

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF DR. JAMES DAVID THOMAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to Dr. James David Thomas, from the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for his lifelong contributions to his community and to his fellow citizens. Dr. Thomas will be remembered as a loving and caring husband, father and physician. He died at the age of 87.

Dr. Thomas served his community and nation in WWII as a physician for the United States Army. After his tour of duty, Dr. Thomas returned to the City of Denton where he was actively involved in the medical community. His dedication led him to be one of the founding members of the Medical Surgical Clinic in Denton. As a member of the American Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association and a Charter member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, Dr. Thomas ensured that families in the Denton community had a qualified and committed physician to care for their general health.

Dr. Thomas was involved with several organizations throughout the Denton community including serving the Denton ISD school board as well as the Denton Parks and Recreation Board. He was also a longtime member of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon and elder.

It was an honor to have worked with Dr. James David Thomas as a doctor and a privilege to represent him in Congress. I extend my sympathies to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and his service and dedication will always be appreciated.

TRIBUTE TO AWILDA CORDERO

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of my constituents, Ms. Awilda Cordero of Bronx, NY, for her goodwill and assistance to the Hurricane Katrina disaster relief efforts.

Ms. Cordero is president of the Bronx-based community service organization Emergency Rights, Inc. She took it upon herself to organize a group of eight volunteers amidst the dangerous and tragic conditions created by Katrina and inspired her urban Bronx neighborhood to open its heart and give to those more needy. Leaving for Louisiana in a tractor-trailer stocked with donations, Ms. Cordero and her fellow heroes were left to secure their own room and board upon arrival and protect themselves against the impending disaster. They hosted a distribution of all essential goods from a small church with the help of lo-

cally enlisted prison inmates prior to their hurried and final evacuation.

Ms. Cordero is an exemplary spirit whose story touches those far outside her native New York City. She merits our acknowledgment and gratitude and inspires faith that all of our citizens will one day be able to lend help and hope to each other in their most dire times of need.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and respect that I join to praise and thank Ms. Cordero for her benevolent efforts.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARGARET MARY LEE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory and recognition of my good friend Margaret Mary Lee. Her service for the community of Cleveland and the Democratic Party represents the very best of the hardworking values that are the backbone of America's working class.

Family, worker's rights, education, and community were central to her life. A mother of 11, grandmother of 22, and great-grandmother of 11, Margaret was committed to the concept of family and community. Longtime supporters and friends of mine, Margaret and her family stood staunchly behind the Democratic Party and my candidacy from the beginning. Her late husband Eddie was the Secretary General of the Teamster Local 407. The Lee family was a pillar of the union movement in Cleveland. Both Eddie and Margaret stood up for workers through the Local 407 where they graciously gave countless hours of their lives to organizing and bringing together members of the community to empower workers. Her endless energy and sharp mind were an indestructible asset to the labor community. Margaret had a unique ability to inspire others.

In addition to the labor movement and worker's rights, Margaret was also very concerned with the issue of education. Her volunteer efforts for Montessori schools helped perpetuate positive programs for urban students. Margaret believed very strongly in her community and investing her time and helping not only her children but also those of the community by dedicating herself to promoting education. This commitment continues even after her death as memorial contributions are suggested to be donated to the Ruffing Montessori. Her presence as a matriarch of the community will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory and recognizing the accomplishments of Margaret Mary Lee as a woman who stood for true American values and may her legacy live on in the recognition of the good work that she did.

TRIBUTE TO TIMOTHY BATES AS HE RECEIVES THE WILLIAM CRAWFORD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce as they honor a special member of our community and my friend of many years, Timothy Bates. Tonight, Tim will be honored with the prestigious William Crawford Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his contributions, which have not only improved the quality of life in the region, but have also enriched the lives of his neighbors.

William Crawford, the former president and general manager of the Southeastern Connecticut Broadcasting Company, was not only a dedicated member of the Chamber, he was well known for his philanthropic efforts on behalf of his community. It is in this spirit that the William Crawford Distinguished Service Award is bestowed. Tim, an attorney with the esteemed law firm of Robinson & Cole, has made a difference in his community through both his professional and volunteer efforts—exemplifying the very best of what we believe a community member should be.

In a career that has spanned more than three decades, Tim has focused his career on land use, real estate, and municipal law—an area of critical importance to small communities like those found in Connecticut. He is a member and past chairman of the Planning and Zoning Section of the Connecticut Bar Association as well as the state chair of the International Municipal Lawyers Association. Tim's expertise is often sought out by fellow bar members as well as by local planning and zoning officials. He has also made presentations to the American Planning Association on right to farm, nonconforming uses, and review of recent Supreme Court cases regarding land use law. Communities struggle to balance the competing interests of expansion and growth with maintaining the unique character of the region. Tim's work and expertise in these areas have proven invaluable to cities and towns throughout eastern Connecticut.

Beyond his professional commitments, Tim has also devoted countless hours to local service organizations. He has been a member and continues to serve on the Board of Directors for such organizations as Connecticut Legal Services, the Garde Arts Center, the Mystic Community Center, the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut and Family Services of Southeastern Connecticut. Tim and his wife, Deborah, also volunteer every summer as counselors in Pioneer Camp at Camp Wightman in North Stonington, Connecticut. Through his efforts on behalf of these and many other organizations, Tim has quietly touched the lives of thousands. I have often

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said that our communities would not be the same without the efforts of volunteers and this is certainly true of the generosity, compassion, and philanthropy Tim has demonstrated over a lifetime of good work.

Tim does all this together with Debbie and their children, strengthening his family and community. These are special, warm people with an infectious spirit that cannot help but do good wherever they live. That is why I still cherish our work together.

I cannot think of an individual who better exemplifies the spirit of the William Crawford Distinguished Service Award. I am proud to stand today to join Deborah, his children, Nathaniel, David, and Catherine, as well as the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, family, friends and colleagues in extending my heart-felt congratulations to my good friend Timothy Bates on this very special occasion. His many contributions, both professional and volunteer, have left an indelible mark on the communities and families of eastern Connecticut and a legacy that will inspire many for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO BAILEY DOUBERLEY
OF DADE CITY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to honor a gifted student and boundless volunteer who has proven that anyone can be an asset to their community, no matter their age.

A fourth generation Floridian, Bailey Lesten Douberley is the 8-year-old son of Chad Douberley and his wife, Susan Larkin-Douberley, of Dade City. Although a third grade student at Centennial elementary school, Bailey takes math and language classes at the fourth grade level. In addition to being a talented student, he is also an active member of First Baptist Church in Dade City.

With the President's push for increased charitable involvement, Bailey is a prime example of establishing your course at a young age. By channeling much of his energy into efforts to help others, Bailey serves as a shining example of service for his entire community.

At the recent Welcome Home Troops event held for Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 116th Field Artillery, Bailey was on hand to move tables, hang signs, arrange chairs and assist in any way needed. Bailey is a frequent helper at the monthly car shows in Dade City and annually volunteers with his mother at both the Sparklebration and Kumquat festivals. Bailey is particularly active at local benefit functions such as the Patrick Cooper benefit dinner and the Josh Cooley benefit dinner and is always on hand to assist at the annual fundraiser, Academy at the Farm weekend rodeo event.

The holiday season is especially busy for this tireless volunteer. During the Thanksgiving holiday, Bailey helps pack baskets for needy families and during the Christmas holiday, he lends a hand to the Toys for Tots program and the Shoebox program, sending care packages to U.S. troops.

Aside from his busy schedule, Bailey finds time to play little league baseball and is a member of the Recreation and Travel "Bulls"

ice hockey team, the progressive 4-H Club and Pack 301 Boy Scouts.

On behalf of Dade City and its residents, I applaud Bailey for his efforts and I encourage others, young and old, to follow his lead and answer the call to volunteer. I am proud to represent this young man and many more like him who give back so much to the community

CASTLE ROCK YOUNG MARINES

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to honor the Castle Rock Young Marines for their support of our World War II veterans.

The Young Marines is open to all youth ages 8 through completion of high school. The only membership requirement is that the youth must be in good standing at school. Since the Young Marines' humble beginnings, in 1958, with one unit and a handful of boys, the organization has grown to over 240 units with 10,000 youth and 3,000 adult volunteers in 46 States, the District of Columbia, Germany, Japan and affiliates in a host of other countries.

On Veteran's Day, the Nation's Marine Corps Museum held their grand opening celebration. The Castle Rock Marines from Colorado had heard that the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II would not be attending due to financial reasons. These young marines organized various fundraisers in order to pay for the Navajo Talkers to attend not only the opening ceremony of the Nation's Marine Corps Museum but other important events in the Capital area.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the Castle Rock Young Marines for their support of this unique set of World War II veterans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 519, H.R. 5602, To Authorize the Extension of Nondiscriminatory Treatment (Normal Trade Relations Treatment) to the Products of Vietnam. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHIEF
WARRANT OFFICER 3 TIMOTHY
RAY BRENNEMAN TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Timothy Ray Breneman, 36, who died while serving our Nation in Germany.

Prior to joining the Army, Timothy spent his childhood living in Ormond Beach, Florida where he was active at Christ Presbyterian Church. Timothy graduated from Mainland High School and attended Daytona Beach Community College where he studied art and photography.

In 1994, Timothy enlisted to become an Army Ranger. He was later assigned to the 1st Armored Division's 12th Combat Aviation Brigade at Illersheim Army Field in Germany where he became a senior instructor pilot. His colleagues remember him for his skill and professional demeanor. His family recalls his wonderful sense of humor and one who took pride in his service.

We should all remember Timothy's courage and his ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. The freedom we enjoy and the liberty in the world for which he fought are part of the great legacy that Chief Warrant Officer Timothy Ray Breneman leaves behind. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

We must recognize that Timothy's widow, Teresa, is also a distinguished member of our U.S. military where she serves as a Judge Advocate General officer in Germany.

To Timothy's wife, Teresa; his parents, Ray and Flo; and his entire family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr. Speaker, because of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Timothy Ray Breneman's sacrifice for our country, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing his service in our Nation's Armed Forces and remembering both his life and his dedication to the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF THE DEFENSE
LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to commemorate the Defense Language Institute's 65th anniversary, and to honor its generations of distinguished faculty and students, without whom the freedom and security we enjoy would not be possible.

On November 1, 1941 the DLI (then, nameless and clandestine) commenced its first class in San Francisco, not in a classroom or, much less, at a university. Rather, the crown-jewel of American language instruction and our greatest asset to national security was born in an abandoned airplane hangar.

Sixty students, most of whom were second-generation Japanese-Americans, along with four instructors, undertook an unprecedented exercise: to formally train in the language and customs of our enemies for the purposes of translation and intelligence gathering. Their resulting successes in the Pacific theater paved the way for the modern DLI—an academically accredited foreign language training institution—the largest in the world—which enjoys the prestige and renown of a world-class university.

Prominent DLI alumni include Air Force Colonel William Fife, a graduate of the Institute's Russian basic course who pioneered airborne reconnaissance during the Cold War. Glenn Nordin, also a graduate of the Russian basic course as well as the Vietnamese advisor course, served as a translator for the

Washington-Moscow hotline, as a deputy chief at the National Security Agency and as Executive Secretary of the Director of Central Intelligence Language Committee. And, more recently, Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Rick Francona, who served as personal interpreter and advisor to General Norman Schwarzkopf during Operation Desert Storm.

The DLI's Foreign Language Center is well situated at the Presidio of Monterey Presidio. Its proximity to the San Francisco Bay Area and the Central Coast make the Institute a natural destination for native-speaking language instructors of the highest caliber. In turn, DLI has greatly enriched our community by creating a locus of culture and learning.

The foreign language training the Defense Language Institute has imparted to "the best and brightest" of our U.S. Armed Forces has proven to be one of our Nation's best national security weapons. On March 5, 2005, General John P. Abizaid, the commander of U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), said, "This ability to cross the cultural divide is not an Army issue. It is a national issue. We have to be able to deal with the people in the rest of the world as the globe shrinks in terms of communication and problem solving and sharing. So this notion of . . . training and educating people here in the U.S., of having the institutions that do it . . . is just so essential."

