

of the Board of Governors for the American Chiropractic Association for an unprecedented five years, during his nine-year tenure on this board. He even served nine years on the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners, having been appointed by two different governors.

Shelby Elliott was appointed as the twelfth president of Texas Chiropractic College on September 1, 1990. At the time of his appointment, the Texas Chiropractic College was suffering with significant financial and morale problems. The Texas Chiropractic College Board of Regents recognized that the college needed a leader with vision and focused discipline. Fortunately, the Board of Regents was able to convince Shelby Elliott to accept the position of president and retire from professional practice for the sake of saving Texas Chiropractic College from bankruptcy and closure.

Dr. and Mrs. Connie Elliott personally gave \$10,000 of their own funds to renovate the president's office when they began, and have always been leaders in financial support to the Texas Chiropractic College. Dr. and Mrs. Elliott even donated the Texas Chiropractic College landmark sign that welcomes visitors to the campus.

Today, the Texas Chiropractic College is financially secure, with cash reserves thanks to Dr. Elliott's financial management skills. During his successful tenure, Dr. Elliott has built four beautiful and significant campus buildings within a five year period, improving the college's capacity to provide quality education for a new generation of health care providers.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Shelby Elliott is a legend in Texas and will be sorely missed. As a fitting tribute to his dedication to the Texas Chiropractic College, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dr. Shelby Elliott for his fine work and to wish him well in his retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2003*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, due to a family health emergency, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 463-480 on Wednesday, September 3 through Friday, September 5. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 460, 461, 462, 466, 467, 468, 469, 471, 472, 474, 475, 476, 477, 479 and "nay" on rollcall votes 463, 464, 465, 470, 473, 478, 480.

#### HONORING STANLEY GRAZIUL

### HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2003*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stanley Graziul, a veteran in my congressional district who has served his country with distinction.

Stanley Graziul is a World War II hero. He served in the Army's 97th Infantry Division, in Battery B of its 365th Field Artillery Battalion, which saw heavy action during the war. Stan-

ley single-handedly captured twenty-five German soldiers in Liebeneck, Czechoslovakia, on April 26, 1945. He was alone that morning guarding Battery B's perimeter when a young soldier dressed in an American uniform approached him. Stanley sensed that something was wrong and ordered the man, a German soldier, to halt. After interrogating him, Stanley learned that twenty-four of the soldier's comrades were hiding in the woods and promptly took them into custody, until he encountered American GI's who could take the Germans to a nearby prisoner-of-war camp.

Stanley Graziul's commitment to his country and the causes in which he believed did not end with his military service. He returned to the United States after the war and became actively involved in his community. He gave his time and energy to help many volunteer and service organizations assist those less fortunate than him. He also became active in the political process and donated his time and money to candidates and causes in which he believed. He and his wonderful wife, Caroline, live in my congressional district in Spring Hill and remain active in the community still today.

Mr. Speaker, Stanley Graziul is a true American hero. His honor, courage, and bravery, and that of countless American veterans, helped us win World War II and ensure that our democratic republic endured. I am proud to call him a constituent, and more important, to have him as a friend. I urge our colleagues to remember his example, and those of their constituents, as we exercise the freedoms that they helped secure.

#### TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN A. WELLS UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM CRISIS SERVICES OF NORTH ALABAMA

### HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2003*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kathy Wells who was instrumental in turning HOPE Place from a shelter for victims of physical and sexual abuse, to a nationally known comprehensive services agency providing services, support, and education to individuals and families in crisis. Today, she is moving on from her position as Executive Director of Crisis Services of North Alabama for an opportunity to represent victims of domestic violence for the entire State of Alabama.

Kathy Wells has been involved in helping domestic violence victims for well over 20 years. Her work began as a volunteer and in 1981 she was a leading force in the development of HOPE Place as a domestic violence shelter. HOPE Place, which is now known as Crisis Services of North Alabama, is one of Huntsville's brightest stars and assets. Kathy's dedication and work effort are chiefly responsible for its success.

Ms. Wells is well-known and respected for her tireless work on legislation and advocacy for victims of domestic violence. Her extensive background and knowledge has led to many opportunities for her to testify as an expert witness at several trials, an overwhelming number of invitations to conduct training sessions, appointments by three governors to sit on five statewide domestic violence committees, and

requests to be the keynote speaker at many seminars and forums.

Mr. Speaker, today Kathy Wells's colleagues, friends and family are gathered in Huntsville, Alabama, to give her thanks and to congratulate her on her future endeavors. Since I cannot be there, I want to take this opportunity to honor her on behalf of the people of North Alabama, especially those who have regained confidence and a sense of self-worth because of Kathy's dedication and hard work.

#### TRIBUTE TO PAULA MONTANEZ— 2003 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2003*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Corona, California are exceptional. Corona has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Paula Montanez is one of these individuals. On September 30, 2003, Paula will be honored at the 2003 Distinguished Citizens Awards Dinner organized by the Boy Scouts of America.

Paula was born in Oklahoma, her mother's home state, but has lived most of her life in Southern California. She graduated from Corona High School in 1973 and attended college at the University of California, Riverside and Cal Poly Pomona. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics.

Paula and her husband Eugene, a Corona City Council Member, own and operate Zap Printing & Graphics, a successful printing company. In addition to her work she finds time for numerous organizations. She is a past president of Soroptimist International of Corona, a board member of the Corona Library Foundation and she has been involved in the Corona Reads projects for the past two years.

Paula has been a committee member of Cub Scouts Pack 121 and Boy Scouts Troop 121. She has also been a committee member of St. Edward School Development Commission, Santiago High School Soccer Boosters Board, Corona Regional Medical Center Foundation Board, and PrintImage International trade association. In 1998, Paula was awarded the "Women Helping Women" award by Soroptimist International of Corona. Her constant support and involvement has been an inspiration to fellow community members.

Paula's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. She has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I am proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her as she receives the 2003 Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award.