

struggle against the Japanese East Indies' offensive.

The USS *Houston* was ordered to leave the area on February 28, 1942. Along with the Australian light cruiser *Perth*, the USS *Houston* encountered a strong Japanese navy force supporting an amphibious landing on western Java. On March 1, 1942, in a courageous night battle against all odds, *Houston* and *Perth* were sunk by enemy gunfire and torpedoes.

Six hundred and ninety-two U.S. Sailors and Marines, $\frac{2}{3}$ of the crew, including the Captain, perished that evening. The remaining 368 surviving crewmen were captured by the Japanese Imperial Army. The ship became known as the "Galloping Ghost of the Java Coast."

Details of *Houston's* fate was not known by the world for almost 3 and $\frac{1}{2}$ years, and the full story of her brave plight was not fully told until after the war was over and her survivors were liberated from prison camps.

Next Saturday in my home state of Texas, survivors, their families, friends and representatives of the Naval Order of the U.S. and several foreign nations will converge at the USS *Houston* Memorial in Sam Houston Park for a memorial service to honor the warship and her courageous crew.

The members of the Greatest Generation that were aboard the USS *Houston* were true American heroes. They represent the finest the Nation has ever produced. We honor the brave sailors, Marines and their crew who served on the USS *Houston* and we thank them for the sacrifices they made for freedom. We also pay tribute to the families of those who lost their lives in doing so. The heroic freedom fighters aboard the USS *Houston* will never be forgotten. They have made Texas proud. That's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING CITY OF RIO RANCHO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2006

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the City of Rio Rancho on its 25th anniversary of being incorporated.

Started nearly 50 years ago as an investment and retirement community, Rio Rancho has blossomed into the third-largest city in the State of New Mexico and one of the fastest growing communities in our country.

Rio Rancho has become a model for its commitment to economic development, acquiring technology-based jobs, providing affordable housing, and establishing a first-rate public school system. The city has made these significant advancements while maintaining a high quality of life for residents. For these qualities and much more, the "City of Vision" is to be commended.

It is my privilege and honor to serve as Rio Rancho's Member of Congress. I look forward to the "City of Vision's" continued success and prosperity.

Once again, best wishes and congratulations on turning 25 Rio Rancho.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a unique and valuable organization that for the past 50 years has been partnering with employers to build successful workplaces and empowering workingwomen to achieve their full potential. The Business and Professional Women's Foundation will be celebrating its 50th anniversary all year long starting on its incorporation date, February 27, 2006. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting the Business and Professional Women's Foundation's record of helping workingwomen and their families in the areas of research, education, knowledge and policy.

Established in 1956, the BPW Foundation is a nonprofit research, and educational institution governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees. As a national convener, the foundation has influenced, informed, and educated presidents, Members of Congress, state officials, policymakers, women of influence—making research and educational resources available that accurately portray the challenges and important role of workingwomen.

This year, the Business and Professional Women's Foundation will actively engage workingwomen and employers in dynamic discussions, innovative research projects, and exciting educational opportunities. These activities will empower workingwomen and help build successful workplaces. Even as the BPW Foundation embraces its 50-year history as a research and education institution, it is setting the stage for a whole new phase of growth and engagement.

The 50th anniversary celebration will highlight the history of the BPW Foundation and its many milestones in the areas of research, education, knowledge and policy. The BPW Foundation has made its mark over the past 50 years, making a tangible difference in the lives of American workingwomen and their families. To date, \$6 million in scholarships, grants, and loans have been awarded to more than 8,000 women and valuable research has been published that assists employers to improve work environments and workingwomen to pursue career advancement.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to pay tribute to the Business and Professional Women's Foundation. As the first foundation to conduct research about workingwomen, their 5 decades of commitment to workingwomen has made an incredible difference in women's lives. I am confident that they will "Light the Way" for future generations of workingwomen. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in thanking the BPW Foundation for their contribution to our country.

TRIBUTE ON THE RETIREMENT OF BISHOP JAMES H. GARLAND

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2006

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding man of faith, The Most Reverend James H. Garland, the Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Marquette. On December 13, 2005, Bishop Garland officially retired as the Bishop of Marquette; serving as Diocesan Administrator until January 25, 2006, when The Most Reverend Alexander K. Sample was ordained and installed as the twelfth Bishop of Marquette. On February 26, 2006, the Diocese of Marquette will host a retirement gathering for Bishop Garland to show their appreciation for his ministry and leadership. Bishop Garland has been committed to the ministry and service for the Diocese of Marquette for 13 years, and 47 years as an ordained priest. Bishop Garland's contribution to the Catholic Church and his faith has touched so many lives in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and beyond.

Bishop Garland was born to Ada and Leo Garland on December 13, 1931. Growing up on a farm in Wilmington, OH, young James Garland learned the value of hard work by sharing chores with his four brothers and two sisters. That Midwest work ethic would come in handy years later when he studied at Ohio State University. In 1953, Bishop Garland graduated from Ohio State receiving a bachelor's degree in Education.

Immediately upon graduating, Bishop Garland began studying at the seminaries of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and in 1960 received a Master's Degree in Philosophy from Mount Saint Mary's Seminary of the West. Several years later in 1965, he went on to obtain a Master's Degree in Social Work from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Bishop Garland served in several parishes after being ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on August 15, 1959. Through the years, he directed offices of Catholic Charities in Springfield and Dayton, OH before directing the Archdiocesan Offices of Catholic Charities. On June 2, 1984 Pope John Paul II appointed Bishop Garland to the Episcopacy and then, on July 25, 1984, ordained him Titular Bishop of Garriana and Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Cincinnati. At the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, he directed the Archdiocesan Departments of Community Services and Pastoral Services.

It was not until November 11, 1992 that Marquette, MI was blessed with the wisdom and guidance of James H. Garland when he was installed as the eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Marquette. Since that time, Bishop Garland has served on the Administrative Committee and Board of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. From November 1992 to November 1995 he also served as Chairman of the United States Catholic Conference Committee for the Campaign for Human Development. From November 1995 to November 1997 he served as the Chairperson of the Bishops of the Region VI of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.