

family includes four adult children and five grandchildren. An active volunteer in many state, county, and local campaigns, particularly judicial races, Pat enjoys time with his family, particularly at their summer home in Marblehead. He highly values wildlife and its protection, and he works hard to provide support at his home for many different species of birds.

Nominated by Juvenile Court Administrative, Judge Joseph F. Russo, Josephine E. Jackson is the Acting Superintendent of the Court's Juvenile Detention Center. After earlier duties in security at local department stores, Josephine has been employed by the court since 1984 in a number of positions in the management of the Detention Center. Josephine's education in the Cleveland Schools continued into a master's program at Cleveland State University. She is challenged daily by working with youths in a correction environment, including those that have mental illness and special needs. In all facets, she encourages her staff to try and provide positive reinforcement to help the children at the Detention Center excel positively in life. She and her husband of nearly 25 years, Bill, live in Moreland Hills. As a part of her efforts to make the Detention Center a positive experience, she organizes regular, seasonal activities, including holiday cookie parties and a summer festival which benefits the Children's Fund.

The nominee of Gerald Fuerst, County Clerk of Courts, Mark Lime has been a Clerk's Office employee since 1977. Starting as a docket clerk, Mark has worked his way up to his current position of Criminal Branch Manager. A Parma resident, he and his wife Deborah have raised four sons, the youngest of whom is a junior at Parma High School. Mark has lived in Parma for many years and attended Padua Franciscan High School and Cuyahoga Community College. Mark is a dedicated coach, active in golf, baseball, and soccer teams on which his four sons have played.

Since 1976, Mary Joyce Ruddy has been employed at the Common Pleas Court's General Division. Presiding and Administrative Judge Richard McMonagle's nominee, Mary Joyce has been Jury Bailiff since 1992. She is in charge of getting jurors to individual court rooms, ensuring jurors' compensation, helping keep all jurors as happy as possible, and most importantly, spearheading the public relations effort encouraging reluctant jurors to serve. A Lakewood resident and graduate of St. Augustine Academy, Mary is mother of Nora, a 14-year-old Magnificat freshman. Family is central to Mary's life, and in recent years, she has spent many hours assisting her parents in their final illnesses. She now spends her time with eight nieces and nephews, all of whom are under the age of 9, and with her siblings.

Cheryl Maureen Simon has been an employee of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court since 1981. Chief Judge Randolph Baxter's nominee, Cheryl is Administrative Manager of the Court's Administrative Department, where she has responsibility for budget, procurement, administrative services, personnel, and other functions. A resident of Moreland Hills with her husband, David, and son, Matt, Cheryl enjoys skiing and traveling.

For over 21 years, Gail F. Valerino has been a judicial secretary with Ohio's Eighth

District Court of Appeals. Originally, she worked for retired Judge Joseph J. Nahra, and since early 1999, she has worked for Administrative Judge Michael J. Corrigan, who nominated her for this year's award. In addition to administering the chambers of her Judge in every respect, she has, during Judge Corrigan's year as Administrative Judge, acted as his liaison with the Court's Administrator with regards to the entire Court's organization. Educated in the Parma Schools, she lives in Parma Heights with her son and daughter, and is active in boys' and girls' softball and T-ball leagues. She is also a participant in her Church's volunteer activities. She relaxes by reading and spending time in Marblehead.

REINTRODUCTION OF SAMPLING LEGISLATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce legislation that will ensure that future censuses truly reflect the demographic makeup of this Nation. This bill would clarify Section 195 of Title 13 U.S.C. to allow the most accurate numbers to be used for apportionment and all other purposes.

CONGRATULATING THE 2004 FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CLASS 5A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the 2004 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Class 5A State Football Champion Lakeland Senior High School Dreadnaughts from the 12th Congressional District of Florida.

The championship game victory capped an undefeated season for the Lakeland High Dreadnaughts as they finished 15-0 for the third time in the past nine seasons and won their fourth state championship under Coach Bill Castle.

I commend the champion Lakeland High School football team for a wonderful and magical run this year. The people of Florida and all of Polk County are proud of you. You have all demonstrated that hard work, perseverance and unity are the foundation of success.

