

Donald was born in October 17, 1931 in Brighton, Colorado where he spent most of his childhood and adolescent years. He was a tremendous athlete, who guided his high school football and basketball teams to the state championship in 1949. Donald enlisted in the United States Navy in 1951, and served this country proudly during the Korean War. His humanitarian efforts during the war earned him respect and honor during his tour of duty. After his service, he returned to Colorado and worked in the trucking. Donald excelled in every aspect of his life, and used his hard work and determination to open the Anchor Bar and Café with his wife in 1974. He operated this very successful business until 1989 when he retired.

Donald was known for his dedication to his family and is survived by his wife Pat and their three children: Gregory, Todd, and Jill. Donald had two wonderful great grandchildren Katie and Nathan who were his pride and joy. Although his community mourns the loss of a great charitable man, they celebrate his great accomplishments and achievements.

Mr. Speaker it is a pleasure to praise the accomplishments to an outstanding individual. I am sure his legacy will live on in the hearts of his community and family. Donald Getz was a man of character and compassion and I take this moment to applaud his character and determination before this distinguished body.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on July 17, 2002, an event at the White House to which this Member was invited caused this Member to unavoidably miss 4 roll call votes on H.R. 5093, a bill to provide FY2003 appropriations for the Department of the Interior. Had this Member been present, he would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall vote number 315—"no" (the amendment offered by the gentlelady from California, Mrs. Capps); Rollcall vote number 316—"aye" (the amendment offered by the gentleman from Oregon, Mr. Blumenauer); Rollcall vote number 317—"aye" (the amendment offered by the gentleman from Arizona, Mr. Shadegg); and Rollcall vote number 3 18—"aye" (final passage of H.R. 5093).

SHANE BENNETT

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Shane Bennett, a courageous Sheriff's Deputy from my district who gave his life so that others may live.

In the months since September 11, we have seen countless acts of bravery performed by our military, law enforcement officers and firefighters. Shane Bennett added his name to the list of those who paid the ultimate price to protect the people of this country.

Officer Bennett, a resident of Montgomery, Texas, in the 8th Congressional District, was

a nine-year veteran of the Harris County Sheriff's Department. Killed June 12 in a shootout after he responded to a home invasion, Officer Bennett saved the lives of a Houston man, his stepdaughters and his 3-month-old grandson.

Shane Bennett left behind his wife of six years, Teresa, and their 20-month-old daughter Alyssa.

The bravery that this young man displayed isn't the only character trait that describes his life. At his funeral, he was described as "caring, loving and compassionate." Teresa described him as "one of the most perfect people you will ever meet."

The sacrifice Shane displayed was not only evident in his final moments on this earth but countless times during his life. When he and Teresa first learned they were pregnant, he quit riding motorcycles because he didn't want to get in an accident. He always wanted his little girl to have her daddy.

When Alyssa was born, he took a month off of work to spend time with her and help his wife.

Teresa also recalls that he never hesitated to help friends and neighbors in need, either. "He would do anything for anybody," Teresa said. This was evident in Shane's last selfless act before he died.

Friends and colleagues remembered Shane as "everybody's friend" and that he was proud to be a sheriff's deputy. Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Bobby Davison said, "He was always there for his partners. Always there to back you up. He always had a smile on his face."

Mr. Speaker, the world would be a better place with more people like Shane Bennett, loving husband and father and a role model for law enforcement officers everywhere.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MONICAL'S PIZZA CORPORATION

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Monical's Pizza Corporation for receiving the 2002 Employer of Choice Award from the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation. Monical's Pizza Corporation (Monical's,) is located in Bradley, Illinois and is within my 11th Congressional District.

The Employer of Choice Awards are a component of the Industry of Choice Program. The initiative identifies critical areas to be addressed in the restaurant and food service industry to improve retention and operating performance. The winners of the award are recognized for their "best practices" and are held up as models for others to follow.

Monical's employs 950 people in over 50 locations located throughout Central Illinois with three in Indiana and one in Wisconsin. In 1997, Harry Bond, President of Monical's, began restructuring the company based on Harvard Business School's "Service Profit Chain". The "Service Profit Chain" is based on the idea of employee and guest satisfaction as the key to success and continued growth. Team leaders, support staff, restaurant managers as well as employees, have embraced the guest, and employee focused idea. Monical's has one of the lowest turnover rates in the industry. Many of their employees have been with them for over two decades.

According to President Harry Bond, "The company is constantly striving to improve planning and operations with the help of team members and their ideas. The best ideas come from our own staff. Monical's believes in hiring the best people and keeping them happy and productive."

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other companies in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's communities and workforce.

TRIBUTE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL BOY'S ATHLETIC TEAMS IN PITTSBURG, KANSAS

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the high school boy's athletic teams in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Last fall, the St. Mary's-Colgan Panthers began their school year by taking the state championship in football. They followed that by winning the state basketball championship in double overtime.

The eyes of people all over Kansas turned to this small school recognizing their amazing accomplishment. The Panthers then attempted to complete the trifecta with a baseball championship. They finished the state baseball tournament a respectable second.

However, the Panthers already had a rich baseball tradition, including state championships in four of the past six years.

As a former Olympian, I can appreciate the hard work, perseverance and grit that it takes to reach this level of athletic achievement.

I want to add my congratulations to this outstanding school and let them know that I, along with the rest of Kansas, eagerly anticipate their next season.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BOB WALLACE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, tonight I rise to pay tribute to the accomplishments of Bob Wallace. It is a great pleasure of mine to honor his hard work and determination, which led to the establishment of the Wallace Oil Company in 1962. Mr. Wallace contributed selflessly to the betterment of his community, which is why he is deserving of our admiration.

Bob Wallace graduated from Regis College in Denver, where he was an All-American on the school's basketball team. Following his graduation, he spent 15 months in the Air Force, where he was stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma and was ranked as an All-American in the 1952 AAU Tournament. Mr. Wallace later participated in the Phillips company basketball team, the '66ers,' where he played at least 60 games a season.

Mr. Wallace created the Wallace Oil Company in 1962 from nothing more than \$15,000