

qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 45, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Rall is currently a senior at Pembroke Hill in Kansas City, and is the son of David Bradley, Jr. and Suzanne Bradley of Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Rall has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Rall started as a Tiger Cub Scout, and then rose through the Boy Scout ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class Scout, First Class Scout, Star Scout, Life Scout, and now Eagle Scout. Along the way, Rall earned 23 merit badges, and several scouting awards such as the Arrow of Light Award and the 50 Miler Award, which he received following an Adventure Trip to the San Juan Mountains in Colorado. Rall was inducted into the Honorary Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and also has served as Historian and Quartermaster of his troop.

For his Eagle Scout project, Rall led a team of scouts in association with the Saint Joseph Museum and the Missouri Department of Conservation to preserve Mount Mora Cemetery in Saint Joseph, an historical funeral park where Civil War Generals, Missouri Governors, and Pony Express Riders are buried. Mr. Speaker, it may please the House to know that Mount Mora's designer helped craft the plan for the Washington Monument here in our nation's capital.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David Rall Bradley III, for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TAX INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE RECYCLING (TIER) ACT

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Tax Incentives to Encourage Recycling (TIER) Act, legislation to address the problem of electronic waste in this country.

E-waste is a growing problem. With continuing advancements in technology, computers, televisions and cell phones are quickly becoming obsolete, and soon after arriving on the market, end up in our landfills. This equipment contains some toxic material that should be recycled or disposed of in a way that does not pose harm to the environment.

For this reason, I have introduced the Tax Incentives to Encourage Recycling (TIER) Act. This bill will provide tax incentives to computer, electronic and cell phone manufacturers that implement recycling programs. The benefits are two-fold: the TIER Act will help protect the environment and will keep the costs of computers and electronic equipment low.

The biggest burden to recycling is the transportation of the equipment from the residence or business to the recycling center. This legislation will provide the incentive for manufacturers or third parties to transport old equipment to recycling centers.

Some state legislatures have already passed laws to impose user fees on the pur-

chase of computer equipment. This drives up the cost of computers and only serves to further widen the digital divide. We should be working to make computer equipment more affordable for all Americans.

I would like to thank my colleague, Mr. CANTOR, for cosponsoring this important legislation. By providing incentives for recycling, we can keep the costs of computers reasonable and protect our environment.

HONORING RICHARD W. VILTER, M.D. AS A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard W. Vilter, M.D., a leader in our medical community, who will be formally honored as a Great Living Cincinnatian on February 24, 2005 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. Recipients of this prestigious annual award are chosen on the basis of professional achievement, leadership, vision, and community service. Past honorees include Neil Armstrong, Dr. Albert Sabin, and Charles Scripps.

A native Cincinnatian, Dr. Vilter has said that not only did he want to follow in the footsteps of his father, Dr. William F. Vilter, he never considered doing anything else. After graduating from Hughes High School in 1929, he earned his undergraduate and medical degrees from Harvard. Dr. Vilter promised to join his father in practice when he returned to Cincinnati, but, tragically, his father died of leukemia before he could do so. Dr. Vilter has said this is what led him to pursue his distinguished career in blood diseases.

After graduating from medical school in 1937, Dr. Vilter earned an internship at Cincinnati General Hospital specializing in internal medicine. In 1940, he was named senior resident, and later became chief medical resident. He went on to hold many leadership positions at Cincinnati General, including founding director of the Division of Hematology and Assistant Director of the Department of Internal Medicine. In 1956, he became the Gordon and Helen Hughes Taylor Professor of Medicine and director of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Cincinnati, positions he held until 1978. He still serves as the Gordon and Helen Hughes Taylor Professor Emeritus of Medicine, continuing his teaching and consulting work. Dr. Vilter has also spread his practice of medicine internationally, acting as a consultant for the United Nations' World Health Organization, traveling for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and serving as chair of the National Advisory Committee's Malnutrition Research Center in Thailand.

Dr. Vilter has held leadership positions with many organizations, including the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine's Medical Heritage Library Board; the American College of Physicians/American Society of Internal Medicine; American Society of Clinical Nutrition, where he was the first president; the American Clinical and Climatological Association; and the

Cincinnati Society of Internal Medicine. He received the American College of Physicians Ohio Chapter's Laureate Award in 2002; the American Medical Association's Joseph Goldberger Award for outstanding contributions in the field of nutrition; the National March of Dimes Foundation's Dan Tehan Humanitarian Award; the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine's Daniel Drake Award for major and lasting contributions to the College; and the University of Cincinnati Excellence Award.

In August, 2003, Dr. Vilter lost his beloved wife of 70 years, Sue. He lost his son, Richard Jr., in 1990.

All of us in Cincinnati congratulate Dr. Vilter on being named a Great Living Cincinnatian.

TRIBUTE TO ELLEN BRAVO, OUTGOING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF 9TO5 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WORKING WOMEN

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a colleague and contemporary: Ellen Bravo, outgoing Executive Director of 9to5 National Association of Working Women.

Ellen is a longtime resident of the city of Milwaukee who has made innumerable contributions to the advancement of women's rights. For over 20 years she has overseen the growth and evolution of 9to5. Under her leadership, this organization has brought women's voices into debates over state and national policies on issues ranging from welfare reform to sexual harassment in the workplace.

Ellen's efforts have resulted in concrete advances for all women. She fought for a higher minimum wage for all workers, while challenging State lawmakers to ensure women received equal pay for equal work. She led the fight to win family and medical leave benefits for Wisconsin workers. She was a critical voice in the national move to replace welfare with a work-based system. Even now, she is working with coalitions in several states to expand workers' access to sick leave benefits.

An accomplished speaker and trainer, a noted public commentator, Ellen has contributed to our understanding of the needs of working women and their families. Not only has her advocacy expanded the research agenda, her commitment to organizing has ensured that women are empowered to fight for the policies they need.

Ellen's vision is that all women should have more power. I can say with certainty that her work has helped support and sustain lawmakers who share that vision. I have firsthand knowledge of her support as a lawmaker. She is one of my advisors and, more importantly, my friend.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate Ellen on these achievements, and to wish her well in the next phase of her life.