I applaud Lakeland Head Coach Bill Castle for being awarded this year's Dairy Farmers Award as coach of the year of the Florida Athletic Coaches Association, but most importantly for his commitment to his players and stressing the important values of preparation, hard work, dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

I pay tribute to Lakeland High School students, teachers, coaches and the entire football team on their outstanding achievement.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE SERVICE OF TED STRICKLAND

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a significant leader in the Denver, Colorado metropolitan area. Mr. Ted Strickland, outgoing Commissioner for Adams County, will be leaving his post after eight years of diligent service.

Commissioner Strickland was born and raised in Austin, Texas. After serving in the military he came to Colorado and began a successful career in the oil and gas industry, becoming Vice President with the Petroleum Information company.

Drawn towards public service, Ted ran for election to the Colorado House of Representatives. He served two years in the House before being elected to the Colorado State Senate. His 24 years in the Senate, 12 of which he served as President of the Senate, were a notable accomplishment.

During that time, he and his wife, Luann, settled in Strasburg, Colorado, on the southern edge of Adams County. Ted's continued desire for public service then led him to seek and win election as an Adams County Commissioner in 1996. As a county commissioner, he continued his hard work for those he represented. He served on the E-470 Public Highway Authority Board, the Front Range Airport Authority Board, the Adams County Economic Development Board, the Adams County Water Quality Association, and on the Denver Regional Council of Governments. With such a wide scope of reach, Commissioner Strickland has left a mark as a valuable public servant.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Ted Strickland and in wishing him success in all his future endeavors. Wherever his motivations should take him, I am sure success will follow.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN PATRICK MAHER UPON HIS ACHIEVEMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent John Patrick Maher of Eagle Scout troop No. 204 in Lafayette, California, as he receives the distinguished honor of the Eagle Scout rank.

The honor of Eagle Scout is given only to those young men who have demonstrated that they have fulfilled its rigorous requirements, including living by the Scout Oath and Law, rising through the Boy Scout ranks, earning 21 merit badges, serving as a leader, and planning and leading a service project for their community. This is not an honor given out lightly: this young man is becoming an Eagle Scout because he is intelligent, dedicated, and principled.

I am proud to call John Patrick Maher my constituent, for he is a shining example of the promise of the next generation. Indeed, he represents the best of the young people in our country. I extend my sincere congratulations to him and his family, on this momentous occasion.

THE POEM, YOUR SON

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, we are all deeply saddened by the loss of life of our brave men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. While we all understand the need to spread freedom and democracy throughout the world, words can barely express the emotions and sorrow felt by the families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

A constituent of mine recently brought to my attention a poem that was written in memory of Sgt. Byron Norwood, USMC, by Gene E. Blanton. While this poem is in memory of Sgt. Norwood, I believe that this poem is a fitting tribute to all servicemen and women who have fallen in combat. I would like to share this poem with my fellow colleagues:

YOUR SON

(By Gene E. Blanton)

To the Mothers and the Fathers
Of United States Marines
Who have fought and bled and died
So that freedom's bell still rings
From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli
From the alleys of Fallujah
To the frozen Yudam-ni
From the sands of Iwo Jima
To the hills around Khe Sanh
From the smoky hell of Belleau Woods
Your Son fought and won
Your Son battled dictatorships
Communism and tyranny
God's Son died to make men holy
Your Son died to make men free
There is a debt we owe Your Son
That we can never repay
We owe Your Son more than platitudes
Heard on Veterans or Memorial Day
Your Son is a son of America
One of the Proud and the Few
Your Son volunteered to do the things
Other men would not or could not do
Your Son was Semper Fidelis
Always Faithful to the end was he
Your Son was a shining example
Of what a man is supposed to be
Now Your Son's been reassigned
To stand guard on Heaven's streets
And when my tour of duty is over
I know that we will meet
I'll thank Your Son for my freedom
For keeping terror on a distant shore
I'll thank Your Son for our way of life
And sacrifice he bore
So tonight when you cry out to God
While praying on your knees
Know that He's a loving God
Who will listen to your pleas

To lose Your Son for freedom's cause
God truly understands
God sent His Son to die for us
So you can see Your Son again

May God continue to bless our soldiers who are currently in harm's way.

