

view the world. I know the Roberts family looks forward to the changes and challenges that their new son will bring to their lives while taking pleasure in the many rewards they are sure to receive as they watch him grow.

I welcome young Ryan into the world and wish Richard and Melissa all the best as they raise him.

HONORING JOHN ANDREW NIX

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Andrew Nix 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 and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

John has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years John 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 John Andrew Nix for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT J. JOSSEN

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Robert J. Jossen for his accomplished legal career and dedication to the Jewish community of Westchester County, New York. On Tuesday, May 12, 2009, Mr. Jossen received The Jewish Theological Seminary 14th Annual Judge Simon H. Rifkind Award.

A graduate of Cornell University and Columbia University Law School, Mr. Jossen began his career as a law clerk for the Honorable Marvin E. Frankel of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Currently a partner with the international law firm Dechert LLP, Bob is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has been named one of this nation's best business litigators by Best Lawyers in America for the past ten years.

Mr. Jossen has demonstrated an admirable commitment to educating the next generation of attorneys, lecturing widely on ethics and other topics for the Practicing Law Institute and the New York State Bar Association. He has also served as an adjunct professor of Legal Ethics at both Columbia University Law School and St. John's University Law School, an adjunct lecturer in Professional Responsibility at Brooklyn Law School, and an instructor for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

From 2004 to 2007, Mr. Jossen served as president of Temple Israel Center of White

Plains, New York, and has spent nearly twenty years serving as general counsel to the Rabbinical Assembly of the Conservative Movement. Bob has generously lent his time and talent to enriching New York's Jewish community, conducting annual seminars with graduating rabbinical students on confidentiality, counseling, and contracts.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the many accomplishments of Robert J. Jossen, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring his contributions to the legal profession and Jewish community.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER DAVID LOAR AND OFFICER CHRISTOPHER SKINNER AS RECIPIENTS OF THE 2009 TOP COP AWARD

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize Officers David Loar and Christopher Skinner of Kansas City, Missouri, as recipients of the 2009 Top COPS Award. This award is presented to outstanding law enforcement officers by the National Association of Police Organizations for acts that go above and beyond the call of duty. Officers Loar and Skinner were nominated for this award by their peers for actions they undertook in helping a 70 year old homeless man.

Officer Loar and Officer Skinner first met Harold, a retired trucker, on New Year's Eve in 2008 in the underground parking garage of a local shopping center in my district. Harold, who had lost his home in a divorce, also had his identification papers stolen while staying at a homeless shelter. Unable to get back on his feet, Harold was living in the underground garage. Upon meeting Harold, Officer Loar and Officer Skinner made the decision to help this elderly man reclaim his life.

Officer Loar and Officer Skinner worked to help Harold obtain a birth certificate, a Social Security card, photo identification, as well as a post office box. They brought him sandwiches and checked on him during the cold winter nights. Upon some investigation, Officers Loar and Skinner found that Harold was eligible for Social Security and Medicare benefits, and this enabled Harold to collect almost \$10,000 in back benefits. Eventually, Officer Loar and Officer Skinner helped Harold find an apartment, and even paid for Harold to stay in a hotel until the apartment unit was ready for him to move into.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Officer Loar and Officer Skinner for their commitment to helping Harold. These two police officers stand as an example to all in the Fifth District of Missouri, as well as the rest of the Nation. Many of us walk by homeless men and women everyday, yet few take the time to stop. Officer Loar and Officer Skinner walked into the parking garage that cold New Year's Eve and made the decision to help; they made the decision to be one of the few to change the course of someone's life. Officer Loar and Officer Skinner showed true compassion when

they decided to help a stranger fight his way back off the streets. It is for these commendable actions that Officer Loar and Officer Skinner were awarded the 2009 Top COPS Award. I urge my colleagues of the 111th Congress to join me in congratulating Officer Loar and Officer Skinner on their well-deserved honor.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ARKANSAS' PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Arkansas' public safety telecommunicators and emergency service dispatchers.

We're taught to call 9-1-1 in an emergency and these are the men and women who answer our call for help. They recently celebrated National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This special week honors the thousands of people who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals, and offer life-saving assistance in our communities.

These civil servants work tirelessly to assure we have direct and immediate access to emergency responders whenever the need arises. We recognize these men and women for their service as well as their concentrated community outreach, training courses for students, senior citizens and church groups on the uses and abuses of the emergency telephone lines and the services available. These community awareness programs improve the quality of our telecommunicators' work.

Their commitment to excellence makes our communities a much safer place to live, and for that I thank them for their service. My appreciation for these Americans who help us every day is immeasurable. We must recognize and honor their efforts not only one week, but all year long.

HONORING KYLE THOMAS ALBERG

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Thomas Alberg 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 332, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle 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 Kyle Thomas Alberg for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.