

I thank Speaker Hastert for scheduling this bill and giving us this opportunity to pay tribute to the brave Americans who fought and died in that crucial battle. I know that this is personal to the Speaker. His mentor, the former Republican Leader from Illinois, Bob Michel, received the Purple Heart and other citations for his bravery in that battle. I share the Speaker's respect for Leader Michel. Further, the Speaker's family hails from Luxembourg, and the special ties between our countries that resulted from the Battle of the Bulge have great meaning to him.

This is personal to me as well. My uncle, Johnny D'Alesandro, was one of the heroes who gave their lives for their country in the Battle of the Bulge. Like so many other families, his sacrifice was for us a source of both sorrow and pride—deep sadness over the loss of a wonderful man; tremendous pride that one of our own helped to preserve the freedom and values that we cherish as a nation.

But beyond the personal significance that the battle holds for us is the towering importance it holds for human history. The Allied victory in World War II literally saved the world, and that victory became inevitable when the Allied forces successfully repelled the surprise German attack in what we call the Battle of the Bulge.

With bitter cold and blinding snow, it was the bloodiest single battle ever fought by American soldiers. There were 81,000 American casualties, including 19,000 killed in action. The heroes of that battle rightfully take their place among the bravest and most noble in American history.

We dedicated the World War II Memorial on the Mall this year to pay tribute to all of the veterans of that war, and we will honor the heroes of the Battle of the Bulge with ceremonies by citizens of the United States, Belgium, Luxembourg, and many other nations in the coming months. But we can never truly repay the debt we owe them. We can offer only our words of heartfelt gratitude and our promise to never forget the sacrifice they made for our country.

May God bless the heroes of the Battle of the Bulge. May God bless all of the men and women serving in uniform today. And may God bless America.

CONGRATULATING DAVID SCOTT
MOLLOY, JR., 2004 RHODE ISLAND
PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Scott Molloy, Jr., for being named the 2004 Rhode Island Professor of the Year. The Professors of the Year Awards are the only national awards that recognize college and university professors for excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring. I'm thrilled to recognize and honor Dr. Molloy today, a professor who reminds us all of the invaluable contributions made by our nation's educators.

David Scott Molloy, Jr., of West Kingston, RI, currently serves as a Professor of Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Rhode Island, where he has been teaching

since 1986. In his tenure at URI, Professor Molloy has relished the opportunity to bring his expertise and unique experience to a range of departments and courses. He has taught courses in the History Department, the Business School, the Honors program, Economics, and in his academic home at the Labor Center.

His contributions to Rhode Island are too numerous to list, but they begin with his desire to highlight and explore the rich and often complex history of our great state. Offering such courses as "Rhode Island History" and "Labor and Immigrant History in Rhode Island," he reminds our students of how important it is to understand where they and their ancestors have come from and the many challenges that our state has faced throughout history.

A true educator, Professor Molloy's contributions are not confined to the classroom. He delivers as many as forty presentations a year to various organizations in his community. He has also shown an eagerness to share his unique style and methods of teaching and instruction—methods that have proven powerful and effective. His passion for the subjects he teaches led him to begin collecting immigrant and labor memorabilia. In 1990, the Smithsonian acquired 9,500 artifacts from him to establish the Scott Molloy Labor Archives.

Professor Molloy is perhaps above all an incredible leader and role model for Rhode Island's youth—a testament to the value of hard work, determination, and hope. The grandson of an Irish immigrant, he began his career as both a bus driver for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority and a labor activist in Providence. Not one to let an opportunity pass him by, Dr. Molloy chose to pursue a Ph.D. part time while continuing his work as President of the Amalgamated Transit Union, driving a coach, and teaching a course on labor history. His dissertation on the history of public transportation in Rhode Island and the role that transit employees and unions played in its development was published by the Smithsonian Institution. In Professor Molloy's own words, "going from the front of the bus to the head of the class," he is the embodiment of the American Dream. I cannot think of a better example for Rhode Island's bright and aspiring students.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I hope our colleagues will join me in congratulating Professor Molloy.

IN TRIBUTE TO VENTURA, CALI-
FORNIA, POLICE CHIEF MIKE
TRACY

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mike Tracy, a Ventura, California, native who joined the Ventura Police Department as a patrol officer in 1975 and who has been chief of police since February 1999. After a distinguished career protecting and nurturing his hometown, he will retire on December 4.

Mike Tracy is a seasoned law enforcement officer with a reputation for innovation and community outreach.

During the 24 years in which he worked his way up the ranks from officer to police chief, Mike Tracy worked in or was in command of every aspect of the department, including patrol, detectives, administration, training and crime prevention. That experience gave him an insight into his department that few chiefs achieve.

At the same time, Mike Tracy earned a reputation far beyond city boundaries as someone in the forefront of law enforcement who reached out to other departments to share resources and knowledge.

Under his leadership, the department initiated the Crisis Intervention Team program, which trains personnel to better deal with the mentally ill and individuals in crisis—a program that subsequently was adopted county-wide. He was the chief architect of Ventura's Community Problem Oriented Policing Program and instrumental in establishing four police storefronts and acquiring several state grants for gang violence suppression and school safety.

Equally important, Mike Tracy continued to contribute to his community outside the walls of the Ventura Police Department. In addition to his involvement with the Police Activities League, Mike has also worked with the Boys & Girls Club and Salvation Army. He has run in several marathons, the Special Olympics Torch Run and the Baker to Vegas run.

His wife, Linda, recently retired as an elementary school teacher. Their son Matthew is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and lives in Arizona with his wife, Christine, and their 3-year-old son, Nathan.

Mike and Linda plan to stay in Ventura and remain active in the community. His continued support will be appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Ventura Police Chief Mike Tracy on his retirement; will thank him for a lifetime of dedication to his profession and community; and wish him many years of health and prosperity, both for him and his family.

RECOGNIZING JEWELL DUVALL
UPON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, we rise to thank and recognize Jewell Duvall for her outstanding service and contributions to the House community during her tenure in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

Jewell was born in the small, coal-mining town of Bellwood, WV, one of a population of 300. As a coal miner's daughter, she worked in the company store during high school until the lure of public service led her to Washington, DC and a job with FBI's Identification Division, then located in the present day Ford House Office Building.

Jewell worked for FBI for four years, started a family and raised two sons. During the course of her career Jewell worked for a variety of employers, from a trade association, to private corporations, but her career always took her back to the service of her country.

Jewell's House employment as Jay Eagen's Executive Secretariat now ends in the same