FREEDOM FOR ARTURO PÉREZ DE ALEJO RODRÍGUEZ

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Arturo Pérez de Alejo Rodríguez, a political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. Pérez de Alejo is the president of the Escambray Human Rights Front. Before he became a pro-freedom advocate in a country oppressed by a totalitarian tyrant, he work as a farmer. However, after he realized the true nature of Castro's despotic regime, he joined the pro-democracy movement and began to advocate for a free and democratic Cuba.

According to Amnesty International, Mr. Pérez de Alejo was detained in 2003 for handing out copies of the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights. Despite being detained, and knowing full well the brutal consequences that await those brave men and women that speak the truth under the nightmare that is the Castro regime, he continued to advocate for human rights for the people of Cuba.

Unfortunately, Mr. Pérez de Alejo was arrested on March 18, 2003, as part of Castro's heinous island wide crackdown on peaceful, pro-democracy activists. In a sham trial, he was sentenced to 20 years in the totalitarian gulag.

While confined in the inhuman squalor of the gulag, Amnesty International reports that Mr. Pérez de Alejo has not been able either to receive or to send correspondence in the same way as other prisoners. It has also been reported that he is suffering from several debilitating diseases in the totalitarian gulag. Let us be very clear, he is languishing in a hellish dungeon, unable to communicate with the outside world, because he peacefully advocates for liberty.

Mr. Speaker, it is unconscionable that, in the 21st century, brave men and women are chained to filth because of their belief in the inalienable nature of freedom, and the sanctity of human rights for every person. My colleagues, tonight the democratically elected leader of the United States of America will deliver the State of the Union address to a joint session of our freely elected Congress. As we listen to President Bush address our free Nation, let us also remember those who are suffering to secure their own liberties, in their own countries. We must demand the immediate release of Arturo Pérez de Alejo Rodríguez and every political prisoner locked in the dungeons of tyrants.

RIGHT TO LIFE ACT

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing legislation that, if passed, will once and for all protect our unborn children from harm. Over 1.3 million abortions are performed in the United States each year and over 38 million have been performed since abortion was legalized in 1973. This is a national tragedy. It is the duty of all Americans to protect our children—born and unborn. This bill, the Right to Life Act, would provide blanket protection to all unborn children from the moment of conception.

In 1973, the United States Supreme Court, in the landmark case of *Roe v. Wade*, refused to determine when human life begins and therefore found nothing to indicate that the unborn are persons protected by the Fourteenth Amendment. In the decision, however, the Court did concede that, "If the suggestion of personhood is established, the appellants' case, of course, collapses, for the fetus' right to life would be guaranteed specifically by the Amendment." Considering Congress has the constitutional authority to uphold the Fourteenth Amendment, coupled by the fact that the Court admitted that if personhood were to be established, the unborn would be protected, it can be concluded that we have the authority to determine when life begins.

The Right to Life Act does what the Supreme Court refused to do in *Roe v. Wade* and recognizes the personhood of the unborn for the purpose of enforcing four important provisions in the Constitution: (1) Sec. 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment prohibiting states from depriving any person of life; (2) Sec. 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment providing Congress the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provision of this amendment; (3) the due process clause of the Fifth Amendment, which concurrently prohibits the Federal Government from depriving any person of life; and (4) Article I, Section 8, giving Congress the power to make laws necessary and proper to enforce all powers in the Constitution.

This legislation will protect millions of future children by prohibiting any State or Federal law that denies the personhood of the unborn, thereby effectively overturning *Roe v. Wade*. I firmly believe that life begins at conception and that the preborn child deserves all the rights and protections afforded an American citizen. This measure will recognize the unborn child as a human being and protect the fetus from harm. The Right to Life Act will finally put our unborn children on the same legal footing as all other persons. I hope my colleagues will join me in support of this important effort.