

sixth grade at Rock Creek Grammar School. At Placer High School, he played soccer, but particularly excelled at basketball, a sport made for a man six feet five inches tall.

Richard's service to me has been notable because he has always been willing to put others ahead of himself. He has seen the benefit of developing a team based on strong relationships and mutual respect. Even at our most trying times, I always knew that Richard was acting with my best interests in mind.

As he looks to new opportunities, (and I know they will be numerous for a man of his talents) I wish him and his family much happiness and success.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL MARY
GENE RYAN

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of my friend Colonel Mary Gene Ryan, who is retiring after 31 years of military service.

Colonel Ryan has served at both military bases in my district, Vandenberg Air Force Base and Naval Base Ventura County. She is retiring from the 30th Medical Group at Vandenberg as the Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Commander.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in nursing, Colonel Ryan entered the U.S. Air Force as a Second Lieutenant. She earned her master's degree in public health 4 years later as she worked her way up the ranks and gained experience and accreditation as a second flight nurse, a medical crew director and flight nurse instructor in the C-9, C-141 and C-130 while stationed at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany.

She returned to the states as Officer In Charge of Environmental Health at Wilford Hall Medical Center in Texas, then made her transition to California as Chief of Environmental Health at Edwards Air Force Flight Test Center. By this time she had been promoted to captain and soon after, to major.

When the Air Force dissolved the Environmental Health Nurse career field, Colonel Ryan transferred to the California Air National Guard at what is now Naval Base Ventura County. She served at Naval Base Ventura County as Nurse Executive and Executive Officer and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

She later transferred to the Air Force Reserve and became Chief of Nursing Services at March Air Reserve Base. She was promoted to full Colonel on April 1, 2004.

While pursuing a successful medical military career, Colonel Ryan also worked in the civilian field and co-founded her own business, MGRyan & Co., Inc., a full-service safety and health consulting firm. She also served as Manager of Health & Safety for the County of Ventura and as Director of Occupational Health at Peterson Medical Clinic in Oxnard, California.

And, if that were not enough, Colonel Ryan is also a successful wife and mother. She and Dr. Robert E. Ryan III have three children, 24-year-old Michael, 21-year-old Jessica, and 16-year-old Matthew.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Colonel Mary Gene

Ryan on her retirement from military service and thank her for her many years of dedication to the military and the health and welfare of the men and women who serve in the Air Force, Air Force Reserves, and California Air National Guard.

TRIBUTE TO WEST VIRGINIA
SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine as a leader in the study and practice of rural medicine.

The need for primary care physicians in rural areas is of great importance to our Nation's overall health care delivery system. These providers are often on the front lines of health care delivery and provide much needed care to our sick and elderly populations.

Since its first graduating class in 1978, the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine has countered this need by producing gifted physicians prepared to practice rural medicine.

In fact, nearly half of the school's graduates go on to serve in rural communities that are in desperate need of their care. Often understaffed and covering large geographic areas, these communities require accommodating physicians with a range of services.

Madam Speaker, as today's medical profession is glamorized in the public consciousness by popular television dramas it is the graduates of West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine who go on to serve in rural communities that deserve to be celebrated. I thank the school's students, faculty and staff for their service and wish them continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO SHELDON S.
CRAMMER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to sacrifice for our country through military service.

Sheldon S. Crammer of Conyers, Georgia answered the call and served our nation in time of war from 1942-1944.

On the beaches of Normandy and in the French Theater on the European continent, Sheldon S. Crammer displayed valor, determination, and calm and was wounded in the line of duty.

This remarkable and courageous man gave of himself, in defense of this Nation.

Sheldon S. Crammer is a soldier, a warrior, a father, a grandfather, a son, a brother, and a friend.

After many years, long overdue recognition of his service is being duly noted with the granting of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart in a special ceremony attended by his family, friends, and fellow veterans.

I was pleased to proclaim May 19, 2007 as Sheldon S. Crammer Day for his brave service to our country.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT ALEX-
ANDER BORGARDTS FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Robert Alexander Borgardt, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Robert has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Robert has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Robert Alexander Borgardt for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout. I am honored to represent Robert in the United States House of Representatives.

A TRIBUTE TO MILDRED LEIGH
GOLD

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mildred Leigh Gold, a compassionate leader, a breast cancer survivor, and an advocate from the Fourth Congressional District. Mrs. Leigh Gold is recognized at the national, regional and local level for her work and achievements in the area of breast cancer awareness and treatment.

Mrs. Leigh Gold came to Milwaukee in 1969. She was immediately hired by Catholic Social Services and worked there for 18 years. She provided counseling, guidance and other assistance to central city youth from 2 community sites: the House of Peace and the Inner City Development Project. In 1989, Mrs. Leigh Gold was diagnosed with breast cancer and this life altering event led to a significant change in her career. She became active with the Breast Cancer Awareness Task Force Board.

