May 12, in Laredo by the International Latin Hall of Fame, a sports hall of fame focusing primarily on athletes of Hispanic origin, into which he was inducted several years ago. He underwent an operation for colon cancer recently, and the Hall of Fame is putting on a party for him to welcome him home.

Luis Rendon is an amazing man who has had a lifelong love affair with sports, particularly baseball. He was a professional baseball umpire for 40 years. The International Latin Hall of Fame began in Laredo over 30 years ago. Each year, only a very few athletes are

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inducted. Luis Rendon is the first and only umpire inducted into this sports hall of fame.

As a professional umpire, Luis traveled all over the country, and all over the world. He has officiated at games in England, France, Germany, Mexico, as well as the United States. His services are still in demand, and he volunteers to teach umpires of Little League baseball.

As a veteran myself, I am an enormous fan of Luis Rendon, who has served this nation in uniform in three of the major wars fought by the United States in the 20th Century. He was drafted to serve in World War II and dropped out of school to go fight in the war. He would later serve in Korea and Vietnam before retiring in 1967 after 20 years of service in the United States Army.

Knowing the importance of an education and of setting an example for his children and others, Luis eventually got his GED, later obtaining an associate degree at what is now Laredo Community College at age 50.

He has always been intellectually curious. He is extremely proud of being a Mason, and was recently given an award for teaching other Masons.

He is wholly dedicated to the game of baseball and is a walking encyclopedia of baseball rules and trivia. He is a stickler for those rules and has always been committed to those rules. His philosophy is: if a rule is in the book, it is part of the game; if not, then it is not part of the game. Balls that hit birds or get stuck in the roof of a dome get no special consideration since those situations are not noted in the rules he so reveres.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Luis Rendon for the gift of his lifetime to the game of baseball and to the young people in Texas, and elsewhere, he has taught about life through baseball.

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TRIBUTE TO RUBEN SIVERLING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 10, 2001

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ruben Siverling, the recipient of the Clay/Platte Development Corporation's Small Business Advocate of the Year.

Mr. Siverling is a full-time business consultant serving on the staff at the Rockhurst University Small Business Development Center. During his years as a consultant to the Small Business Community in the Kansas City region, he has helped start or expand over 1,700 small businesses.

Mr. Siverling was instrumental in opening a satellite Small Business Development Center in the Missouri 6th District. Being a resident of the district, he saw firsthand the growth in the Northland region of Kansas City and understood the importance of a guiding presence to help the area's burgeoning entrepreneurs. His dedication to this cause is proven in the early mornings, long days and late evenings that he endures to help each and one of his clients achieve success. Success to him does not only involve just having a client receive a loan, but all facets of learning the start-up process. Whether it is revising a loan package that was not approved on the first submittal, or following through with revision and follow-up meetings, he ensures that the small business client is getting a first-class education that will help their business flourish.

I commend the Clay/Platte Development Corporation on choosing Mr. Ruben Siverling as their Small Business Advocate of the Year, and once again congratulate and thank Mr. Siverling for his years of hard work and dedication to the Small Business Community.