

American Samoa and two Asian Pacific Americans serving in the Senate. I am proud that the California Democratic Delegation includes two of these Representatives from the Asian Pacific American community.

In the field of science and technology, Asian Pacific Americans have long contributed to our country, from Ellison Onizuka, the first Asian-American in space, to Flossi Wong-Staal and Dr. David D. Ho, for their work on HIV and AIDS. Moreover, several Asian Pacific Americans have received Nobel Prizes for their accomplishments in science and technology.

Hundreds of thousands of Asian Pacific Americans have also loyally served our Nation in the military willing to give their life for the United States of America. Asian Pacific American veterans of the Armed Forces number 312,700.

In sports, Asian Pacific Americans have helped bring home Olympic gold medals for the United States, including the first woman to win gold medals in the ten and three meter diving events—Filipina American Victoria Manalo Draves.

Although it is important for us to celebrate Asian Pacific American heritage this month, we must not forget the plight that Asian Pacific Americans endure despite the community's many accomplishments.

The pitfalls of immigration law and the backlog of immigration applications continue to prevent many Asian Pacific American families from reuniting for several years.

We must also not forget that the APA community suffers from greater poverty than non-Hispanic Whites, especially in the Hmong, Laotian, Cambodian, and Vietnamese American communities.

We must work to ensure that Asian Pacific Americans are appropriately counted when our government collects data that will be used to understand the needs of the APA community.

We must make every effort to invite Asian Pacific Americans to participate in government to ensure that our government meets the needs of the APA community.

In commemoration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, I honor the contributions of millions of Asian Pacific Americans who have contributed to our nation and who I am sure will continue to contribute in the future. But while I celebrate this month, I also renew my pledge to address the issues affecting Asian Pacific Americans around the country.

RECOGNIZING BRADY MILLER FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brady Miller, 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 249, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brady has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. For his Eagle Scout project, he constructed a 114 foot walking trail off the main trail at Platte Ridge Park for the Platte County Parks and Recre-

ation Department. Over the many years Brady has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brady Miller 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 STODDART-FLEISHER
MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Stoddart-Fleisher Middle School, located in North Central Philadelphia. The Stoddart-Fleisher School will be closing this summer after providing 80 years of service to our community.

Throughout its history, this fine school has played an important role in the community and it has always provided a quality education to its attending students. Stoddart-Fleisher was the product of a merger in 1950 of the Stoddard and Fleisher schools. Both schools have a history of providing vocational and regular academic training for students in the area of North Central Philadelphia. In recent years, Stoddard has been a neighborhood school for seventh and eighth grade students.

The continued growth of kindergarten through eighth grade schools throughout the city as well as a population shift to other parts of the city have resulted in declining enrollment for Stoddard, especially within the past 5 years. This summer will mark the end of a great era in public education for North Central Philadelphia and we are sad to see our community lose such a respected institution.

On June 16th, there will be a commemorative reception and program for Stoddard's closing and hopefully other schools will pay close attention to and follow in the tradition of the Stoddard-Fleisher Middle School.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE LEOPOLD
BORRELLO

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Judge Leopold Borrello as he retires from an illustrious career as a Saginaw County Michigan jurist. Judge Borrello will be honored at a reception on May 23 in Saginaw by the community.

A native of Saginaw, Judge Borrello started working when he was in the third grade at his father's grocery store. After graduating from Saginaw High School in 1951, Judge Borrello received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Albion College and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1958. He returned to the Saginaw area and opened a practice of law. He worked in solo practice and for several firms before heading

up his own firm of Borrello, Thomas and Jenson.

In 1987 Governor James Blanchard appointed him to the 10th Judicial Circuit Court. Judge Borrello became Chief Judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit Court in 1992 and has continued to serve in that capacity until his retirement on April 14th of this year. He ran unopposed in 1988, 1994 and 2000 to be returned to his place on the bench. During his tenure Judge Borrello presided over three one-man grand juries and numerous criminal and civil cases.

In addition to his work on the bench, Judge Borrello is also active with the Saginaw County Crime Prevention Council and the American Kennel Club, where he also serves as a show judge. Judge Borrello and his wife Audre have passed on their work ethic to their three sons: Stephen, an appellate court judge; Andre, a Saginaw attorney; and Murray, a professor at Alma College.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the career of a hardworking, dedicated public servant, Leopold Borrello. His intelligence, common sense, and consideration for the public welfare have earned the well deserved respect of his fellow jurists and the esteem of the Saginaw community.

RECOGNIZING COLE S. KLAUWUH
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cole S. Klawuhn, 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 94, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cole has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cole has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cole S. Klawuhn 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 CONSULAR CORPS
ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia.

In celebration of 44 years of promoting international understanding, I extend congratulations to the first Consular Corps in the United States, the Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia.

With the founding of the Corps, now one of the largest diplomatic associations in the Nation, a model was created that allows us to