

and former President of the University of Pennsylvania, and to congratulate her on receiving the 2006 Gold Medal Award from the Pennsylvania Society. In her decade long tenure leading the University, Dr. Rodin demonstrated a strong commitment to the Greater Philadelphia region and the West Philadelphia neighborhood in which the University is located. She has proven herself not only an asset to the academic community but more broadly to the City of Philadelphia.

As an established social psychologist, Dr. Rodin has contributed much to our knowledge of pressing social issues and has been instrumental in bringing women's health concerns and behavioral health issues more generally to the forefront. The first female president of an Ivy League institution, she has opened doors for young women across the country and it is with Dr. Rodin's leadership that Penn saw a period of remarkable growth and development strengthening and transforming the University's academic core.

In keeping with her commitment to the common good, she currently serves as President of the Rockefeller Foundation and works to advance that organization's mission of alleviating global poverty. It is a privilege for me to recognize Dr. Rodin and her work. I congratulate her on the receipt of this prestigious honor.

TEMPORARY DUTY SUSPENSION
FOR UMBRELLAS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a temporary duty suspension for certain umbrellas. These include golf umbrellas and fashion umbrellas with non-collapsible shafts for use by men, women and children. The current duty rate on these umbrellas is 8.2 percent, while the duty rate on similar umbrellas with collapsible shafts is 0 percent. There appears to be no purpose for this disparity; and yet it drives up the cost of the non-collapsible umbrellas for U.S. consumers.

This measure is supported by Essex Manufacturing, Inc. whose headquarters are in my district. It also is supported by other leading umbrella producers, including Peerless Umbrella Co. in Harrison, New Jersey; Shedrain Corporation in Portland, Oregon; and Totes in Cincinnati, Ohio. I look forward to working with my colleagues on this measure next year.

IN RECOGNITION OF ERIC VOIGHT

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to recognize before this House Eric Voight who was recently awarded Hometown Radio's Employee of the Year honors for his extraordinary service.

Hired straight out of college, Eric Voight had a dream of being in radio programming one

day. In just four short years, Voight worked his way up the ladder of success at Hometown Radio, first as a member of the sales team, to sales manager, and now as operations manager. In fact, because of his hard work, Voight is now responsible for the sound of the entire four station cluster operated by Hometown Radio.

Those who know Eric Voight appreciate the little things that make him so deserving of the Employee of the Year award. His motivation, proud Wisconsin work ethic and dedication got him where he is today and I'm sure this is just the beginning.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mr. Voight on receiving this outstanding honor, and wish him continued success in the years to come.

HONORING DR. TED VICK FOR 55
YEARS OF LEADERSHIP
THROUGH EDUCATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Ted Vick, a long-time public servant who is retiring after a 55-year career in leadership through education.

Dr. Vick has proven his dedication to educational pursuits by earning his bachelor's degree in elementary education at the University of California at Santa Barbara and a Ph.D. in Education from the University of California at Riverside. His desire to serve in public education led to his service as a principal and vice principal in various school districts throughout his career, including 12 years spent as the superintendent of Adelanto School District. His proven leadership led to 20 years of service on the San Bernardino County Board of Education, and his enthusiasm was quickly noticed by other local organizations. While Dr. Vick dedicated his time to the county board of education, the Needles Unified School District asked for his service when they required another member to join their local district board.

Aside from teaching, Dr. Vick strove to influence others by holding several leadership positions in educational and community organizations. His list of distinguished posts includes the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly, and the board of directors on the California County Boards of Education. His interest in the needs of the local community is prevalent through his time with the Adolescent and Family Service Center, and while serving on the board of directors for Desert Communities United Way. Dr. Vick's remaining time has been spent devoted to the First Christian Church in San Bernardino, serving as chairman of the board, elder, and deacon.

This relentless involvement in the lives of his fellow citizens has made Dr. Vick an important influence in the community, earning him the well-deserved San Bernardino County School Board Association's 2005 Distinguished Service Award. Although the appreciation of the community is shown on the faces of those whom he has instructed, it was most notably visible in 2005 when Adelanto

School District named a local school in his honor; the Theodore Vick Elementary School.

Mr. Speaker, after 55 years of public service, Dr. Vick will retire from his teaching and leadership posts. Although Dr. Vick's presence in the community will be greatly missed, his zeal for leadership and education will continue to inspire the students and adults who have crossed his path. On behalf of the people of San Bernardino County, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Vick for his work and in wishing him well in his future pursuits.

A TRIBUTE TO OFFICER SCOTT
WERTZ

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, today I seek to pay tribute to a true hero of Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional District, Reading Police Officer Scott Wertz.

On Sunday, August 6, 2006, Officer Wertz made the ultimate sacrifice carrying out his duties to serve and protect the people of Reading, Pa.

Officer Wertz's exemplary service is a stark reminder of the valor and honor that our public safety personnel display every single day. When danger arises, these brave men and women run to answer the call. Officer Wertz was no exception, and I honor his great courage and sacrifice.

His 9 years of dedicated service to the Reading Police Department have made the Reading community a safer place to live and work for thousands of families, and we all owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude.

On behalf of a grateful community, I offer my heartfelt condolences to his wife and two sons. They will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
IVY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an institution in my hometown of Newport News. On December 1, 2006, the members of Ivy Baptist Church celebrated their 100th anniversary, and I would like to take a moment to highlight the rich history of this church and its contribution to our community.

In 1906, Rev. James Carr, along with Shaddy Clark and J.B. Peyton founded the first ancestor of the Ivy Baptist Church of today. It was called the First Baptist Church Dawson City. First Baptist Dawson was a blessing in a community plagued by crime in a city nicknamed "Blood Field." In 1915, under the leadership of Reverend Carr, the First Baptist Church Dawson City building was purchased for \$350 in cash.