

goal—joining them in the practice of law back in my hometown.

Fortunately for me, both Dean and R. Jon had a broad and selfless view of my participation in the law firm. When I became interested in pursuing elected office—first for the legislature and then as a statewide candidate—they were completely supportive.

I believe the value of junior members in many law firms is found solely in the billable hours they generate for the benefit of the firm. Dean Lenaburg and R. Jon Fitzner thought I had something to offer in the area of public leadership. Without their understanding and support, I would never have been able to participate in the political process.

I only hope Dean knew the dimensions of gratitude I will always have for his allowing me to take my shot at elective office. As long as I may remain in public service, I hope and pray my efforts are worthy of the trusting support he provided.

One final aspect of Dean needs noting. He had a first rate intellect and insatiable appetite for learning. He was a lifelong student of history and read extensively. He would positively delight in uncovering a new insight or perspective on the historical development of our State and Nation.

His interest in scholarship led him to extended service on the Valley City Library Building. Our beautiful Andrew Carnegie building and its contents reflect his conscientious contribution to the preservation and enhancement of our community library.

Dean's spirit—including his active mind, his concern for others, and his good humor—lives on in his daughters and grandchildren.

Dean Lenaburg had a life well lived. All of us whose lives he touched feel grateful for having known him and will carry him in our thoughts and memories always.

IN MEMORY OF JON CORBIN, RECOGNIZING HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

### HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, on November 6, 2006 the U.S. House of Representatives lost an institution in the Members' Dining Room when Jon Corbin, maitre d' until January 2006, passed on.

Jon started his lifelong career working for Congress in 1954 working for Representative Sam Rayburn and the Texas Delegation giving tours of the U.S. Capitol. He also took a second job at the U.S. Senate Post Office from which he retired in 2005. Jon became very popular working with the Texas Delegation and was assigned the position of personal server for Rep. Rayburn in his private dining room until Rep. Rayburn's death in 1961. Jon went on to become the maitre d' of the Main Dining Room, now the Members' Dining Room, in 1968.

Jon loved his job, working with the Members of the House. He was an astute listener and would gather all the facts before answering most questions asked of him, giving well thought out, honest answers and his views on many subjects. He was a huge sports fan and did his research on most scores and the who,

what and when of big weekend games that Members would discuss with him. Jon was extremely knowledgeable about the U.S. Capitol and was considered the dining room staff information source on most questions concerning the Capitol. He was well liked and respected by his fellow workers and by Members of Congress. Jon had a great memory and knew most of the Members, past and present, by name on sight.

All who had the honor to meet and work with Jon Corbin will truly miss him. On behalf of the former and current Members Jon served over more than 50 years, and the entire House community, we celebrate Jon's contributions to this institution and extend condolences to his family and friends on his passing.

### GYNECOLOGIC CANCER EDUCATION AND AWARENESS ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

### HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 14, 2006*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1245, known as "Johanna's Law," which will increase the awareness and knowledge of gynecologic cancers. This legislation authorizes a national campaign to increase awareness of gynecologic cancers—including the creation of written information to distribute to the public.

This legislation was named after a constituent of mine, Johanna, who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 1997. Johanna was a healthy and active 54-year-old woman who had retired from teaching from Southfield Lathrup High School when she was diagnosed. It was a shock to Johanna and her family when they received the devastating news. Sadly, the cancer was not caught in time and she passed away on August 29, 2000.

Each year, more than 80,000 women are diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer. One-third—or 28,000—of these women will die from the disease. Survival rates drop 50 percent or less if the cancer is not diagnosed early.

Early detection is critical to successfully treat gynecologic cancers. Many symptoms of this type of cancer often resemble non-threatening illnesses. Furthermore, many gynecologic cancers do not have a reliable screening test for the general public to utilize.

It is important that we educate the American public on early detection and prevention of gynecologic cancers. Public awareness is crucial to curbing this deadly disease, and Johanna's Law will help spread knowledge that can save the lives of women that may die needlessly each year. I thank my colleagues for supporting the passage of "Johanna's Law."

HONORING JEROLD L. HARRIS OF WICHITA, KANSAS

### HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerold L. Harris of Wichita, Kansas. Jerold has served rural America for 43 years in his role with the Farm Credit System. American agriculture will miss this good friend come January when he plans to retire.

