House of Representatives. His distinguished career, along with his unwavering dedication to his family and fellow firefighters, is a portrait of outstanding citizenship worthy of our collective respect and appreciation.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HIGHER DIMENSION MATERIALS

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of an amazing company from Oakdale, Minnesota. Higher Dimension Materials has perfected a groundbreaking new material—called SuperFabric—which may literally revolutionize the world of material science and which has lifesaving applications for our service men and women.

Under the bold and pioneering leadership of Dr. Young-Hwa-Kim, HDM has developed a line of SuperFabric materials, which possess an astonishing strength, flexibility and resistance and are open to an equally astonishing array of uses. After 10 years of painstaking research, HDM has successfully overcome the challenge of developing a polymer that possesses both great density and great flexibility. SuperFabrics incorporate hard solids with flexible fabrics to create new composite fabrics that maintain their original flexibility and yet are resistant to fire, abrasions, cuts and punctures.

In fact, NASA, law enforcement agencies and the United States military have all expressed great interest in taking advantage of Higher Dimensions' breakthroughs. For instance, the military is applying Super Fabrics technology in the making of boots for the special-ops community and also potentially lifesaving vests for Coast Guard divers. NASA is even testing SuperFabrics for new space gloves.

So revolutionary are these technologies that the University of Minnesota is putting them on display in their new Museum of Design. And the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Textiles and Apparel has selected HDM to participate in their European Outdoor Show—one of the world's major international trade shows, focusing on performance textiles.

These are but a few of the honors HDM as received for its ingenious technological advances. Thanks to the devotion and brilliance of people like Dr. Kim and the scientists at HDM, America continues to lead the world in the development of new technologies.

Higher Dimension Materials is a true credit to the state of Minnesota and I am honored to recognize their achievements today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVAN PEARCE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. PEARCE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 438 H. Res. 1242—Honoring the life, musical accomplishments, and contributions of Louis Jordan on the 100th anniversary of his birth. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES GIPP

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated servant to the people of Iowa—Charles "Chuck" Gipp. Chuck, who has served the people of Iowa in the state legislature for the past 18 years, is retiring from that body this year.

Chuck was born and raised in Winneshiek County in Iowa—the same county that he and his wife Ranae raised their two children, Alison and Barrett, and where they still reside today.

Chuck has spent his legislative career as a true leader throughout. After serving 12 years in the Iowa Legislature, Chuck was unanimously chosen to serve as the Majority Leader of the Iowa House in 2002. From 1992–1993, he served as a House Assistant Majority Leader. In 1994, the position of House Majority Whip was created, where Chuck served until 1999. Chuck was then selected by House leadership in 2000 to Chair the Transportation, Capitals and Infrastructure Committee. In 2001, Chuck was selected once again to serve as a House Assistant Majority Leader while continuing to serve as Chair of the Transportation, Capitals and Infrastructure Committee.

Long before I was elected to serve in Iowa's Fourth Congressional District in 2002, I knew Chuck and of his reputation as a leader who was highly respected by the people he was elected to serve as well as his colleagues in Des Moines. Chuck has been a valuable advisor and resource to me on the many issues and concerns important to our shared constituents in Iowa's 16th District.

Chuck has often said that he never thought about pursuing a career in the politics when he was growing up on the family farm or even during his days at Luther College in Decorah. Chuck got involved in the political process for the same reasons any true dedicated servant of the people does—because of the circumstances that directly impacted his family and neighbors. Chuck Gipp wanted to make a difference in the lives of Iowans, and he has accomplished that goal and made a positive difference in the lives of countless people throughout the years.

President Abraham Lincoln said it best when I think about what Chuck Gipp has done for Iowa. He said, "Whatever you are, be a good one." And, while during his younger days Chuck may not have envisioned one day becoming a legislator, he did. And he was more than a good one—he was a great servant of the people.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating Chuck Gipp on a remarkable career in the Iowa Legislature and wishing him and Ranae all the best throughout their future endeavors.

THE DAILY 45: JASMINE THURMAN'S LOST DREAMS

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. No community is exempt from the carnage. Last weekend, in the Detroit suburb of Royal Oak Township, 18-year-old Jasmine Thurman, a recent graduate of Ferndale High School, was shot to death in what police describe as a feud between teenage girls from a nearby public housing complex.

Jasmine Thurman had a family. Jasmine Thurman had dreams. Jasmine Thurman had a bright future that was snuffed out in an instant by a gun. Jasmine, the grand-niece of township Trustee Francine Thurman, was dead on arrival at an area hospital and leaves behind a grieving family and friends.

Her cousin, 16-year-old Chanique Stone, said this to investigators on the scene, "If that happened to her, what's going to happen to me?"

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will we say "enough is enough, stop the killing."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I was unable to have my vote recorded on the House floor on Monday, June 23, 2008, having remained in my district to assist my constituents with the severe flooding that recently struck Wisconsin. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 1242 (roll No. 438), H. Con. Res. 372 (roll No. 439), and H. Res. 1051 (roll No. 440).

HONORING JIMMY SCURLOCK FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge my friend Jimmy Scurlock, who is retiring from 25 years of public service to the town of Dover, Tennessee, which I am proud to represent in this chamber.

Jimmy has served as City Administrator in Dover since 1983 and also currently serves on the board of Local Government Data Processing. He was elected to two terms on the Tennessee Municipal League Board of Directors and served as President of the Tennessee City Management Association in 2001 and 2002. He was honored statewide last year