

Latina women for national leadership. Through this program, Mrs. Bordas partners with Harvard's JFK School of Government and Center for Creative Leadership to provide training for Hispanic women. She is also currently serving as President of Mestiza Leadership International, a unique company that focuses the promotion and fostering of leadership, diversity and organizational change.

A former Peace Corps volunteer, Mrs. Bordas has served as advisor to Harvard's Hispanic Journal on Public Policy and the Kellogg National Fellows Program. She was also a former faculty member for the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL), where she guided and mentored students in the Leadership Development Program, which is considered the most utilized executive training program in the world. She is currently the Vice President of the board of Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership and a trustee of the International Leadership Association. Mrs. Bordas has inspired countless readers through many of her publications and essays including, "Passion and Power: Finding Personal Purpose", an essay in "Reflections on Leadership" and is a contributing author to "Leadership in the 21st Century" in the book "Rethinking Leadership". She has been recognized for her innovative and important work on empowering members of minority communities by numerous organizations and institutions. She has been inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, is the recipient of the Wise Woman Award from the National Center for Women's Policy Studies; the Franklin Miller Award from the U.S. Peace Corps and the 2006 Leadership Legacy Award from Spellman College's Center for Leadership. She was one of fifty leaders chosen by the Colorado Legislature to design the state's future plan and was selected by Colorado Business Magazine as one of the top one-hundred influential people in the state.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KUTZTOWN FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the Kutztown Fire Company No. 1 as they celebrate their 100th anniversary of service to their community. Organized on January 14, 1908 and incorporated on April 1, 1918, the countless hours of service and examples of heroism are a testament to the brave men and women who strive each and every day to keep our communities safe.

The Kutztown Fire Company No. 1 was organized on January 14, 1908, merging what remained of other smaller companies. It was incorporated April 1, 1918, as a completely volunteer fire company, consisting of 10 officers and 10 charter members.

During the early years of the company, funds were raised by sprinkling the streets of the borough, holding band fairs, renting the hall to outside organizations and operating a social quarters.

On October 22, 1931, the company purchased land adjacent to the Fire Dam to build a swimming pool. The pool has been a source of income and was operated solely by the company until 1963 when the Borough Council had a new swimming pool erected along the Saucony Creek north of the Normal Avenue bridge.

Today, the Kutztown Fire Company runs approximately 450 calls annually and covers 40 square miles, which include residential and rural areas, light industrial section, a university and an interstate highway. The fire company truck crew has about 50 members which operate five pieces, under the leadership of President David J. Reimer Sr. and Fire Chief Troy Arndt. The Company will celebrate this great milestone on Saturday, May 17, 2008 with an Appreciation Banquet.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the brave men and women of Kutztown Fire Company No. 1 as they celebrate 100 years of protecting our communities. We can never thank our first-responders enough for all their dedication and sacrifices to protect the lives and property of their neighbors, and the Kutztown Fire Company No. 1 is a proud part of this great history.

CLARA WHITE MISSION—"MIRACLE ON ASHLEY ST."

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize the Clara White Mission located in my district in Jacksonville, Florida.

Tomorrow, the Clara White Mission will be awarded the 2007 HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence. This award, made in partnership with HUD and the American Planning Association, recognizes "model" programs that improve employment, education, and housing opportunities, and I cannot imagine any more deserving recipient than the Clara White Mission.

The Clara White Mission, which was founded in 1904, but traces its origins to 1880s Jacksonville, is committed to eradicating chronic homelessness in blighted areas. It should be noted that the Clara White Mission is unique in many ways, but most notably their passion for bettering not only the community but also the individual.

Tomorrow, at the Mission's "Miracle on Ashley Street" event, community and corporate leaders will serve the homeless and community guests a gourmet lunch prepared by area restaurants and the Clara White culinary students in an effort to help raise awareness for the program.

