

Upon his retirement, Mr. Buchanan spent his remaining years with his growing family. His son, Marcellus Buchanan IV married Ronda Sorrell, with whom he has had two daughters and two granddaughters. He is a veteran law enforcement official and SBI supervisor. Mr. Buchanan's daughter, Christina, an attorney and former Assistant District Attorney, married David Matheson and has a daughter, son and grandson. Mr. Buchanan also used his retirement to co-author a book entitled "Disorder in the Court," in which he captured many of his courtroom experiences as only a master storyteller could do.

On July 7, 2000, Mr. Marcellus Buchanan passed away due to a battle with lung cancer. He left a legacy of community service, judicial fairness and, most of all, commitment to his family. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the life of this great man.

IN HONOR OF DR. ROBERT  
MESSINA

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Robert C. Messina as he is honored by the non-profit, Main Street Mt. Holly, at their Gala at the Gallows event on Friday, September 10th. Dr. Messina is president of Burlington County College and is an esteemed community leader.

Throughout Dr. Messina's 15 years of administrative leadership, Burlington County College has experienced unprecedented growth and development in the community and in the academic field. He has gained recognition for his work not just as a college administrator, but as an experienced educator, researcher, and contributor to local, state and national affairs.

In addition to his efforts on behalf of Burlington County College, Dr. Messina serves the community as an active board member of the Burlington County Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Southern New Jersey, promoting business activities and programs which contribute to the economic health of the region. As a member of the boards of the board of directors for the Deborah Heart and Lung Center, and a former board member for Memorial Health Alliance, he has contributed to studies and other programs aimed at identifying health issues and needs in the community-at-large.

For his efforts on behalf of the State of New Jersey and Burlington County, he has been recognized by several prestigious organizations on a local and national level, including the Boy Scouts of America, American Association of Community Colleges, and the Burlington County Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Robert Messina is a truly extraordinary educational and community leader. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Dr. Robert Messina for his dedication and achievements. The people of your community, the people of New Jersey, and the people of

America thank you for your outstanding service.

HONORING GEORGE J. WEISS, JR.

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George J. Weiss, Jr. of Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota. George has received the 2010 Presidential Citizens Medal for 'exemplary deeds of service for their country or their fellow citizens'.

A World War II Veteran with the United States Marine Corps, George has received this high distinction for founding the Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad in 1979. The group is made up of more than 125 volunteers who perform final honors at military funerals. George and his Squad have honored over 500,000 veterans, and are forever remembered by families across the State of Minnesota who have said goodbye to loved ones.

Madam Speaker, I ask this body recognize the contributions of George J. Weiss, Jr. along with me, and that we all remember the sacrifices our veterans make for their fellow servicemembers.

RECOGNIZING CONTRA COSTA  
COUNTY SHERIFF WARREN E.  
RUPF

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleagues Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY and Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI to recognize Contra Costa County Sheriff Warren E. Rupf and congratulate him as he approaches his well earned retirement after serving for 45 years in law enforcement. Sheriff Rupf has had an outstanding career in public service and his tenure demonstrates his lifelong commitment to the citizens and communities of Contra Costa County.

Warren graduated from the FBI National Academy and National Executive Institute in 1965 following 4 years of honorable service to our country in the United States Marine Corps. Upon his graduation, he began working as a deputy sheriff in the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. Since that time, Warren has served in virtually every rank within the department and is currently the longest serving member of the agency. In 1979, Warren was appointed to assistant sheriff and served in that position until he was appointed Sheriff in 1992. Over the span of his career, the Sheriffs Department has grown to an agency of over 1,200 employees and a budget of \$170 million.

As an active resident of Contra Costa County, Warren has held leadership positions in several law enforcement and community service organizations. He has served as chairman

of both the California Commission on Boating and Waterways and the Contra Costa Police Chiefs' Association. In addition to these distinguished posts he also served on the board of directors for the Suicide and Crisis Intervention, Contra Costa County District Fair, and the California State Sheriff's Association. Currently Warren serves as president of the Micki Rainey Scholarship fund and is active with the Bay Counties Peace Officers' Association.

