

in this House. I also ask unanimous consent to place in the record their own words petitioning their government for voting representation.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR.  
WILLIAM GOTSCHALL

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 6, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Mr. William Gotschall has served his community and state as the Governor's Regional Representative for Economic Development in Region 10 of East Central Ohio; and

Whereas, Mr. Gotschall provided his services as Columbiana County Commissioner, during which time he received the Ohio Department of Transportation Outstanding Local Leader Award; and

Whereas, Mr. Gotschall's service to the people of Ohio and Columbiana County earned him the Outstanding Citizen Award from the Calcutta Chamber in St. Clair Township, Columbiana County, the Honorary Citizen Award for Byesville, Guernsey County, and a key to the village of Byesville, Ohio. He should be commended for the help that he provided to the residents of Columbiana County and the surrounding area.

Therefore, I join with the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in celebration of Mr. William Gotschall's service to East Central Ohio.

HONORING THE LIFE OF A.J.  
RICHARD

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 6, 2005*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of A.J. Richard, a vital member of the New York community. Throughout his life as a successful businessman, dedicated family man, concerned citizen and creative innovator, A.J. Richard defied the odds in keeping his family business running and growing when other community competitors were closing their doors. Today his legacy lives on in the type of business he left behind: it is owned and operated by family; it is as much a part of the community as it is a service to the community; and it places customers ahead of profits. A.J.'s business is a reflection of a certain value system, a value system we rarely see in today's largely faceless corporate culture. That value system is about community, family, work ethic, optimism and integrity. While A.J. has passed, his business and that special value system live on. We are all thankful for this legacy he leaves with us.

In his honor, I would like to share the following obituary of A.J. Richard as it appeared in the N.Y. Times on January 5, 2004:

"A.J. Richard, whose contagious enthusiasm for new gadgets transformed P.C. Rich-

ard & Son from a hardware store into a major retailer of consumer appliances and electronics, died on Dec. 28 in West Islip, N.Y. He was 95 and lived in Bay Shore and Port St. Lucie, Fla.

The cause was pneumonia, said Alan Meschkow, the company's advertising director.

Although Mr. Richard's father, Peter Christiaan, started the business, it was A.J. who in 1924, at the age of 15, insisted on selling newfangled electric irons alongside the store's kerosene lamps and plumbing supplies.

"It's beautiful, look—it's chrome, it's polished, it fits your hand," went Mr. Richard's sales pitch, Mr. Meschkow said. "And look at the tip, the point—you can go right in between the buttons." He asked his first buyer to pay 50 cents a week toward the total cost of \$4.95, and other customers soon followed.

Over the next six decades, including several years he spent living above his store in Ozone Park, Mr. Richard sold New Yorkers all kinds of new electric devices, from toaster in the 1920's to the Walkman in the 1980's.

His methods were often ingenious. In the early 1930's, when people seemed content to scrub clothes on washboards, he sent salesmen door to door offering families \$5 to try out washing machines. In the 1950's, he let people watch Friday-night boxing matches on a television displayed in the store's window, and some inevitably bought their own 10-inch black-and-white set, which cost nearly \$400. In the 1980's, the company offered cooking classes to demonstrate microwave ovens.

P.C. Richard & Son now reports annual sales of roughly \$1 billion, making it the country's largest family-owned and operated seller of appliances and consumer electronics. Based in Farmingdale, N.Y., it has grown to 49 stores in New York and New Jersey, even as competing regional chains like Crazy Eddie and Newmark & Lewis have closed. Many people can whistle its five-note advertising jingle, "At P.C. Richard."

Much of the advertising still carries pictures of A.J. and his two sons: Gary, son the company's chief executive, and Peter, who is executive vice president. A grandson, Gregg Richard, recently became president, and a granddaughter, Bonni Richard, is head of human resources.

Alfred Joseph Richard was born in Brooklyn on Oct. 11, 1909, the same year his father, a handyman who emigrated from Amsterdam, opened the family's first store in the Bensonhurst neighborhood of Brooklyn.

"I waited on customers when I was 7," he told The New York Times in a 1995 interview. "I was a 100 percent hardware man by the age of 9."

He was also a tinkerer, and he started the store's service department after learning to repair radios as a teenager. He took over the company in 1947.

His wife, the former Vicky Himmelman, died in 1997. He is survived by his sons, Gary and Peter, both of Long Island; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren."

HONORING DARRYL WORLEY OF  
SAVANNAH, TENNESSEE

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 6, 2005*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, country music mega-star Darryl Worley "Has Not Forgotten" his community or his country in his rise to the top of his profession.

By practicing what he preaches in his Gold Record #1 hit Have You Forgotten, he has spent many days each year traveling to the Middle East and entertaining and encouraging our troops.

He has also never forgotten his friends and neighbors. He sponsors and performs at the "Darryl Worley River Run" each year in his home county, which raises hundreds of thousands of dollars for local charities, this year expanding to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis.

And he has not forgotten his family. This year he presented the Hardin Medical Center with a check for \$40,000 in memory of his grandfather who suffered from cancer. In his honor the recently renovated hospital named a new wing the "Darryl Worley Outpatient Chemotherapy Clinic."

Darryl Worley is a great American, and a true hometown hero to Savannah, Tennessee, and today we honor his commitment to our great nation.

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL  
BRIAN P. PARRELLO

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 6, 2005*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sorrow that I rise to recognize the loss of a New Jersey citizen who served with dignity and honor as a soldier in Iraq. I join his family, friends and members of his community in mourning this great loss.

On Saturday, January 1, LCpl. Brian P. Parrello, 19, of West Milford, NJ, was killed in Al Anbar Province, Iraq as a result of hostile fire. Lance Corporal Parrello was assigned to Small Craft Company, Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC. Parrello was attached to a Marine Swift Boat unit that patrolled the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

A resident of West Milford, New Jersey, Parrello attended West Milford High School where he was a member of both the football and hockey teams. Following high school, he was so deeply affected by the attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon that he proudly enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. His teachers, coaches and peers have called him a real leader and a role model, someone who always gave 150 percent, a person who led by example and with a big heart.

This loss causes us to reflect on the bravery demonstrated by our men and women in uniform as they carry out their obligations in the face of danger. When their Nation called them