"What will win the global war on terrorism will be people that can cross the cultural divide, reach out to those who want our help, and figure out how to make it happen so [those people] can help themselves. That is how we will win this thing," continued Gen. Abizaid. "So we ignore the DLIs and other institutions of military education at our own peril. I very much ask [this] committee to continue to keep those places functioning, because they are national treasures."

General Abizaid's sentiments resonate to the very foundations of the Institute and fill its halls with purpose and resolve. Cross cultural understanding coupled with the ability to communicate with our friends and enemies in their own languages will promote U.S. national security, economic and foreign policy interests, making the U.S. the leader of the global community.

I am very pleased to join the Secretary of the Army, Francis H. Harvey, the Commandant of DLI, Colonel Tucker B. Mansager, and other distinguished guests to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Defense Language Institute. Monterey is proud of its rich association with DLI and we all look forward to its future success and continued growth.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANMOL S. MAHAL, MD., PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Anmol Singh Mahal, who has been named president of the California Medical Association (CMA). He is the first person of Indian origin to head the 35,000-member organization.

Dr. Mahal is a board-certified internist in solo practice in gastroenterology and internal

medicine in Fremont, California. He came to the United States 33 years ago after receiving his medical degree from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, India. He completed his internship in internal medicine at the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark, New Jersey and completed a fellowship in gastroenterology at the Stanford University Medical Center.

He is a founding member and past president of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin of Northern California. Prior to being named President of the California Medical Association, Dr. Mahal served one term as the Chair of the CMA Board of Trustees and two terms as Vice Chair. He has been a member of the CMA Board since 1997 and is a commissioner for the state Emergency Medical Services Commission.

Dr. Mahal has served CMA on multiple committees including Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee on Culturally and Linguistically Competent Physicians, and as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee on Minority Physician Issues. He is currently a member of CMA's Committee on the Medical Board of California, and the Ethnic Medical Organization Section Executive Board.

In addition to his activities at the state and local levels, Dr. Mahal has served as Chief of Staff of the Washington Hospital Healthcare System in Fremont, California and a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Outpatient Surgery Center in Fremont. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

I join Dr. Mahal's colleagues, friends and admirers in wishing him every success as he takes the helm of leadership as President of the California Medical Association.

IN MEMORY OF ARMY 2ND LIEUTENANT JOHNNY CRAVER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of Army 2nd Lieutenant Johnny Craver from the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for serving our country during Iraqi Freedom. Second Lt. Craver died Friday 13, 2006 with two other soldiers south of Baghdad when a roadside bomb detonated next to the Bradley Fighting Vehicle he was commanding.

I would like to recognize and celebrate Army 2nd Lieutenant Johnny Craver's life today. After a miraculous recovery from an automobile accident during his teenage years, 2nd Lt. Craver told his mother at the young age of 17 that he was going to join the armed forces. While serving as a Ranger and later, a Ranger instructor, 2nd Lt. Craver was stationed in Hawaii, Alaska, and Washington, DC, before being deployed to Iraq. He was 37 years old.

In 2005, 2nd Lt. Craver trained for and participated in the 2005 Best Ranger Competition on TV. When his partner twisted an ankle climbing a steep hill, Craver never faltered, and carried his partner's 80-pound backpack, in addition to his own, to reach the top of the hill.

A natural leader, 2nd Lt. Craver was near completion of his Master's degree in business administration. He leaves behind a loving wife,

Natalie, and their three children, Savannah, Caelen, and Emma. When told he was a hero, 2nd Lt. Craver would always reply, "I'm not a hero, I'm just doing my job."

It was my honor to represent Army 2nd Lieutenant Johnny Craver, and I extend my deepest sympathies to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and his honorable service was greatly appreciated.

TRIBUTE TO HAN BEOL JANG

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the accomplishments of one of my constituents, Han Beol Jang of Woodside, New York. I wish to recognize Han Beol for his Poetry, Gold Award win in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 2006 contest, sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. The Alliance was established to promote artistic development and expression in middle and high school students throughout the nation in cooperation with schools. This year's competition recognized the work of over 1,400 students and invited award recipients to a workshop hosted in New York designed to introduce students to the professional world of art.

Mr. Speaker, I join to wish Han Beol best wishes and good fortune in his future projects.

IN HONOR OF ARCHBISHOP FOUAD TWAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Archbishop Fouad Twal and his accomplishments in working toward peace and ecumenical acceptance of all people. Archbishop Twal has served the Catholic Church for over 40 years in Tunisia, Honduras, Germany, Peru, Jordan, Palestine, the Vatican, and Jerusalem. His recent assignment in Jerusalem has led him to the distinguished positions as the Coadjutor Archbishop for the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the President of the Bethlehem University.

Archbishop Twal's distinguished career as a vessel of peace through the Roman Catholic Church began in 1966 when he was ordained. Rising through the ranks with remarkable swiftness, he received his Licentiate in Canon Law from the renowned Ecclesiastical Pontifical Academy. With a rich history of public service in peace efforts in the Middle East, he has served the Latin Patriarchate Parishes in Palestine and Jordan, as Archbishop of Tunisia, and in the Council of Political Affairs for the State Secretariat of the Vatican. This outstanding background was merely preparation for his appointment as Coadjutor Archbishop for the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem by His

Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in 2005. There, he represents the Church's peace efforts in the war-torn region.

In addressing efforts for peace in the Holy Land, Archbishop Twal steadfastly advocates a necessity for justice. In a land inundated by strife, conflict, and bloodshed, he envisions the Church as a "voice of peace and forgiveness." It is this voice of reason, faith, and compassion that Archbishop Twal uses in building bridges instead of burning them. Instead of seeing the world in terms of Christians, Jews, and Muslims, Archbishop Twal has proclaimed, "the Holy City is the mother of all the faithful children of Abraham." By giving respect to all groups involved in the struggle, he has commanded vast admiration from a variety of organizations representing differing viewpoints that are all interested in peace through justice.

Much like his intellectual predecessors, Archbishop Twal has found that a nonviolent, faith-based approach to addressing even the most embittered situations of political strife is the most effective means by which to ensure a lasting, sustainable peace. As the President of Bethlehem University, he has continued to champion the peaceful Christian message through higher education, despite repeated military threats to shut the facility down by force. It is with this unwavering dedication to peaceful Christian values, combined with keen political insight, that Archbishop Twal continues to forge a reputation as a man of hope, peace, and understanding.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring Archbishop Twal's continued and unrelenting commitment and resounding efforts to promoting peace through understanding, acceptance, and justice. His work for peace through justice stands as a beacon of guidance for the global peace movement as a whole.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE "DOC" GUNTHER AS HE RETIRES FROM THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the career of the Honorable George "Doc" Gunther, State Senator from Connecticut's 21st Senate Assembly District—an elected office which he has held for a stunning twenty terms—forty years! During his remarkable tenure, "Doc" has represented his constituents and the State of Connecticut with both integrity and dignity. Currently the longest serving member of the General Assembly, I have no doubt that his passionate, vocal advocacy will be missed by his colleagues as well as the staff—the General Assembly will not be the same without him.

Throughout his legislative career, "Doc" has been an active advocate in many areas. He has served on the Public Health Committee since he was first elected and has spent more than thirty years as a member of the Regulation Review Committee. Growing up on the Long Island Sound, the environmental health of this natural jewel has always been a priority for "Doc." He has authored several pieces of

landmark legislation aimed at protecting the Sound and was instrumental in the establishment of the Bi-State Long Island Sound Marine Resources Committee of which he currently serves as State Chair. "Doc" also served for eleven years as the State Chair of the American Legislative Exchange Council, the largest bipartisan membership association of state legislators, and has spent more than twenty-six years as an active member and Connecticut's Legislative Commissioner for the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. His knowledge of the Long Island Sound, as an economic resource and fishery habitat, has been an invaluable tool in the fight to protect the Sound from industrialization and pollution.

There are few in the Stratford community or in Hartford's Legislative Office Building that do not know "Doc." He is unafraid to voice his opinion and has always fought hard for those issues which are important to him and his constituents. Stratford, Connecticut, the community which "Doc" has represented for the last four decades, is home to the American Shakespeare Festival Theater which, unfortunately, fell into disrepair in recent years. Knowing what this cultural and historic landmark meant to the Town of Stratford and its residents, "Doc" spearheaded the effort by the Stratford delegation to secure half a million dollars towards the efforts to restore the Theater to its original glory.

"Doc" has also been a leader in the effort to create the Connecticut Air and Space Museum which is located at the former site of the Stratford Army Engine Plant. The museum is a tribute to the rich history of the Connecticut aviation industry—especially the contributions of the Vought F4U Corsair used during World War II. These are just two examples of the tenacity and leadership "Doc" has shown throughout his tenure in the General Assembly.

Though we come from differing political backgrounds, I have been proud to work with "Doc" for so many years. He is a force to be reckoned with and has been an outstanding public servant. It is an honor for me to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to George "Doc" Gunther, not only for his decades of dedicated service to public life, but for the many invaluable contributions he has made to the Town of Stratford and the State of Connecticut. His good work has left an indelible mark on our community and will benefit our state for generations to come. I wish him, his wife, Priscilla, his three children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren the very best for many more years of health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING WWII VETERAN AND POW STEVE RAYMOND OF LECANTO, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a Prisoner of War from World War II, Steve Raymond of Lecanto, Florida. While serving as a volunteer in the Army Air Corps in the Philippines, Mr. Raymond was among 78,000 American and Filipino soldiers captured by the enemy and

forced to participate in what became known as the Bataan Death March.

Mr. Raymond has written a book, "Too Dead to Die: A Memoir of Bataan and Beyond," about his experience as a POW. This first-hand account recreates his experiences from daily journals that he kept while imprisoned by the Japanese. It also details his memories of the sixty mile force-march along the Bataan Peninsula to a prison camp known as Camp O'Donnell.

During the Bataan Death March, many of the prisoners were beaten, beheaded, tortured and left to die along the side of the path. For those not executed along the way, the entire group went without food, and many contracted malaria and dysentery.

Once at Camp O'Donnell, the 9,000 remaining prisoners were forced to drink from one water fountain, tortured and beaten, and were kept from learning anything about the outside world or how the war was progressing.

Mr. Raymond was kept prisoner in the Philippines for a year and a half, and then moved to Japan. While a prisoner in Japan, he was forced to work in a steel mill. Other POWs took were put to work as stevedores, coal and copper and bauxite miners, and in aircraft manufacturing plants and shipyards.

Following the surrender of the Japanese in 1945, Mr. Raymond was hospitalized for nearly a year to recover from his malnutrition and disease. After his recovery, Mr. Raymond enrolled at the University of Missouri and graduated with Bachelor of Journalism and Master of Arts degrees. He then entered into a long and successful career as a newspaperman, eventually retiring from the Tampa Tribune in 1978.

Mr. Speaker, veterans of the Bataan Death March like Steve Raymond should be recognized for their service to our nation and for their commitment and sacrifices in battle. With fewer than a hundred or so of these brave prisoners of war still alive, it is incumbent on all Americans to hear their stories and preserve their memories. Steve Raymond should know that we truly consider him one of America's heroes.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BEACON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to honor a school in my district for their excellence in physical fitness. The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports recognized Beacon Country Day School as a state champion in physical fitness far Category I schools.

The winner of this award is the school with the highest percentage of students performing above the 85th percentile in various physical assessments. The test included various endurance challenges to measure the overall physical fitness of the individuals.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the students of Beacon Country Day School as repeat winners of the President's physical fitness award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 518, S. 819, The Pactola Reservoir Re-allocation Authorization Act, had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

HONORING THE SERVICE OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS NICHOLAS ROGERS TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to PFC Nicholas Rogers, 27, who died while serving our Nation in Iraq.

Prior to joining the Army, Nicholas spent his childhood living in Deltona, Florida where he was a Boy Scout. Nicholas graduated from Deltona High School where he played the drums and had a special appreciation of all things Star Wars.

After earning an emergency medical technician certificate from Daytona Beach Community College, Nicholas followed his father's footsteps into public service. Nicholas enlisted in the military to gain experience to pursue his dream of becoming an emergency room nurse. He was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division unit out of Fort Drum, NY which was deployed to Baghdad. His colleagues remember a compassionate individual who cared deeply for others while his family recalls his uncanny ability to make people laugh.