Jerold grew up on a farm near Denby, South Dakota, and later attended high school in Gordon, Nebraska. After receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Business from Colorado State University in 1963, he went to work for the Farm Credit System, where his positive leadership helped people work together. Jerold embodies a statement he often quotes "There is no limit to progress when people work together."

During Jerold's 43 years of service, one accomplishment truly stands out. The Western Farm Credit Bank in Sacramento, California entered into a joint management agreement with the Farm Credit Bank of Wichita in January 2002. The Board of Directors named Jerold as President and Chief Executive Officer. Under this agreement, Jerold combined the operations of these two banks while developing and implementing a strategy to merge the two banks and form a new bank, U.S. AgBank, FCB, which would be headquartered in Wichita, Kansas.

The 1980s were a difficult decade for American agriculture. During part of this time Jerold was the Chief Executive Officer of the jointly managed Ninth District Federal Land Bank Association and the Ninth District Production Credit Association that served four states. Even in those difficult times, Jerold was able to bring people together, under a common objective, to produce results.

During his long and distinguished career, Jerold held numerous leadership positions within the Farm Credit System. He has served as a loan officer, an appraiser, a supervisor and a manager, a follower and a leader, but always with the same dedication and achievement.

Jerold has also provided distinguished service at the national level, serving 15 years as a member of the Farm Credit System Presidents Planning Committee, during three of which he served as Chairman. Jerold also served 11 years on the Board of Directors of the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation, with three of those years as Chairman. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives (NCFC) and is a member of the NCFC Executive Council.

Jerold is also a familiar face here in Washington, DC. He has represented the Farm Credit System by testifying before both the House and Senate Agriculture Committees on numerous occasions, and always demonstrated a deep understanding of the issues and provided excellent input on the decisions facing congressional committees.

Jerold's honesty and integrity, keen intelligence, and an understanding of people has won him respect from his peers, workers, and the farmers and ranchers he has represented and served. His accomplishments speak volumes about his dedication to agriculture. He

has worked tirelessly to improve agriculture and rural America, and his leadership will be truly missed.

It is a great pleasure for me to share his impressive record of service with my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to explain my absence from the House of Representatives on November 13 and 14th.

During that time, I was in Quebec City attending the NATO Parliamentary Assembly annual meeting. In the beginning of the 109th Congress, I was honored to receive your appointment to serve as a member of the assembly.

The NATO Parliamentary Assembly is vital in fostering an open dialogue on security issues between member nations. A main responsibility of the assembly is to serve as Congress's check and oversight of NATO executive policy decisions. Our delegation was able to meet with representatives from other NATO countries to further our diplomatic relationships. As you know, our security, both economic and military, is increasingly dependent upon building these relationships. For this reason, I consider it prudent to participate as much as possible in NATO Parliamentary Assembly meetings.

Please let the RECORD show that had I been present I would have voted in the following ways: rollcall vote 517, "yes"; rollcall vote 518, "yes"; rollcall vote 519, "no"; rollcall vote 520, "yes"; rollcall vote 521, "yes"; rollcall vote 522, "yes"; rollcall vote 523, "yes."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 511, which was on the question of passage of H.R. 4772, the Private Property Rights Implementation Act, I inadvertently voted "no". This bill was considered on September 29, 2006, and approved by the House on a vote of 231 to 181.

My intent was to vote aye on rollcall vote 511, and I wish the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to indicate my support for this legislation.

#### TRIBUTE TO CORAN JAMES AS A POINT OF LIGHT

### HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, I have worked with Coran James in various activities for more than 10 years in education, political and social projects. In addition to her role as

a community activist, she is a dedicated mother of a daughter who graduated from Spelman College. As an educator she recently retired from service as the principal of Freedom Academy High School in Brooklyn. Coran James went to Brazil in the Summer of 2005 as the recipient of the Fulbright Award Winning Principals Exchange Program. She was the host for the Brazilian principals in New York. Several of her students were also sponsored on an exchange program to Jordan in the Middle East after winning an award for technology.

Whereas, Coran James, the community leader, is a member of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, NABSE; Association of Black School Educators of New York, ABENY; New York Urban League; NAACP; Net Generation of Youth-New York Metro Coordinator; YWCA; Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and the 100 Women for Congressman Major R. Owens.

