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HONORING MR. JOHN STENCEL,  
PRESIDENT OF THE ROCKY  
MOUNTAIN FARMERS UNION

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Stencel, a tireless ally of rural America and the hardworking farmers and ranchers that call it home.

Mr. Stencel was born and raised on a farm near Greeley, CO, and from the beginning his commitment to agriculture was clear. He was active in 4-H, the Future Farmers of America, and the Farmers Union Youth Program. After graduating from Colorado State University in 1964 he began a career with the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union (RMFU). A few years later John served two years in the U.S. Army and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for Outstanding Service. After his return, John was elected RMFU President in 1970. His strong leadership abilities were repeatedly demonstrated during his 23 years as president, and in 1993 President Bill Clinton appointed John as the Deputy Administrator for the Farm Service Agency in Colorado. He later worked in Washington, DC, at the Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration as Special Assistant to the Administrator. John then returned to Colorado in 2000 and was once again elected president of the RMFU in 2001.

Unbelievably, through all of this John Stencel also found the time to serve as the president of the Colorado 4-H Foundation, as the vice president of the Colorado Future Farmers of America Foundation, and as a member of the Colorado State University Board of Agriculture. His versatility, dedication, and uncharacteristic leadership are admirable.

I remember sharing time with John on the road during a series of renewable energy tours throughout rural Colorado over the past couple years. I learned quickly of the remarkable ability of this man. Whether the topic was wind power and methane digesters or crop subsidies and cooperative development projects, his grasp of the issues was second-to-none.

Mr. Stencel's forward thinking policies and actions have set an example in the agriculture world. He acknowledges and promotes ideas that need to be brought to the attention of small and large farmers alike. His pending retirement will mark the end of an exceptional career, and finding a worthy successor will undoubtedly be difficult.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring John Stencel for his accomplishments, his dedication, and his legacy. Citizens of Colorado and the United States as a whole have benefited from this man's service, and we owe him our gratitude.

TRIBUTE TO THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I wish to congratulate the members of the Save the Dunes Council as they celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. To commemorate this special occasion, the Save the Dunes Council hosted a 40th Anniversary Gala Event on Saturday, October 21, 2006, at Valparaiso University's Brauer Museum of Art in Valparaiso, Indiana.

From its humble beginning, the Save the Dunes Council, created in the Ogdens living room of Dorothy Buell and a mere dozen of her female neighbors, has become one of the most knowledgeable, involved, and respected organizations in Northwest Indiana and beyond. Founded in 1952 with the mission of protecting and preserving the Indiana Dunes, the Save the Dunes Council worked tirelessly toward their goal of creating a National Lakeshore, which they accomplished in 1966. Since that time, the Save the Dunes Council, comprised of local citizens, has continued to fight to protect the lakeshore from man-made intrusions and preserve the environment. Through the efforts of these dedicated individuals, the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore has nearly doubled in size. Currently, the National Lakeshore consists of more than 15,000 picturesque acres of land, while plans for continued expansion are in place.

The Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore has, for many years, been a popular tourist destination as well as a place where local families and groups can enjoy an afternoon together. Its scenic lake views and magnificent sandy beaches have made the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore a focal point of Northwest Indiana, while the spectacular Mount Baldy, the largest of the lakeshore's moving dunes at 126 feet, is a sight that visitors are sure to remember. In addition to the magnificent nature views, the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore offers a wide array of activities to satisfy the interests of all nature-lovers, including: hiking, swimming, bird watching, fishing, camping, and horseback riding, as well as many guided tours and other gatherings.

On Saturday, October 21, 2006, the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore 40th Anniversary Gala took place and featured a social hour and exhibit tours of the artwork of Frank V. Dudley, an artist who dedicated forty years of his life to the preservation and promotion of the Indiana Dunes. The evening proceeded with a silent auction, formal dinner, speakers, and music.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the efforts of the members of the Save the Dunes Council, past and present, and in celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Indiana Dunes as a National Lakeshore. These selfless individuals continue to dedicate their time and unrelenting efforts to serve their community through the preservation of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and I am proud to represent them in Congress.

TRIBUTE TO THE HOUSTON DYNAMO AND THE CITY OF HOUSTON FOR WINNING THE 2006 MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER (MLS) CUP

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Houston Dynamo and the city of Houston for winning its first 2006 Major League Soccer Cup.

In front of thousands of soccer fans at Pizza Hut Park, the Houston Dynamo emerged victorious against the New England Revolution with a score of 4 to 3 on penalty kicks after the teams played to a 1-1 draw through regulation and extra time.