We should all remember Nicholas's courage and his ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. The freedom we enjoy and the liberty in the world for which he fought are part of the great legacy that PFC Nicholas Rogers leaves behind. He is buried in Deltona, FL.

To Nicholas's wife, Kelly; their daughter, Jocelyn; their unborn daughter; his parents, Robert and Penny; and his entire family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr. Speaker, because of PFC Nicholas Rogers's sacrifice for our country, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing his service in our Nation's Armed Forces and remembering both his life and his dedication to the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF ANNA CABALLERO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Anna Caballero. Anna first moved to Salinas in 1982 and started a law office specifically to provide excellent legal representation for working people. She promptly became active in town, and due to

her immense enthusiasm she was quickly recognized as a community leader. She served on the city council for 7 years, including 4 years as Vice Mayor. In 1998 Anna was elected as the first female Mayor in the 126-year history of the city of Salinas, and has hence served 4 terms.

During her tenure as city Mayor, Anna was a driving force in improving life for the people of Salinas. Some of her most successful projects were the diversification of Salinas's economic base, improving the affordability of local housing, the redevelopment of historic downtown Salinas, and ensuring the permanent funding of the Salinas library. The key to her success was her innate ability to sit people down, get straight to the issue and have them reach a consensus. Furthermore, Anna used her talents to streamline the Mayor's office and develop partnerships with neighborhoods, parent groups, labor groups, school districts, local businesses and the greater Salinas community.

Anna's accomplishments in the community have not gone unnoticed. In 1996, Anna was honored with the "Athena" award for "entrepreneurial excellence" by the Salinas Area Chamber of Commerce, the most prestigious honor the Chamber can bestow upon a fellow businessperson. In 2000, the Monterey County Lawyers Association granted Anna the Justice Ribbon Award, the Association's highest award for members who bring distinction to the legal profession through commitment to public service.

Anna has continued to reach out to the community. She is an avid volunteer coach for local baseball and soccer teams. She works with the Mexican-American Women's National Association, "MANA", to raise scholarship money for young women continuing to higher education. Anna is also an Executive Director of the non-profit Partners for Peace, dedicated to developing multi-disciplinary partnerships, which share community resources to bring about community change.

Mr. Speaker, I rise once more to applaud Anna Caballero's many accomplishments. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate her on her successful career, and express my sincere gratitude for her commitment to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF TONY DAYSOG

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Tony Daysog for his 10 years of faithful service to the city of Alameda, California as Councilmember and Vice Mayor.

Mr. Daysog was first elected to the Alameda City Council on November 5, 1996 and served as a Councilmember from December 17, 1996 until December 1998. He served as Vice Mayor from December 2002 until December 2005.

During his tenure, Tony Daysog served on numerous agencies, including the League of California Cities, the Airport Noise Operations Committee, the Alameda County Private Industry Council, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority, and the Associated Community Action Program Government

Board. He also has served as a member of the Economic Development Commission and was a member of the Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority overseeing the redevelopment of the Alameda Naval Air Station.

Mr. Daysog has been active in the preservation of the City of Alameda's neighborhoods and a strong advocate for the planning and safety of Alameda's communities. He aggressively championed traffic planning and is a strong advocate of mass transit. He brought forward the issue of bus zones, red curbs and access to transportation.

He introduced the idea of domestic partners' eligibility for property transfer tax exemptions and the requirement for a competitive bid process for all bonds and debt issued by the city of Alameda.

During his 10 years as a member of the Alameda City Council, Mr. Daysog never missed a regularly scheduled Council meeting. On December 19, 2006, the City will express its appreciation for Tony Daysog's exemplary commitment for the benefit of the City of Alameda.

I join the City in thanking Mr. Daysog for his years of service and wish him every success in his future endeavors.

IN CELEBRATION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LEWISVILLE'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the First Baptist Church of Lewisville's 125th anniversary in the 26th district of Texas. The Church has been a pillar of leadership and worship in the Lewisville community.

The rich history of First Baptist Church of Lewisville began with just 13 members in 1869, and has continued to thrive and grow into the prominent worship community that it is today. Under the dedicated leadership of Senior Pastor Dr. Stephen Hatfield, it serves the needs of its members by offering both traditional and more informal worship services, student ministries, and Bible Study classes for all ages.

The First Baptist Church of Lewisville plans to commemorate this momentous occasion with a celebration worship service, followed by a Gospel Gathering Music Celebration.

I am honored to have the First Baptist Church of Lewisville in my district. I am confident that the First Baptist Church of Lewisville will continue to foster stewardship and faith among the citizens of our community for another 125 years.

TRIBUTE TO TAINA VASQUEZ

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the accomplishments of one of my constituents, Taina Vasquez of the Bronx, New York. I wish to recognize Taina for her

Personal Essay Memoir, Silver Award win in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2006 contest, sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The Alliance was established to promote artistic development and expression in middle and high school students throughout the Nation in cooperation with schools. This year's competition recognized the work of over 1,400 students and invited award recipients to a workshop hosted in New York designed to introduce students to the professional world of art.

Mr. Speaker, I join to wish Taina best wishes and good fortune in her future projects.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and the valiant contribution of the Hungarian people to those efforts. A true expression of democracy, public dissonance, and the spirit of the voice of the people, the nationwide revolt stands today, a half a century later, as a strong, albeit bitter reminder of both the oppression of the former Soviet Union and more importantly the strength and resolve of the Hungarian people in their desire for freedom.

On October 23, 1956, brave students demanding their intellectual freedoms stormed the Radio Building in the Budapest Parliament. Immediately, they were suppressed when the Soviet State Security Police began firing upon these unarmed civilians. News of the attack spread quickly and led to a public uproar in Budapest, where outraged citizens organized immediately to take up arms and defend their natural rights of justice, liberty, and sovereignty. At the forefront of the 12-day struggle for control of the capital and the rest of the country was Gen. Pál Maléter. As the leader of the infantry in Budapest, he courageously went against his orders and, upon meeting with the insurgents, lent his support to their fight for freedom. With the strategic support of Maléter, the outlook of the revolutionary freedom fighters was optimistic. A cease-fire was reached between revolutionary and Soviet forces, and provisional government councils were set up to usher in the new era of peaceful democracy.

The Soviet forces, however, under pressure from the international community to assert its control by uprooting any possible seed of democracy, moved quickly to crush the movement through deadly means. They violated the cease fire by opening fire on crowds of civilians and bombarding the city with artillery tanks. What started as a peaceful democratic independence movement ended in bloodshed with the murder of thousands of civilians through an illegitimate surprise invasion. On November 3, during more cease-fire negotiations, the Soviet military kidnapped Pál Maléter and the Hungarian delegation, charged them with treason and promptly ordered their execution. With the leadership of the revolution arrested, the Soviet military simply invaded again, and took over the city.

The hope for independence, self-rule, and democracy is one that can never be extinguished in any society. The Hungarian people, in the democratic spirit, banded together to fight like many before them for the basic human right of peaceful self-governance. They did not fail. Today, we see Hungary as a regional success story for democracy, the free market, and civil society. This eventual, if delayed, victory shows us though the road to democracy is not always an easy one, the spirit of people will ultimately prevail in the inexorable march toward democracy.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the values of freedom, independence, and democracy that the Hungarian people demanded 50 years ago. The Hungarian Revolution of 1956 stands as a reminder of the undying desire of any society to be free from forces of hegemony.

TRIBUTE TO LATICRETE INTERNATIONAL, INC. AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to join the Bethany community and the Rothberg family in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Laticrete International, Inc., a worldwide manufacturer and marketer of material and methods for the installation of ceramic tile and stone. Throughout their 50-year history, Laticrete has been the leader in innovative technologies for such installation systems. Their impressive history of vision and leadership, coupled with their dedication to quality products, has made them one of the most successful businesses in our community.

Founded in 1956 by Henry M. Rothberg, a chemical engineer by trade, Laticrete came into being when he brought the improvements of chemistry to the normal Portland cement based installation systems for tile and stone. It was while managing a family tile, terrazzo and marble installation company that the problems inherent to installing these materials with the traditional "full mortar bed" became more and more evident to Henry. He decided to dedicate himself to research into alternate methods of installing ceramic tile and stone. While consulting with the Chemical Division of the U.S. Rubber Company, he developed a unique compound that had all the properties of natural rubber—elasticity, water resistance and durability, plus the properties necessary to make it viable to the construction industry—resistance to frost and heat damage, the ability to mix with Portland cement and remain plastic for adequate working time and the ability to be stored in full or partial containers for extended periods of time without deterioration or spoilage. The new latex was introduced to the market as "LATICRETE." It has been upon these pioneering efforts that all modern adhesives utilizing the Adhesive Mortar Method have been built.

The innovative products of Laticrete have been used in some of the most recognizable national treasures in the world. Here in the United States, Laticrete products were used in the construction of such monuments as the St.

Louis Arch, the Detroit Renaissance Center, the Sears Tower, and Washington, DC's Metro System. Laticrete products can also be found in the Basilica of Our Lady Peace of the Ivory Coast in Africa, the Petronas Twin Tower of Kuala Lumpur, Tele Diffusion de France in Paris, and the National Mosque of Kota Kinabalu in Malaysia. What began as one man's vision of improving a product has become an international leader in the industry—that is what Yankee ingenuity is all about.

Perhaps what is most special about Laticrete is that it has become a family business that has been passed on to the next generation. In 2003 David Rothberg was named chairman and CEO, replacing his father as head of the company. I have had the pleasure of meeting David and have had the opportunity to tour the Laticrete facility in Bethany. Their tireless commitment to quality and vision is not only impressive, it is inspiring.

I am honored to take this moment and recognize the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit of Henry Rothberg as well as David Rothberg and the entire Laticrete family for their many invaluable contributions to the industry.

My heartfelt congratulations to them as they celebrate this very special anniversary. I have no doubt that Laticrete will continue in its success for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING WWII PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT LEO HANSON OF ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Leo C. Hanson, a native of the Buffalo, NY, area who served with honor and distinction during World War II. Drafted into the United States Army on January 6, 1940, Mr. Hanson earned the Purple Heart for wounds received in battle.

Discharged on June 16, 1945, Mr. Hanson completed his military service holding the rank of staff sergeant. Since then he has continued to support his fellow soldiers by working with veterans' service organizations. Mr. Hanson is a lifetime member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

His unit served under Gen. George Patton, one of the most famous American generals of all time. A tank commander, Mr. Hanson served in the Algeria and French Morocco campaigns in Northern Africa. He also served in Normandy, Sicily, Northern France and Rhineland. His Purple Heart was bestowed for wounds to his arm received at Omaha Beach, and to his leg while in Normandy. Despite these injuries, Mr. Hanson continued to engage the enemy in battle and fight for the cause of freedom.

Mr. Speaker, soldiers like Leo C. Hanson should be recognized for their service to our Nation and for their commitment and sacrifices in battle. I am honored to have presented Mr. Hanson with his long overdue Purple Heart. He should know that we truly consider him one of America's heroes.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ST. THOMAS
MORE PARISH SCHOOL

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to honor a school in my district for their academic excellence in being named a Blue Ribbon School.

The schools are selected based on one of two criteria: schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student performance to high levels on state tests; or schools whose students regardless of background, achieve in the top 10 percent of their state on state tests or in the top 10 percent of the nation on nationally-normed tests.

St. Thomas More Parish School met the criteria for this award because it ranks in the top 10 percent of the nation in ITBS scores. This is the first time this Catholic school has received this honor.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the students of St. Thomas More Parish School as recipients of the No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on roll call No. 517, H.R. 3085, To amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CORPORAL ANGELO VACCARO TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Corporal Angelo Vaccaro, 23, who died in a heroic effort to aid his fellow comrades while serving our Nation in Afghanistan.

Prior to joining the Army, Angelo was born in the Bronx, NY, and spent his childhood living in Deltona, Florida, attending Timbercrest Elementary, Galaxy Middle and Deltona High schools. His dream was to become a physician's assistant. His mother remembers him affectionately as someone who liked to make people smile and laugh.

