

the Capitol as a child. There is no wonder that he grew up to be one of our Chamber's finest gate keepers.

For years he has taken up his post outside the main entrance to the chamber—"the same door the president comes in for his State of the Union address," he will quickly tell you. He first began his career with the House of Representatives in 1980 with the Office of the Doorkeeper and he currently works for the Sergeant at Arms. Mr. Costantino has the deepest respect and admiration for our institution and all of it Members. He truly loves his job and the people around him.

Mr. Costantino has been struggling with cancer for the last two years, and I am happy to report that he has won that struggle. His physician, Dr. Kressel, this week gave him the good news. This was what his wife Doris, his children Eydie, Lou and Amy, his first grandchild Bella and his friends everywhere had long waited for.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that we congratulate Mr. Costantino on his 26 years of service to the House of Representatives and that we wish him continued good health.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANK
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HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor a true hero and patriot who passed away on Wednesday evening, September 27th. A pioneer for African-Americans everywhere, Frank Sublett was one of 13 men who broke the Navy's color barrier in 1944. Dubbed the "Golden 13," these men bravely stood up in the face of racism in the Armed Forces and entered Naval Training Station Great Lakes, Illinois. In February 1944, Frank became one of the first 13 African-American commissioned naval officers. The Golden 13 scored higher on standard tests than their white counterparts and went on to serve with distinction and fight the Nazis in the Atlantic and the Japanese in the Pacific. Frank Sublett continued to serve until the war ended in 1945.

When I first met Frank I was inspired by his story. And when I learned that he and other members of the World War II Black Navy Veterans were raising money to build a memorial honoring African-American Navy veterans from World War II, I wanted to help. I am saddened that Frank Sublett will not be standing next to me when we dedicate the memorial in North Chicago on Veterans Day. I hope that this monument to the courage of Frank and his comrades in arms will inspire young people to dedicate themselves to public service, whether in the military or as a civilian.

I want to offer my condolences to the Sublett family, especially to Frank's wife, Susan. Frank will be missed, but the memory of the Golden 13 will live on.

RECOGNIZING MARUMSCO HILLS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S 40TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to MarumSCO Hills Elementary School as it prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s the Woodbridge area was starting its suburban growth. Most of the land surrounding the school was developed by Cecil D. Hylton. His major projects included MarumSCO Village (1954), Loch Lomond (1958), Westgate (1961), MarumSCO Acres (1961), MarumSCO Hills (1961), MarumSCO Woods (1962), and Dale City (1965).

In June 1963, the citizens of Prince William County approved a bond proposal for \$7,000,000 for school construction. In April 1964, Cecil D. Hylton and his wife Irene deeded 12 acres in Section 2 of the MarumSCO Hills subdivision to Prince William County Schools. MarumSCO Hills Elementary School was constructed by the Whythe Construction Company in 1964 for a contract price of \$442,631.67.

The school was designed by architect Earl Bailey. This particular plan was called the Bailey plan and was in a barbell design with circular pods on either end of a rectangular section. Eight other schools in the county were constructed in the same design. The classrooms surrounded an open court with each room opening onto the court.

It was first occupied by pupils for a full day of school on November 25, 1964. The dedication ceremony was held a year later on December 14, 1965. Dedication speakers included Stuart Beville, the Superintendent of Prince William County Schools. The school address at that time was 1005 Page Street. In 1966 a six-room addition was constructed, which now houses first grade and kindergarten classrooms. In 1984, the pods were enclosed, creating 5 new rooms. In 2005 another two-rooms were added to the previous addition.

The school originally housed 1st through 6th grade students. In 1966, the county school system made major changes, moving 6th graders to the middle school level. In 1973 kindergartners were added to the elementary schools. In the 1974-1975 school year, 720 students were enrolled here. That year there were 74 kindergartners and 193 fifth graders. Today MarumSCO Hills Elementary School currently has 406 students.

Since its establishment in 1966, MarumSCO Hills Elementary School has committed itself to lofty standards of academic and extra-curricular excellence. Over the years, as the Prince William area has expanded and diversified, MarumSCO Hills Elementary School has followed the community's example.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank MarumSCO Hills Elementary School faculty and staff for the immeasurable contributions they have made to the community by shaping to-

day's youth and tomorrow's future. I congratulate the school on its successes over the last 40 years and I wish it more successful years in the future. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this outstanding and distinguished institution.

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HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Expedia.com, the world's number one online travel provider, for their business and service contributions to the tourism and travel industry.

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Expedia.com provides more than 25 million travelers per month the opportunity to research, plan and book their own travel accommodations. Travel opens our minds and hearts to different cultures, places and people. As Mark Twain wrote: "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it solely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

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Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Expedia.com. Over the past decade, Expedia.com has made significant contributions to the travel and tourism industry, the economy of my state, and the overall travel experience.