

until he attained the position of Battalion Chief in 1976. While working for the Roseland Fire Department, he joined the reserve ranks of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department. He resigned from the Fire Department in 1976 when he joined the active ranks of the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Piccinini again advanced through the ranks, holding every position in the Department, and was appointed Assistant Sheriff and Acting Sheriff in 1997. Sheriff Piccinini stood for election in 1998 and took office as Sheriff in 1998.

During his tenure, Sheriff Piccinini was responsible for creating the Administrative Fiscal Unit, the Volunteers in Policing Program, and the Peer Support Program. He was also instrumental in developing and implementing the Mentally Ill Offender Program, the countywide Narcotics Task Force, and the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Program.

He implemented the highly successful Citizen's Academy and oversaw all twelve classes, negotiated the purchase of property for the Sonoma Valley Substation and established the Department's firing range.

Because of his outstanding career in law enforcement and his unparalleled level of leadership and achievement, he was awarded the Sonoma County Sheriffs Department Distinguished Service Award in 2002.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Piccinini is a public servant of remarkable talent and commitment and it is therefore appropriate for us to honor him today and to wish him well in his retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN
JUAN "SHANE" SANCHEZ

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Captain Juan "Shane" Sanchez of Cortez, Colorado for the outstanding service he has given to the United States Air Force and to our nation. Captain Sanchez is a Fuels Officer for the 49th Supply Squadron and has recently been selected as the 2001 Fuels Officer of the Year. As he receives this recognition, I would like to pay tribute to the tremendous service and leadership he has given to our nation's military.

The award and recognition that Captain Sanchez received for his service is quite an accomplishment. Captain Sanchez leads a 90 member flight squad that receives, stores, and issues fuel while ensuring the quality meets certain standards. Plane refueling is an instrumental part of any operation without which no mission could be completed.

Captain Sanchez has recently overseen over 20 fuel system upgrades that have modernized fuel systems from the 1940s and 1950s to support the new demands of the 21st century. It is widely known throughout the Air Combat Command that it was Captain Sanchez's leadership that made the Command's third largest fuels account so efficient. Today, Captain Sanchez is on a temporary duty assignment in the Middle East as a Fuel Officer and a Supply Squadron Commander.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize Captain Juan "Shane" Sanchez

before this body of Congress and this nation for his outstanding service and leadership in the United States Air Force. Without the knowledge, skill and expertise of men and women like Captain Sanchez fulfilling their obligations each and every-day, our nation's military could not be the world class fighting force that it is. Thanks for all your efforts Captain Sanchez and keep up the hard work.

IN HONOR OF COLLINWOOD HIGH
AND COMPUTECH MIDDLE
SCHOOLS

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the Collinwood High and CompuTech Middle Schools in Cleveland, Ohio for affording me the opportunity to visit with young students during my Third Annual Back-to-School Tour on Monday September 23rd and Monday, September 30th of 2002. I would like to offer special thanks to Cleveland Schools Municipal District CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett, Superintendent Kathy Freilino and Principal Charita Crockrom for their leadership and kind hospitality. The tour was an educational experience for all who were in attendance.

Collinwood High and CompuTech Middle Schools have set forth major academic goals for the year, which includes improving the passage rate of the Ohio 9th Grade Proficiency Test by 5 percent; improving literacy skills performance across all grade levels and increasing computer technology; increasing the number of students graduating and successfully moving into higher education, apprenticeships, technical training and employment; and promoting music technology in middle school classes. Recent accomplishments from last year include major construction of roof and building renovation; building new parking lot; Saturday tutoring program for all students who needed to pass the Ohio Proficiency Test; and a staff/faculty retreat.

I commend the Collinwood High and CompuTech Middle Schools for their commitment to education and will continue to fight for increased funding to improve the quality of public education for all students.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. DORIS
ROBINSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Doris Robinson, who was born on October 29, 1901, in recognition of her 101st birthday celebration.

Doris Robinson migrated to New York in the 1920's. In 1925, she earned a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Howard University in Washington, DC. Mrs. Robinson was a teacher in the New York City public school system for several years. She also earned a Master's in Social Work from Fordham University.

