

Throughout his life, Cpl. Herrera has overcome poverty and hardship in an effort to meet incredible personal goals and objectives.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Corporal Thomas James Herrera, for his commitment to academic and professional success. He is a remarkable public servant who has served our Nation and epitomized the dedication and professionalism that make our military a model all over the world.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE NASA  
GLENN RESEARCH CENTER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 12, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the NASA Glenn Research Center. The NASA Glenn Research Center will be receiving its one-hundredth R&D 100 Award from R&D Magazine. R&D 100 award winners are chosen by the editors of the magazine as well as an external panel of experts in recognition of their contributions in developing the top 100 most technologically significant products of the year.

NASA Glenn Research Center's one-hundredth R&D 100 Award signifies the excellence of the Glenn Center's staff and the Center's significant contributions to NASA's mission. The Glenn Research Center and its staff have been included in these awards for over 41 years. Consisting of almost three-thousand civil service employees, The Glenn team has consistently strived for technical excellence in order to expand the boundaries of space, science and aeronautics technology.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the NASA Glenn Research Center's team on their significant contributions to the field of aeronautics and to continuing to work for maintaining NASA's global leadership in aeronautics.

IN HONOR OF ANDERSON HOMES

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 12, 2008*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Steve Anderson and the dedicated employees of Anderson Homes, an independent homebuilder based in Middletown, Delaware. This week Anderson Homes will do what many consider impossible. Together, with ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition design team and hundreds of local sub-contractors and volunteers, they will build two new high quality homes for two Wilmington families in less than a week's time. Mr. Ty Pennington, the host of the show, informed the Latif family and their neighbor Rose Chatman of the wonderful news Tuesday morning in traditional fashion: yelling "Good Morning" via bullhorn.

Anderson Homes has agreed to tackle this unbelievable challenge of building two houses, while waiving all fees and donating all the ma-

terials. Anderson Homes was founded in Middletown, Delaware, in 2000 and has 45 full-time employees. In just 7 years, the company has built more than 1,000 quality homes. The company was named the "Fastest Growing Homebuilder in the Nation, 2003" by Builder Magazine and was the recipient of 11 Regal Awards by the Homebuilders Association of Delaware in 2006.

ABC-TV Extreme Makeover: Home Edition is on a quest to build a house in all 50 States. Each family will return from an all expenses paid trip to Disney World to find a brand new home, custom built to meet their special needs. The Extreme Makeover team selected the Latif and Chatman families of Delaware for their most recent home-building project because of their unique and inspiring circumstances.

Ju-Juanna Latif's life story is one of inspiration, a reminder to all of us of what can be accomplished if one perseveres. Ms. Latif became a single mother at the age of 16 and dropped out of high school. In spite of the obstacles, Ms. Latif earned a GED and set her sights on going to college. Unfortunately, life once again challenged Ms. Latif and she found herself living in a homeless shelter with her baby. While living at the shelter, Ms. Latif worked proactively to achieve her goals by taking parenting classes, undergoing job training, and enrolling in college once again.

Upon completion of a work study program, Ms. Latif was able to move out of the shelter into low-income housing. Ms. Latif bought her grandmother's home and, in doing so, also met a wonderful neighbor, Rose Chatman.

Ms. Latif is a proud mother of four children, ages: 19, 13, 12, and 9. James, Ms. Latif's youngest child, has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy and is wheelchair-bound. Ms. Chatman, better known as "Grandma Rose" takes care of James during the day while Ms. Latif goes to work as a welfare fraud analyst. "Grandma Rose" not only cares for young James, but is also an active member of her church by making the flower arrangements and providing transportation to church members.

With the help of Anderson Homes and ABC-TV Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, the new home will accommodate the special needs of Ms. Latif's son, James, and will make life easier for the entire family, including "Grandma Rose."

Thank you to Steve Anderson, the employees of Anderson Homes, ABC, and all the volunteers who made the dream of a brand new home a reality for these deserving families.

HONORING CECIL SCAIFE

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 12, 2008*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Cecil Scaife and other key individuals who helped transform Nashville, Tennessee, into Music City, USA. Tonight at the historic Ryman Auditorium, Belmont University will present Nashville Celebrates Elvis! to highlight

Elvis Presley's important contributions to the recording industry in Nashville. The event will also honor the contributions of Cecil Scaife and benefit the Cecil Scaife Music Business Scholarship Fund. The work done by Cecil, Bob Mulloy, and other industry leaders to found and nurture what would become the Mike Curb College of Entertainment and Music Business at Belmont University built upon the success of Elvis and other early pioneers to cement the place of Nashville in the entertainment landscape of our country.

Beginning in radio in the 1950s and then moving into the recording business, Cecil Scaife eventually became the first promotions manager for the legendary producer Sam Phillips at Sun Records in Memphis. Cecil would play a key role in the early careers of not just Elvis, but also Charlie Rich, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash. He also worked in the first three-track recording studio in Nashville and the RCA Victor Studio B where Elvis recorded some of his greatest hits.

Not content with enjoying his personal success, Cecil Scaife joined with others in 1971 to lay the groundwork for the music business program at Belmont University. He taught there, established a scholarship to honor his wife, Sherytha, and made sure all of his children were educated there. His work helped ensure that the program would become a model for other music schools around the country. This program ensured that Nashville would never run short on talented, well-prepared, home-grown music business professionals ready to lead Nashville's music industry into the future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Cecil Scaife, Belmont University, and all those who have worked so hard to make sure Nashville, Tennessee, will always be one of the musical and cultural treasures of our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES F.  
RODES, JR.

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 12, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CDR James F. Rodes, Jr., for his exceptional service in the Cleveland police force and the United States Navy Reserve.

James attended Cuyahoga Community College while serving as a patrol officer and detective in the fourth district, graduating in 1986 with a degree in law enforcement and criminal justice. He worked his way through the ranks, starting as a patrol officer and team leader of the Dive Search and Recovery Team, and continuing his career as a detective in the Fugitive Unit, Accident Investigation Unit, Bureau of Special Investigations, and Homicide Unit. He retired on November 1, 2007, after 26 years of service.

James's distinguished career is also defined by his success in the Navy Reserve. He entered active duty on October 12, 1971, and was initiated Gunner's Mate Chief Petty Officer in 1985. He was a salvage diving officer