

HONORING DEAN REX R. PERSCHBACHER OF DAVIS, CALIFORNIA ON HIS RETIREMENT AS DEAN OF THE UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF LAW

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dean Rex R. Perschbacher on the occasion of his retirement as the Dean of the UC Davis School of Law. Dean Perschbacher served as Dean and in the Dean's office longer than anyone in the history of the UC Davis School of Law. He served for 10 years as Dean from 1998 to 2008. Before becoming Dean, he served for five years as associate dean for academic affairs in the School.

Dean Perschbacher is best known for strengthening the 40-year-old UC Davis School of Law's reputation as one of the nation's best public law schools. Students are recruited nationwide, and the School is frequently honored for the diversity of its faculty and student body. Under his leadership, the Law School recruited 26 ladder-rank faculty members, expanded the clinical program, started a master's program in international commercial law, and established an outreach program for underserved college students—many of whom have gone on to law school.

He worked with campus, university, and state officials to secure campus and state funding for the first significant expansion to the School's facilities since the completion of the Law School 40 years ago. He built a strong foundation of alumni philanthropy and volunteerism upon which the next generation of leadership at UC Davis School of Law can expand and is credited with increasing private giving over tenfold. During his tenure, the School added five endowed chairs and professorships, bringing the total number of seats to six. He also raised more than \$3 million in private donations for the building expansion and renovation project.

Dean Perschbacher taught at UC Davis since 1981 with an emphasis on the areas of Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility, and Clinical teaching. He received the Law School's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1992 and a Special Citation Affirmative Action and Diversity Achievement Award in 2001. He has published articles in the areas of civil procedure, professional responsibility and lawyers' negotiations. He is co-author of *United States Legal System: An Introduction* (1st and 2d eds.); *Cases and Materials on Civil Procedure* (1–5th eds.); *California Civil Procedure*; *California Legal Ethics* (1–6th eds.), and *Problems in Legal Ethics* (3–8th eds.).

The Dean has also been involved in law school accreditation activities having served for six years on the American Bar Association's Accreditation Committee; and on two separate standing committees of the Association of American Law Schools, AALS, and two section executive committees. Currently, he is Chair of the AALS Section of the Dean. From 1990–1996, he served on the Board of Directors of the Legal Services of Northern Cali-

fornia and two related boards. He has also served on the Governing Committee on Continuing Education of the Bar from 2000–2003.

Dean Perschbacher received his J.D. degree from UC Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), where he was Articles Editor of the California Law Review and elected to Order of the Coif. After graduation, he served as law clerk to The Honorable Alfonso J. Zirpoli of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Later he entered private practice with Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe in San Francisco. He has taught at UC Berkeley (Boalt Hall), the University of Texas, Santa Clara University, and the University of San Diego law schools.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, now is the appropriate time for us to acknowledge Dean Perschbacher for his years of work and service to UC Davis and the broader legal community. Please join me in thanking him and wishing him the very best as he enters retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORIAL DAY ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Memorial Day Association of Greater Cleveland as they remember and honor our Nation's veterans on this year's Memorial Day.

The Memorial Day Association of Greater Cleveland consists of veterans and their organizations, joining together every year to commemorate the lives of their fellow veterans who lost their lives in service to our country. These organizations invite all members of the Greater Cleveland Area community to join in their remembrance during their annual traditional Memorial Day event.

I stand in honor and recognition of all the veterans and organizations for their contributions to the community: American Ex-Prisoners of War, American Gold Star Mothers, American Legion, Amvets with Auxiliary, Army and Navy Union with Auxiliary, Catholic War Veterans, Daughters of "98", Daughters of Union Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, Greater Cleveland Veterans Council, Greater Cleveland Veterans Memorial Inc., Jewish War Veterans with Auxiliary, Joint Veterans' Commission of Cuyahoga County, Korean War Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Marine Corps League, Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Polish Army Veterans Association of America, Polish Legion of American Veterans with Auxiliary, Reserve Officers Association, St. Theodosius War Veterans, Service Star Legion Veterans, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Spanish American War Veterans, Southwest Asia Veterans, Ukrainian American Veterans, Ukrainian Veterans Association, United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Military Wars with Auxiliary, Veterans of World War One and Auxiliary, Vietnam Veterans of America, Waves National, and 82nd Airborne Division Association.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the Memorial Day Association of Greater Cleveland as they commemorate Memorial Day and in recognition of these organizations' contributions to the Greater Cleveland Area.

HONORING DR. JOHN BERNARD

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. John Bernard on his retirement on June 30, 2008 from the Newark Unified School District. Dr. Bernard has served as Superintendent of Schools for the school district since July 2003.

A native of the Bay Area, Dr. Bernard is a product of the Oakland Public Schools, as are his three grown children. He and his wife have been married for 39 years and have five grandchildren.

Dr. Bernard has held a number of positions of leadership in various school districts throughout the state of California. He served for 4 years as Superintendent of Schools for the Novato Unified School district and for 4 years as Superintendent of Schools for the Bakersfield City School District. He also served as Director of K–12 Instruction, and later as Assistant Superintendent, in the Mt. Diablo Unified School district in Contra Costa County. Dr. Bernard began his career as an educator in the San Francisco Unified School District, where he spent 20 years as a classroom teacher, resource teacher, assistant principal, personnel administrator and principal.

Dr. Bernard earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from San Francisco State University in psychology and education administration, respectively. He earned his doctorate in multicultural education from the University of San Francisco. He continues to teach graduate courses at local universities and is often invited to speak, throughout the state, the nation and abroad, at conferences on instructional leadership, multicultural education, and education technology issues.

