

and the students of the Accelerated Nursing Program. Nevada State is making a tremendous difference throughout Southern Nevada, and the Nursing Program is helping to provide skilled workers to the health services across the state. I applaud Nevada State College's efforts and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING MISTY PENA

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Misty Pena of North Richland Hills, Texas, on receiving the venerated 2006 Presidential Freedom Scholarship. As a recipient of this prestigious award, she is recognized for her outstanding leadership and commitment to servicing of her community and its residents.

The Presidential Freedom Scholarship program, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service and administered by Learn and Serve America, honors select high school juniors and seniors, displaying exceptional service and citizenship, with a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice. To be eligible for nomination, individuals must have completed at least 100 hours of community service and receive the recommendation of their high school.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere congratulations to Misty Pena on receiving this award and commend her dedication and desire to help her school, community, and country.

TRIBUTE TO REX GUYNN OF
ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a distinguished constituent, Rex Guynn of Zephyrhills, Florida. Rex served as the acting fire chief and recently retired after 21 years of service.

Following his service in the U.S. Army, Rex began his career in 1985 as a firefighter. He quickly rose through the ranks to become a driver engineer, captain, fire inspector, assistant chief and acting chief in June 2006.

An avid runner throughout his life, Rex ran track as a kid and has completed marathons as an adult. In his free time, Rex enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing, motorcycle riding and praising the Lord. A member of the CARES Board that governs the senior center, Rex is also a faithful member of the Oasis Church where he serves as a missionary. Rex also is a member of the Florida Fire Marshal's Association, Prison Ministry, Christian Motorcycle Association, and the Rotary Club.

Rex and his wife, Melinda, have one son, Ryan, and one stepson, Blake. They lost a third son, Aaron, in a motorcycle accident after his military service in Iraq. Following Rex's last official day with the city on August 11, 2006, he and Melinda will travel to Uganda, Africa,

and spread the word of the Lord as missionaries.

Mr. Speaker, Rex Guynn has served the Zephyrhills community with distinction for 21 years. It is a testament to his desire to serve that he and his wife will continue their missionary work following his retirement. I commend Rex for his service and congratulate him on his retirement from the Zephyrhills Fire Department.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
GREGORY JACKSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute and recognition of Gregory D. Jackson, Fire Chief of Bay Village, Ohio. Mr. Jackson is retiring after serving and protecting the people of Bay Village for over 33 years.

Gregory Jackson served our country as a member of the U.S. Air Force in Korea. Upon his return from military service, Mr. Jackson became a firefighter, working at NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, before joining the Bay Village division in September 1972.

During his career, Jackson became one of the first firefighters trained as a paramedic. In 1976, he helped create the WeShare—West Shore Area Rescue program—that raised the standards of fire fighting skills. Mr. Jackson volunteered countless hours as an Emergency Medical Technician and fire academy instructor, training future generations of emergency responders. With a genuine concern for his community, it is no surprise that Jackson was also involved in the establishment of a centralized emergency response center for nearby suburbs.

In August 1979, Jackson was sworn in as fire chief. His tenure is the longest in Bay Village's history. Throughout his career, his wife, Kim; daughters, Michelle and Connie; and the people of his community have been thankful for his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in tribute and recognition of a man whose career has been spent sacrificing his own safety, for the safety of others. His commitment to the protection of the people of northeast Ohio will be missed tremendously. May he enjoy a retirement filled with happiness and good health.

IN HONOR OF JOE HALL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Joe Hall, who has recently retired after serving the citizens of Santa Cruz in various capacities since 1973.

Joe is best known in my office as the steward of the San Lorenzo River Flood Control Project, an effort on which we have worked together since I began my service in Congress and is finally nearing completion.

Through his hard work in the City of Santa Cruz Planning Department and later as assist-

ant director of the Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency, Joe worked tirelessly to corral the resources of local, State, and Federal agencies toward a project that will provide vital flood protection to the residents and businesses of Santa Cruz.

He was the primary source of information for me as I advocated for the project in Washington, and I know he is as proud of the success of this project as I am.

There is no doubt that the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake is the defining moment for a generation of Santa Cruz residents, and Joe played an integral role in the miraculous redevelopment of a downtown that was literally leveled by the quake.

It might have been an accepted idea at the time to forget about downtown Santa Cruz and redevelop an economic base elsewhere in the area, but the visionary work of Redevelopment Director Ceil Cirillo, Joe, and other city officials led to an amazing rebirth in downtown that continues today.

Joe also was instrumental in the creation of legislation on the State level that provided a special bond financing mechanism to assist with the seismic retrofit of older buildings. While the legislation was approved too late to help Santa Cruz, other California cities have since benefited from Joe's ideas.

While Joe has been an outstanding employee of the city of Santa Cruz since 1973, he has also served the Santa Cruz community in a number of other capacities, including president of the board of education, a public affairs talk show host for a local public radio station, and an instructor in city planning at Cabrillo College.

And while Santa Cruz may have benefited most from Joe's good works, he has also served his country with honor and dignity. Commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army upon his graduation from UCLA, Joe served as a training officer for the U.S. Army Electronic Command and in 1996 he retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel.

I am certain that I have not heard the last from Joe, as I expect he will remain an active member of the community, but I do want to wish he, his wife Marcella, and his children Eric and Christine, the best as they enter this exciting new chapter.

A SALUTE TO REGINA CARTER

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, as Dean of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Chairman of the Jazz Forum and Concert that occurs during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, I rise to salute the achievements of violinist Regina Carter, a rising star in the field of jazz. The following biography is found on Stephanie Jordan's own web site. It chronicles a career of accomplishment already deserving of high recognition, and of this body's thoughtful attention and respect:

Regina Carter's immersion in music began at the age of 2 when she took up piano followed by violin at the age of 4. Forever indebted to the Suzuki method of music teaching, the approach freed her from the rigid restraints of solely reading music and opened