

dedication through live television feeds to the national broadcasting networks, the History Channel, and C-Span.

Additional events throughout the weekend drew large crowds who gathered for reunions and celebrations. A four-day National World War II Reunion held in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage drew over 300,000 people, and three two-hour ceremonial and musical performances held at the MCI Center were sold out. A Service of Celebration at the Washington National Cathedral was well attended by military and civilian clergy and World War II dignitaries.

Mr. Speaker, the enthusiasm, performance, and commitment of all the staff at the American Battle Monuments Commission, the National WWII Memorial Project, and the National WWII Memorial Dedication do not go unnoticed, and I thank them for their exceptional work on behalf of our Nation's veterans.

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### HONORING SAUK CITY

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#### HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2004*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sauk City as it celebrates its sesquicentennial. Sauk City is Wisconsin's oldest incorporated village; it was founded in 1854, just 6 years after the great state of Wisconsin.

This scenic part of my district is situated on the beautiful Wisconsin River and attracts thousands of visitors each year to boat, hike, camp, and bike. Sauk City's great outdoors provide not only a wonderful backdrop for leisure activities, but also have proved to sustain this community and its strong investment in agricultural trade.

Sauk City can pride itself on being a community which has always placed an emphasis on the safety of its residents. It is home to Wisconsin's oldest-standing fire station and volunteer fire department; Sauk City is also a member of the oldest joint law enforcement agency in our state.

I am honored to be participating in Sauk City's sesquicentennial festivities, which will kick off with a parade through town, complete with horse-drawn carriages, old tractors, classic cars, and floats depicting life in Sauk City from 1854 to today. Residents will be able to see scenes of old school rooms and a quilting bee and veterans will be driving authentic military vehicles. The parade will conclude at August Derleth Park, where community members can view circus wagons from the Circus World Museum, see horses pulling a Leinenkugel Beer Wagon, watch cloggers, singers, jugglers, and Mexican and Latin-American dancing demonstrations. There will even be a beard contest and a hot dog-eating contest for those who feel particularly competitive. A fireworks display will conclude the festivities.

This celebration of 150 years for Sauk City demonstrates the strength of this closely-knit community and offers the promise of continued stability in the future.

### CONGRATULATING MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2004*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate MacArthur High School for receiving the Intel/Scholastic Twenty-First Century Schools of Distinction Award. Located in my district of Irving, Texas, MacArthur High School received the award announced yesterday by Intel Corporation. The school will receive a \$25,000 grant from the Intel Foundation, in addition to technology tools and assistance.

Mr. Speaker, this is truly an honor for everyone at MacArthur High School who participated in this highly competitive contest and chosen as one of two recipients as the "Best of the Best". Recipients were selected for their performance in comprehensive programs exhibiting excellence in the use of technology, parental and community involvement, professional development, teamwork and high academic standards.

Each student at MacArthur is issued a school-issued laptop and access to a co-op curriculum, which includes work study and advanced placement programs, as well as concurrent enrollment at a nearby college. Teamwork, leadership programs, experimental lab activities and interactive student presentations are just a few examples of how these students make learning an adventure. For the past four years, the school has received the state's highest academic rating.

It has been discussed on numerous occasions and in numerous venues that the United States will not be able to lead—or for that matter, successfully compete—in the global economy if we cannot put a stop to the continuing shortage of highly qualified scientific and technology brainpower in this country.

This award is of particular significance, as I have long championed the need for more emphasis in science and math education, particularly for young children. I believe these students and others like them will become tomorrow's leaders in the fields of science and technology. Showing students the importance and the value of the science and technology fields is a life long process. It cannot happen overnight. It begins here and now. I implore our community leaders to also encourage science education in young men and women.

I would like to commend the Intel Foundation and Intel CEO Craig Barrett for their leadership and commitment to this initiative. The additional contributions of their corporate partners should also be acknowledged.

Mr. Speaker, again, I congratulate the students, teachers, principals and parents of MacArthur High School on this distinguished honor.

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### TRIBUTE TO WALLACE FOWLER

#### HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2004*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man who embodies philanthropy.

Wallace Fowler has worked for years growing the business communities of rural America. His successes are many, but it is his unabashed willingness to give back to his community that demands recognition.

Mr. Fowler was educated in Arkansas and has worked in The Natural State since the 1950's. Today, he serves as Chairman or vice-chairman for a half-dozen companies in Arkansas. He sits on several civic commissions, planning associations, and development councils. His list of honors is long and distinguished.

Blessed with an appreciation of local and rural business communities, Mr. Fowler has dedicated his life to growing rural America one business at a time. As Chairman of several local banks, he knows better than most how to give a helping hand when it's needed. More importantly he has learned rural America is capable of achieving its goals if given a chance.

He has been awarded most recently with the Arkansas State University (ASU) Indian Club's Distinguished Service Award, the Jonesboro, Arkansas, University Rotary Club's Vocational Excellence Award and ASU College of Business' Executive of the Year. These awards, along with the several others he has earned, are ample proof of his unrelenting drive and his strength of character; but they do not accurately depict his generosity.

On behalf of the Congress, I extend the utmost respect and thanks to a man who not only grew businesses and communities through his professional life, but also gave his personal time to the same goals. Mr. Fowler is a devout family man and a distinguished Arkansan and I am honored to recognize him, a great friend, in this Congress.

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### IN HONOR OF RAFAEL LÓPEZ

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 25, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the great young leaders I have had the privilege to know and work with. Rafael López of Watsonville, California, will be leaving his post as founding Executive Director of First 5 Santa Cruz County to attend Harvard University and pursue a Master's degree in Public Policy and Administration.

Rafael is a native of Watsonville, where his family worked as migrant agriculture workers. One of the many noteworthy facts about his life is that he was the first in his family to graduate from both high school and college. Rafael graduated from Watsonville High School and attended Vassar College in New York and the University of California, Santa Cruz, where he earned a degree with honors in American Studies and was awarded a Distinguished College Service Award. Rafael's resume reflects his deep commitment to his community and our nation: an internship with a Member of Congress, staff member of the UCSC Chicano Latino Research Center; Coordinator for Residential Education at Merrill College, UCSC; working with groups such as the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, the El Andar Foundation, the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County, the City of Watsonville, the County of Santa Cruz, the list goes on and on.