

edge among competitors while preventing 26.7542 tons of nitrogen oxides from polluting our North Texas skies over the next 7 years.

The Texas Emissions Reduction Program presents businesses with the opportunity to "go green" by trading in their vehicles for cleaner, more economical diesel engines. TERP provides rebates and grants to help replace aging diesel engines that consume more fuel and generate more pollution than newer models.

All together, North Texas businesses have accumulated more than \$3.3 million in savings and cut down pollution by nearly 353 tons to date. The rebates and grants offered by TERP set a positive example of the benefits of replacing and modifying older diesel engines for the Nation.

Madam Speaker, I am privileged to represent such an environment-savvy and cost-conscious company in Texas' 26th Congressional District. I am certain that A and M Excavating's involvement in the Texas Emissions Reduction Program will encourage other area businesses to apply for the program in the future.

CAFÉ 2115—ANOTHER GREAT
ADDITION TO HARLEM CUISINE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, today I would like to introduce and recognize Café 2115 in my home community, an example of the dining and retail renaissance in Harlem, and to enter into the RECORD an article from New York CaribNews for the week ending March 4, 2008, "Harlem's Finest with African Flavor."

Café 2115, recently opened at 2115 Frederick Douglas Boulevard, blends traditional African dishes with American fare and other delicacies from around the world. The owner, Abe Fofanah is a native of Sierra Leone, who came to the United States in 1998.

People who live in Harlem now have multiple options for shopping and dining that do not require them to leave the community. This is but one example of the richness of new restaurants and retail outlets that are opening in the 15th Congressional District on a daily basis. There is a renaissance occurring in Harlem.

HONORING THE RETIRED AND
SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 35 years of astounding community service provided by the citizen volunteers of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

RSVP was established for the purpose of creating opportunities for engagement, activity, and growth for older Americans. Through an amendment of the Older Americans Act, RSVP began as a nationwide program in 1969. The Montgomery County, Pennsylvania Chapter has been active since 1973.

With over 1,300 active volunteers assisting 300 non-profit organizations in Montgomery County, RSVP has become an invaluable resource. RSVP's volunteers serve to assist fellow citizens in a wide variety of activities. Their dedication to the community has greatly enhanced and contributed to an improved quality of life for thousands of citizens living in Montgomery County.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in thanking RSVP for their exemplary service to the citizens of Montgomery County. May their work be an inspiration to us all.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF MIDDLE-
TOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DE-
PARTMENT OFFICERS WILLIAM
C. BEST, STANLEY MALINOSKI,
BARRY GRIMM, RICHARD RAST,
FRANK HOLDEN, AND GLENN
MOREHEAD

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, earlier this year, six remarkable New Jersey public servants retired from the Middletown Township Police Department. Let me take a few moments to tell you a little bit about each of these men.

Lieutenant William C. Best joined the Middletown Township Police Department in June 1971. Bill spent 20 years in the Patrol Division, working daily to help keep his community safe, and moving up through the ranks in the department until becoming a Patrol Lieutenant in April 2006. After more than 36 years on the force, Bill decided it was time to spend more time with his wife of 43 years, Sandra, their children, Kim and Amanda, and their two grandchildren—Molly and Teddy. I should also note that Bill's service to his country included a stint in the Navy from November 1961 through November 1963. Bill was a witness to history during this time, as he served aboard the aircraft carrier *Saratoga* during the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962.

Lieutenant Stanley Malinowski joined the department in December 1972, and over his nearly 36 year career he held multiple assignments in the Patrol Division and the Community Relations/DARE program. Like Lieutenant Best, Lieutenant Malinowski served his country in the Navy before joining the police department. Stanley is a Vietnam veteran, having served from 1965 to 1969. He spent three of his four years in the Navy aboard the guided missile destroyer USS *H.B. Wilson*, with multiple tours in Vietnam.

Detective First Class Barry Grimm joined the force in June 1971, and he held numerous assignments in the Patrol and Detective Divisions over the course of his more than 36 years with the department. Barry was one of

the department's arson investigation experts, and was an instructor at the National Fire Academy for more than 20 years. Barry has also been a member of the Middletown Township Fire Department since 1968 and served as its chief in 1999. Barry is looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 36 years, Birgit Mosehach Grimm, their four children, Amy, Michael, Christopher and Shawn, his son-in-law Patrick and daughter-in-law Bethany, and his two grandchildren Owen and Sophie.

Detective First Class Richard Rast joined the force in November 1977. During his more than 30 years on the force, Detective Rast served in the Patrol Division, the Community Relations Division, the Traffic Division, and the Detective Division. Detective Rast is a member of the Eastern State Criminal Investigators Association and the New Jersey Vehicle Theft Investigators Association. Like Lieutenants Best and Malinowski, Detective Rast is a Navy veteran, having served during the Vietnam era between January 1969 and November 1971. Rich and his wife Gloria have been married 38 years. They have two children, Bonnie and Sarah, and four grandchildren—Rebecca, Julia, and Brooke.