Angelo enlisted in the Army in March 2004 and was assigned and deployed to Afghanistan with Company A, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, out of Fort Drum, NY. He was the head medic for his unit and took pride in serving our country.

We should all remember Angelo's heroic courage and his ultimate sacrifice for our Nation. The freedom we enjoy and the liberty in the world for which he fought are part of the great legacy that Corporal Angelo Vaccaro leaves behind. He is buried in Deltona, Florida.

To Angelo's wife, Dana; his parents, Ray and Linda; and his entire family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr. Speaker, because of Corporal Angelo Vaccaro's sacrifice for our country, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing his service in our Nation's Armed Forces and remembering both his life and his dedication to the United States of America.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES
CLARK AS "FRIEND OF YOUTH"
HONOR

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Charles Clark for his commitment to the students, faculty, and alumni of Trinity High School of Euless, Texas, where he has served as Lead Custodian for over 14 years. I also congratulate Mr. Clark on being recognized as a true "Friend of Youth" by the Mid-Cities Optimist Club in the 26th District of Texas.

Mr. Clark began working for the Hurst-Euless-Bedford School District as a night custodian, and began his own custodial business to provide for his son's college education. After his son graduated from college, Mr. Clark closed his business and took a position as Lead Custodian to make a difference in other students' lives.

A caring and honorable man, Mr. Clark serves as a role model and mentor for all those who pass through Trinity High School. He supports the school by attending students' athletic and fine arts events. When students visit years after graduation, they continue to seek out "Uncle Charles."

Mr. Clark has been honored with the H-E-B School District's "Extra Mile Award," given to school district support personnel who go above and beyond what their job requires of them.

After Hurricane Katrina devastated his boyhood home in Mississippi, Mr. Clark organized a collection drive at the school for water and cleaning supplies, and delivered them personally to Mississippi. Mr. Clark and his wife Ellen of 37 years have raised a deeply spiritual, loving family in Fort Worth, Texas since 1967.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent a man so selfless and dedicated to serving youth as Mr. Charles Clark. Congratulations to Mr. Clark for being recognized as a "Friend of Youth" by the Mid-Cities Optimist Club.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN
PICCARELLA

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the accomplishments of one of my constituents, Stephen Piccarella of Jackson Heights, New York. I wish to recognize Stephen for his Short Story, Silver Award win in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2006 contest, sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The Alliance was established to promote artistic development and expression in middle and high school students throughout the Nation in cooperation with schools. This year's competition recognized the work of over 1,400 students and invited award recipients to a workshop hosted in New York designed to introduce students to the professional world of art.

Mr. Speaker, I join to wish Stephen best wishes and good fortune in his future projects.

IN HONOR OF THE COMMISSION ON
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ACTION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Commission on Catholic Community Action's 25th Anniversary of the Peace and Justice Awards Dinner.

Established in 1969, the Commission on Catholic Community Action continuously pursues their mission to protect and promote human dignity, with a special focus on poor and disenfranchised groups. Seeking to empower the voiceless, CCCA achieves their goals through education, consciousness-raising, organization, mobilization, and advocating for change.

CCCA also promotes peace and justice through the Annual Peace and Justice Awards Dinner. For a quarter of a century, the dinner has been an opportunity to reward the people of the Cleveland community who have dedicated their lives to the causes of peace and justice for all. These men, women, and organizations play a pivotal role in the rebirth of Cleveland. I would like to join CCCA in recognizing this year's recipients: Duane Drotar, Lida Roman (posthumously), the Christ Child Society, Sr. Mary Louise Trivson, S.N.D., and the Women's Re-Entry Network.

In addition, keynote speakers at these events have educated the public on issues such as racial discrimination and interfaith understanding. Generating community awareness throughout Cleveland, the CCCA has provided participants with a new appreciation for celebrating multicultural diversity within the city. Speaking at the Awards Dinner this year is Sr. Mary Sujita Kallapurakkathu, S.N.D., sharing her experiences of working with the poor.

Congratulations to the CCCA on their constant pursuit of peace and justice. We can conceive of peace as not simply the absence of violence but the presence of the capacity for a higher evolution of human awareness, of

respect, trust, and integrity. We can conceive of peace as a tool to tap the infinite capabilities of humanity to transform consciousness and conditions that impel or compel violence at a personal, group, or national level, toward creating understanding, compassion, and love.

My fellow colleagues, join me in honoring the Commission on Catholic Community Action, as they celebrate the 25th anniversary of their Annual Peace and Justice Awards Dinner.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL MELE AS HE CELEBRATES HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join family and friends in wishing Michael Mele the very best as he celebrates a remarkable milestone—his 100th birthday! Marking a century of hard work and dedication, today's celebration will give Michael, or Ozi Mike as he is affectionately known by family and close friends, and his loved ones the opportunity to reflect on the many accomplishments he has achieved throughout his life as well as how he has touched all of their lives.

A gifted vocalist, dedicated husband and father, devoted parishioner, army veteran, and professional technician, Michael is a man of many talents that he has shared with hundreds over the course of his life. Born and raised in New Haven, Connecticut, Michael has led a fascinating life. Upon graduating from high school, he studied voice for ten years during which time he became an accomplished tenor. Michael sang in productions of such classics as *The Barber of Seville* and *Pagliacci* and, though the relocation of the production to California prevented him from taking the part, he even won a lead role opposite Betty Grable in the movie musical *Down Argentine Way*. During his time with the theater, Michael also won roles in several New York productions, including *An American Comedy* and *The Family Portrait*.

After marrying his wife, Carmel, in 1942, the couple raised two children, sons Michael and Robert. He served in the United States Army during World War II where he received training as a dental technician, a profession in which he was employed until he was hired by Winchester/Olin as a lab technician, retiring in 1971. Throughout his life, Michael has held a unique devotion to his faith and his church. Michael shared his gift for singing with a variety of Catholic churches throughout New Haven. He directed glee clubs, choirs, and sang as a soloist at St. Ann's, St. Rose's, St. Brendan's, St. Donato's, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Hamden. In fact, his lifetime of dedicated efforts were recognized by the Church when Archbishop Daniel Cronin awarded him the prestigious Saint Joseph Award—the archdiocesan medal of appreciation for outstanding parishioners.

An active and inspiring retiree, Michael has continued to dedicate his time to his church as well as a new found passion for horse-riding.

What began—at age seventy-seven—with a gift certificate for riding lessons and later—at age eighty—a saddle, has blossomed into a beloved hobby. In fact, for a decade after he began riding, he spent his summers at the Bitter Root ranch in the mountains of northwest Wyoming. At 100 years old, Michael is a living treasure—he still rides, drives a car, maintains his own home, attends daily Mass, serves on the altar, and is finishing his twenty-sixth year as a fourth grade religious education teacher. He is even working on his autobiography which I have no doubt will be a real page-turner!

Today, as Michael celebrates his 100th birthday, I have no doubt that he will look back in wonder at the fascinating events that have brought him to this moment. In the last century he has witnessed some of the most important moments in world history and, through his own efforts, has left an indelible mark on the lives of all those who have known him. It is my privilege to rise today to join his sons Michael and Robert, as well as the many family and friends who have gathered in extending my heartfelt congratulations to Michael Mele on his 100th birthday. This is a very special day for all of those fortunate enough to know Michael. My very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

RECOGNIZING WWII VETERAN AND POW RAY KNISLEY, JR. OF CHIEFLAND, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a Prisoner of War from World War II, Ray Knisley, Jr. Born in Massachusetts, Mr. Knisley served in the U.S. Army and was captured by the Nazi Army.

Mr. Knisley served as a medical aid man with the 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. While encamped near the German border of Alsace Lorraine on New Year's Eve, 1944, his entire unit was overrun and he was taken prisoner. For the next several months, Mr. Knisley was transferred between several prisoner camps, finally being rescued by the Russian Army on April 28, 1945.

Following World War II, Mr. Knisley raised his family in Massachusetts. He and his wife have five children, nine grand children and six great grand children. In 1985 Mr. Knisley moved to West Palm Beach, where he worked as a volunteer at the local Veterans Affairs Hospital for twenty years. He specialized in working with fellow prisoners of war; eventually assisting more than two hundred former POWs receive a one hundred percent disability rating. He recently moved to Chiefland about a year ago.

Mr. Speaker, prisoners of war like Ray Knisley, Jr. should be recognized for their service to our nation and for their commitment and sacrifices in battle. With thousands of World War II veterans passing a way each year, it is incumbent on all Americans to hear their stories and preserve their memories. Ray Knisley, Jr. should know that we truly consider him one of America's heroes.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WILLOW CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to honor a school in my district for their academic excellence in being named a Blue Ribbon School.

The schools are selected based on one of two criteria: schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student performance to high levels on state tests; or schools whose students regardless of background, achieve in the top 10 percent of their state on state tests or in the top 10 percent of the Nation on nationally-normed tests.

To receive this recognition, Willow Creek Elementary School has had in each of the past three years over 90 percent of its' students perform at "Proficient" or "Advanced" levels in math and reading. Willow Creek also received this prestigious honor in 1999.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the students of Willow Creek Elementary School as recipients of the No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools Award.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT GRAY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Robert Allen Gray who passed away after 90 glorious years on Friday, September 22, 2006.

Mr. Gray will forever be remembered by family and friends as a man of integrity and strong values. In his lifetime, he experienced many of the major events in the last century, including the Great Depression and as a soldier in the United States Army during World War II.

In his civilian life, Mr. Gray was an engineer. He was interested in working on cars as well as watching the Indianapolis 500. Mr. Gray's enthusiasm for engineering was closely followed by a passion for gardening. His love of nature was given to him by his father, a florist. Mr. Gray has passed this passion on to his children and grandchildren.

As a family man, Mr. Gray will always be remembered as affectionate and caring. He was the caregiver for many of his elderly aunts and helped his wife as she struggled with Alzheimer's disease. As a father, Mr. Gray was committed to teaching his children and grandchildren the importance of respecting and caring for others.

I extend my sympathies to his family and friends. May this man, whose displays of compassion and love touched the hearts of so many, be an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY LEICH

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the accomplishments of one of my constituents, Kimberly Leich of the Bronx, New York. I wish to recognize Kimberly for her Science Fiction/Fantasy, Gold Award win in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2006 contest, sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The Alliance was established to promote artistic development and expression in middle and high school students throughout the Nation in cooperation with schools. This year's competition recognized the work of over 1,400 students and invited award recipients to a workshop hosted in New York designed to introduce students to the professional world of art.

Mr. Speaker, I join to wish Kimberly best wishes and good fortune in her future projects.

IN HONOR OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE POLISH LEGION OF AMERICAN VETERANS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of the Polish Legion of American Veterans Ladies Auxiliary, Abraham Lincoln Post Thirteen, and to celebrate the commitment of this dedicated group of patriotic women to charity for our veterans and Nation.

The Abraham Lincoln Post Thirteen is the oldest chapter in the State of Ohio, and has maintained their dedication to honoring and supporting veterans throughout the years. The group ensures that American veterans receive the benefits and support they deserve for representing our great Nation. The women welcome new veterans from current wars, as well as bring much needed light into the lives of senior veterans. These women make regular visits to veteran's wards of a local hospital to take the Nation's former defenders to breakfast and religious services. In recent years, the Ladies Auxiliary's great work has raised enough money to dedicate a stone in the Western Reserve National Cemetery. This stone is a noble commemorative monument to the deceased veterans of the Polish Legion of American Veterans, as well as the women of the Ladies' Auxiliary who have loyally supported all the servicemen and women of the United States Armed Services.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in recognizing the wonderful work and dedication of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Polish Legion of American Veterans on this momentous anniversary. The chapter members are proud of their Polish heritage, culture, and we share in their 75 years of accomplishments. I am confident that the Polish Legion of American Veterans Ladies Auxiliary will continue their commitment to work for the veterans and country well in to the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF NIKA MAPLES THE 2007 TEXAS SECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nika Maples for being recognized as the 2007 Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year. She is an English teacher at Fossil Ridge High School in the Keller Independent School District in Fort Worth, Texas.