The project assists homeless members of the community through a variety of programs. The Mission offers permanent housing, substance abuse mediation, mental health counseling, and help to those in need of developing marketable job skills tailored to the demands of the local job market.

The saying goes, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish

and you feed him for a lifetime." The Clara White Mission puts this principle in practice every day through the programming they offer those who have the greatest need.

I congratulate this very special program and rise today to acknowledge the wonderful accomplishments of the Clara White Mission as they receive HUD's 2007 Award for Excellence.

IN HONOR OF ROBIN JAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Robin Jay, an award-winning speaker, author, and coach who has inspired and motivated countless entrepreneurs to establish their visions and achieve success in their field.

Robin Jay, originally from Cleveland, Ohio, started her own successful writing and public speaking career after eighteen years as an advertising account manager. She recognized the power of a positive mental attitude and that the key to success lay in leadership, management, focused attention, and self motivation. Her personable demeanor and inspiring message has enabled her to connect with audiences of entrepreneurs across the nation and quickly put her in demand as a keynote speaker and coach. As a professional key note speaker, author and corporate trainer, Ms. Jay works with her clients to accomplish the same thing she did—establish their vision and achieve it. As one of the leading business relationship experts, she teaches her clients how to build profitable business relationships in a way that motivates and inspires them.

Her first book, "The Art of the Business Lunch", a book on business relationships, is a best seller and is now sold in ten languages worldwide. She is also the author of "The Power of Mentorship" series which includes "The Millionaire Within", "For the Woman Entrepreneur", and "Chicken Soup for the Wine Lover's Soul". Several of her articles have been featured in What's On Magazine and she was a featured mentor in the movie "The Power of Mentorship—Unlock Your Journey to Success".

Ms. Jay sits on various organizational boards and has been recognized several times for her groundbreaking and inspirational work for business entrepreneurs. She was awarded the Women in Communication Media Award for the Radio Account Executive of the Year and served as past President of the Las Vegas Women in Communications organization. Currently, she is on the board of directors of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and The Advertising Community Talent Show.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Robin Jay for her outstanding leadership skills and for her extensive and diverse service to many individuals as they strive to achieve their dreams.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF MR. RALPH NEALMAN AND MR. EDWARD CAMPBELL

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Mr. Ralph Nealman and Mr. Edward Campbell for their 31 years of dedicated service to the Norriton Fire Engine Company, located in East Norriton Township, Pennsylvania. Mr. Nealman and Mr. Campbell will be honored for their long history of service with the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award on May 17, 2008 at the annual Norriton Fire Engine Company banquet.

Before becoming a member of the Norriton Fire Engine Company in 1977, Mr. Nealman served his country for 27 years as a Sergeant First Class in the U.S. Armed Forces. As a member of the Company, he has served as Assistant Chief Engineer and Engineer, and has worked tirelessly on many committees, including the five he now chairs. Mr. Nealman has been a member of the Board of Trustees for 26 years, and he currently holds the position of Chairman of the Board.

In 1997, Mr. Nealman was awarded Life Membership for his committed service to the Company. Additionally, he was a two-time recipient of the President's Award and a recipient of the Firefighter of the Year Award. Mr. Nealman's leadership included his successful efforts to establish the first driver qualification test for the Company and his foresight in creating a radio-funding account, which was essential to the Company's efforts to comply with new duties following the 9/11 tragedy.

Mr. Campbell also became a member of the Norriton Fire Engine Company in 1977, after serving two years in the U.S. Army. Mr. Campbell holds the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees and has served as Assistant Engineer for many years. He has enthusiastically worked on the Building and Insurance Committees, and greatly improved the Company's insurance system. Mr. Campbell increased the Company's disability insurance plan, and helped to establish a joint payment plan designed to encourage youth involvement in the Company.

Mr. Campbell is also the recipient of the President's Award and the Chief Engineer's Award. Additionally, he was awarded Life Membership in 1997 in recognition of his untiring efforts on behalf of the people of East Norriton Township and the surrounding communities.

