

their community through both their professional and voluntary endeavors. As such, they are more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring these truly remarkable people.

COMMENDING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS AND THE ARMED FORCES RELIEF TRUST

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of an important initiative undertaken by the National Association of Broadcasters and the Armed Forces Relief Trust.

With over 140,000 troops stationed in Iraq, in Afghanistan, and around the world, military families' budgets are stretched thin. In many cases, the personnel deployed are the sole breadwinners for their family, making it difficult to cope with unexpected expenses.

Last year, the relief agencies for each branch of the military raised and distributed over \$109 million in assistance to military families in need. This year, with the support of the National Association of Broadcasters and its local radio and television station members, the four relief agencies have come together to form the Armed Forces Relief Trust.

In support of that effort—and to help respond to the escalating needs of military families, the NAB and its 6,000 radio station and 1,000 television station members have produced, distributed and aired Public Service Announcements to raise monies for the Trust.

Considering recent events in Iraq, I think Americans everywhere are looking for ways to support our troops. The AFRT provides valuable services to the family members of our brave men and women who are fighting terrorism abroad. The program pays for airfare so personnel can fly home to the funeral of a loved one.

It provides needed medical attention for the spouses of military personnel. It can help offset the cost of college tuition for the child of a soldier. While the military is dedicated to taking care of its own, the needs will only continue to escalate as the length of deployments stretch out. The Trust can help make up for some of the shortfall.

By providing access to the airwaves, local television and radio stations are supporting what I believe to be an important and timely cause.

I'm therefore well aware that deployments are not only emotionally trying for military families, but financially trying as well.

I therefore commend the AFRT for providing needed relief to these families and the National Association of Broadcasters for helping get out the word.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to business in my district, I was unable to vote during the fol-

lowing rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 612, "yes"; rollcall No. 613, "yes"; rollcall No. 614, "yes"; rollcall No. 615, "yes"; rollcall No. 616, "yes"; rollcall No. 617, "yes"; rollcall No. 618, "no"; rollcall No. 619, "yes."

RECOGNIZING SHAUN THOMAS DIAMOND FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Shaun Thomas Diamond, 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 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Shaun has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 9 years Shaun has been involved with Scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as assistant senior patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, and librarian. Shaun has been involved with the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and is a Keeper of the Sacred Bundle. He also served on staff for 2 years at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation.

For his Eagle Scout project, Shaun led a group of boys and adults in the removal of the obsolete woodland trail header and in the construction of a new woodland trail header for Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary. The new header will be enjoyed by many visitors and has increased the safety of the trail.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Shaun Thomas Diamond for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO STAR BAR

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to a remarkable small business in my district. The Star Bar in Pueblo, Colorado has been serving customers and its community for nearly a century, and it is my privilege to recognize its longevity and dedication to its customers here today.

Over the years, a variety of owners have operated the renowned Star Bar. The bar's current proprietors, Louis and Linda DeNiro, bought the establishment approximately five years ago. Despite changes in ownership, the Star Bar has remained a constant in the lives of many Puebloans. In fact, little has changed since the business was featured in an issue of National Geographic. Due to its undeniable appeal, The Star Bar has been bringing customers back for decades, and will surely continue to do so for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, dining establishments such as the Star Bar hold a special and important place in communities across the nation. Their

customers find comfort in the consistently warm and friendly service. I am honored to stand here today before this body of Congress and this nation to recognize Pueblo's Star Bar and its many years of tremendous service.

A TRIBUTE TO CHARLES E. SIMPSON, ESQ.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Charles E. Simpson, in recognition of his commitment and service to his community and his outstanding accomplishments in the field of law.

Charles is an attorney and a partner of Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP., and chairs the firm's Bankruptcy, Corporate Restructuring and Workouts Practice Group. He is also a member of the Litigation and Real Estate Practice Groups.

Since 1981, Charles has served as one of the counsels to the Honorable Edolphus Towns of the 10th Congressional District, Brooklyn, New York. In addition, he is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Children's Museum, the Brooklyn Red Cross, the Queens Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and the Brooklyn Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. From 1983 through 1987, Mr. Simpson served as Brooklyn's Representative on the Board of Directors of the then New York City Public Development Corporation. He also served as counsel to the Bed-Stuy/Crown Heights Area Health Plan and the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation. He was a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Minorities in the Profession from 1987 to 1992.

Charles, who served in the U.S. Army from 1969–1972, graduated magna cum laude from Pepperdine University in Los Angeles, California in 1974 and received his law degree in 1977 from Harvard. He was named a Martin Luther King Jr. Fellow in 1974.

Mr. Speaker, Charles E. Simpson has dedicated his time to an array of local activities and causes, often using his legal expertise for the betterment of the community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

COMMENDING STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE 2003 WORLD CUP CHAMPION TEAM FROM DRURY UNIVERSITY

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) 2003 World Cup Champion Team from Drury University in Springfield, Missouri. These exceptional university students demonstrated on an international stage what it means to practice free enterprise with common sense in a socially and ethically responsible manner. Drury University's SIFE team

prepared both a live presentation and a written report of their activities over the past year and competed against students from 30 countries to receive this prestigious award. A panel of 18 international business leaders, including representatives from KPMG, Wal-Mart, Sara Lee and Pepsi-Co, named Drury University's SIFE Team World Cup Champions for the second time in three years.

