

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Corey Alan Storts for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE NELSON FAMILY OF COMPANIES OF SONOMA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, to recognize and honor the Nelson Family of Companies, which has been selected as the Business of the Year by the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The Nelson Family of Companies is an independently owned group of businesses that provide a wide variety of full-time and contract staffing services as well as software and support services designed to facilitate workforce management.

The first of the "Nelson Companies" opened in 1970 in San Rafael. In 1989 a corporate office was established in Sonoma. The companies currently employ more than 300 people in 25 offices throughout northern California.

In addition to being a major employer itself in Sonoma and providing support services to other local businesses, the Nelson family has been an active participant in community organizations and events. Primary beneficiaries have been the Hanna Boys Center and Sonoma Valley Hospital. The companies have also been sponsors or supporters of the Sonoma Jazz Festival, the Charles Schwab Cup Champion's Tour event at Sonoma Golf Club, the Sonoma Wine Harvest Auction and Festival, the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association annual walk, the Blood Bank of the Redwoods annual blood drive, the Valley of the Moon Boys & Girls Club and the Valley of the Moon Teen Center and the Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance.

Madam Speaker, local businesses in the small communities throughout our two Congressional districts are much more than employers. They are the backbone of a support system for projects, nonprofit organizations and civic events that would not be successful without their involvement. No organization better exemplifies this commitment than the Nelson Family of Companies. It is therefore, appropriate for us to honor Chairman Gary D. Nelson and his leadership team and employees, both past and present, for their great work throughout the years.

HONORING MEECO, INC.

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to recog-

nize MEECO on their 60th anniversary. MEECO, Incorporated is a privately-held, family-owned manufacturing business headquartered in Warrington, Bucks County, PA. They produce and sell quality gas analysis measurement tools to industries across the globe allowing them to efficiently and safely manufacture their products.

MEECO has played an important role as a small business in our Bucks County community and the world. They employ more than 3 dozen hardworking people from the Bucks County area and have succeeded through an approach that focuses on product innovation, global expansion, and progressive management and manufacturing practices.

MEECO shows no signs of slowing down after winning 2 R&D 100 Awards for its products from R&D Magazine, developing a highly successful, award-winning spin-off company called Tiger Optics and recently celebrated the strongest financial first half in the company's history.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating MEECO, Incorporated for their success and their high business standards. I thank them for the work they do on behalf of our community and across the world.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. During my tenure in Congress, significant progress has been made in calling attention to domestic violence and helping victims and families recover from these abuses. However, much work still remains to be done because senseless acts of violence are still taking place in our homes and communities. Tragically we were reminded of the need for greater efforts to combat domestic violence this past July when tragedy struck in my home State of Kansas. Today, I'd like to share with you the Jana Lynne Mackey story.

On July 20, 1982, Jana Lynne Mackey was born in Harper, Kansas. Jana was raised primarily in Hays, Kansas, where she was an active member of 4-H, an athlete, and a talented musician. But most of all she was a vibrant and caring young woman who fought for those whose voice could not be heard.

Following high school graduation, Jana completed a bachelor's degree where she discovered her passion—advocating for others. She went on to pursue a law degree at the University of Kansas with the goal of using education to further the cause of others. Jana tirelessly fought for equality and social justice through her work with countless local and national organizations. She was also an active volunteer at the Lawrence GaDuGi Safe Center, a facility that aids victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. But on July 3, 2008, Jana's body was found in an ex-boyfriend's home—her own promising life prematurely ended by an act of domestic violence.

All too often we think acts of domestic violence do not transpire in our communities or to people and families we know. But Jana's story is evidence that no State, community, or family is immune to its far-reaching hands. Domestic violence is a problem that does not discriminate by race, gender, age group, education, or social status and its plague wreaks havoc on our increasingly-stressed healthcare network, our over-flowing criminal justice system, and our day-to-day life within our communities.

Domestic violence continues to impact communities in Kansas and across America. Each year nearly 4 million new incidences of domestic violence are reported in the United States, with many more unaccounted for due to fear and intimidation. Of those 4 million reported cases, nearly 100,000 Kansas women fall victim to domestic violence each year. Each day in America over 53,000 victims receive care through domestic violence programs, the programs Jana Mackey volunteered and advocated for.

Despite the harsh realities of domestic violence that loom, there is hope for a better tomorrow. It is my belief that with continued education, resources, and support, victims of domestic violence can overcome their condition. In the 69 counties I represent, it is that same belief that maintains and encourages the 9 domestic violence centers in my district. These agencies are vital to our communities as they raise awareness of domestic violence, advocate for victims, and provide victims with the support, resources, and care they desperately need.

Jana made a greater impact in her 25 years than many individuals do in a lifetime. While Jana's story is tragic, her example is a lesson and an inspiration for us all to be more active in the fight against domestic violence. This is why her family started the 1100 Torches campaign.

At Jana's funeral, 1,100 people were in attendance, which indicates the magnitude of her impact in the lives of others. In the aftermath of her death, her mother, Christie Brungardt, and stepfather, Curt, along with her family and friends, launched the 1100 Torches campaign to serve as Jana's call to action, that despite our personal politics, we can make a difference in the world and in turn make it a better place to live. It is the campaign's hope that through Jana's story, 1,100 people will be inspired by her to serve others and make a difference in their communities. I encourage my colleagues and all Americans to learn more about Jana's story and the impact of domestic violence by visiting the 1100 Torches campaign Web site at www.1100torches.org and by learning more about this issue in your local community.

