

Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District. During his tenure with the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, he has demonstrated that he is an accomplished leader and committed environmental steward continuously working to improve the public health of the St. Louis region. In October of 2003, Mr. Theerman became the Executive Director, ably accepting the accountability of the organization's operations.

Since joining others in the founding of the NACWA forty years ago, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District has benefitted from its active engagement with the organization. A member of the NACWA's Board of Directors since 2004, Mr. Theerman has served as the organization's Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President. I find it fitting that his election as President coincides with the 40th anniversary of the NACWA's advocacy on behalf of the Nation's clean water agencies and the environment we all value so much.

It is my sincere pleasure to congratulate Mr. Theerman on becoming the President of NACWA. I am certain his dedication to his work will bring continued progress to proactively and effectively addressing the complex 21st century water quality challenges we face in St. Louis and the Nation.

There is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Theerman is the ideal leader for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, NACWA.

A STRONG VOICE AGAINST
DISCRIMINATION OF ALL SORTS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I was very proud in the 70's to show my support for appropriate bipartisanship by supporting and working closely with Senator Ed Brooke, who was twice elected to the Senate as a Republican and was a staunch fighter against discrimination, for strong support for rental housing for low-income people, and in general for fiscal responsibility within the context of social concerns. I was therefore very pleased, but not at all surprised, to read in the Boston Globe on June 22, 2010 a strong expression of support for repeal of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which has discriminated against so many patriotic Americans seeking to serve their country. Senator Brooke notes that he himself was the victim of discriminatory policies when he served in a segregated U.S. Army in World War II, and as an African American, was treated unfairly. He does affirm that there are differences in the effect of the policies and the impact they have between racial segregation and "don't ask, don't tell," but as he says after discussing the experience of racial segregation, "The point is that the ban (on gay and lesbian members in the military) is a weapon and expression of prejudice—no more excusable than any other discriminatory law."

Consistent with his lifelong record of fighting for fairness in America, Senator Brooke closes the article by saying, "If I was still in the Senate, I would vote to show my respect for the

sacrifices of all soldiers—gay and straight. Congress should repeal this legislation and score another victory of progress over prejudice."

Madam Speaker, I was proud to stand with Ed Brooke in the 70's and I am very proud that he is standing with those of us who are fighting for fairness today.

IN TRIBUTE TO JIM MEREDITH

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to Jim Meredith, who has retired from the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board of Directors in Simi Valley, California, after 28 years.

Jim was Chairman of the Board in 1984, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1999, 2003 and 2008. He was Vice Chairman in 1990, 1993, 1998, 2002 and 2007. In addition, he was President of the Ventura County Special District Association for 10 years, President of the State Board of the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts in 1991 and 2004, President of the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors, member of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Board Liaison Committee, etc., etc. etc.

It's easy to see why Jim is known around town as "Mr. Parks and Rec."

While Jim was on the board, the District budget increased from \$3.5 million to \$16 million, 303 acres of park land were developed and an additional 3,820 acres of land was acquired. Since Jim's first election, the District has added 37 parks to the system and 11 after-school clubs.

Jim was instrumental in nearly every one of the district's expansion decisions during those years. As someone who was a professional baseball player and involved in youth baseball, the Royal High School girl's softball program, adult women's softball program, co-ed softball, youth football, the Simi Valley High School and Royal High School football programs, semi-pro football, soccer programs and the Boy Scouts, Jim has an intimate knowledge of what the community's recreation needs are and how to fill them.

As a result of his vision and dedication, Jim has been recognized with the Founder's Award from the Ventura County Special Districts Association; Board Member of the Year from the California Association of Recreation & Park Districts; 2002 Board Member of the Year from the American Park & Recreation Society; and the 2002 Meritorious Service Citizen Award from the American Park & Recreation Society.

In addition to his recreational activities, Jim is a member of Disabled American Veterans, Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Simi Valley Historical Society and the Simi Valley Christian Foundation for Homeless.

Jim also found the time to be a husband, father and grandfather during those years. He and Amy have been married for more than 50 years and have five children and numerous grandchildren.

HONORING DR. JEFF KIMPEL

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor Dr. Jeff Kimpel for his service as the Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL), in Norman, Oklahoma, and for his thirteen years of Federal service.

Dr. Jeff Kimpel has been a lifeline for the NSSL for the last thirteen years; he has led the program to further research opportunities and the results have showed nothing but excellence. Dr. Kimpel has allowed the NSSL to embark upon many programs and technological advancements, saving countless lives and property from the consequences that severe weather can cause. Under the watch of Dr. Kimpel, the NSSL performed the scientific and technological research that upgraded the Next Generation Weather Radar to an open systems operation. Along with this, super resolution capability and designed dual polarization upgrades were added.

The NSSL has been able to upgrade and expand their programs, establishing strong programs and cloud resolving and numerical forecast models, all under the watch of Dr. Kimpel. He was also instrumental in gaining support for new facilities, which sprung the construction of the National Weather Center, which shares space with the National Weather Service and the University of Oklahoma Meteorology Program.

Dr. Kimpel has a perseverance that goes far beyond the field of meteorology. He is dedicated to NSSL but has also achieved so much more, such as serving our nation in Vietnam and being awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his bravery and courage and being named as the Senior Vice President of the Norman Campus of the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Kimpel, I commend and congratulate you on your noteworthy contributions that you have made to our Nation, the state of Oklahoma, the University of Oklahoma and to the field of meteorology.

EAST ROWAN BASEBALL TEAM
WINS IT ALL

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish to extend our congratulations to