

HONORING THE LEGACY OF CHIEF  
JUSTICE JOHN MARSHALL

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. I rise today in strong support of the resolution to honor the United States' fourth Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall by issuing 400,000 commemorative coins for the 250th anniversary of his birth. Chief Justice Marshall served in each of the three branches of government and, as the fourth Supreme Court Justice, was one of the most influential forces in building the federal government as we know it today.

John Marshall began his service to our country as a member of the Continental Army under George Washington. He fought alongside Washington in battles in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania and endured the harsh winter at Valley Forge. After the war Mr. Marshall became a lawyer and began his political career. He was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates and then to the U.S. Congress as the Representative from the Richmond District in Virginia. His superior understanding of the law earned him the position of Secretary of State under the Adams' Administration. It was from here where he rose to Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

It was in the Supreme Court that John Marshall made the greatest contributions to American history. Having served for 34 years, Chief Justice Marshall remains the longest serving Chief Justice. He has offered over 500 opinions and presided over such landmark cases as *McCulloch v. Maryland* and *Marbury v. Madison*, which established the power of judicial review and was the first decision to declare an Act of Congress unconstitutional. The opinions delivered from the Marshall Court have shaped the basic fundamentals of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government.

I believe that Chief Justice John Marshall's life-long legacy should be recognized. Therefore, I urge my fellow Members to vote with me in support of H.R. 2768 and honor Justice Marshall as one of the most influential figures in American history.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF  
JUDGE H. A. TAYLOR

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Circuit Court Judge H. A. Taylor who died on May 21, 2004 at the age of 63 in Little Rock.

Judge Taylor was originally from Jefferson County and had an impressive career which spanned over the course of three decades. Graduating from Pine Bluff High in 1958, Judge Taylor went on to earn his bachelor of science and his law degree in 1965 from the University of Arkansas. Judge Taylor was elected to office in 1975 to the 2nd Division Circuit Court Judge for the 11th Judicial District West, serving Jefferson and Lincoln counties for 29 years.

Judge Taylor had a distinguished military career, serving in the Vietnam War and earning both the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medals.

I am deeply saddened by Judge Taylor's death and offer my heartfelt condolences to his wife, Marcy Taylor. His legacy will live on through the lives he touched and by those who knew him and counted him as a friend.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 13, 2004*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4766) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes:

Mr. KIND. Mr. Chairman, I rise in favor of H.R. 4766. While I intend to vote for this bill, I support my friend and colleague, JOHN PETERSON's request that conferees work to increase the producer value added grants program and the rural broadband loans program. These two programs are extremely important to the future of rural areas like those found in my district of western Wisconsin.

Furthermore, I strongly urge conferees to do more to meet the funding needs of voluntary conservation programs that serve farmers and ranchers while also helping to improve soil, water and air quality, and provide critical wildlife and fish habitat.

Farmers and ranchers, especially those from regions who may not benefit from the estimated \$130 billion in crop subsidies, rely on U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation assistance to provide much-needed financial support as well as meet critical environmental challenges.

Unfortunately, this bill would set a \$1.01 billion limit on the environmental quality incentives program—compared to a FY2005 level of \$1.2 billion set in the farm bill. Likewise, the farmland protection program is set at \$112 million, \$13 million less than the budget request. Lastly, the wetlands reserve program will enroll 175,000 acres, which are 25,000 less than prescribed in the farm bill.

I am pleased, however, that this bill rejects the Bush administration's proposed sharp cuts in natural resources conservation service programs. It will provide \$993 million for the five NRCS conservation programs, \$176 million more than the administration's request.

Secondly, I appreciate that the Appropriations Committee acted on the request made by myself and other members of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus Chronic Wasting Disease taskforce in providing \$18.589 million in aid to states' fight against CWD—a fatal neurological disease found amongst our Nation's populations of wild and captive cervids. I'm particularly pleased to note \$1.75 million will go directly to Wisconsin, which has been especially hard hit by this devastating disease. These federal funds are crucial to help au-

thorities continue to monitor this deadly disease in order to avoid future outbreaks.

RECOGNIZING RICK GONZALES, SR.  
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE  
AND DEDICATION TO HIS COMMUNITY

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the service of Rick Gonzales, Sr., who has been a respected community leader in Yolo County for more than 50 years.

Rick Gonzales was born in Saguache, Colorado in 1919 and raised in Elko, Nevada. Drafted into World War II, he served in Okinawa during the Pacific campaign. After being discharged he settled in San Francisco where he attended barber school and met Angela Duran. In 1949 they married and moved to Woodland, California, where they operated several barbershops and raised four sons, La Verne, Garry, Rick Jr. and Jerry.

Rick Gonzales founded the Pan American Club, an organization that gave Latino youth an opportunity to play sports and attend social activities. Rick Gonzales has served on numerous boards and commissions that advocate for the youth and disenfranchised in the community. As a result of these efforts, he twice received the Yolo County Bar Association's Liberty Bell award. He is the only individual to be honored twice.

Rick is one of the founders of the Mexican American Concilio of Yolo County. In 1983 the Concilio started its annual dinner-dance to recognize individuals who have made a contribution to the Latino community. Now a signature community event, the Concilio's dinner-dance provides a growing number of scholarships and awards to students and adults throughout Yolo County.

Over the years Rick Gonzales endured insults and recriminations but his commitment to justice prevailed. His work helped to increase diversity in the local workforce. On June 22, 2004, in recognition of his service, the Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services was named for Rick Gonzales. The dedication plaque reads, "Rick Gonzales has dedicated his life to giving a voice to the poor and disenfranchised of Yolo County and ensuring equal opportunities for all."

Mr. Speaker, Rick Gonzales Sr. has had a far-reaching and enduring impact on his community. His outstanding leadership and commitment to community service has significantly benefited the people of Woodland and has contributed to making Yolo County the vibrant and culturally rich community that is today. It is appropriate that we acknowledge him today.

HONORING PFC WESLEY SWANSON

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, Private First Class Wesley Swanson of Greeley, Colorado.