Corporal Frank Holden joined the department in August 1987 and retired on December 31, 2007. During his 20 year career in the Patrol Division, Corporal Holden received numerous awards for his work, both from the department and from community groups, including the Women's Center of Monmouth County, the American Legion Post 338 of Middletown, and the Middletown Fraternal Order of Police. Corporal Holden has been extremely active in his community as a fundraiser for multiple charities, including The Rainbow Foundation, Jason's Dreams for Kids, The Special Olympics, The Lance Armstrong Foundation, and Victory Junction Gang Camp. Frank and his wife Carol have lived in the Locust section of Middletown for the past 16 years. They have three children—Jennifer, Sara, and Adam.

Corporal Glenn Morehead joined the department in December 1980 and retired in December 2007. He received multiple awards during his long career, and his commitment to his community extended well beyond his work as a police officer. Corporal Morehead served over 20 years each with Leonardo First Aid Company, the Lincroft Fire Company, and the Middletown Township Fire Academy. In July 2008, Corporal Morehead and his wife will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. The Moreheads also have a son, Matthew.

I think it's important for their neighbors and the citizens of their community to understand just how fortunate Middletown has been to have had these six men in public service for so long. For decades, they helped keep Middletown and its residents safe from criminals, fires, and disasters—both natural and man-made. Their involvement in the community has enriched lives and helped make Middletown the wonderful place to live that it is today. As each of these men and their families begin a new chapter in their lives, I want them to know that they have my sincere thanks for their long years of service and my best wishes for the future. Congratulations and well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, on Monday, March 31, 2008, I was unavoidably detained with a prior obligation.

I would have voted as follows:

- (1) Rollcall No. 147: "yes"—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3352.
- (2) Rollcall No. 148: "yes"—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2675.
- (3) Rollcall No. 149: "yes"—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Con. Res. 302.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COACH DAVID SCHLABACH FOR COACHING THE HILAND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Coach David Schlabach showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, David Schlabach was a leader and mentor for the Hiland High School Girls' Basketball Team; and

Whereas, Coach Schlabach has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach David Schlabach for leading the Hiland High School Girls' Basketball Team to winning the Girls' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 Basketball season.

RICHARD SCHEMMEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Richard Schemmel who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. Richard Schemmel is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Richard Schemmel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Richard Schemmel for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING JOEL ESTRADA

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joel Estrada of Lewisville, Texas for his efforts to protect the environment. Joel has been granted a rebate by the Texas Emissions Reduction Program (TERP) to replace an older-model dump truck. Joel's involvement in this program illustrates that the world can be made better through the efforts of a single person.

Estrada's TERP rebate will allow him to upgrade his current dump truck to a new, more environment-friendly vehicle. Joel's participation moves TERP one unit closer to reaching its goal of replacing 4,500 older diesel engines with newer, less polluting models. Over the course of the next 7 years, the new dump truck will stop 5.8504 tons of nitrogen oxides from polluting the planet.

The Texas Emissions Reduction Program presents businesses with the opportunity to save money and protect the environment by trading in their business vehicles for cost-efficient diesel engines that conserve fuel more effectively.

Over all, North Texas businesses have accumulated more than \$3.3 million in savings and cut down pollution by nearly 353 tons to date. The rebates and grants offered by TERP set a positive example of the benefits of replacing and modifying older diesel engines for the Nation.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Joel Estrada of the 26th District of Texas. He is a phenomenal example to other small businesses, and I heartily commend him for doing his part to help reduce pollution in North Texas one engine at a time.

IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT R. THOMAS WILLIAMSON

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor President R. Thomas Williamson of Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. Westminster College was established on January 21, 1852. As one of the earliest co-educational colleges in the Nation, Westminster was founded to promote Christian values while focusing on individual development.

In June of 2008, Westminster College President R. Thomas Williamson will retire after 11 years of service. President Williamson's tenure has provided over a decade of exemplary leadership and vision for Westminster College.

During his time at Westminster College, President Williamson oversaw the completion of 10 major building projects, grew the college's endowment to over \$100 million, and helped the college become the 15th best liberal arts college in the country, according to Washington Monthly. President Williamson's mantra of "get better, not bigger" has allowed students to receive the continued personal attention they deserve. Westminster College maintains a 12:1 student to faculty ratio and a 98 percent placement rate for its graduates.

President Williamson is a former U.S. Navy officer and holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore. He and his wife, Jean Simmonds Williamson, have four children and three grandchildren.

I want to commend President Williamson for his dedication to the students of Westminster College and the community of New Wilmington. I congratulate him on his career and wish him all the best in his retirement.