After suffering a stroke at the young age of 20, Nika has dedicated her life to making a difference in the lives of others. She began by teaching illiterate adults how to read and write. Nika has volunteered abroad in Japan, Thailand, and Germany to teach English as a Second Language.

As a 10th grade English teacher, Nika gives her students the confidence to reach their fullest potential. Her unique life experiences have encouraged an enthusiasm for teaching, and reaffirmed her commitment to make learning come alive in the classroom. Nika demonstrates how students should embrace life and live a life of abundance every day. She was also honored as the Keller I.S.D. Secondary Teacher of the Year for the 2005–2006 school year.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent such a dedicated and passionate teacher in the 26th District of Texas. Nika Maples serves as a role model not only for her students, but for all teachers around the Nation who share her devotion to helping others.

HONORING MR. JERRY TIDWELL OF GRANBURY, TEXAS FOR HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Mr. Jerry Tidwell of Granbury, Texas for his recent election as president of the National Newspaper Association (NNA).

Whether it is serving as the publisher of the Hood County News or president of NNA, Mr. Tidwell's 36 years of dedicated service to the newspaper business and the local community are proof of the positive impact one person can have on others.

As a humble man whose actions speak louder than words, Jerry Tidwell is the kind of person that sets an inspiring example for us all to follow. He doesn't enjoy the attention much, but let me add my voice to the chorus of those who respect his steady leadership. Put simply, Jerry Tidwell is the very best Texas has to offer and it is an honor to represent him in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, we need more leaders like Jerry Tidwell in our midst that truly make a difference in their community, state, and country. At this time, I ask Members to join me in offering our heartfelt appreciation and best wishes for continued success to a great newspaper-

man and friend—Mr. Jerry Tidwell of Granbury, Texas.

We wish him well and hope that he can enjoy this time with fellow colleagues, family, and friends.

He has earned it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, due to a flight delay, I was unable to record my rollcall votes 517 through 519. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on 517 and 518 and "no" on 519.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF HONDA MANUFACTURING OF ALABAMA IN LINCOLN, ALABAMA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay recognition to the hard working people of Honda Manufacturing of Alabama in Lincoln, Alabama, who are celebrating the fifth anniversary of the opening of their Lincoln plant on November 14, 2006.

In 2001, the Honda Motor Company chose Lincoln as the site of their new plant. Over the past five years Honda Manufacturing of Alabama has grown from an original capital investment of \$400 million and employment of 2,000 associates to the current 4,500 associates and over \$1.2 billion in capital investment today.

Honda has helped transform Talladega County's economy, as well bring a positive impact on local school and community philanthropic activities.

As further testament to the hard working Alabamians employed at Honda, on November 3rd the plant produced its millionth vehicle. The celebration of that milestone included a small ceremony at the plant involving associates to mark the special occasion.

I salute the people of Honda Manufacturing of Alabama for reaching these important milestones, and congratulate the entire company on their plant's fifth anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CITY OF MILTON, GEORGIA

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate the mayor, city council and citizens of the newly created city of Milton in Georgia. In accordance with a bill passed by the Georgia General Assembly and signed by Governor Sonny Perdue, the community of Milton will be

officially incorporated as a city in December 2006.

What a wonderful and gratifying time this is for the people of Milton. They worked tirelessly to make this day a reality and have chosen to honor Mr. Joe Lockwood as the first mayor of their new city.

Milton is a pastoral, involved and respectful community. They have seized the opportunity to have a direct impact on their future. This achievement also comes with many new responsibilities. I am confident that the citizens will successfully embrace these new challenges. It is my honor to represent this new Georgia municipality.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for the privilege of bringing the recognition of this House of Representatives as we congratulate the people of Milton, Georgia and wish them the very best during this exciting transition.

THE AMISH SCHOOL SHOOTING OF THE LITTLE GIRLS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, in the 16th Century, during the period of religious reformation in Europe, the Mennonite faith was formed. Due to problems within the religion, a man named Jacob Amman separated himself, and a group of followers, from the Mennonite faith and established the Amish. Facing religious persecution for their beliefs, the Amish fled Europe in the 18th Century. They came to settle in America, primarily in the rich farmlands of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana.

During the last 300 years, the Amish have maintained a peaceful existence among these farmlands, holding steadfast onto their beliefs of old, and not conforming to modern-day society. They live a simplistic life without the everyday modern conveniences we have all become accustomed to. They do not use electricity, telephones, computers, or television, and they do not own automobiles. The Amish are governed by a set of unwritten rules known as the "Ordnung." These rules establish the protocol and acceptable behavior for an Amish community and vary in each community. For example, the Ordnung in a particular community may forbid ever deviating from conservative, dark, heavy forms of clothes, even during the summer months, whereas other communities Ordnungs may relax the dress code during the summer heat. In general, the Amish avoid anything that would be considered "hochmut," meaning proud or arrogant, and choose to live their lives in "demut," humility, and "gelassenheit," submission.

The most important part of an Amish community is the family. Each family has an average of seven children. While it is considered "God's Will" to how many children one family will have, it is also vital that there be enough children to help run the family farm. Amish children attend school, usually in a one-room school house run by the Amish community. Most Amish children do not receive anything higher than an 8th grade education. The belief is that the education level is sufficient enough to adapt the children into their future adult Amish life.

Amish communities, although surrounded by modern society, are generally untouched by

violence plaguing today's world. They do not read newspapers, which depict the crimes of modern society. They do not own televisions, which run continual news coverage of random acts of violence occurring throughout modern society. Their lives could be deemed innocent and idealistic, sheltered to the evils of society.

All that changed on Monday, October 2, 2006. On this warm, sunny, fall Pennsylvania day, Charles Carl Roberts IV came home from his night shift as a milk delivery man, walked his children to school, and kissed them goodbye. He went home and wrote four notes: one to his wife and one to each of his three children. Arming himself with a handgun, a shotgun, a rifle, and more than 600 rounds of ammunition, Roberts drove to the quiet Amish community of Nickel Mines.

Mr. Speaker, Roberts, with malice aforethought, and a heart fatally bent on mischief, calmly walked into that one room Amish schoolhouse and took it, and the children, hostage. Roberts ordered all of the Amish boys and the adults from the room. He then tied up 10 little girls, as they stood against the chalkboard. For the next hour, these little girls were trapped with this sadistic monster, who had vile intentions for their innocence.

It is unclear what triggered Roberts to start shooting after the initial hour. Perhaps it was the police presence, perhaps he was haunted by past sins, or perhaps he was just evil. Regardless of his reason, Roberts opened fire on these 10 little girls, at point blank range, before turning the gun on himself. When the smoke had cleared, Anna Mae Stoltzfus, Marian Fisher, Naomi Rose Ebersol, and sisters, Mary Liz and Lena Miller, had not survived Roberts' violent rampage. Young girls—young victims.

Anna Mae, Marian, Naomi Rose, Mary Liz, and Lena had their whole lives ahead of them. Lives full of love, family, and new beginnings as they matured into adulthood. Lives that were brutally, viciously, and tragically cut short by Charles Carl Roberts IV, a man too coward to take just his own life, so he took 5 little girls with him. The Good Book says that it is better for a person to be thrown into the sea than to harm a child.

In the days that followed Roberts' violent rampage, questions immediately arose to why a hard working husband and father would commit such a crime against the innocent. In a note written to his wife moments before he entered the school, Roberts stated several reasons for the school siege: his anger at God for the death of his infant daughter in 1997, his haunted memories of molesting two child female relatives 20 years previously, and his thoughts of molesting children again. So to quell that anger and the demons within, he took his life. Too bad he took the lives of little girls as well.

The devastation which befell the Amish community of Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania could have destroyed a community unaccustomed to such violence. Yet, the Amish were determined to overcome this unimaginable tragedy. In acts of tremendous kindness, generosity, and forgiveness, the Amish community not only tended to the families of the slain little girls, but to the killer's family as well. Within hours of the attack, members of the Amish community spoke out about the killings, stating that in the midst of this tragedy, they forgave Roberts. They also visited his wife and children to offer comfort and aid. Perhaps, in an

even greater act of mercy, the Amish asked that a portion of the funds collected for the families of these girls, be donated to the Roberts family. Mr. Speaker, it is true generosity and mercy to comfort and care for the family of the evil who brutally murdered five children in your community.

Sadly, the tragedy which occurred in a little Amish schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania is not isolated. Barely a week before, in September, an armed gunman took six female students hostage in Platte Canyon High School in Bailey, Colorado. During those horrific hours held prisoner inside a classroom, Duane Morrison subjected the girls to brutal sexual assaults. As police proceeded to enter the classroom, Morrison executed a 16 year old student and then the criminal took his own life. The Nickel Mines tragedy 5 days later was eerily reminiscent of the devastation which took place at Platte Canyon High School. The Platte Canyon tragedy was reminiscent of the Columbine Massacre, which had taken place in Colorado 7 years earlier.

As a father of 4, 3 of whom are girls, and a grandfather of 5, 3 of whom are girls as well, the death of a child is a parent's worst fear. No parent should experience such a heartbreaking loss. The worse thing that can happen to a parent is to lose a child before their time. It is the worse thing that can happen to a community; and it is the worse thing that can happen to a nation.

These school tragedies reinforce the need for adequate school safety and security throughout this country. A school no longer exists as a safe haven for children, but rather has become a violent battleground that demands our intercession. A school is an environment of learning and enrichment, not fear and brutality. We must strive to do everything within our ability to ensure the safety and well-being of our most precious commodity—our children. We need to strive to protect schools from outside intruders and inside rampages. School safety must be a priority—without it, children have very little places left to feel safe.

That's Just the Way It Is.

TRIBUTE TO ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Essex National Heritage Area and to congratulate the Essex National Heritage Commission on their outstanding work.

I can still remember when Tom Leonard came down to Congress in September of 1995 to testify in support of legislation that Senator KENNEDY and I had filed to create the Essex National Heritage Area.

One of the most poignant moments in Tom's testimony was when he laid out his vision for a true public private partnership to preserve the rich history of Essex County.

During his testimony Tom said, "Let me stress this point about cooperation. The legislation that is before you today anticipates a true partnership between the private and public sectors. We are not seeking federal handouts and controls."

During the last 10 years that vision has ensured that the historical treasures in Essex County will survive for future generations.

As you all know, over two-thirds of the money used for the Essex National Heritage Commission's work is from private sources.

The Congress also plays a significant role in the important work of the ENHC, providing over \$8.6 million in funding to date.

Over the last 7 years, ENHC has provided over \$1.3 million for 195 projects in 33 communities in Essex County.

In my district, the ENHC has made a number of grants to Lawrence, Haverhill, Andover, and Methuen to preserve and educate residents about our rich history.

ENHC also organizes and funds a number of other programs including their groundbreaking History in the Making program and Essex Heritage Explorers.

Today, as we celebrate the accomplishments of the ENHC, we must also plan for the future.

In Congress, we have filed legislation to extend the authorization and increase the cap on the amount of federal money the Essex National Heritage Area can receive.

This legislation is crucial for ENHC to be able to continue the important preservation and educational work they do.

I would like to congratulate the staff and volunteers of the Essex National Heritage Commission on 10 years of outstanding work and thank them for preserving our national heritage.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MAGGIE KATIE
BROWN KIDD

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important milestone in the life of my constituent Mrs. Maggie Katie Brown Kidd. On December 8, 2006, Mrs. Kidd will celebrate her 102nd birthday. Many family members and friends will recognize this momentous occasion with a party on November 24, 2006.

Maggie Brown was the eleventh and youngest child born to William (Doc) and Lucy Brown. At an early age, Maggie learned the values of hard work and success as a laborer on her parents' farm, and continued in that tradition as an adult. She married Willie (Dock) Kidd, III on November 30, 1940, and raised two children, John and Rosalyn. Mrs. Brown is also a grandmother to four, and a great-grandmother to three children.

Mrs. Kidd believes her faith in God has contributed to her good health and longevity. Her family describes her as a loving and selfless member of the community. When she had little to offer, Mrs. Kidd shared anyway. She is a principled and honorable woman, and I am proud to represent her in the 13th Congressional District of Georgia.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Mrs. Maggie Katie Brown Kidd, by wishing her a very happy 102nd birthday.

CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
FEDERAL COURTHOUSE

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of Carroll Campbell, a great statesman, a passionate voice for economic development in South Carolina, and a good friend. He served the 4th District of South Carolina as a Representative in this body from 1979–1986, and I am honored to serve in the same seat. He also served the state of South Carolina in the State House and Senate, and as Governor from 1987–1995, I am honored to have the opportunity to introduce this bill to name the courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina as the "Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. United States Courthouse."

As a Representative for the 4th District of South Carolina, Campbell was a rising star from the start, gaining early seats on the Appropriations and Ways & Means Committees in the 95th to 99th Congresses. He also participated with Lee Atwater in South Carolina's first presidential primary, helping California Governor Ronald Reagan ultimately win the nomination.

As two-term governor, Campbell demonstrated his leadership in difficult and uncertain times for the State of South Carolina. He was a trusted voice in the evacuation preceding Hurricane Hugo, and a self-giving leader in the recovery and rebuilding in its aftermath. He is also responsible for attracting prestigious international firms to South Carolina, including BMW, which is in the 4th District.

In 2001, Campbell announced in an open letter that he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and said his wife Iris and his two sons had joined in the battle. The people of South Carolina were saddened, and joined in prayer for his health and perseverance. The disease claimed his life December 7, 2005.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. by naming the courthouse to be constructed in Greenville, South Carolina as the "Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. United States Courthouse."

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
URGING BANGLADESHI GOVERNMENT
TO DROP JOURNALIST'S
SEDITION CHARGES

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution with Congresswoman NITA LOWEY (D-NY) calling "on the Government of Bangladesh to drop sedition charges pending against Bangladeshi journalist Salah Uddin Shoaib Choudhury. We introduce this resolution today to coincide with beginning of Mr. Choudhury's sedition trial. Mr. Choudhury faces these charges because of his belief in an interfaith dialogue between Jews and Muslims and articles he published critical of Islamic extremism. Under Bangladeshi law, sedition is a crime punishable by death.

Mr. Choudhury is a journalist in Bangladesh known for his views on expanding dialogue between Muslims and Jews, developing ties with Israel, and criticizing the rise of Islamist parties in Bangladesh. Mr. Choudhury was detained in November 2003 at Zia International Airport in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on his way to board a flight bound for Tel Aviv, Israel, to participate in the annual Hebrew Writers Conference. Mr. Choudhury's passport was seized, along with considerable sums of money and several personal items. On that same day, police raided his home and newspaper, seizing files, computers, and other valuables.

Since Bangladeshi law prohibits travel to Israel, Mr. Choudhury was first cited for a minor passport violation. He subsequently was charged with sedition, accused of espionage as an Israeli spy, and incarcerated for 17 months. He was subjected to harsh interrogation techniques, and received no treatment for a debilitating case of glaucoma.

Despite public pledges from senior Bangladeshi government officials that all pending legal action against Mr. Choudhury would be dropped, the government pressed forward on its prosecution of Choudhury for sedition. Mr. Choudhury won PEN USA's "Freedom to Write Award," and was presented with the American Jewish Committee's prestigious "Moral Courage Award" in absentia in Washington DC. Mr. Choudhury's newspaper offices were bombed by Islamic extremists in July, and he was attacked by a mob in his office on October 5. Then a judge with alleged ties to an Islamic extremist group ruled that Mr. Choudhury must stand trial for sedition.

For his message of moderation and interfaith dialogue, Shoaib Choudhury is facing unjust criminal charges in an effort to silence him. Congress must send a clear message: we cannot allow moderate voices in the Muslim world to be silenced.

The resolution I introduce today calls on the Government of Bangladesh to drop all charges against Shoaib Choudhury, return his passport and possessions, and end his harassment. I want to thank Congresswoman NITA LOWEY for being the lead co-sponsor of this legislation. I look forward to working with her and my other colleagues on this important human rights initiative.

A TRIBUTE TO ED BONNETTE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ed Bonnette, a man who was "instrumental in lowering the national voting age to 18.

Ed served as the New Jersey Chair for the Let US Vote 18 (LUV 18) Committee at the age of 20. His efforts, combined with the efforts of LUV 18 members in 10 other states, made it possible for the 26th Amendment to the Constitution to be ratified in 1971.

The Let US Vote 18 Committee had placed referendums on New Jersey ballots throughout the 1960s, without success. In 1970, members of this group took their case before the Supreme Court. The Court agreed that the voting age must be lowered for Federal elections to

comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. States soon realized it would be impractical to have separate voting systems for Federal and State elections, and subsequently moved to change the law. The 26th Amendment was the fastest yet to be certified, with Ohio's ratification making it official. In July of 1971, less than 100 days after the process began, President Richard M. Nixon officially signed the 26th Amendment into law, officially lowering the voting age to 18.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Ed Bonnette today for all that he has done for the First Congressional District of New Jersey and our country. Ed's service is worthy of admiration, and I applaud him for his efforts.

HONORING SOFIA GUZMAN GARCIA

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sofia Guzman Garcia of my hometown of Canutillo, TX, who passed away July 29, 2006, on her 74th birthday.

Sofia Guzman Garcia was born on July 29, 1932, and was a 1950 graduate of El Paso High School. Later, she worked for the Borderland Farmers Cooperative Association for two decades. She was also a dedicated volunteer for numerous community causes and a tireless campaigner for her husband and sons as they sought elected office.

Mrs. Garcia worked on behalf of the people of Canutillo throughout her life, playing a pivotal role in strengthening the Canutillo Independent School District, local churches, and other community institutions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of a great woman, Sofia Guzman Garcia.

TRIBUTE TO THE ENERGY AND MINERALS FIELD INSTITUTE

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Energy and Minerals Field Institute (EMFI), an organization affiliated with the Colorado School of Mines that provides policy makers, elected officials and their staff with direct and in-depth information about energy resources and production in the western United States.

A number of staff in my office have had the opportunity to participate in the informative field tours the EMFI provides. Through the EMFI, they and the many other participants from state and federal agencies, Congressional committees, Native American Tribes, and other offices have had the chance to travel to locations where energy, resources, and minerals are developed, extracted and produced. On such trips, participants have descended into active molybdenum, gold and coal mines, watched oil and gas drill rigs in action, explored wind turbine technological development at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and witnessed new water projects

under construction. The information acquired through direct contact with these activities has greatly enhanced my staff's knowledge of resource development, as well as their understanding of the positive and negative impacts these resources can have on local communities and the nation as a whole.

The professional and knowledgeable staff, including Director Gary Baughman, Tom Sladek, Jim Proud, and other consultants and support personnel, put together outstanding programs and tours year after year. As an added plus, participants are also provided extensive roadside geologic tutorials by Mr. John Rold, former Colorado State Geologist and Director of the Colorado Geologic Survey; educating program participants on everything from rockslides and fractures to the energy industry and anecdotes about life in general.

The Energy and Minerals Field Institute was established in 1978 as the "Energy Field Institute" to create a forum for exploring interactions between regional energy development in the West and federal policies. "Western Energy: Opportunities, Problems, and Policy Issues" was the first field program, cosponsored by the Colorado School of Mines and Resources for the Future. Participants consisted of federal officials from Colorado.

In 1980, a new July program was added, directed toward representatives of the regional and national media. With the inclusion of non-fuel minerals in 1981, the EMFI was renamed to its present title. In 1985, participation in the July program was expanded to include secondary level teachers, business leaders, government personnel, and staff and students from the Colorado School of Mines. This diversity of disciplines and professions created an exciting educational atmosphere in which many perspectives on the various issues were represented.

With the continued success of the traditional "Government Program" in August and the growth of the "Interdisciplinary Program" in July, it was decided in 1985 to make the itineraries of both trips identical. This approach provided similar educational opportunities for all participants and made logistical planning more efficient.

In addition to the summer field sessions, the EMFI also conducted an annual Washington Workshop. This conference was designed to familiarize EMFI alumni and invited guests with topical issues related to Western resource development. The EMFI also published a newsletter entitled "Field Notes" twice each year to keep its alumni and supporters informed of recent events.

However, due to funding difficulties in 1996, the EMFI was forced to discontinue its major summer field programs, the Washington Workshop, and "Field Notes." It continued to conduct customized field programs for corporate clients, specific government organizations, and delegations from other countries.

In 2003, the Colorado Office of Energy Management and Conservation (OEMC) provided funding to reactivate the Colorado Energy Research Institute (CERI), which is administered by the Colorado School of Mines. With funding from CERI, and with in-kind contributions from the Colorado School of Mines, sufficient funding was provided to reestablish the EMFI Field Program.

The small but steady source of grant dollars from CERI and the Colorado School of Mines, as well as additional financial support from

federal agencies, have allowed the EMFI to conduct a single Field Program each summer. It is hoped that the successful conduct of these field programs, coupled with the creation of additional EMFI alumni, will generate sufficient interest and financial support to enable the EMFI to recreate all of its previous outreach programs and become financially independent.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the work of the Energy and Minerals Field Institute. The practical knowledge and invaluable experiences gained by program participants will undoubtedly help shape important energy, natural resource, and environmental policy for years to come.

HONORING THE H. LEE MOFFITT CANCER AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute as it marks its 20th anniversary of work to treat patients with cancer and to conduct cutting edge research into the causes and cures of this terrible disease.

The Center was established through the vision and tireless work of H. Lee Moffitt, then a member of the Florida House of Representatives. As a cancer survivor himself, he recognized the unmet need for cancer treatment and research in the Tampa Bay area and the entire state of Florida. Five years of hard work by Lee Moffitt to secure the funding for the center led to its groundbreaking in 1983 and the first patient walked through its doors three-and-a-half years later. That patient, David Sheppard, is alive today as a result of the care he received at Moffitt in October 1986.

Today, a staff of more than 3,400 people continues to save lives every day and supports research that one day will unlock the mystery of this disease. They are led by Dr. William S. Dalton, the CEO and Center Director, and Dr. W. Jack Pledger, the Deputy Center Director, who oversee a world class team that collaborates on research projects with facilities all across the world. They receive invaluable support from the Board of Directors and its Chairman Senator CONNIE MACK and the Board of Advisors and its Chairman Sam Donaldson.

Moffitt's stated mission is "To be the leader in scientific discovery and translation into compassionate care, cures, and prevention of cancer for our community and the world." The center does that by offering 14 patient care programs in a facility designated a prestigious Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute.

The center, now almost five times the size of the original facility, also houses state-of-the-art labs that allow researchers to delve into the science of cancer, right down to the genomic level. As a result, the doctors and staff are learning to treat cancer on a patient-by-patient basis by determining the best course of treatment for each patient based on their genetic makeup.

The H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute is not only a superb medical

resource for the community I represent, but it is truly a national and international asset in our ongoing war on cancer. Following my remarks, I would like to include for the benefit of my colleagues, a recent column by Ernest Hooper of The St. Petersburg Times which talks about the early days at Moffitt and the life-changing experience of its first patient David Sheppard.

Mr. Speaker, The Moffitt Cancer Center is an outstanding example of a public and private partnership that serves all of mankind. Its staff battles cancer and saves lives every day and for that thousands of cancer survivors are eternally grateful. Thousands if not millions more will one day also benefit from the ongoing research activities there as they identify new cures and one day preventative medicine that will fight the scourge of cancer.

[From the St. Petersburg Times, Oct. 30, 2006]

20 GOOD YEARS OF MOFFITT

(By Ernest Hooper)

The restless night is still fresh in David Sheppard's mind.

The difficulties of his rare bone marrow blood disease grew more intense. His doctors had scheduled him for admission to the hospital that afternoon, but because he became more ill overnight, they told him to rush over that morning.

They didn't send him to just any hospital, however. They sent him to a bright, new treatment facility. It seemed more like a mall, Sheppard said. It didn't have any anti-septic, medicinal odors.

"It was this big, beautiful place," Sheppard recalled Friday. "It was nice to have this nice, new facility."

That's how Sheppard, husband, father and Wharton High assistant principal, became the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute's first patient on Oct. 27, 1986.