This is a fitting conclusion to an amazing season. Congratulations to Kelly Gray, Stuart Holden, Dwayne De Rosario and Brian Ching who successfully converted from the penalty spot in the shootout. Brian Ching was recognized as the match's Most Valuable Player.

This is the Dynamo's first season in Houston, and they have surely made a warm welcome for themselves. The team is led by 2005 Major League Soccer Coach of the Year, Dominic Kinnear. Let me acknowledge Dynamo investor/operator Philip Anschutz for the time and commitment he has given to U.S. soccer and the city of Houston. I also congratulate the players and their families for making the transition (from San Jose) to Houston. For the players and their families to pick up and come to Houston, Texas and do what they've done this year is impressive. We welcome you with open arms, and we remain devoted to your success. Also, a big thank you and congratulations to Oliver Luck and the entire Dynamo management team family!

The team was created on December 15, 2005 when the San Jose Earthquakes were relocated, allegedly due to San Jose's failure to secure a soccer-specific stadium. Even though all of San Jose's players and coaches moved to Houston, the team's name, logo, history and statistics were not transferred.

The name "Dynamo" refers to Houston's industrial economy and is an allusion to the various Eastern European soccer teams who are called "Dynamo", most notably Dynamo Dresden, FC Dynamo Kyiv and FC Dynamo Moscow. Although unrelated, there was a previous professional soccer team called the Houston Dynamos that played in the old United Soccer League in 1984. The team colors are orange, white, and black.

The Houston Dynamo play their home matches at Robertson Stadium—a 33,000-seat sports stadium located on the University of Houston campus in southeast Houston. A three-year lease was signed to play at the stadium while plans for a soccer-specific stadium are finalized.

This is the Dynamo's first championship in this league, though several of their players won titles with the team's previous incarnation, the San Jose Earthquakes.

My heartiest congratulations, and I look forward to many more celebrations with Houston Dynamo in Houston, Texas.

I look forward to a community-based celebration in their home stadium in the 18th Congressional district at Robertson Stadium.

## A TRIBUTE TO JOHN BROWNE

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to honor John Browne, a courageous cancer survivor and citizen from the great state of New Jersey. After winning his battle with cancer, Mr. Browne tirelessly worked to bring hope to others afflicted with this terrible disease. He is truly an inspiration to others and it is my privilege to honor him today.

Diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, John Browne needed a liver transplant to save his life. Now healthy, John is working to make others aware of the importance of organ donation. He works as a volunteer for the Gift of Life Donor Program, an organization that matches donors with patients. Today about 90,000 people in the United States are awaiting an organ transplant. Making the decision to be an organ donor can save lives.

I want to thank John for all that he has done. He was given a second chance at life and selflessly used it to help others in need. John's story proves that one person can make a difference in the world. His volunteer efforts have given hope to cancer patients, and he has made our community, and our Nation, a better place.

## TRIBUTE TO JAMES AND JUSTINE DAVIS

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate James and Justine Davis on the celebration of their 70th year of marriage. James and Justine Davis were married January 3, 1937 at St. John's Rectory in Fresno, California.

James Davis was born in Madera in 1914 on the same property that he lives on today. He is the son of James L. and Gertrude Davis, both long time Madera residents. James was the Madera County Agricultural Commissioner from 1964 until his retirement in 1976. He started working for the agricultural department in 1949. James also farmed cotton, alfalfa, and cattle on his home ranch.

Justine Nicolini was born on a farm in Fresno in 1912 on property that is now adjacent to the Fresno Convention Center. She is the daughter of Jose Nicolini, from Italy, and Rosa Ylarraz Nicolini, from Spain. She worked for Gottschalks Department Store before marriage and held various office positions in Madera after moving to Madera.

James and Justine met on a blind date arranged by friends. The Davis's have one daughter, Patricia Sunia, two grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. James and Justine live in the same house that they moved into after their marriage. Following retirement, James and Justine traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Caribbean, Australia, and Great Britain.

Their devotion to one another is a model for all married couples to follow. As evidence of

this devotion, James and Justine have always agreed to not go to sleep angry. They have always maintained a strong love for one another and can often be seen holding hands to this day. I wish James and Justine Davis continued health and happiness in their marriage.

## REMEMBERING FRANK LAMBERT

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, last week Loudoun County in Virginia's 10th District lost a loyal public servant. Frank Lambert, a former Loudoun County supervisor, passed away on Wednesday, November 8, at the age of 77.

