

was a leader in all aspects of his life. His siblings looked to him for guidance and support. With his remains now returned home and at rest, may they have some peace and closure and know that he will be honored for his heroic actions. His sacrifice is a tribute to everyone that fought and those who continue to fight for the betterment of others and for the spirit of freedom which so many people throughout the world still yearn for.

I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Captain Yeend and in offering our condolences to his family for their loss and their struggle through the years as they awaited his final trip home.

RECOGNIZING MR. BILL G.
HARTLEY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a truly great American, influential leader and dear friend—Mr. Bill Hartley, Chairman of the Board and President and CEO of Southside Bank. On October 23, 2003, Texas College, in Tyler, Texas, honored Mr. Hartley for his dedicated service as a member of their Board of Trustees, and as his friend and fellow member of the Board, I honor him with this tribute today.

Bill G. Hartley was born in Mount Pleasant, Texas and attended Mount Pleasant High School. He entered the Texas National Guard in 1948 and concluded his service in 1956 with the rank of Master Sergeant.

Mr. Hartley has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the banking industry, working first at the Guaranty Bond State Bank in Mount Pleasant, then at the Texas Banking Department in Austin, Texas. He presently serves as Chairman of the Board and CEO of the company he founded in 1960—Southside Bancshares, Inc., Southside Bank in Tyler, Texas. As Southside's, CEO—Bill expressed his support of education—and those who sought knowledge—by approving and making student loans in huge numbers—while other institutions were reluctant to do so.

Mr. Hartley is married to Billie Boyd, formerly of Chandler, Texas, and they were blessed with two children, Jane Hartley Coker and Patrick Hartley. Their hearts were broken when Patrick died. He will always be loved and remembered. Bill is affiliated with Marvin United Methodist Church and is an active participant on the Church's Administrative Committee.

Among his many professional and civic responsibilities and memberships are his positions as State Membership Chairman for the American Bankers Association, Chairman of the Texas Bankers Insurance Services Company in Austin, Texas, and Claims and Underwriting Committee Member for Bancinsure in Oklahoma City. At the local level, he serves as Director and Past President of the Tyler, Texas Chamber of Commerce, a Trustee for the R.W. Fair Foundation, Director and Executive Committee Member for the University of Texas at Tyler, Development and Council Member at the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler, Trustee and Executive Committee Member for the Texas Chest Founda-

tion, and a Development Council Member for Tyler Junior College Foundation.

Additionally, Mr. Hartley gives his time as Director of the East Texas Medical Center Regional Health Facilities and the East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System, Director and Past President of the Texas Rose Festival in Tyler, Texas, an Advisory Council Member for the Patent Service Center, Inc., Director of the Smith County Industrial Development Corporation, and as Director for the Tyler-Smith County Library Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Hartley is involved with numerous philanthropic deeds, but among these, his exemplary service as a trustee and member of the executive committee of the Texas College Board of Trustees is being recognized today. He has been instrumental in bringing major gifts to the College during a very critical fundraising period, and in 1996 alone, Mr. Hartley secured more than \$600,000 for Texas College's retirement debt. It is generous efforts like these that warranted his receipt of the T.B. Butler Award—Tyler's Most Outstanding Citizen award in 1992.

Sometimes when an individual is so noted, has such a high community, state, and national profile, is sought out for support from everyone who makes a precinct race—on up to our own fine President George W. Bush—their human traits are lost in the hustle and bustle of guiding a huge and successful financial empire, serving on Boards and Committees, traversing our nation for speeches, meetings, and organizations—sometimes we miss out on the human aspect of a great one among us. Bill Hartley has always taken the time, and still takes the time, to put family first. He is a kind and loving Father to Jane, her husband Michael, and his grandson Hartley. He spent unending days and hours with Patrick during his lifetime—giving of himself, with Billie—and remembers Patrick's lifetime by organizing and supporting a trust fund in Patrick's memory. You will never say "Bill Hartley did so and so"—you always say "Bill and Billie did so and so."

As we near the end of this Congressional year—let us adjourn in honor of and in appreciation of one who fits the overused term—he's a "giver" and not a "taker." God Bless Bill Hartley and those he holds dear.

HONORING DORTA SCOTT FOR HER
CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARKAN-
SAS STATE COIN

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an exceptional artist from Arkansas's Fourth Congressional District, Ms. Dortha Scott of Mount Ida. Out of more than 9,300 entries, Ms. Scott's outstanding sketch has been selected to be used by the U.S. Mint for the Arkansas Quarter. The U.S. Mint will produce the Quarter for 10 weeks, and between 650–750 million quarters will be put into circulation across the United States.

Our Quarter incorporates several elements that truly reflect Arkansas. This is a coin that helps everyone in our nation understand why Arkansas is so proudly called "The Natural State." The background of the Quarter rep-

resents the abundance of natural resources that our state encompasses. Elements of the Quarter, including a mallard duck soaring above the water with trees in the background, symbolizes Arkansas's reputation as one of the most popular states in the country for hunting and fishing, and as a state with a high-abundance of forest land. The rice on the left side of the Quarter signifies the important role rice and other agricultural crops play in Arkansas's economy, as agriculture has historically been a way of life for so many working families. Arkansas leads the country in rice production.

The centerpiece of the Quarter is a diamond, representing the Crater of Diamonds State Park near Murfreesboro. The Crater of Diamonds State Park is not only home to the largest diamond ever to be unearthed in the United States, but is also the eighth largest diamond deposit in the world, and the only diamond mine in the world where the public can search for diamonds. The Crater of Diamonds State Park is a leading source for Arkansas pride and tourism.

I am honored that the Arkansas Quarter is one that truly showcases the state and all it has to offer. I hope that everyone will take time to reflect upon Arkansas's treasures and history, and join us in celebrating our new state coin. I am so pleased to have the opportunity to properly recognize Ms. Dortha Scott before the United States Congress for her beautiful artwork that truly depicts our great state, which will be viewed by millions of Americans as they earn and spend the Arkansas Quarter.

HONORING ELECTRIC BOAT'S
DISTINGUISHED SHIPBUILDERS

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 67 men and women who work at Electric Boat, in Groton, Connecticut. These individuals have worked at Electric Boat for 40 or more years and due to their length of service have earned the title: Distinguished Shipbuilder.

Kenneth Guarneri, William Ferguson, Richard Morgan, Thomas Nunes, John Prokop, Alexander Fraser, Reed Davignon, Robert Rosso, Mary Sousa, Pauline Passarello, Patricia Rossi, Walter Greenhalgh, Ernest Carrier, Paul Losacano, Fred Vocatura, Richard Sobanski, Robert Ness, Ernest Messier, Jeffrey Pritchard, Jackson Morgan, John Burbine, Denzel Andrews, Stanley Menitz, Robert Collins, Carl Kvist, Ronald Drounin, William Vaiciulis, Vincent Nadolny, Paul Terry, Larry Yering, Stephen Wells, Keith Bradshaw, John Haberek, Ralph Lodyko, Ronald Leuchner, Gerald Gent, Brent Weimer, Ronald DeCarolis, Arnold Kortick, James Welch, Richard Sears, Anthony Falcone, Norman Laroche, Robert Boyle, Donald Noel, Edward Goode, William Bak, Joseph Woycik, Richard Supernant, Janis Pike, Brian Lumnah, Alfred Malchiodi, Ronald Meadows, Edward Haik, Manuel Arruda, Donald Bartlett, John Bashaw, James Brown Jr., Everett Church, Dominic Cirioni Jr., James Cunningham, Hedrick Facas, Richard Lambert, Robert Mayor, David Matthews, Robert Panciera, and Roy Rock.