

## TRIBUTE TO DAVID HERMANCÉ

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker I rise today in remembrance of a talented Californian, David Hermance, who passed away on November 25, 2006 at the age of 59. David was both an innovator of technology and an admired friend of the environment.

Although best known for his recent work with hybrids, David championed advanced-technology vehicles throughout his four decades in the auto industry. After 26 years of dedicated service to General Motors, David joined Toyota in 1991 to become the North American Executive Engineer for Advanced Technology Vehicles.

Through his dedicated work, he became known as the "father of the American Prius." His efforts have educated Americans and Congress alike on the enormous potential of advanced technology vehicles, such as hybrids. David's unique ability to explain the inner workings of complex technologies to all audiences made him the most respected American voice on hybrid technology. Today, consumers and environmentalists alike laud the products he has advocated for years.

On this day, Congress should remember David Hermance's vision for a better tomorrow. May God bring peace to David's family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO MY COLLEAGUES OF  
THE 109TH CONGRESS**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute to my colleagues. In the waning days of the 109th Congress, it is a time of reflection and reminiscing. We will miss our colleagues, who will not be returning in January as Members of the 110th.

I have many fond memories of the heady early days of the 104th Congress. My colleagues GIL GUTKNECHT, J.D. HAYWORTH, and JOHN HOSTETTLER helped keep the spirit of 1994 alive, and I will never forget their steadfast commitment to serve and, above all, their friendship.

I have enjoyed working with my colleague ERNEST ISTOOK on the House Appropriations Committee. He is a good friend and I admire his hard work on behalf of American families.

Other fellow colleagues on the House Appropriations Committee are ANNE NORTHRUP and CHARLES TAYLOR. I had the opportunity to spend a lot of time with these fine Members and their absence will be felt throughout the halls of Congress.

MARK GREEN and BOB BEAUPREZ worked hard for their constituents each and every day. Their dedication to the constituents they represented was unparalleled.

SUE KELLY, NANCY JOHNSON, and ROB SIMMONS have each played an important role in supporting our Republican principles. They have served their districts impeccably and will be missed.

My colleague, CHRIS CHOCOLA, fought each and every day for the American people. He worked diligently on behalf of American values and used his business knowledge to help keep and create jobs in the United States. He is a true patriot.

And finally, my good friend, MELISSA HART, with her bright smile and tremendous energy, she worked tirelessly on behalf of her district. She fought each day for the conservative cause and she will be sorely missed. I look forward to seeing her again in Congress.

CELEBRATING THE ABINGTON  
TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT'S  
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Abington Township Police Department on an important milestone—its 100th anniversary. Since 1906, the officers of Abington Police Department have proudly served and protected our community, and I am honored to represent them in Congress.

Beginning with only four patrolmen and a handful of bicycles, the Abington Police Department has blossomed into a modern, diverse and professional police agency. Under the leadership of Chief William J. Kelly, the Department now counts 163 law enforcement professionals, including an undercover drug investigation unit and SWAT team in its ranks.

Over the last century, the Department accomplished many significant achievements. In 1906, it established the first fingerprint laboratory in the region. Later that year, it used this facility to close the first criminal case in Pennsylvania using only fingerprint evidence. Ten years later, the Department traded in its bicycles and horses to become the first fully-motorized police department in the United States—an achievement that was motivated by the need to patrol a region that was originally very rural, but is now a fully-developed suburban community.

In recent years, Abington became the first police department to achieve statewide accreditation from the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission and one of three municipal police departments in Pennsylvania to achieve international accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Abington Police Department's record of excellence has been recognized by its peers, who have paid tribute to many of its law enforcement initiatives and appointed it to serve on a number of regional taskforces.

While successfully fulfilling its mission to serve and protect, the Department has also successfully established strong community ties. It has partnered with Abington residents to implement innovative programs like D.A.R.E., the Police Athletic League, Kids in Safety Seats, and Town Watch—demonstrating its commitment to building a strong community that is free of crime, violence, and substance abuse.