I was honored to call Frank Lambert a friend and to work with him on issues of importance to Loudoun County when he served on the Board of Supervisors during the 1980's.

Mr. Speaker, I submit for the RECORD an obituary from the Leesburg Today newspaper of November 10 which describes the public service of Frank Lambert. We send our condolences to his wife Ruby and all his family.

[From Leesburg Today, Nov. 10, 2006]

FORMER SUPERVISOR FRANK LAMBERT DIES

(By Margaret Morton)

A longtime Waterford area resident, Frank Lambert, 77, died early Wednesday morning at Inova Loudoun Hospital's Cornwall Street campus in Leesburg.

Colleagues and friends were surprised by the news of Lambert's death. Attorney Steve Stockman, who served with Lambert on the county board when Republicans were a rare breed in Loudoun, knew he had been ill, suffering from pneumonia, but he said Wednesday he had visited him in his home north of Waterford less than a month ago. "He seemed strong," Stockman said.

The two Republicans served on the board of supervisors together from January 1984 to December 1987, along with Jim Brownell and Andrew Byrd, with Lambert representing the Catoclin District.

"He was a very nice man, the epitome of a Virginia gentleman," Stockman recalled. He described his former colleague as being "very, very astute, with a brilliant mind." Despite a bit of occasional acerbity, "when he had to," Lambert did not try to force his opinions on others. "He would lay it out and give a brilliant analysis," Stockman said.

Stockman, who was some years younger than Lambert, said he was also very friendly. "I learned a lot from him," he recalled, describing Lambert as almost "Reaganesque" in his warmth and ability to communicate, with a big deep baritone voice.

His political philosophy was "very conservative," according to Stockman. After both had left elective office Lambert and former Leesburg mayor and Leesburg District Supervisor Frank Raffo, a staunch Democrat, did a weekly radio talk show and Brownell recalled Wednesday the two had some "heated exchanges."

"He was very principled, very true to his cause," Brownell said of his former colleague. "If ever there were a loyal and faithful Republican, he was it," he said. Describing Lambert as "very, very conservative," Brownell, whose support for moderation often put him at odds with GOP stalwarts, said that looking back, however, "Frank was probably right about a lot of things."

After Democrat Betsey Brown defeated Lambert as part of the 1987 slow-growth

movement, he left active politics, although he remained an ardent Republican, according to Brownell. He also continued in public service as a member of the Loudoun County Library Board and currently as a member of the Loudoun County Animal Control Advisory Board.

Winston "Win" Porter was chairman of the Loudoun Republican Party when Lambert was on the board of supervisors. He echoed the opinions of Lambert's colleagues, calling him "very intelligent and capable, with a lot of ideas."

Don Walker, of Walker and Clarke Construction, recalled another of Lambert's contributions, calling him "the father of communications in Loudoun." Fascinated with radio communications as a youth, Lambert established one of the area's first successful pager companies, Metrocall. Since 1969, he has been president of the Great Eastern Communications Company. He also was a Ham radio operator and held a FCC first class radio telephone license. In the 1960s, Lambert was part owner and manager of WEER in Warrenton and later worked for WAGE in Leesburg.

Lambert's pioneering paging business was not without controversy, and some opposed it, especially the tall radio tower that was erected at his home north of Waterford. "But, no one at the time had instant communications," including those who would most need them, such as doctors, nurses or fire and rescue workers, Walker said. Ironically, he recalled, one of the opponents had a heart attack and it was one of Lambert's pagers that helped save her life.

But Lambert was more than just a successful businessman to Walker. "He was my neighbor and friend, from the day he moved here in the mid-1970s," he said. It was a friendship that lasted from the first day. Walker, as a young man, met the older Lambert, when he went up to help him move into his house, to Wednesday morning's news that he had died.

Describing Lambert as "a very professional and academic man, a caring member of the community and a great lover of animals," Walker asked him to be godfather to his two sons.

"I would trust him with anything I had, or would hope to have, in my life," he said this week.

He is survived by his wife Ruby; sons Roger Lambert of Andros Island, Bahamas, and Christopher Lambert of Waterford; grandsons Michael and James Lambert; granddaughters Constance and Angela Lambert; and brother Roland Lambert of Connecticut.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13 at Union Cemetery with the Rev. Edwin Urban officiating.

## COCAINE IN EUROPE A WAKE UP CALL

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 2006*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, last September, the Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere and the Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a joint hearing on the increased cocaine drug flow to Europe, in an effort to encourage our European friends and allies to provide more help to the Andean region, and Colombia in particular.