Doris Robinson has traveled extensively to China and Uganda, as well as the Caribbean

islands. Through her travels she has been able to share her experiences with her family and community. She is very devoted to her family and has been an inspiration to all those around her.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Doris Robinson, who now resides at the Marcus Garvey Nursing Home, has devoted her life to serving her family and community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving recognition today.

TRIBUTE TO THE CAMELLIA
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the award-winning Camellia Symphony Orchestra as it begins its 40th season in Sacramento, California. For four decades, this organization has been a crucial part of cultural life in California's capital city.

One of the nation's outstanding community orchestras, the Camellia Symphony Orchestra is comprised of a wealth of dedicated musicians from the greater Sacramento area. The Orchestra was established to provide an opportunity for Sacramento area musicians to express their many talents and musical interests. The musicians all share a common commitment to the mission of the Orchestra—to present concerts and programs of high artistic merit, and to foster community involvement through education and outreach activities.

The Orchestra provides opportunities for people of all ages to learn about, participate in, and attend events that enrich the quality of life. Their creative programs expose children to new forms of music in a joyful manner that encourages the learning process.

Under the leadership of Conductor Eugene F. Castillo, the Orchestra has challenged audiences to explore the connections between music and society, as well as art and everyday life. The Orchestra often premieres new compositions, or presents traditional pieces in a different way, symbolizing the diversity of the community.

This past summer, the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts here in Washington recognized Maestro Castillo as one of the most promising young conductors in America when he was selected for the highly competitive National Conducting Institute. The Washington Post described his Kennedy Center performance as having "a beautifully gauged climactic build . . . [which Castillo] drove to the finale in an ecstatic white heat."

The citizens of Washington last summer caught a glimpse of what we in Sacramento have come to value for both his leadership and creative talent. Maestro Castillo is the first Filipino-American to be appointed music director in a major American metropolitan city. Castillo is—in his own words—"a servant to music and a servant to the community." He has been a tireless advocate for youth music education and a staunch promoter of the orchestra's role in public life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting Maestro Castillo and the Camellia Symphony Orchestra for outstanding contributions to the Sacramento community

and extend congratulations upon its 40th anniversary.

COMMEMORATING DR. SHELDON
HARRIS

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Dr. Sheldon Harris. Dr. Harris' most notable achievement was the exhaustive research and publication of his landmark study, "Factories of Death: Japanese Secret Biological Warfare, 1932-45, and the American Cover-Up," a timely and important historical document exposing human rights abuses and chemical weapons development. Dr. Harris passed away on August 31, 2002, leaving behind a wealth of knowledge and inspiration for countless students, researchers, and people interested in historical justice.

Dr. Harris was born in Brooklyn, New York, and educated at Brooklyn College, Harvard, and Columbia University. He went on to teach history at the University of Massachusetts, Cal State-Northridge, and the University of California at Los Angeles. As part of an academic exchange program in China in the mid-1980s, Dr. Harris became aware of large-scale biological warfare experiments conducted in China during World War II. After some preliminary research and informal interviews with colleagues, it became apparent to Dr. Sheldon that a special Japanese army unit had carried out biological warfare experiments that cost the lives of not only thousands of military prisoners, but also Chinese civilians. He then began studying recently declassified U.S. military records addressing the experiments and their results, as well as other written resources in various Asian languages. Certain interests in the U.S. military diligently guarded the records Dr. Sheldon requested, while the Japanese government simply denied any knowledge or involvement pertaining to the issue. In spite of these roadblocks, Dr. Harris continued his research and his pursuit of the truth.

By 1994, Dr. Harris was ready to share his research with the world. He published "Factories of Death" based on years of study, travel, and interviews. The book is as influential as it is unsettling. Dr. Harris established as fact that Unit 731 of the Japanese Army tested live human beings, both military and civilians, with agents such as anthrax, dysentery, cholera, and typhoid. Throughout the Japanese occupied region of Manchuria, guarded buildings were erected to host the experiments, as well as the incarceration and eventual execution of the prisoners held there. Sometimes, neighboring villages would be infected outright with various germs, then burned to the ground once the inhabitants were overcome with the symptoms.

