

Ertegun also became a trustee of several charitable organizations, including the Rhythm & Blues Foundation, which sought to ensure that singers and artists received their share of royalties that they had for so long been denied. As mentioned earlier, he was a contributing founder of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, whose main exhibition hall now bears his name.

Ahmet Ertegun's leadership is reflected in the inspirational careers of other Turkish Americans who continue the legacy of contributing to what makes America great. I hope that my colleagues, this great institution and the American people will join me in paying tribute to the life and accomplishments of a great American icon and a proud and talented Turk.

TRIBUTE TO KEIL HILEMAN, THE  
D.A.R.'S OUTSTANDING TEACHER  
OF AMERICAN HISTORY

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Keil Hileman of DeSoto, KS, who in April was awarded the national Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR] Outstanding Teacher of American History award. This award honors notable, full-time teachers of American history and related fields, such as social studies, government, and citizenship education. The teacher must have the ability to foster the spirit of American patriotism and loyal support of the United States and constitutional government and demonstrate the ability to relate the subject to modern life and events.

Sponsored by the Prairie Rose Chapter of the DAR, which is located in Overland Park, KS, in the Third Congressional District, Mr. Hileman was top winner in the state of Kansas and then selected for the national tribute from state winners from across the Nation and overseas. On June 30, 2007, Mr. Hileman will receive his award at DAR Continental Congress in Washington, D.C.'s Constitution Hall.

Mr. Hileman, who teaches at Monticello Trails Middle School in Shawnee, Kansas, says his passion is to make history a part of the students' quality world. His success centers on his "classroom museum," filled with a potpourri of 20,000 artifacts he uses to teach events in American history. He began his museum by bringing heirlooms from his own collection to his class, and it has grown to thousands of items from contributions by families of students and community members. The historical artifacts, ranging from the ordinary but old to the extraordinary and rare, are all available for close examination by the students.

Among his many honors, Mr. Hileman was: the 2004 Kansas Teacher of the Year; the first Kansan to win the Horace Mann-National Education Association Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence, in 2004; and was one of four finalists for The National Teacher of the Year award. He has taught at the middle school level for 14 years in the DeSoto Unified School District, where his course load includes an elective class using his artifacts collection called "Museum Connections." Additionally, he teaches a hands-on archaeology course at

Johnson County Community College, a classroom museum course for teachers at MidAmerica Nazarene University and a graduate/undergraduate, artifact-supported history class at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Keil Hileman's classroom credo is: "explore your world, empower yourself and those around you, excel in everything you do!" I am proud to represent this outstanding educator and caring individual in the United States Congress. I join with the Prairie Rose Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in commending Mr. Hileman for this truly well-deserved honor and I hope that his dedication to educating young people serves as an inspiration for others to enter the teaching profession.

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. LANTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces who have fallen in the line of duty, protecting our country and serving this nation honorably. On Monday, I will have the high honor of speaking at Golden Gate National Cemetery where I will look out across the many rows of snow white headstones at the generations of brave men and women lost in service to our country.

Memorial Day is a somber day of reflection, but it is also a day to celebrate the beliefs and ideals of America; not only do we remember those who embodied these ideals, but we must celebrate their lives and their willingness to sacrifice so that we might be here today.

On Memorial Day sixty-five years ago, the future Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Earl Warren, stood near the site that I will stand inaugurating this important memorial. These 161 acres are hallowed grounds that must be treated with the highest respect. For those of us who live and work in the Bay Area, a drive down the 280 is a constant reminder of how many of our family members, friends, and neighbors have had to sacrifice their lives for our freedom.

Madam Speaker, the President bestows, in the name of Congress, the highest honor a member of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force or Coast Guard can receive for valiant actions in the line of duty. Fifteen people at Golden Gate National Cemetery have received the Medal of Honor and are interred with over 130,000 other courageous men and women of the Armed Forces.

California has borne a large share of the burden that the Armed Forces have undertaken. Over two million veterans live in California and we have lost almost four hundred men and women in Afghanistan and Iraq. Right now there are over 20,000 Californians in these war zones, so on behalf of these brave soldiers I am committed to the view that Congress' first order of business must be to ensure that those who are in the line of fire are the most prepared and well-equipped. It is my solemn oath that none of the men and women in harm's way should lie here before it is their time.

Madam Speaker, I will go to the podium with mixed feelings; it is a high honor to be

able to go to Golden Gate National Cemetery on Memorial Day and share my thoughts with many veterans from around the Bay Area. It is impossible to express how important the sacrifices made by these men and women are to this country. One thing is certain: America would not be the great country it is without them.

This Memorial Day I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to all members of the Armed Forces, especially those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

IN HONOR OF MASTER SERGEANT  
KENNETH N. MACK, UNITED  
STATES MARINE CORPS RE-  
SERVE

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage of a brave and dedicated hero of the Fort Worth community and of our Nation.

MSgt Kenneth N. Mack was a proud United States Marine and a true American hero who gallantly gave his life for his country on May 5, 2007, during combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq.

Assigned to the Second Marine Expeditionary Force, Master Sergeant Mack's 25 years of faithful service as a Marine are an inspiration to all Americans, particularly the men he so ably led.

Kenneth Mack leaves behind his wife, Peggy, mother, Mahalia, and his daughter and son.

Our community and Nation honor Kenneth Mack's memory and we are grateful for his faithful and distinguished service to America.

MSgt Kenneth N. Mack will never be forgotten. His memory lives on through his family, the Marines who were entrusted to his care and the legacy of selfless service that he so bravely imprinted on our hearts.

CONGRATULATING ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL GIRLS' GOLF  
TEAM ON WINNING THE 2007  
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor the St. Paul's Episcopal School girls' golf team on winning the 2007 state championship.

In 1947, William S. Mann founded St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile, Alabama. St. Paul's began with a class of twenty kindergartners, and has grown to currently enroll 1,613 students, making St. Paul's the largest Episcopal school in North America.

Coach Beverly Davis led the varsity girls' golf team to their first state championship at the Robert Trent Jones Grand National Course in Opelika. This most recent honor brings the number of state championships won by St. Paul's teams to eight this year. The team placed fourth last year and second two