Over the span of his 45-year career, Warren has received numerous awards of distinction including the 1995 Peace Officer of the Year Award from the Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California, the 1998 Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America, and the "Making a Difference" Community Award in May of 2000 from the Assistance League of Diablo Valley.

Madam Speaker, we invite our colleagues to join us in honoring Sheriff Warren Rupf for his dedicated service to the people of California, the Bay Area, and especially to the residents of Contra Costa County. We are pleased to join with his family, colleagues, and friends in congratulating Warren for a long and highly successful career and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF  
LAWRENCE "LARRY" HARRINGTON

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and achievements of Lawrence "Larry" Harrington of Crystal Falls, MI. As a local elected official and community leader for many years, Larry performed his civic duties with the utmost commitment and professionalism while serving as a mentor to many young people in the community looking to become involved in local issues. Larry was also a good friend of mine.

Early on, Larry understood the value of hard work. During World War II, General Motors representatives arrived in Iron County to recruit new hires for their plants around Michigan. Larry moved to Flint, MI, and worked at General Motors for 16 years and also attended the General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) to study industrial management.

In 1969, Larry moved back home to Crystal Falls to serve the residents of Michigan by working in the Forest Fire Division of the Department of Natural Resources. Larry served as a fire officer where he assisted foresters and forest techs. He was also responsible for assisting with law enforcement, fisheries, wildlife and engineering operations. Towards the end of his career, Larry oversaw the snowmobile and off road vehicle program in the western three counties of the Upper Peninsula. Larry retired from the State of Michigan after 21 years of diligent service to the state and his fellow residents.

Larry's passion for service to his community did not end with retirement. Larry was elected Iron County commissioner for District 4 in 1992 and held that position until 2008. He also

served as the Iron County board chairman from 1998 to 2002. During his tenure, Larry made it a priority to build positive relationships with his colleagues, even those who disagreed with his positions. Larry knew that his community would be best served by local leaders who worked together to find consensus on the issues, and he strived to ensure that a constructive environment was present in all business concerning Iron County.

Larry also served on various committees throughout his public career, including the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department, the Iron County Parks and Recreation Committee and the Michigan Association of Counties' Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Committee. Larry was elected to the Michigan Association of Counties' board of directors, where he advocated for legislative positions on behalf of Iron County residents.

Larry was married to his wife Shelby for over 50 years and had two children, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Madam Speaker, Lawrence "Larry" Harrington devoted his life to serving the people of Iron County and the State of Michigan, before he passed away in May. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing and honoring his lifetime of commitment and hard work.

HONORING MR. JON GRESLEY

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Oakland Housing Authority Executive Director Jon Gresley for his extraordinary career of public service and leadership on the occasion of his retirement. Known for his innovative vision of affordable housing, his steadfast commitment to those in need, and his talent for creating and sustaining important relationships among his staff, colleagues and community, Mr. Gresley has touched thousands of lives through his work in the Bay Area.

Three decades ago, Mr. Jon Gresley turned a temporary assignment with the Oakland Housing Authority, OHA, into what has become a transformative legacy for our city's public housing. Under Mr. Gresley's excellent leadership during the past 32 years, OHA has achieved success through effective partnerships and offers a groundbreaking combination of services, safety and choice for its residents.

The award-winning OHA, which celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2008, operates—directly or indirectly through partners and affiliates—about 4,000 affordable housing units and administers more than 11,000 Section 8 Vouchers. In keeping with Mr. Gresley's commitment to teamwork and ingenuity, OHA has formed a collaborative model that is an example within the affordable housing industry nationwide. Additionally, OHA is one of only a handful of housing authorities in the United States that has its own police department.

As a key architect of OHA's participation in the HOPE VI and Moving to Work, MTW, pro-

gram applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Gresley helped to make OHA one of only 35 housing authorities in the Nation to receive special MTW designation. This designation has resulted in increased flexibility and opportunities for the Authority. OHA also obtained four HOPE VI grants, which allowed it to remodel nearly 400 rental units, and rebuild and expand 394 dilapidated public housing units into 939 units of self-sustaining, mixed-income developments. As can be seen at developments such as Tassafaronga, Mandela Gateway and Lion Creek Crossings, the creation, preservation, expansion and enhancement of affordable housing has defined Mr. Gresley's OHA tenure.

