

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.