

of the Business Executives for National Security Eisenhower Award. BENS was founded to serve as a nationwide, nonpartisan organization as a primary channel for senior business executives to enhance the Nation's security.

The Eisenhower award is offered only to those unique individuals who contribute their time and energy to making the United States a safe place to live in. In President Eisenhower's farewell address he stated, "alert and knowledgeable citizens" are the foundations for "liberty and security." Mr. Perot meets these criteria.

Born on June 27, 1930, in Texarkana, Texas, H. Texas Ross Perot, Sr. attended Texarkana's Junior College. Upon graduation, he went on to serve his country at the United States Naval Academy. Later, Mr. Perot went to work for IBM's data processing division as a salesman. In 1962 Mr. Perot borrowed \$1,000 from his wife Margot and began his company, Electronic Data Systems (EDS). The new company grew to be a multibillion dollar corporation with more than 50,000 employees.

By 1969, President Nixon's administration asked H. Ross Perot, Sr. to determine what actions might be taken to improve the treatment of United States' prisoners of war in Southeast Asia. His contributions helped to secure the release of the POWs after Vietnam had concluded in 1972. For this action he was awarded the highest honor for a civilian, the Medal for Distinguished Public Service.

Again in 1979, H. Ross Perot Sr. rose to intervene when two of his EDS employees were taken hostage by the Iranian Government. Mr. Perot directed a rescue mission composed of EDS employees and led by Colonel Arthur "Bull" Simons. All of Perot's associates returned to the United States unharmed.

Again in the 1980s he was asked to serve as a member of Ronald Reagan's "President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board," where he participated in the approval process required of all U.S. covert operations internationally. Also, he donated resources to the rescue of U.S. Brigadier General James Dozier, who was kidnapped by the Red Brigade in Italy. This mission led to Mr. Perot's close ties to the Pentagon's Intelligence Support Activity.

In 1995, after donating much of his time and efforts to his new business of Perot Systems, H. Ross Perot Sr. made an energetic bid for the White House in the 1992 Presidential elections. Perot's Reform party and platform popularity was evident with soaring ratings for televised debates and high voter turnout where he captured a staggering 19% of the vote.

On a personal note, I heard Mr. Perot speak in front of the Texas Medical Association in June of 1998 and it was at that meeting that I realized it was time for me to become involved in helping the larger community around me.

H. Ross Perot Sr. has dedicated his life to making this the land of American dreams. With his humble beginning in Texarkana, Texas, he has managed to create thousands of jobs and better our Nation's citizenry. He has served our country's defense in all angles, and for that he is without a doubt beyond worth of the BENS Eisenhower Award. Congratulations, Mr. Perot.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF BERT
A. TISSIER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Californian and distinguished American, Bert A. Tissier. Mr. Tissier was the loving husband of Mary Tissier and the dear father of Jerry Tissier of Arizona, Bradley Tissier, M.D. of Illinois and Adrienne Tissier, of Daly City, California. He was a proud and doting grandfather to Deborah, Todd, Troy, Michael and Carrie.

Bert Tissier attended Polytechnic High School in San Francisco. At San Jose State University he was a member of Alpha Eta Rho International Aviation Fraternity and he went on to serve our country as a Major in the Army Air Force during World War II. He retired from the John Hancock Insurance Company's Special Activities Department after working for the company for 35 years.

One of Bert Tissier's great sources of pride was his daughter Adrienne's public service career, seeing her elected to the Daly City Council, serving as Mayor, and in March of this year, seeing her elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. I am exceedingly proud to have her as my colleague and friend and I respect and admire Adrienne for all she's accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bert Tissier for his service to his community and his country, and in extending our deepest sympathy to his entire family.

**CELEBRATING JEWISH FAMILY
SERVICES 10TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge, honor and celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, Michigan. In just 10 years, this organization has grown tremendously and has successfully established itself to provide an array of important social services to the Jewish community in Washtenaw.

Jewish Family Services was founded in October of 1993 by the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County in response to a serious need in our community: refugee resettlement. Largely working with the increasing number of immigrants from the former Soviet Union, Jewish Family Services volunteers engaged in services such as case management, housing and career services, language education, and mental health assistance providing services to numerous individuals and families as they arrived in the United States.

Today, Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County has grown tremendously from when it began with humble roots 10 years ago and the service it provides has touched the lives of over 900 individuals last year alone, including 24 newly arrived resettlement patrons.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in honoring the 10th Anniversary of Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, and the volunteers and staff that selflessly dedicate their time to serving others. This organization and its rapid growth and excellent service are an inspiration to the community of Washtenaw County and I commend them on their noble work.

**MAYOR RAY GLOWACKI EARNS A
WELL DESERVED RETIREMENT**

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to honor my friend and outstanding public servant, Mayor Raymond S. Glowacki, as he celebrates 26 years of serving the citizens of Cudahy, Wisconsin.

Mayor Glowacki has long been an enthusiastic leader, visionary supporter and promoter of Cudahy, the community he loves. As mayor he has been committed to improving the quality of life for all of the people of Cudahy. Under his tenure there have been tremendous changes and a transformation of the city that has resulted from the remodeling of Packard Plaza, the construction of Crosswinds condominiums and the Creekside residential development. The ongoing development at Mitchell International Business Park, a new library and the ice arena are due in large part to the innovative approaches the mayor has taken in creating a dynamic and vital community.

Born and raised in Cudahy, Ray has a unique historical perspective of his beloved, nearly 100-year-old city. He has witnessed dramatic changes, from the industrial boom of the 1940s and 50s to the new economy and information society. Ray graduated from Marquette University in 1954 with a degree in sociology and political science, subsequently he taught social studies at St. Augustine Catholic School in Milwaukee from 1957 through 1971.

Mayor Glowacki continued his interest and commitment to education by serving as a member of the Cudahy School Board for two terms. Ray with his wife Mary operated the Pulaski Inn of Cudahy from 1956 through 1998, which was founded by his parents in 1927. Other major positions that he has held over the years include the President of the Milwaukee County Licensed Beverage Association and the Vice President of the Wisconsin Tavern Keepers Association.

Ray and Mary have been married for 48 years and they have six children, five sons and one daughter. A committed family man, he is known for his compassion, good humor, self-effacing manner and generous spirit.

Mayor Glowacki's retirement is certainly well deserved, but his leadership and passion for serving the people of Cudahy will be truly missed. Congratulations and best wishes, my dear friend.