So I ask, Madam Speaker, that my colleagues join me in honoring Ralph Nealman and Edward Campbell for leading two exemplary lives of service. They have spent 31 years protecting the lives and property of their neighbors throughout East Norriton Township and the surrounding areas. May their service be an inspiration to us all and the next generation of first-responders who dedicate their lives to protecting others.

MESSAGE HONORING 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS DURING NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and honor all law enforcement officials for the crucial and irreplaceable job that they so tirelessly do for our communities' benefit. When I meet with various officials throughout my district and see the job that they do, I am continually impressed by the sense of honor and the level of commitment with which they so unselfishly serve. Many of them continually place their lives on the line in order to protect the families and individuals in our area. Some have indeed given their lives in the line of duty, and for that there is no measure of gratitude that can possibly rise to the level of what our community owes them.

These dedicated individuals give of their time, energy, and heart. They ask for little other than our support. They crave no spotlight or public applause. They serve out of a sense of deep love for their community and out of a sense of purpose in ensuring the citizenry is protected and justice is served.

I would like to especially recognize a fallen officer whose name was added to the wall on the National Police Memorial in Washington, D.C. this week, in a ceremony attended by Jacksonville Sheriff Rutherford.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Officer Eric Bell was killed, on duty, on October 12, 2007 when a vehicle pulled in front of his patrol car. Officer Bell was returning from a call on Heckscher Drive when a van traveling on New Berlin Road collided with his cruiser.

Officers like Eric Bell embody the belief that there is no greater purpose than serving our fellow neighbors, and Officer Bell gave his life in this noble effort. In doing so, he and other law enforcement officials model character and integrity for generations to come.

It is with a grateful heart and a sense of tremendous pride that I recognize and honor Jacksonville Sheriff's Officer Eric Bell and each individual serving our community in a law enforcement capacity during this 2008 National Law Enforcement Week.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, because I was unavoidably detained on Wednesday May 14, 2008, I missed rollcall votes 317, 318 and 319. Had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote 317, no on rollcall vote 318 and YES on rollcall vote 319.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2008 ANNUAL OHIO BUSINESS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 2008 Annual Ohio Business Women's Conference and Expo, and in honor of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for Ohio and the Hispanic Business Association for their work in the state of Ohio.

The Annual Ohio Business Women's Conference is the largest event of its kind for women in business and provides business owners with the information and tools necessary to expand their market. The theme for this year's conference is "Bridging Success" and will feature over five hundred women business owners, entrepreneurs and corporate exhibitors. The mission, put forth by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for Ohio and the Hispanic Business Association is to promote women business enterprises through all stages of development. This unique and important event provides women business owners with the forum to display their products and services to America's leading corporations and government agencies, who join the conference from across the nation as sponsors, exhibitors, and attendees. This year's event will provide women business owners and entrepreneurs with networking activities, workshops, panel discussions, and matchmaking procurement sessions.

I also stand in recognition of the Hispanic Business Association (HBA) for their contributions and leadership in promoting and supporting women business owners in the Greater Cleveland Area. The Hispanic Business Association grew out of the vision of local Hispanic business owners in 1981 who were startled by the low participation of the Hispanic community in the private and public sector. Since its official incorporation as a nonprofit in 1983, the HBA has worked to fulfill its mission of promoting Hispanic business interest and its economic development and expansion through strategic partnerships, technical assistance and advocacy.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of this year's Annual Ohio Business Women's Conference and Expo as well as in recognition of the Hispanic Business Association for their diverse and extensive service to business owners and entrepreneurs in the Greater Cleveland Area.

THE DAILY 45: SALVADORAN IMMIGRANT FAMILY'S MURDER SUICIDE

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, every day, somewhere in America, an average of 45 people are shot and killed at the hands of a gun-wielding assailant. This senseless loss of life