

the respect of fellow officers with his commitment to protecting the community and a no-nonsense approach to public service each day he has pinned on a badge. His steadfast professionalism and compassion for others are hallmarks of his nearly three decades of service.

Lt. Boyd's career and accomplishments will be celebrated on Friday, September 19, 2008 during a dinner at the Downingtown Country Club.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in praising the outstanding service and dedication of Lt. Richard W. Boyd, and all those who take an oath to serve and protect their communities.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CHIEF
JAMES J. MULLANE, JR.

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate retired Norristown Fire Department Chief James "Jim" J. Mullane, Jr., on his selection as president of the Firemen's Association of Pennsylvania. Jim's distinguished career as a firefighter started in April 1972 when he joined the Hancock Fire Company. He became assistant chief for the Norristown Fire Department in 1983 and served as chief from 1992 to 1993.

Jim also served as charter member and captain of the Norristown Dive Rescue Unit. In addition to protecting the community as a firefighter, Jim also was actively involved in the civic life of Norristown. He has been a member of the Norristown Zoning Hearing Board for the last 8 years and has held the post of chairman of that panel.

The members of the Firemen's Association of Pennsylvania have benefited from Jim's outstanding leadership and keen insight on emergency services issues since 1974. He has held the posts of southeast director, eastern vice president, senior vice president and chairman of an ad hoc committee instrumental in establishing Pennsylvania's Fire and Emergency Services Institute. The institute is a valuable tool for keeping fire departments and other first responders informed about grant opportunities and important State legislation.

Jim will be installed as association president on Friday, September 26, 2008, during the group's 129th convention in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing James J. Mullane, Jr., for attaining this well-deserved leadership post and for commitment and work on behalf of all firefighters who bravely put their lives on the line to protect residents and property each day.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY OF BALA #1

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scout Troop Bala #1 as they celebrate their Centennial Anniversary.

Bala #1 is based in Bala Cynwd, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The Troop is recognized as the first organized, oldest and continuously operating Boy Scout Troop in the United States, according to the Lower Merion Historical Society.

Founded in 1908, the Troop has enriched the lives of boys and young men through activities geared toward building character, developing leadership skills and instilling a commitment to serving others.

During the past 100 years, Scout leaders have mentored and trained more than 1,000 Scouts, including several Eagle Scouts and the first All-Eagle Scout Patrol in the United States.

The Troop owes much of its success during the past century to dedicated volunteers and Troop alumni such as Scoutmaster Bill Sawyer and Committee Chairman Al Vitiello, who graciously commit countless hours and endless effort to the organization.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Boy Scout Troop Bala #1 on reaching a very special milestone and offering best wishes for continued success in mentoring generations of local youth and building a stronger community and nation.

THE DAILY 45: DENVER DAD KILLS
AUTISTIC SON

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. This year, on September 11, while the Nation memorialized more than 3,200 men, women, and children killed by terrorists; in the Denver town of Grand Junction, another child's life was senselessly taken, in part, because of the easy access to a gun.

Last Thursday night, while 13-year-old Jacob Grabe was sleeping, police report that his father, Allen Grabe, held a loaded gun to his son's face and discharged several rounds into his head, killing him instantly. Jacob was described by his mother as having a mild form of the neurological disorder similar to autism called Asperger's syndrome. Jacob's mother told police that her husband described his action this way, "I had to kill him because you were ruining him." My heart goes out to Mrs. Grabe and this community on this tragic loss.

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

HONORING MOSES-LUDINGTON
HOSPITAL

HON. KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of Moses-Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga, New York. The hospital was founded in 1908 by Horace Moses, a businessman and Ticonderoga native, to provide medical care to the people of Ticonderoga and its surrounding area. The hospital began with 15 beds and has since grown to encompass a 24 hour emergency room, outpatient surgery, radiology, and dental services. It has the distinction of being the most remote Critical Access Hospital in New York State, providing valuable life-saving treatment to many of my rural constituents in Essex, Warren, and Hamilton Counties.

Although it remains a small rural hospital, Moses-Ludington Hospital employs 300 upstate New Yorkers and houses specialists in Cardiology, Dermatology, EMG testing, Hematology, Neurology, Oncology, Orthopedic Surgery, Orthopedics, Otolaryngology, Plastic Surgery, Podiatry, Sleep Apnea, and Sports Medicine. In addition, Moses-Ludington provides long-term and temporary rehabilitative care through Heritage Commons Residential Healthcare, housing for seniors and persons with disabilities who qualify for Federal housing assistance through Lord Howe Estates, and adult care through the Moses-Ludington Adult Care facility.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I offer my congratulations on behalf of the people of New York's 20th Congressional District to the entire Moses-Ludington community on this milestone. I wish them continued success as they work to provide high quality healthcare to the rural communities of upstate New York.

TRIBUTE TO DAN CAMBRIDGE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to honor Dan Cambridge. Mr. Cambridge, a former advertising executive for Young and Rubicomb in Des Moines, Iowa, has been named the new tourism director of Lexington, Missouri.

Mr. Cambridge graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in journalism. It was soon after his completion of college that he began working for the Des Moines Register. He then spent over 20 years with a Young and Rubicomb affiliate. Mr. Cambridge is excited to begin his new post in Lexington, and claims he envisions the tourism commission focusing on public relations angles with the city. Dan has experience with the Iowa Department of Economic Development and Tourism, and I know he will be a valuable asset to my hometown. Cambridge's son attended Wentworth Military Academy. His family now resides in the Kansas City metro area.