Widely respected in his field, Mr. Gresley was sought after by leading groups such as the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, NAHRO, and the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities, CLPHA, where he serves as Treasurer. His talents were also put to use as a presenter to various congressional committees, as well as the Federal Reserve Bank.

I personally appreciate Jon's vigilance and his wisdom. I could always count on Jon whenever I needed good information to present to Congress regarding public housing. He has been a tremendous asset, not only to the 9th Congressional District, but to the entire country.

Throughout his career, Mr. Gresley has been praised for his strategy, strong leadership, integrity and compassion. His work has created countless opportunities for community members to enjoy a better quality of life, secure hope for the future and reach their full potential. OHA will continue his work of building a brighter future for generations to come.

On behalf of the residents of California's 9th Congressional District, Mr. Jon Gresley, I salute you. I congratulate you on your many achievements, and I wish you and your loved ones all the best in this next chapter of life.

HONORING THE SMITHSONIAN  
JAZZ MASTERWORKS ORCHESTRA:  
20 YEARS OF ENGAGEMENT,  
EDUCATION, AND EXCELLENCE

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, in 1990, the Congress recognized the importance of jazz in American culture when it authorized the establishment of the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra (SJMO).

As the nation's jazz orchestra, the SJMO regularly performs the great works of jazz. Throughout its 20 years, the orchestra has distinguished itself as one of the crown jewels of the Smithsonian—which is itself, a pre-eminent national treasure.

The band has performed for audiences at the Smithsonian Institution, Kennedy Center, White House, U.S. Capitol, Harlem's famed Apollo Theater, the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, and prestigious music festivals like Ravinia and the Monterey Jazz Festival. The

ensemble has traveled prolifically and performed at many American schools and colleges, as well as in Canada, Europe, and the Middle East. On a 2008 State Department-sponsored tour of Egypt, the Orchestra won many new friends for the United States. After an outdoor performance at the Pyramids and Sphinx, the Cairo Daily News raved, "The backdrop was incredible, the band was superb."

Other critical reaction has been enthusiastic. Wrote The New York Times: "Culturally important. . . . spectacular musically. After being embalmed on recordings, the music suddenly came alive." Syndicated columnist David S. Broder wrote, "The impact of these live performances is everything the showmen, scholars, and politicians who brought this small miracle to pass imagined it might be. It is electrifying. . . ."

While the SJMO is not the only jazz orchestra in America, it is unique. As the only federally-chartered jazz orchestra, it enjoys a position of prestige and influence. As the only such ensemble with resident status at a museum, it's in a unique position to bring the jazz legacy to life.

The Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra educates the public about the history and development of jazz as an art form and means of entertainment. It promotes a greater appreciation for jazz as a valuable American treasure by performing jazz masterworks, and presenting educational activities that engage the public with this great music.

Further contributing to its status, the orchestra is led by the internationally famous Maestro David Baker—the world's leading jazz educator, author of over 70 books and 400 articles, and recent recipient of the prestigious American Jazz Masters Award given by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Madam Speaker, the orchestra has special expertise in engaging and educating its audiences—young and old—about this vital part of American culture. I am pleased to recognize its service and accomplishments over the past 20 years.

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL  
JAMES M. FERRARA

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lance Corporal James M. Ferrara who received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for meritorious duty on March 13, 2010. While on duty as patrolman at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia, Lance Corporal Ferrara was dispatched to the base motor pool after he received reports of an injured person. Without hesitation, Lance Corporal Ferrara rushed off to the scene and quickly identified the victim who was suffering from a severe laceration with substantial loss of blood. Drawing upon his extensive emergency medical training, Lance Corporal Ferrara immediately delivered first aid, and probably saved the victim's life.

The men and women of our Armed Forces serve with an incomparable sense of duty.