We are making progress in raising awareness and drawing attention to domestic violence, yet this is a problem that continues to impact our communities. We must not forget about these violent crimes that destroy homes and families, and devastate lives. This October, let us remember the victims of domestic violence and learn from their courage as we do our best to ensure that our communities are safe places to live, work, and raise our families.

Madam Speaker, I ask for continued support and assistance for domestic violence prevention programs.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
GENERAL ROBERT T. DAIL

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifetime commitment of service to the United States of America, our Defense Department and our great United States Army by a true patriot, Lieutenant General Robert T. Dail, United States Army. On January 1st, 2009, Lieutenant General Dail will retire after 33 years and four months of dedicated and exceptionally distinguished service in the United States Army. In addition to his retirement, Lieutenant General Dail will relinquish responsibility as the 15th Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, DLA, after leading a Defense Agency that has become increasingly important to the Nation. The General's departure is indeed a loss for our Nation since over the last two years he achieved many remarkable accomplishments. I will highlight a few of them here:

The extraordinary success of our military servicemen and women in the field, engaged in defending our freedom during times of peace and in times of war could not be accomplished without the unparalleled logistics support upon which our military so critically depends. Through General Dail's leadership this support has increased to the extent that ninety-five percent of the materials used by the entire U.S. military is provided by the 22,000 hard-working DLA personnel around the globe. DLA has facilities in 48 states and 28 countries and each one is a source of pride for all of the DLA employees.

All of the fuel supporting our jets, helicopters, ships and tanks is purchased by DLA. The food, military clothing, and supplies needed to sustain our forces is all managed by the DLA workforce. The DLA Defense Distribution system, an integrated network of 26 distribution depots here in the United States and in overseas locations such as Kuwait, Korea, Japan, Guam, Italy, and Germany, is crucial to the steady flow of materials to our troops. These DLA depots constitute a national treasure in their own right.

Remarkably, General Dail guided DLA to record-setting levels of support for today's warfighters, our allies, and victims of natural disasters around the world, led DLA through a dramatic transformation of the Agency's enterprise business program, and extended the DLA enterprise across all of the Department of Defense. I would add that the Agency forged partnerships with industry, the military service materiel commands, and other Agencies in our Federal, State and Local Governments, and provided unprecedented support.

Thirty-three years ago, General Dail earned his commission through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Ad-

ministration in 1975. He received a Master's in Business Administration from Boston University, a Master's in Military Art and Science from the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and a Master's in National Resource Management from the National Defense University.

As a Transportation Officer, the General commanded at every level from platoon leader to brigade commander. He served as the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Army, Washington, D.C.; Director for Logistics at the United States Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia; Commanding General, United States Army Transportation Center, Fort Eustis, Virginia; Director, J-3/J-4, and Deputy Commander of United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. He assumed his current position as the Director of DLA in August of 2006.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legion of Merits, Bronze Star Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

In closing, I wish to commend General Dail for over 33 years of distinguished service to our Nation, protecting our freedoms of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and wish him the very best in his future endeavors. His departure is a great loss to our Army, but we are better for having him in our ranks. He leaves us with a Defense Logistics Agency that is indeed a world-class provider of combat capability and one that has been greatly improved under his leadership and through his dedication to excellence.

On behalf of Congress and the United States of America, I express our appreciation of General Dail for his tireless service and constant support of the warfighter. His professionalism, expertise, and efforts showcase his patriotism, and his dedication to our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines. Though the following phrase is often used, I can say without reservation that it rarely as appropriate as it is in this case: LTG Robert Dail is truly a great American.

I want to personally thank LTG Dail and his entire family for their commitment, sacrifice, and the contributions they have all made throughout his honorable and distinguished military service. I congratulate him on completing an exceptional and extremely successful military career and am humbled by his dedicated service to our nation. I wish LTG Dail many blessings and much success as he begins his future endeavors and embarks on new adventures.

HONORING DAVENPORT ONE

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Davenport One, the chamber of commerce and economic development consortium that represents businesses in Davenport, Iowa.

Earlier this year Davenport One received the American Chamber of Commerce Executives "Chamber of the Year" award for their community leadership, organizational strength, and positive impact on key community priorities.

Davenport One's leadership has been critical to job creation, small business development, and transportation and infrastructure planning in Davenport and the Quad City region. They have been strong supporters of projects that will benefit the entire community, including restoring passenger rail service to the Quad Cities and the innovative "River Vision" urban flood plain management project along the Mississippi River.

Madam Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work with Davenport One over the past year. This group of leaders is making Davenport a more sustainable and economically vibrant community.

BREAST CANCER PATIENT
PROTECTION ACT

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of Congresswoman ROSA DELAURO's "Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2008," H.R. 758. On September 25, 2008, I voted in favor of H.R. 758, which passed the House of Representatives with a vote of 421-2. The Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act will require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

The numerous petitions and personal stories issued by Americans prove the need for enactment of Federal legislation to guarantee minimum and adequate benefits for patients with breast cancer. H.R. 758 will prevent hospitals from rushing women out of their facilities after undergoing a mastectomy the same day.

I would like to take this opportunity to make my vote in honor of the late Paula Renfroe, who died 6 years ago due to breast cancer. Like many women in the United States, Paula was rushed out of the hospital a few hours after undergoing a mastectomy. Paula and her family were sent home with a few instructions to follow to change her wound and administer the strong medications provided to her. The Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act will prevent hospitals from forcing families to complete the medical healing process of a loved one to cut costs and instead, allow family members to provide the emotional support to their loved ones so desperately needed during such times.