Mr. Speaker, once again I congratulate Chief Kelly and all of the men and women of

the Abington Police Department for their service, dedication, sacrifice and accomplishment. I look forward to continuing our work together and ensuring another 100 years of success, safety, and security for all Abington residents.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LAKE  
ORION REVIEW**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of the Lake Orion Review newspaper on the occasion of its 125th anniversary of service to the Oakland County community of Lake Orion, Michigan. The Lake Orion Review is also the oldest surviving business in Lake Orion.

The Review was established on December 24, 1881, known simply as the Orion Review with the original slogan: "Independent in Everything—Neutral in Nothing."

At that time, the community was home to only 400 citizens. Today, the Review circulates to about 35,000 readers and the community continues to grow and prosper, with numerous new businesses and families calling Lake Orion home.

The weekly newspaper was originally published by John Neal, Joseph Patterson and Frank Sutton, in the rear of Lou Warner's store on North Broadway Street. When hard times hit during the Great Depression, the newspaper's demise seemed written on the wall.

Apparently someone erased the premature obituary, because today the Lake Orion Review, published by Sherman Publications, is regarded as a beacon and trusted friend of the community. The Review has received multiple honors from the Michigan Press Association over the years, and enjoys a positive relationship with its readers and local news sources.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Lake Orion Review on its 125th anniversary and congratulating the staff for its continuing dedication to integrity, fairness and balanced news coverage for the community and its people. They are truly deserving of our respect and admiration.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF  
MAUREEN KEATING TSUCHIYA**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of my constituent and good friend Maureen Keating Tsuchiya of Chappaqua, NY, an extraordinary community activist and advocate for the disabled.

Maureen was born in Atkinson, Nebraska, the second of eight children of John and Dolores Keating. As a toddler, she survived a severe strain of polio. Her lifelong disability, which worsened over time, was a focus of her advocacy efforts on behalf of persons with physical challenges. With each cause she championed, she used an unstoppable blend of passion, energy, dignity, perseverance,

forcefulness, honesty and wit to accomplish her goals.

While in college in Minnesota, Maureen started a campaign to get the city of Minneapolis to lengthen the time of the green traffic lights so that she and other persons with disabilities could cross the streets safely. Later, she worked tirelessly for the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and attended the signing ceremony at the White House.

After living in New York City and Tokyo, Maureen, her husband Takashi, and their daughter Hannah moved to Chappaqua in 1997. She quickly became involved in civic and political organizations, often accompanied by her young daughter to whom she was totally devoted. Maureen Keating Tsuchiya worked with Westchester Disabled on the Move on a voting rights lawsuit by testing polling places for their accessibility. She also spearheaded an effort to increase access to the Chappaqua train station.

Maureen Keating Tsuchiya, although taken from us and her valiant causes prematurely, leaves a rich legacy of principled activism and involvement for all of us to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in offering condolences to her husband, her daughter, and her entire family.

#### HONORING JACK FINNEY

### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor my friend Jack Finney. Jack recently celebrated his 90th birthday by donating more than \$1 million to the Hunt Memorial Hospital District Charitable Health Foundation. Jack's generous donation will ultimately enhance the soon-to-be-built cancer center on the campus of Presbyterian Hospital of Greenville.

Jack has a long history of making generous gifts to the community, having donated land, money, and his time to a variety of institutions such as Texas A&M University at College Station, Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum, Greenville YMCA, Greenville Chamber of Commerce, Paris Junior College, Texas A&M University-Commerce, the Greenville schools and many others. Other institutions that have benefited from his leadership include the local Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, and Board of Development as well as Texas A&M University, the Texas Baptist Foundation, and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Jack's efforts have led to multiple honors from Texas A&M, including his selection as a Distinguished Alumnus and election to the Hall of Honor of the A&M Corps of Cadets. Jack has also been honored with Greenville's "Worthy Citizen" Award, for which he donated \$50,000 establishing an endowment to maintain the annual award in perpetuity.

In appreciation of Jack's latest gift, the Hospital District's Board of Directors have decided to name the new cancer center the Lou and Jack Finney Cancer Center in honor of Jack and his late wife, Lou House Finney. Lou and Jack were married for 68 years prior to her death in 2005.

During the reception honoring Jack's gift, Mayor Tom Oliver of Greenville proclaimed

August 15th Jack Finney Day in the City of Greenville.