Sheppard and Julie Y. Djeu, Moffitt's first researcher, were scheduled to join employees in a 20th anniversary celebration Saturday night at Saddlebrook Resort. The center's first physician, Dr. Richard Karl, was not able to attend, but recognizing some of the center's firsts was a neat way to commemorate the anniversary.

For Sheppard, it was an opportunity to show his appreciation. He raves about the helpful and kind Moffitt staff.

"I'm very grateful that they were there 20 years ago," he said. "A lot of people have received good treatment there. I was just the first one to walk through the door." Sheppard, who graduated from King High, told Moffitt officials he "wouldn't be here today without the lifesaving care I got that very first day." He actually continued to get treatment from a Moffitt oncologist and hematologist after that first visit.

In a sense, he gives back as a 13-year school district veteran.

Sheppard is pleased to help shepherd the lives of our young people. Over the years, he's even dealt with some students who were facing their own battles with cancer. Sheppard said he doesn't necessarily offer any specific counsel or share his story, but he certainly listens with a sympathetic ear.

"I had done some tutoring and I just decided to stick with it," Sheppard said. "I also was looking at options for careers that I might be able to handle because of my disease. I couldn't consider being a Navy pilot or a firefighter."

Maybe he didn't turn into a Top Gun fighter, but Sheppard still is flying high. After all, if it wasn't for Moffitt, he might not be celebrating turning 37 today.

Happy Birthday, David Sheppard. Happy Birthday, Moffitt.

That's all I'm saying.

IN MEMORY OF MAYOR J. PALMER GAILLARD, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, former mayor of Charleston, J. Palmer Gaillard, Jr., died July 28, 2006, leaving a legacy of public service that will always be cherished. He served as mayor of South Carolina's most historic city from 1959 to 1975.

He was married to the former Lucy Foster Gaillard of Charleston for 57 years, who preceded him in death on October 6, 2001. Surviving are three sons, J. Palmer Gaillard III and his wife Henrietta Freedman Gaillard, W. Foster Gaillard and his wife Susan Street Gaillard, and Thomas H. Gaillard, all of Charleston, SC; 5 grandchildren, John P. Gaillard IV, M.D. and his wife Lori, Emmie Gaillard Hershey and her husband Clay, Mary Loize Gaillard, Susan Huguenin Gaillard and W. Foster Gaillard, Jr.; and 3 great grandchildren, Clay W. Hershey, Jr., Thomas Gaillard Hershey, and Alston M. Gaillard.

The following op-ed was published in tribute in The Post and Courier, August 3, 2006. The author is prominent Charleston attorney and author, Robert N. Rosen. We share the same experience in that Mayor Gaillard's race was my first participation in politics at the behest of my mother, Wray G. Wilson, who had me deliver precinct voter call lists on election day for the mayor when I was 12 years old.

"WE NEED A CHANGE": J. PALMER GAILLARD'S LEGACY FOR CHARLESTON

(By Robert Rosen)

My earliest recollection of participating in politics is the Gaillard-Morrison race for mayor of Charleston. I was 12 years old. At the behest of my father, Morris D. Rosen, I handed out a piece of paper (it would be an exaggeration to call it "campaign literature") called a "ticket" with a big headline that read "We Need a Change" and a picture of the ballot led by the young, dynamic reform candidate, J. Palmer Gaillard, Jr. It was 1959. Gaillard campaigned, like all opponents of incumbents, for "change."

After his election, Gaillard, as mayor, was a blend of hard-headed, no-nonsense conservatism (he was a notorious penny-pincher when it came to the city budget) and flexible pragmatism. He realized in the early 1960s that the old peninsula city of Charleston which ended at Mount Pleasant Street and the edges of the Ashley and Cooper rivers could not remain economically viable, and he aggressively pursued annexation of the West Ashley district to the city.

Mayor Gaillard made many other important contributions to the city of Charleston, but none compare to his leadership in the transition from an era of segregation and Jim Crow to integration and racial equality.

When he became mayor, Charleston was a segregated city with all that implies—segregated restaurants, schools, buses and public restrooms. Gaillard's views on the issues were conventional. Segregation was then the Southern way of life. He reflected the opinions and beliefs of his friends, neighbors and supporters.

But when the Civil Rights movement came to Charleston in the 1960s—the sit-down movement at King Street lunch counters,

Civil Rights marches, demonstrations (peaceful and not so peaceful), and the Medical University Hospital strike—Palmer Gaillard guided the city through various crises over 15 years with a steady and fair hand.

He believed, first and foremost, in the rule of law. He did not wink at violence or intimidation. When told that the federal courts would order the integration of city facilities—the first municipal facilities in South Carolina—the only question he asked his lawyers (among them, my father) was, "What is the law?" He immediately instructed his lawyers to obey the law, which meant acquiescence in integration, something the majority of white Charlestonians adamantly opposed.

"The Charleston hospital strike of 1969 made national headlines. Black hospital workers marched and agitated to protest racial discrimination and poor working conditions at the Medical University. Coretta Scott King, Andrew Young and Ralph Abernathy all came to Charleston. The National Guard was called out to maintain the peace. "The strike of hospital workers in Charleston, S.C., has become the country's tensest civil rights struggle." The New York Times editorialized in the first of three editorials on the subject. Ralph Abernathy later wrote of his stay in the Charleston jails, "I remembered the Birmingham jail and considered myself fortunate."

Palmer Gaillard and his Police Chief John Conroy (dubbed "Mr. Cool" by the local press) kept the peace and allowed the protestors to protest, which was their right. The crisis passed. The strike was resolved. The peace was preserved. No one was killed. No Southern demagogues stood in doorways or made fools of themselves on national television like George Wallace in Alabama or Lester Maddox in Georgia.

Gaillard was the quintessential Charleston conservative. But he was a leader. He appointed Richard E. Fields the first black judge in South Carolina since Reconstruction to the Charleston Municipal Court. On Palmer Gaillard's watch, segregation peacefully gave way to integration in the most Southern of cities, where both secession and the Civil War began.

When Palmer Gaillard campaigned on the theme "We Need a Change," he certainly did not mean a revolution in Southern racial mores, laws and customs. But those who correctly demanded change found in him the right man to preside over that historic change: an honest, forthright, law abiding, hard-headed Huguenot, and one of the great mayors of the city of Charleston.

SECTION 1036(C) OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT, HR 5122

HON. VIC SNYDER

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, press statements by the chairman imply that section 1036(C) accomplishes something for veterans with disabilities, but this one-sentence provision says nothing about veterans. Even though the Paralyzed Veterans of America did a visit to the island and concluded Santa Rosa Island is not appropriate for hunting for people with disabilities, the provision stayed in the defense bill. No language in section 1036(C) does anything to offset the high fees associated with individuals hunting this privately owned herd. No language in section 1036(C)

affects the responsibilities of the owner of the deer and elk to have them removed by the timelines set forth in the court settlements.

This provision should not have been inserted in this bill, but it is clear from the plain language of this one sentence that it only impacts one alternative method for removal of the herds, not the 2011 deadline for removal of all the deer and elk.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber yesterday, November 13, 2006. I would like the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 517 and 518 and "no" on rollcall vote 519.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I am recorded as "not voting" on rollcall vote 519 on November 13, 2006. However, I intended to vote "aye" and believed I had done so during the rollcall vote. I support H.R. 5602 and the extension of Normal Trade Relations Treatment to the products of Vietnam.

A TRIBUTE TO T. JEFFREY BANGSBERG

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend and a true Minnesota hero, Jeffrey Bangsberg.

Jeff will be retiring from full-time work this month, and it is fitting that we recognize the accomplishments this great Minnesotan has achieved and the perseverance and courage he has shown in the face of extraordinary challenges.

Jeff suffered a spinal cord injury 30 years ago. While this injury left him in a wheelchair, he never gave up and became a tremendous advocate for expanding access to health care and other critical services for people with disabilities and the elderly.

Since 1991, Jeff has brought his insight, passion and experience to a variety of important issues, including improving Social Security and the Medicare and Medicaid programs, especially for people living with disabilities.

I have worked closely with Jeff for 26 years on a wide range of legislative initiatives in both the Minnesota State Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Jeff was instrumental in the creation and implementation of groundbreaking legislation, including the first personal care attendant program in Minnesota, Metro Mobility, Medicaid for Employed Per-

sons with Disabilities, and the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act.

All of these monumental achievements are the result of Jeff's great heart and his passion for helping others. Over the years, Minnesota governors have appointed Jeff to several councils and commissions, including the Minnesota State Council on Disability, the Minnesota State Rehabilitation Council, the Minnesota Health Care Commission and countless advisory committees for the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Department of Health. He was also a presidential appointee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

And in addition to all of these important commitments, Jeff also found time to serve as Government Relations Director for the Minnesota HomeCare Association. In this capacity, Jeff has effectively promoted home care services for seniors and people with disabilities at the local, state and federal levels. Because of his work, countless people are living independently and with dignity.

Jeff is truly an extraordinary person, not only for his ability to overcome obstacles, but also in his dedication to knocking down barriers for others. Jeff understands that we all win when all Americans are empowered to live up to their full potential.

As Co-Chair of the Bipartisan Disabilities Caucus, I have been grateful for Jeff's invaluable counsel, expertise and friendship over the years. While I could spend hours listing the many accomplishments of this tremendous individual, I can sum it all up by saying Jeff Bangsberg truly represents the best and the brightest, and I am honored to call him my friend.

Congratulations, Jeff, on your well-deserved retirement, and best wishes to you and your wonderful wife, Anita.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. WILLIAM M. KELSO

HON. JO ANN DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Dr. William M. Kelso for his distinguished career in historical archaeology and for his contributions to the historical record of the United States of America.

From his early professional beginnings as Assistant Field Archaeologist, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in 1964 to his current position as Director of Archaeology, Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA), Jamestown Rediscovery Archaeology Project, he has consistently demonstrated his earnest desire to further advance the research and support of archaeology in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States of America. During the 1970s Dr. Kelso served as Virginia's first state archaeologist and established programs and innovative methods and techniques that are currently in use. The broad range of his achievements include his role as Resident Archaeologist, Monticello home of Thomas Jefferson located in Albemarle County, Virginia, and later Director of Archaeology, Monticello, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, Inc. Further credentials

include his role as Lecturer at the University of Virginia and later Adjunct Professor of the College of William and Mary.

Perhaps his most notable contribution was when he served, as Director of Archaeology for the APVA Jamestown Rediscovery project, where his leadership was instrumental in discovering the remains of the English 1607 James Fort. This historic site is the first permanent English settlement in British North America and led to the establishment of English Common law and the first form of representative government in the New World. The archaeological evidence includes structural remains as well as accompanying artifacts representing seventeenth century material culture that documented the location of the fort.

Additionally, he served as Historical Archaeologist for the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission and has extensive scholarly publications to his credit as well, that are widely circulated in academia both nationally and internationally.

Dr. Kelso has promoted the knowledge and awareness of history and archaeology among the general public. He deserves national recognition for his monumental contributions to our nation's history as the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown approaches in 2007.

Thanks to Dr. Kelso, a more accurate story can now be told regarding the arrival and ultimate survival of the first English settlers to land on the soil of Jamestown, Virginia, including the roles of Native Americans and the later arrival of African Americans. This extraordinary effort is largely a gift from Dr. William M. Kelso, who through his dedication, diligence, skill and grit, has illuminated the truth.

IN MEMORY OF DON PRUNER

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of my friend, Don Pruner, who died suddenly last week.

Don Pruner is remembered by many for being a shrewd businessman who brought professional emergency medical services to eastern Ventura County, California, my home for more than 40 years, and paramedics to all of Ventura County. I remember as well his love of fishing, his hearty laugh, and our shared love of antique autos.

I met Don and his wife, Jackie, at a Christmas party in 1969. We've been friends ever since. Don was an eternal teenager who loved life to its fullest while exuding the maturity of a loving husband and father who knew the pulse of the community and how he could fulfill its needs.

Don bought Conejo Ambulance Service in 1963. He expanded the business by working 24 hours, 7 days a week, and driving a 1958 Pontiac Ambulance, hiring off-duty firefighters and sheriff's deputies to make the runs with him. Eventually, the business evolved under Don and Jackie's guidance into Pruner Health Services.