As Dr. Bernard retires, he leaves a legacy of outstanding experience and service to our children and the field of education. His commitment to education is noteworthy and I join the community in thanking him for his exemplary contributions.

HONORING JOSHUA DELONG

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua DeLong of Blue Springs, Missouri. Joshua is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1216, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joshua has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Joshua has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

A TRIBUTE TO JEFFREY
MCCRACKEN

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jeff McCracken's nearly 20 years of service as Director of Public Affairs for the Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region. Mr. McCracken leaves a lasting legacy in Sacramento and his leadership and expertise will be deeply missed. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring one of Sacramento's finest public servants.

After earning his bachelor's degree from California State University Fresno, Mr. McCracken spent more than 20 years in the broadcasting industry as a reporter, anchor and broadcast news consultant in numerous television markets across the county. He began his career with the Bureau of Reclamation in 1989 when he was appointed Director of Public Affairs and has spent nearly the last two decades communicating the complex water needs of the Mid-Pacific Region to the public. As Director of Public Affairs he is responsible not only for the Mid-Pacific Region's public affairs, but he also manages their outreach, education projects and internal employee information activities. His dedication to the Bureau of Reclamation is demonstrated through his work with the local community, the media, Members of Congress, Federal and State agency representatives, stakeholders and foreign dignitaries and has enabled the Bureau to build and maintain credibility in the water community.

During his tenure, the Mid-Pacific Region has successfully handled a prolonged drought in California, Nevada and Oregon, a toxic spill in the Sacramento River and the organization of the Bay-Delta Accord. In addition, the Bureau coordinated an extensive public involvement program to implement the 1992 Central Valley Project Improvement Act and provided essential leadership during the historic floods of 1997, the closure of Folsom Dam Road in 2003, the Prospect Island levee breach, repair, and resulting fish crisis in 2007, and the Truckee Canal breach and repair in 2008.

In 2005, Mr. McCracken was awarded a citation for superior service by Commissioner John Keys for his leadership during the Klamath Basis water and fish mortality crisis, the prolonged regional drought and the Folsom Dam spillway gate break. His guidance and accomplishments in media relations, public involvement and employee communications for the Bureau of Reclamation during these times

made him truly deserving of this award. Mr. McCracken was again recognized in April of this year by Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne with a citation for meritorious service. For nearly two decades he has fostered respectful working relationships between the Region and representatives of the Federal, State and local governments, Indian Tribal governments, the media and the public. This citation justly recognized his commendable service and dedication to the Mid-Pacific Region and the Bureau of Reclamation as a whole.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Jeff McCracken's distinguished commitment to Sacramento and our water needs. Mr. McCracken's outstanding leadership and dedication to the Bureau of Reclamation, established credibility for the Bureau and has ensured better water resource management for Sacramento and the entire Mid-Pacific Region. We all are thankful for his efforts. As Mr. McCracken's wife Susan, colleagues, family and friends gather to honor his service, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing her continued good fortune in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING ROCKY MOUNT
HIGH SCHOOL ON WINNING THE
3-A HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating an outstanding group of high school student athletes from the first district of North Carolina.

It is with great pride that I recognize the Rocky Mount High School's boys varsity baseball team for capturing the 2008 North Carolina High School Athletic Association's 3-A State baseball championship series. This is the Gryphons' first state title in 28 years, and this means a great deal to a community that loves its baseball.

Rocky Mount High School boasts a rich athletic tradition, which includes five state titles in boy's baseball. Coach Pat Smith's team lived up to its preseason No. 1 ranking by winning the championship after an 8-6 victory over East Rowan last Saturday. Outfielder Brian Goodwin, who scored three runs in the final game, was named the series' most valuable player.

Rocky Mount finished the season at 27-6, which bettered the school record for wins by three. That record was previously held by the 1980 Rocky Mount squad, which was the last Gryphon team to win the championship.

I ask my colleagues to please rise and join with me in applauding a truly great season by an exceptional team—the Rocky Mount High School Gryphons. We congratulate the team and the city of Rocky Mount, and we wish them continued success.

HONORING MATTHEW GUPTILL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Guptill of Kansas City, Missouri. Matthew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

CELEBRATING CORYDON'S
BICENTENNIAL

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, 2008 marks the 200th anniversary of the town of Corydon, in Harrison County, Indiana. Just 19 miles west of Louisville, Kentucky, and with a population of approximately 2,700, the town's welcoming citizens and good nature are what help define the term "Hoosier Hospitality". Corydon is a most extraordinary community and one that forms an integral part of the rich history of my home state and our Nation.

The Town's ceremonial observance of this anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 7, and I look forward to celebrating Corydon's Bicentennial with its residents. This Saturday's event, however, is just one event of a year-long celebration that includes a Bicentennial Ball, an old fashion ice cream social, a bicentennial parade, the dedication of a time capsule and other competitions and displays.

Corydon has a rich history dating back to the American Revolution when the region was still inhabited by Native Americans. It was in this fertile wilderness that in the early 1800's the family of Edward Smith located. General William Henry Harrison, Governor of the Northwest Territory, frequently traveled between the east and the Territorial capital in Vincennes and often stopped at the Smith property during his travels. While visiting, he discovered a good site for a town where two creeks, the Big Indian Creek and Little Indian Creek, joined to become one. Taking the name of a shepherd from a favorite song known as The Pastoral Elegy, he chose the name "Corydon".

Harvey Heth, a government surveyor, officially founded the town by platting it in 1808. The town was connected by road to Doup's Ferry 15 miles to the south in Mauckport in