

Dr. Averill carries a strong commitment to public service, clearly demonstrated by his active involvement with the people and organizations of his community. He is currently involved with over 20 regional, state, and national organizations. Due to his broad knowledge in education and understanding of legislative and educational issues, Dr. Averill is frequently asked to take the lead in areas of higher education, economic development, and community college finances.

Furthermore, Dr. Averill has compiled an impressive list of community outreach, which includes his service as Co-Founder of the Orange County Technology Exchange Center, Chair of the local American Heart Association branch, Lt. Governor of Division Three for Kiwanis International, Chairman of the Board for Mary's Home, Director and Board Member of the Blythe Area Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Palo Verde Valley Economic Partnership, Member of the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce and the Rialto Chamber of Commerce. He serves on the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of California, the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, and the Work Incentive Board of San Bernardino County.

Dr. Averill is an outstanding awardee to receive the Harry Buttmer Distinguished Administrator Award. His leadership, commitment, loyalty, integrity, and merits all made him a perfect candidate deserving of such a great honor. The people of San Bernardino County and of the State of California thank him for his continued service.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
JAMES J. FLANNERY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 8, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of James J. Flannery, devoted family man, community leader, public servant, and friend and mentor to many.

As a former member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1967 through 1972, Mr. Flannery served his constituents of Cleveland's Near West Side with commitment, integrity and energy. As a certified public accountant, he was instrumental in garnering statewide approval for the graduated income tax, implemented in 1971.

Mr. Flannery's life-long commitment of service to others, and dedication to the Democratic Party was handed down to him from his parents and grandparents. His father served on the Council for the City of Cleveland. For many years, Mr. Flannery's grandfather served as a Precinct Committeeman. And in 1947, Mr. Flannery's grandmother was elected as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. They also instilled within him an unwavering work ethic. He was raised in Cleveland, graduated from St. Ed's, then enrolled at the University of Notre Dame, where he graduated in 1960. He volunteered his time and efforts on behalf of numerous causes and organizations, including St. Ed's High School and the Notre Dame Club of Cleveland, where he

served as past president and trustee. In 1991, the Club honored him as their Man of the Year.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of James J. Flannery, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. I offer my deepest condolences to Mr. Flannery's wife of 45 years, Judith; his children, Jim, Dan, Kelly, Mary Lou, Michele, Bryan, Judi Lynn and Eric; his sons and daughters in law, Maureen, Caroline, Rolly, Attila, Brian, Renee, Dan and Lori; his granddaughters and grandsons, and his extended family and many friends. Mr. Flannery will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him well, yet his legacy of concern for others, generous spirit, and kind heart uplifted the lives of countless individuals and families, including my own—and his life and his legacy, framed by love of family and community, will be remembered always.

PETER GILES HONORED FOR HIS  
ESTEEMED SERVICE TO THE  
CORPORATE, NONPROFIT AND  
HIGH-TECHNOLOGY COMMU-  
NITIES IN SILICON VALLEY

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 8, 2005*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of Peter Giles, the retiring President and CEO of The Tech Museum of Innovation headquartered in San Jose, California.

Among Mr. Giles impressive accomplishments is his strong commitment to education and provocative methods that garner greater levels of understanding to those who do not have a collegiate engineering degree.

Under his leadership, The Tech has empowered 1 million educators and youth through teacher training institutes, web-based resources, field trips and various community partnerships with area schools and youth groups. His museum can also boast of the development of a signature learning approach called, "Design in Mind Learning," which provides professional development to educators and enhances curricula throughout the United States.

Mr. Giles has also committed himself to the sustainability of The Tech and the community it serves. The opening of the Tech Museum was funded by \$113 million, including an unprecedented \$32 million of in-kind contributions from the industry; in addition, his endowment fundraising totals \$14 million currently.

The Tech is one of the top tourist attractions for anyone visiting Silicon Valley. It has earned this reputation because of the unique mix of art, culture, education, and of course, technology. In addition, The Tech has subtly, but firmly espoused its core belief that science, engineering and technology are fun—and must remain to be fun in order for our country to thrive.

The tremendous success of this jewel is due in great part to Mr. Giles' visionary leadership. During Mr. Giles' 18 years of service at The Tech, he fostered a spirit of collaboration and

innovation that is the keystone of what makes Silicon Valley a truly unique locale.

Peter Giles is an amazing person. The former President of the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group he had other, possibly more financially rewarding, career paths than the Tech. But Peter, who is a techie, a father and a visionary, has never been interested in his own aggrandizement so much as he is interested in the public good. Not only did he develop the Tech from a mere idea, he made sure that idea included our entire community. Let me give you just one example: To protect her privacy I'll just refer to "Az". This young woman started working for the Tech while in high school. Neither of her parents were college or high school grads, but Peter understood that reaching out to a community that had not been steeped in education was the Tech's most important mission. From Peter's own life, he understands how families reinforce each other.

Now "Az" has completed college and is embarked on teaching. Understanding the reach of families, her little brother is a math major at MIT.

Although Peter Giles is retiring, his legacy and contributions to Silicon Valley will remain in the hearts and minds of The Tech's supporters, contributors and patrons for many years to come; and even more importantly, in the living rooms of the homes of ordinary families, things have changed for the better.

IN MEMORY OF ROSEMARY  
KENNEDY

**HON. ROY BLUNT**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 8, 2005*

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to say a few words about the remarkable life of Rosemary Kennedy, who passed away at age 86 on January 7.

She was not the most famous member of her family. Hers was a more private life than those of her siblings. But it was not a life without public consequences and enormous benefit to those around her.

The example of her perseverance and her dignity helped to raise awareness about people living with mental disabilities—not just about their problems, but about their potential. That example inspired her sister, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, to establish the Special Olympics. It has been going strong now for 37 years. Last year, it was my honor to co-author an historic Congressional authorization for Special Olympics with my good friend STENY HOYER. It is our hope that the authorization will help this successful program to grow even more.

I am pleased that the United States Congress is now counted among those who enthusiastically support Special Olympics and recognize its unique importance in improving the lives of people with intellectual disabilities. Through the Special Olympics, Rosemary Kennedy has brought hope to millions of people around the world who either have disabilities or love someone who does.

In her eulogy for her sister, Eunice Kennedy Shriver said, "Today, in villages and cities all