Don's success as a businessman was matched by his success as a human being. Don Pruner has countless friends and a wonderful, loving family. A native Southern Californian, he never strayed from his roots.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in remembering Don Pruner as a health care pioneer in Ventura County, California, as a good friend, a loving family man, and a lover of life. In addition, I know they join me in extending our condolences to Jackie and their three children and all who called Don a friend. Godspeed, Don.

IN RECOGNITION OF CORPORAL
BRADFORD HOWARD PAYNE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, Corporal Bradford Howard Payne, 24, of Montgomery, Alabama, died on October 6, 2006 in Iraq. Corporal Payne was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and according to initial reports was killed in combat operations against enemy forces. His survivors include his wife Erin; and his mother and father Carol and W.H. Payne of Pike Road, Alabama.

Corporal Payne was a loving husband and was on his third deployment remaining patriotic and wanting to serve his country. Like all soldiers, he dutifully left behind his family and loved ones to serve our country overseas.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and for the gratitude our country feels for his service. Corporal Payne died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty, on a noble mission to help spread the cause of freedom in Iraq and liberate an oppressed people from tyrannical rule. He was a true American.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to make the following rollcall votes on November 13, 2006:

H.R. 3085, To amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail, and for other purposes (Rollcall Vote 517). On the motion to suspend the Rules and Agree to Senate Amendment, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

S. 819, Pactola Reservoir Reallocation Authorization Act (Rollcall Vote 518). On the motion to suspend the Rules and Pass, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

H.R. 5602, To Authorize the Extension of Nondiscriminatory Treatment (Normal Trade Relations Treatment) to the Products of Vietnam (Rollcall Vote 519). On the motion to suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE LOVARC
ORGANIZATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize LOVARC, an organization dedicated to helping Americans with disabilities find employment and live fulfilling lives. LOVARC was established in 1964 as a non-profit organization with the goal of helping those with disability. Its dedication to helping those in need is laudable and should be recognized by the United States Congress.

In 1995, LOVARC was awarded a contract for two dining facilities, the Breakers and the Beachcomber, at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Since that time, LOVARC has won the Hennessey Award for the best dining facility in Space Command seven times. This is an outstanding accomplishment, and I am proud that they have served the people of the 23rd District through their work at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

I am pleased to recognize the administrators, volunteers, and employees of this organization. Their efforts have resulted in the creation of jobs for many in my district, and for that I am grateful. Many Americans with disabilities now enjoy better lives due to this organization's service. I am proud of their work with the military and wish them a wonderful future in service to our community.

THE AMBASSADORS REVIEW OF
THE COUNCIL OF AMERICAN AM-
BASSADORS

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to insert in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following statement by Joseph Verner Reed, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

REMARKS ON UNITED NATIONS DAY'S 61ST
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
(Tuesday October 24, 2006)

Today October 24, 2006 the United Nations celebrates its 61st birthday.

BORN OF WAR

The United Nations was created in large part by the efforts of the United States. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's vision and dedication laid the framework. The President even coined its name.

Former United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull won the Nobel Peace Prize, mainly for his efforts in building the institution. President Harry S Truman supported President Roosevelt's vision with equal devotion, and in 1945, the vision became a reality.

The United Nations has succeeded most obviously in preventing the horror of a third world war, encouraging multinational dialogues and the development of international law, and providing a forum for governmental and non-governmental entities.

It is active in peacekeeping, disarmament, economic development, environmental preservation, education and disease prevention. United Nations groups like UNICEF, the World Bank, the World Health Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency have produced a long list of achievements, along with the inevitable stumble now and then.

It is less commonly known that the United Nations also handles international labor standards, international aviation safety provisions, international mail flow issues and international copyright laws, all of which significantly benefit Americans.

In the words of former United States Ambassador to the United Nations and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, "If you have ever traveled on an international airline or shipping line, or placed a phone call overseas, or received mail from outside the country, or been thankful for an accurate weather report—then you have been served directly or indirectly by one part or another of the United Nations system."

MORE HELPFUL TO UNITED STATES

Many within America view the United Nations with great suspicion, primarily because they see a significant threat to U.S. sovereignty.

They would do well to heed the words of former United States Senator Arthur Vandenberg, a Republican who supported the formation of the world body: "Though we cooperate wholeheartedly with the United Nations for peace and security, we remain the captains of our own souls."

The veto power of the United States in the Security Council alone ensures that the United Nations does not act arbitrarily to harm U.S. interests. And when looked at historically, the United Nations has served interests of the United States far more than it has harmed them.

Among other examples, the United Nations supported the dispatch of forces to Korea in 1950 and the incursion into Kuwait to expel Iraqi forces in 1991.

After September 11, 2001, it also moved swiftly to join the battle against terrorism, supporting the attack on Afghanistan and passing Resolution 1373, which "required nations to interdict arms flows and financial transfers to suspected terrorist groups, report on terrorists' movements and update national legislation to fight them."

When the United Nations speaks in a clear voice, it represents the greatest source of international legitimacy possible.

When the Security Council passes a Resolution it is not only legally binding, but it is widely respected. To solve global challenges requires a close partnership between the United States and the United Nations.

As President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "With all the defects . . . the United Nations still represents man's best organized hope to substitute the conference table for the battlefield."

Indeed, to attack the United Nations is to criticize the conference table. The United Nations is only as effective as the countries around that table. If we hope to strengthen the World Organization's effectiveness, the United States must play a leading role in reform efforts.

It is an honor and privilege to present the message of Secretary-General Kofi A. Annan to the People of Connecticut.

TRIBUTE TO E. RONALD DURAND,
JR.

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to E. Ronald Durand, Jr., a longtime friend and true patriot who passed away on September 20, 2006.

I first met Ron Durand in the late 1960s when we were both students at the University of Notre Dame Law School. Ron had entered law school after serving 6 years in the United States Marine Corps. Rising to the rank of captain, Ron's service included a tour of duty as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, where he was highly decorated and flew many rescue missions.

During our time together in law school Ron was a true leader—soft-spoken but strong. He and his wife Liz were close friends to me and my wife Rosemary and we remained in contact in the years that followed. During his professional career, Ron achieved much as an entrepreneur and as an airport executive. He was a true renaissance man.

With all his varied accomplishments, Ron Durand was first and foremost a true American patriot, exemplified by his heroic service in Vietnam. Ron's love of country, however, went beyond his military duty. He truly cared about our country and always maintained an acute and detailed knowledge, awareness and interest in national and international matters.

Ron Durand was admired, respected and loved by all who had the privilege of knowing him. It is fitting and appropriate that he will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery with military honors on November 22. No one is more deserving.

May he rest in peace. Go Irish.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JAMES D.
ROGERS

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor COL James D. Rogers for his outstanding service in the United States Army during the Vietnam war.

COL James D. Rogers went above the call of duty in his service as senior advisor to the 11th Vietnamese Ranger Battalion on Operation "Harvest Moon" in the Thang Binh District. On December 8, 1965, the entire battalion came under attack with heavy casualties on the Ranger side.

The Battalion's executive officer was killed, the command group radio operator was wounded, and CPT Dzu Thua Nguyen, the commander of the 11th Vietnamese Ranger Battalion, was wounded in both legs. During this battle is when Colonel Rogers displayed extreme bravery in fighting off the enemy, tending to the wounded during the withdrawal, and safeguarding their lives while air support was being called in.

He remained behind, and carried Captain Dzu on his back to safety over dangerous, cane-filled terrain in which he wounded his foot by stepping on a punji stake. Despite this injury, he kept on going, and carried Captain Dzu to the safety of the reserve company where he and his assistant senior advisor, LT Jan Senecal, worked with the battalion in repelling further attacks. Six months after that heroic display in the face of absolute danger, Colonel Rogers was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his valor on May 18, 1966.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to have had this time to recognize the bravery and dedication of COL James D. Rogers to his fellow soldiers and to the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL DE LA GARZA

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Paul de la Garza, a passionate, dedicated journalist whose stories have sparked critical changes at Tampa's James A. Haley VA Medical Center and elsewhere. Paul's passing last month is a tremendous loss to his colleagues at the St. Petersburg Times and the entire Tampa Bay community.

Paul's inspiring work ethic developed at an early age. From humble beginnings in Port Isabel, TX, Paul worked his way through elementary school, high school and college and fought his way into the newsroom. Paul cultivated his love for journalism at the University of Texas at Austin where he served as reporter and editor of the student newspaper, earning a job offer in the Associated Press's Chicago bureau.

Paul first came to the Tampa Bay area in 1992 to work for the St. Petersburg Times, writing police news stories, a column and helping to edit the Tampa section. He went on to work at the Chicago Tribune as a metro reporter, then a foreign correspondent and Mexico City bureau chief.

The St. Petersburg Times welcomed Paul's return in 2000, and since then, his breaking news stories have helped to expose problems in veterans health care services at Haley, as well as shedding light onto operations at Tampa's MacDill Air Force Base.

Paul's relentless pursuit of sources, his ability to befriend people from all walks of life, and his passion for revealing the truth, made him a superb journalist. But Paul will also be remembered for his compassion for others, his brave battle against Hodgkin's disease, and his intense love of family.

On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Paul's family. May his wife and children find comfort in the many people that Paul inspired and the legacy he leaves behind.

HONORING DR. HARVEY
FEIGENBAUM

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Indiana's leading scientist and scholars, Dr. Harvey Feigenbaum, the recipient of the 2006 Builders of Israel award, which was presented to him at the annual Indiana-Israel Dinner of State on November 4, 2006.

The Builders of Israel award is given each year to a worthy recipient or recipients who demonstrate exceptional support of the Israel Bonds investment program, which helps strengthen Israel's economy, as well as for the recipient's personal contributions to the enrichment of American and Jewish life in Indiana and abroad. Since 1951, The State of Israel Bonds/Development Corporation for Israel has issued securities in the name of the government of Israel for the development of every aspect of Israel's economy, including agriculture, commerce and industry. Over the years Israel Bonds has secured more than \$26 million in investment capital, and throughout its history, the State of Israel has maintained a perfect record of payment of the principal and interest on the securities it has issued. From humble beginnings, Israel Bonds have gone from a fledgling idea, to a powerful legacy of achievement; in the process becoming the financial bedrock upon which the modern State of Israel is built.

This simple concept of investment in people and communities is also the bedrock upon which Dr. Harvey Feigenbaum built his life. Born and raised in Indiana, Dr. Feigenbaum received his Bachelor of Science and Doctorate of Medicine degrees from Indiana University where he continued his academic career as a distinguished professor of medicine at Indiana University's School of Medicine. In addition to authoring or co-authoring over two hundred fifty scientific articles during his career, Dr. Feigenbaum's pioneering work in cardiac ultrasound, or echocardiography, resulted in the development of ultrasound as a critical diagnostic tool in the battle against heart disease. Dr. Feigenbaum continues to push the boundaries of research into echocardiography, and I understand his most recent research has greatly aided in the refinement of echocardiogram imaging techniques and the creation of a hand-held ultrasound system. Dr. Feigenbaum's work with ultrasound is so well respected by his peers in the scientific community that if you look at the qualifications of many, if not most, of the world leaders in echocardiography, you should not be surprised to see that they were trained directly or indirectly by Dr. Feigenbaum. Yet even with all the demands of his teaching schedule and his research, Dr. Feigenbaum has always found time to give back to his community and his profession, including founding the American Society of Echocardiography in 1975—which now has more than 6,000 members—and serving as the organization's first president.

Last year, Dr. Feigenbaum's achievement earned him the American Heart Association's highest honor, the Distinguished Scientist Award, an award Dr. Feigenbaum so richly deserved.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Feigenbaum's conscientious good works as a citizen, scientist, and

scholar represent the best tradition of selfless public service, civic stewardship and commitment to others and are deserving of our highest commendation. His service to the people of the United States, to the people of Israel and to my Hoosier friends and neighbors has

truly helped to make our world a better place, and I ask all of my colleagues to take a moment and join me now to congratulate and commend Dr. Harvey Feigenbaum, for receiving the 2006 Builders of Israel award.