It has been speculated that Jack's gift is the largest single gift that an individual has ever made to a non-profit organization in Hunt County, and that certainly speaks volumes about Jack's generosity. Having given his time, money, and energy to so many worthy causes it is not surprising for Jack to have celebrated his 90th birthday with so large and charitable a gift. The community is fortunate indeed to have so generous a benefactor. Jack has spent his life serving and enriching the community, and his latest gift only further reinforces this legacy.

Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in appreciation of the benevolence of this fine man and my friend—Jack Finney.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE MICHAEL G. OXLEY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEECH OF

### HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. McHENRY. Madam Speaker, Congressman MIKE OXLEY served the 4th district of Ohio for 25 years with great distinction. Much can be said about a man who dedicates himself to the People's House for a quarter-century. Perhaps the most telling example of his magnetism and leadership can be seen in the number of staff members who dedicated themselves to serving Mr. OXLEY during his distinguished tenure.

The longstanding members of Mr. OXLEY's staff—Jim Conzelman, Debi Deimling, Bonnie Dunbar, Bob Foster, Phil Holloway, Tim Johnson, Kelly Kirk and Peggy Peterson—have served the chairman a combined 250 years among them. This is an amazing feat, given the fact that Capitol Hill is synonymous with high turnover rates and the frequent shuffling of staff members. I believe this speaks to the statesmanship MIKE OXLEY exhibited over his congressional career. His colleagues—just like his staffers—recognize his character, which inspires loyalty and perseverance.

#### INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. 1106

### HON. CYNTHIA MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I come before this body today as a proud American and as a servant of the American people, sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States.

Throughout my tenure, I've always tried to speak the truth. It is that commitment that brings me here today.

We have a President who has misgoverned and a Congress that has refused to hold him accountable. It is a grave situation and I believe the stakes for our country are high.

No American is above the law, and if we allow a President to violate, at the most basic and fundamental level, the trust of the people and then continue to govern, without a proc-

ess for holding him accountable—what does that say about our commitment to the truth? To the Constitution? To our democracy?

The trust of the American people has been broken. And a process must be undertaken to repair this trust. This process must begin with honesty and accountability.

Leading up to our invasion of Iraq, the American people supported this Administration's actions because they believed in our President. They believed he was acting in good faith. They believed that American laws and American values would be respected. That in the weightiness of everything being considered, two values were rock solid—trust and truth.

From mushroom clouds to African yellow cake to aluminum tubes, the American people and this Congress were not presented the facts, but rather were presented a string of untruths, to justify the invasion of Iraq.

President Bush, along with Vice President CHENEY and then-National Security Advisor Rice, portrayed to the Congress and to the American people that Iraq represented an imminent threat, culminating with President Bush's claim that Iraq was six months away from developing a nuclear weapon. Having used false fear to buy consent—the President then took our country to war.

This has grave consequences for the health of our democracy, for our standing with our allies, and most of all, for the lives of our men and women in the military and their families—who have been asked to make sacrifices—including the ultimate sacrifice—to keep us safe.

Just as we expect our leaders to be truthful, we expect them to abide by the law and respect our courts and judges. Here again, the President failed the American people.

When President Bush signed an executive order authorizing unlawful spying on American citizens, he circumvented the courts and the law, and he violated the separation of powers provided by the Constitution. Once the program was revealed, he then tried to hide the scope of his offense from the American people by making contradictory, untrue statements.

President George W. Bush has failed to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States; he has failed to ensure that senior members of his administration do the same; and he has betrayed the trust of the American people.

With a heavy heart and in the deepest spirit of patriotism, I exercise my duty and responsibility to speak truthfully about what is before us. To shy away from this responsibility would be easier. But I have not been one to travel the easy road. I believe in this country, and in the power of our democracy. I feel the steely conviction of one who will not let the country I love descend into shame; for the fabric of our democracy is at stake.

Some will call this a partisan vendetta, others will say this is an unimportant distraction to the plans of the incoming Congress. But this is not about political gamesmanship.

I am not willing to put any political party before my principles.

This, instead, is about beginning the long road back to regaining the high standards of truth and democracy upon which our great country was founded.

Mr. Speaker, under the standards set by the United States Constitution, President Bush—along with Vice President CHENEY, and Secretary of State Rice—should be subject to the