Whereas, Coran James is a mentor for the Youth Congressional Award Program in Brooklyn. The Congress of the United States, through The Congressional Award Program, recognizes the initiative, achievement, and excellence of young persons who accomplish high goals in voluntary public service with the presentation of a Congressional Award by a member of Congress. Coran is a wonderful helper assisting Brooklyn youth to achieve personal goals in order to earn the Youth Congressional Award. Coran received the Congressman MAJOR R. OWENS' "Youth Service Award for Outstanding Efforts in Developing Youth Leaders for the 21st Century," in September 2005.

Whereas, Coran James has been a supporter of numerous education and civic organizations over the years and is a leader in the community. She exhibits a superior level of personal integrity, motivation, intelligence and emotional control. She works extremely well as a productive leader and team member, has excellent problem solving abilities and can relate to others in an effective manner. On the occasion of her retirement Tribute on Friday, November 17, 2006, I am pleased, on behalf of the constituents of the 11th Congressional District to salute Coran James as a Point of Light for all Americans.

#### TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM G. TIMME

### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rear Admiral William G. Timme on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Navy on November 30, 2006, a service he entered as a Midshipman at the Naval Academy in 1974.

Over the past four years, Admiral Timme has performed superbly as the Naval Sea Systems Command's Deputy Commander for Undersea Warfare. His energy, drive, leadership, keen understanding of national goals, objectives, and priorities, and ability to develop innovative approaches has left an exceptionally positive impact across the Undersea Warfare enterprise.

Admiral Timme's personal efforts have successfully steered the Undersea Warfare direc-

torate through trying workforce downsizing initiatives, delivered significant cost savings, and improved submarine maintenance planning. Most importantly, he directly supported key Team Submarine strategic goals in maximizing operational days for submarines and deep submergence vehicles, improvement of modernization fits, optimization of submarine fleet engagements, and preparation of personnel to meet future technical and management challenges.

Admiral Timme has worked closely with senior shipyard personnel to develop process changes that have resulted in reduced costs and increased efficiency at our nation's public and private shipyards. These include major initiatives in coordinating work across the Naval Shipyards and strengthening vital areas such as the innovative One Shipyard concept.

After the USS *San Francisco* grounding incident in January 2005, Admiral Timme developed the repair and transit procedures that directly help save this high value, and operationally critical platform for the Navy. Additionally, in his role as submarine safety certifying official, he has presided over the certification process for sea trials and unrestricted operations of over 47 submarines and manned submersibles.

The son of a career military officer, Admiral Timme attended Rutgers University for one year prior to entering the Naval Academy in 1974, graduating with distinction in 1978 with a degree in mechanical engineering. Following commissioning and completion of nuclear power school and basic submarine training, Admiral Timme reported to USS *Archerfish*. He served as Reactor Controls Assistant and Weapons Officer, completing three deployments. In March 1983, Admiral Timme was assigned to the Personnel Exchange Program with the Royal Navy in the United Kingdom. He served on the staff of Flag Officer Submarines at the Commander-in-Chief Fleet Headquarters in Northwood, England. Admiral Timme completed Submarine Officers Advanced Course in October 1985, earning the L. Y. Spear Award as class honorman. He then reported as new construction Engineer Officer on the PCU *Tennessee*, where the ship earned the Navy Unit Commendation during the shipyard construction period.

Later, Admiral Timme served at the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D.C., as the submarine department head detailee. During this tour he earned a masters degree in Engineering Management from The Catholic University. He relieved as Executive Officer of USS *Chicago* in April 1991, earning the Battle Efficiency "E" award. Subsequently, he served as Flag Secretary and Senior Aide to Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

In March 1995, Admiral Timme relieved as Commanding Officer, USS *Helena* and conducted two western Pacific deployments, which included numerous exercises and operations, including supporting the USS *Constellation* Battle Group. Subsequently, USS *Helena* conducted an interfleet transfer and began a Depot Modernization Period at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. In May 1998, he reported to the New Attack Submarine Program as the Warfare Requirements and Fleet Liaison Officer. In June 2000, Admiral Timme relieved as the Program Manager for Undersea Weapons, responsible for all of the Navy's torpedo programs.