SIFE students are making a positive impact in their community and beyond, through service projects that teach entrepreneurship, market economics, ethics and financial responsibility to struggling business owners, school children and economically disadvantaged individuals. By applying the concepts they are learning in the classroom to everyday life, they are taking the guesswork out of economic theory.

Drury University's SIFE team worked on a number of projects over the past year, helping high school students develop a t-shirt company that is self-sustaining and student-run. The Drury team also established an entrepreneurial camp to teach young people in southwest Missouri's growing Hispanic communities the entrepreneurial skills needed to develop their own businesses.

Drury University SIFE team volunteered more than 5,000 hours of service to their community last year. The students at Drury, however, are not alone. SIFE teams around the world engaged in hundreds of thousands of hours of community service, impacting millions of people. Too often, the energy and idealism of our youth are never fully utilized. In SIFE, young people are given an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to their society. It is encouraging to see bright, passionate college and university students work to "change the world" with a common sense approach that stimulates economic empowerment.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the achievements of Alvin Rohrs, the President and CEO of Students In Free Enterprise, and his team of co-workers at the SIFE World Headquarters in Springfield, Missouri. His leadership has enabled SIFE to plant the seeds of free enterprise on campuses across our nation and around the world. Mr. Rohrs and his team work tirelessly to ensure the principles of free enterprise are firmly rooted in the hearts and minds of college and university students on more than 1,500 campuses worldwide. By encouraging social entrepreneurship among SIFE students, Mr. Rohrs and his staff have fostered real change in countries around the globe. In Ghana, SIFE teams taught impoverished villagers how to make and market soap from locally available resources. For the first time in that community, money now changes hands, and the people who live there have a source of income. Alvin Rohrs and his team are also supporting programs in places where free enterprise education is rare. In China, a SIFE team is helping managers of a state-owned enterprise privatize the business and develop a plan for success in the face of an emerging market economy.

The success of SIFE has been well documented by both the national and international business community. Business and industry leaders frequently participate in SIFE competitions, judging SIFE teams and scouting future business leaders. They see and understand the importance of SIFE to the economic future of our nation and our world, as we all learn to compete in a global market that emphasizes education and communication.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the students from Drury University's SIFE team. These students may be completing their studies on a small campus in southwest Missouri, but they are making a difference. Along with their peers in 37 countries, these young people are changing the world, one person, one community and one project at a time.

HONORING GLEN AND LYNN
TOBIAS

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friends Glen and Lynn Tobias as they are honored for their distinguished leadership by the Anti-Defamation League. The Tobias' years of service, integrity, and commitment should serve as an example to all of us. I ask unanimous consent to submit a letter of congratulations I recently sent them.

NOVEMBER 10, 2003.

GLEN AND LYNN TOBIAS
*Anti-Defamation League,
New York, NY.*

DEAR GLEN AND LYNN: I write with such respect, admiration, and gratitude for your invaluable contributions to the Anti-Defamation League. The ADL's Distinguished Leadership Award is a fitting tribute to your years of service to this vital institution, and I am proud to join with those who honor you as you receive the recognition you both so deeply deserve.

A key aspect of your leadership has been your constant willingness to battle against all forms of racism and intolerance. The dramatic rise in global anti-Semitism over the past few years threatens to undermine the stability and progress we seek in the Middle East, Europe, and around the world. Through your efforts, the ADL has led the counter-attack against this scourge, by seeking to measure the rise in anti-Semitism and to address it in meetings with key heads of state and foreign ministers, as well as at an international conference meant to bring Jewish and non-Jewish leaders together to create a strategy to combat the problem.

On our own shores, your efforts to educate the public have been greatly appreciated. You have led crucial initiatives to expand ADL's education programs on campuses and schools, especially about hate crime prevention. You also educated the public and Members of Congress on the threats to religious liberty and civil rights by federal and state voucher programs for private and religious schools—an effort greatly welcomed by myself and my colleagues on the Hill.

For all these reasons and many more, you are richly deserving of the ADL's Distinguished Leadership Award. I would like to thank you once again for your friendship and years of service to ADL, to the United States, and to the global community, which have all benefited from your wisdom, your diligence, and your desire for equity and peace.

Sincerely,

NITA M. LOWEY,
Member of Congress.

RECOGNIZING SAMUEL THEODORE
HUCKE IV FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Samuel Theodore Hucke IV, 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 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Sammy has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Sammy has been involved with Scouting, he has earned 38 merit badges and has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Den Chief, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Sammy has been involved with the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and is a Keeper of the Sacred Bundle. He also served on staff for three years at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation.

For his Eagle Scout project, Sammy constructed three road signs for Camp Shawnee, a Campfire USA camp. The new signs will help direct new campers and visitors to the camp facilities.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Samuel Theodore Hucke IV for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO HAROLD JAMES BOYD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise to pay tribute to the passing of a great man from my District. Harold James Boyd, better known as Father Theo, served the Old Snowmass Saint Benedict's Monastery with dedication and commitment until his death on October 8th of this year. Father Theo will be remembered as a valued member of the Snowmass community, and I am honored to bring his many contributions to his community to the attention of this body of Congress.

Father Theo entered the monastic life in 1950 at St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts. After his first charge, he spent the rest of his years at Saint Benedict's Monastery, where he served as retreat director, confessor, and cantor. Father Theo was also an accomplished author who published a book entitled "Tales of the Magic Monastery" in 1981.

Mr. Speaker, Harold James Boyd was a warm and generous soul who selflessly gave his life to inspire others. Throughout his life, Father Theo touched many lives and I am honored to pay tribute to such an extraordinary man.