According to Dr. Harris' research, the men in charge of these experiments and mass exterminations escaped prosecution as part of a deal made with certain U.S. intelligence agencies. In exchange for the data from the experiments, the leaders of the biological weapons programs received complete immunity—an exchange that was kept secret within the highest levels of the international intelligence commu-

nity. During the decades that followed, the Japanese government denied any involvement with the experiments carried out in China; U.S. intelligence kept the data secret and stonewalled outsiders pursuing it. These policies have been largely maintained to this day, but in a remarkable turn of events, a Japanese court finally proclaimed that Japan's government had been involved in developing biological weapons in China from 1932-45. The court's decision, based in part on Dr. Harris' work, was delivered four days before Dr. Harris' death.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring Dr. Sheldon Harris and the important work he has done for the international community. He was never vindictive in his efforts to bring closure to those hurt by this horrible chapter of human history. His harsh indictment against chemical weapons is relevant to all peoples and governments, as it extracts a meaningful lesson from so much senseless violence and cruelty. The importance of Dr. Harris' work may be demonstrated again and again as the issue of biological weapons is addressed today and in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DOUG AND
TYLER MELZER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I recognize the alpine accomplishments of Doug and Tyler Melzer of Lake-wood, Colorado. Doug and Tyler have recently joined other family members as part of an elite group of individuals who have hiked the entire Colorado Continental Divide. As they celebrate their journey's completion, I would like to pay tribute to their family legacy and their extraordinary accomplishment.

The Melzer family tradition began in the summer of 1936 when Doug and Tyler's great-grandfather and grandfather, Carl and Bob Melzer, first hiked the 800-mile journey along the Continental Divide. They embarked on this journey solely in the pursuit of adventure. They wanted to experience the outdoors, breathe the fresh air and experience the mountains in a way few ever have. Bob was only 8 years old when he completed the trip with his father, and together they became the first people to complete the hike in its entirety. In the summer of 1976, Doug and Tyler's parents, Tom and Judy Melzer, accomplished the same feat, and Judy Melzer became the first woman to ever complete the hike.

Last summer, Doug and Tyler joined their family, becoming the fourth generation of Melzer's to make the journey. Tyler was able to hike over 800 miles from New Mexico to Wyoming, while his brother had to suspend part of the trip to recover from a leg injury. After Doug recovered from his injury, he re-joined his brother just outside of Rocky Mountain National Park to complete the journey. After making it into Wyoming, the two brothers then drove back to the San Juan Mountain range to complete the 70-mile portion they missed due to the injury.

Although Doug and Tyler represent a proud legacy of Melzers who have hiked the Conti-

ental Divide, they also represent something much more profound and significant: an entire population of proud Coloradans who love their state and its incredible natural beauty. It is of profound significance that four generations of the Melzer family have been able to make such an incredible journey through such a rugged terrain.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I recognize Doug and Tyler Melzer before this body of Congress and this nation for their outstanding accomplishment in hiking the Colorado Continental Divide last summer. After hearing the many stories told by their parents and grandparents of experiences on the Divide, Doug and Tyler can finally add to that legacy with some unique stories of their own. I wish them the best of luck in all of their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF MILES PARK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the Miles Park Elementary School in Cleveland, Ohio for affording me the opportunity to visit with young students during my Third Annual Back-to-School Tour on Monday, September 23rd and Monday, September 30th of 2002. I would like to offer special thanks to Cleveland School Municipal District CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett, Superintendent Debra Brathwaite and Principal William Bauer for their leadership and kind hospitality. The tour was an educational experience for all who were in attendance.

Miles Park Elementary School has set forth major academic goals for the year, which include increasing the percentage of students passing all five parts of the Ohio Proficiency and off-grade tests to meet targets at each grade level; creating a safe, nurturing environment; and improving the academic and social performance of all special needs students. Recent accomplishments from last year include above average on proficiency tests, and receipt of the Ohio Reads Literacy Grant.

I commend the Miles Park Elementary School for its commitment to education and will continue to fight for increased funding to improve the quality of public education for all students.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARY
SULIMAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mrs. Mary Suliman, born September 2, 1898, in recognition of her 104th birthday celebration.

Mary Suliman migrated from Newbern, North Carolina to New York over sixty-two years ago. She married Mr. Samona Suliman from New Jersey and had two beautiful children, two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. All of Mary's loved ones call her "Nana."