

parochial, or other religious schools. One of the most encouraging trends in education has been the establishment of private scholarship programs. These scholarship funds use voluntary contributions to open the doors of quality private schools to low-income children. By providing a tax credit for donations to these programs, Congress can widen the educational opportunities and increase the quality of education for all children.

Furthermore, privately-funded scholarships raise none of the concerns of state entanglement raised by publicly-funded vouchers.

There is no doubt that Americans will always spend generously on education, the question is, "who should control the education dollar—politicians and bureaucrats or the American people?" Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in placing control of education back in the hands of citizens and local communities by sponsoring the Education Improvement Tax Cut Act.

#### TRIBUTE TO LARRY INMAN

### HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 14, 2007*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a northern Michigan citizen who has been an exemplary leader in business, in his community and in his State. Larry Inman will celebrate his retirement this week after twenty-eight years of service to the Huntington National Bank (formerly Empire National Bank).

Mr. Inman is a northern Michigan original. He obtained his education and spent nearly his entire career in northern Michigan. He earned an Associate of Science degree from Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City before graduating from Northern Michigan University in Marquette in 1976. Mr. Inman had a brief internship in the Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division before he began his career with the Empire National Bank as a loan adjuster in 1979.

Mr. Inman's career at Huntington National Bank has been characterized by loyalty and dedication. His hard work and tenacity were often recognized and rewarded at Huntington National Bank. During his twenty-eight years there, he was promoted nine times, ultimately landing the position of Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer—Sales Executive Senior.

While Mr. Inman has been a tireless employee for Huntington National Bank, what is most remarkable is how he always took time to be an active member of his local community. In fact, given his track record of success at Huntington National Bank and the amount of time he dedicated to his professional career, it is truly astounding the number of community organizations that he has supported, belonged to or helped to lead. Larry has involved himself in community fundraisers for the local Junior Achievement and the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA. He spent time as a Volunteer Probation Officer for Michigan's 86th District Court. Maintaining his ties to his alma mater, he served on Northwestern Michigan College's Curriculum Advisory Committee.

Mr. Inman also applied his knowledge and professional experience toward the growth and development of the Grand Traverse County

area, serving on the Grand Traverse County Economic Development Corporation, the Waste Council, the Northwestern Regional Airport Commission and the Grand Traverse County Planning Commission.

Perhaps most important to the region's planning and development, Mr. Inman was elected in 1993 to the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners and has been successively re-elected every two years.

Beyond the organizations that helped guide the region's economic growth and development, Mr. Inman was active with a number of organizations that assist those in the Grand Traverse community who need the most help. For instance, he spent time on the Funds Distribution Board of the United Way of Northern Michigan and the Grand Traverse County Veterans Affairs Board.

Beyond his service to the local Grand Traverse region, Mr. Inman also served the State of Michigan in a variety of capacities. The Governor appointed him to serve on the Board of Trustees of Northern Michigan University. Since 1998, he has represented a ten-county region on the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments. He serves today on the State of Michigan Community Corrections Board and chaired the Corrections Board from 1999 to 2006.

Given the amount of time that Mr. Inman has dedicated to serving his state and his local community, it is no wonder that his colleagues have, at times, jokingly referred to him as "Larry Never In Man." Yet, despite the demands that community involvement places upon his time, Mr. Inman has led a highly successful career at Huntington National Bank. Some might speculate that his success can be attributed to his effervescent attitude. He is known around the office for responding to the question, "How are you?" with his trademark response, "Simply the best!"

With Larry's well deserved retirement, perhaps he will have more time to indulge his passions of attending Martina McBride concerts and collecting country music memorabilia. However, even while he enjoys these hobbies, I know Mr. Inman will remain an active part of the Grand Traverse Community.

Madam Speaker, all of us struggle to balance our professional lives with involvement in our local communities. As a leader in local business, in his community and in the State of Michigan, Larry Inman exemplifies that balance.

Madam Speaker, I first met Larry Inman when I attended Northwestern Michigan College from 1970–1972. Larry and I, along with Tom Willson, were studying law enforcement, young ladies and the latest night spots. We became good friends in college and better friends in business and politics. I regret that I cannot personally attend his retirement party as my Congressional responsibilities are keeping me in Washington, D.C. Larry knows I am with him in spirit, in friendship and in my heart, because you really do not have that many good friends like Larry Inman!

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in saluting Mr. Larry Inman for his years of dedication and in congratulating him on a well deserved retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBERT GLANS

### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 14, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Glans, a veteran of World War II, for his exemplary service in defense of freedom and award him with the Jubilee of Liberty Medal.

On June 6, 1944 the United States and its allies embarked on the largest air, land, and sea invasion ever undertaken. This massive effort included 5,000 ships, 10,000 airplanes, and over 150,000 American, British, Canadian, Free French, and Polish Troops. During the 50th anniversary of this historic event, the French Government awarded the Jubilee of Liberty Medal to American servicemen for their participation in the Battle of Normandy.

Robert served in the United States Army, 60th Infantry Regiment and served in Normandy, Northern France, and the Rhineland. For his heroism and valor, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, the WWII Victory Medal, and the American Campaign Medal.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Robert Glans for his heroic service in the United States Military. His dedication to this country in the theater of war is truly exemplary. I commend the sacrifices he has made to protect our freedoms and I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize his service. I applaud Robert Glans for his successes and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

#### HONORING AND PRAISING THE NAACP ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 98TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 12, 2007*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an organization that has been at the forefront of the fight for civil and political liberty. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, our Nation's oldest civil rights organization, has been on the right side of history for 98 years.

Doing the right thing wasn't an easy task, especially given the entrenched discrimination black Americans faced. When African Americans were victims of lynching; when hostile government policies forced black Americans into substandard, segregated schools; when black voters were disenfranchised by poll taxes and other unfair barriers, the NAACP stepped up to help end discrimination and do what was right.

I feel privileged to represent a district with a strong branch of the NAACP. The Sonoma County NAACP was co-founded by my friends Gilbert and Alice Gray and other local activists. Alice was a dedicated volunteer and fearless leader. Almost 1 year ago, I rose to honor Alice after her passing. Some of her accomplishments bear mentioning again, for the scope and depth of her activism. In 1954, she