In 1990, she accepted the challenge to design and implement the community-focused, City of Milwaukee Breast Cancer Awareness Program. This trailblazing, first-of-its-kind program took breast cancer screening services into underserved neighborhoods with a mobile van. The program has provided breast cancer screening service to over 27,000 women and reached many more women through its education awareness component. Public Health

Nurses were utilized to have one-on-one visits with women presenting with abnormal breast exams; and a network of nurturing physicians and relationships with hospitals were developed to ensure follow-up care. In fact, the rate of follow-up visits in this program with physicians was an impressive 98% compared to the national average of 30%. The program she designed and implemented has been replicated throughout the United States because it has achieved such impressive outcomes. Mrs. Leigh Gold, who is retiring in June, 2007, has guided this nationally recognized program for 17 years.

Mrs. Leigh Gold holds a bachelors degree in Social Welfare from A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina, a masters degree in Management from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as well as an LPN certificate. She has been married to Joe Gold for over 20 years.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Mildred Leigh Gold. Mrs. Leigh Gold's dedication to women's health care and her work to promote awareness and provide access to breast cancer treatment has truly been a life saver for many women in my district.

TRIBUTE TO JOE TRUSSO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joe Trusso for his 37 years in public service. He was the representative of the southeast neighborhoods of the City of Jamestown in District 16. Mr. Trusso was first elected to the Chautauqua County Board of Supervisors/Legislature in 1971.

I would like briefly to touch on the many areas of service that Joe gave to our county. During his tenure, Mr. Trusso served as the chairman of the School-to-Work/Scholarship Subcommittee, Manpower Utilization, Finance, and Personnel/Human Services Committees. In addition to his current chairmanship of the Audit and Control Committee and vice chair, former chair, of the Public Facilities Committee, he has been a member of and chaired the Judicial and Public Safety and Public Works Committees. He has served on the Airport Commission, the Southern Tier West Board of Directors and Budget Watch Committees. He was also elected Democratic minority and majority leader. As a legislator, Mr. Trusso has authored Pre-Paid Capitalization Legislation and is the co-author of the Trusso-Beckman Debt Reduction Legislation that eliminated the county's long-standing debt.

I must also acknowledge Mr. Trusso's other interests. Joe served on the Resource Center and Allied Industries Board of Directors since 1967, where he is still serving as a special committee member, and has held several leadership positions. Mr. Trusso was the Assistant Director of the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department and served on the Jamestown Industrial Development and Commerce Committee. He is a member of St. James RC Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, Samuel Derby Post American Legion, Knights of Columbus—Fourth Degree, Moose Club, Marco Polo Club, Lakewood Rod and Gun Club and the UAW Local #338

I am proud to mention that Mr. Trusso served his country from 1952–1956 in the United States Air Force (Korean War Veteran); Medical Field Service School and from 1956–1960 in the United States Air Force Reserves.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Joe on his wonderful job well done in the Chautauqua County Legislature. Joe, you will be missed by all of the constituents whose lives you touched. Enjoy your retirement!

HONORING HOWARD JONAS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, Howard Jonas is a very active supporter of several charities nationally and in his community and serves as a trustee on numerous university, hospital, religious, and social service organization boards.

These include New York Presbyterian Hospital, Shaarei Tzedek Hospital in Jerusalem, Jewish Guild for the Blind, Yeshiva College, AIPAC, Shema Kolainu for Autistic Children, American Friends of Yeshivat B'nei Akiva, Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Newark Public Library, International Rescue Committee, Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, American Friends of Shalva, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark Public Library, Riverdale Y, Digital Freedom Network, Tuoro College, Yeshivat Hovevei Torah, SAR, Eidah, Yeshivat Shmuel Yaakov, Fairness Committee, Voices and Bar Ilan University.

In addition Mr. Jonas has been the honorary chairman of The Beth Jacob/Beth Miriam Yeshiva for the past thirteen years. This is an incredible record of accomplishment for one person and I personally am in awe.

Howard is a local boy who graduated from Bronx High School of Science and went on to get a B.A. in Economics from Harvard University.

He also went on to revolutionize international telecommunications. At age 33, he found a way to supply the world with a U.S. dial tone and cheap international long distance rates, creating international "callback" telephone service, now an over a billion dollar a year industry.

Howard founded IDT in August 1990 and has served as Chairman of the Board and Treasurer since its inception. He was Chief Executive Officer from December 1991 to August 2001. IDT is known as a model of upstart entrepreneurship, continually innovating and looking for the next great cutting edge business opportunity.

He is also the founder and has been President of Jonas Publishing Corporation, a publisher of trade directories, since its inception in 1979.

Howard Jonas is a man who is generous in his help over a wide area and is someone who has made a significant difference in the life of his community.

IN HONOR OF CHRISSIE JAHN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, Members of the House, I rise today to honor Chrissie Jahn, executive director and head of school for the International School of Monterey. Ms. Jahn has been recognized as the California International Education Advocate of the Year, a most deserving tribute to the important work she has done on behalf of Monterey County students.

Ms. Jahn is dedicated to providing a demanding curriculum to area families, offering her students an international education designed to prepare them for success in today's global economy. Ms. Jahn strives to supply her students with the skills necessary to succeed in life, and she approaches that role with an infectious energy.

Ms. Jahn excels at challenging her students, instilling in them a love of learning and a strong sense of self-motivation and respect. Her school is a tuition-free public charter school with a strong focus on language education, with instruction beginning in kindergarten. Her work fostering skills integral to student success on a global stage is a valuable lesson to educators around the country.

The award was presented to Ms. Jahn by the Visiting International Faculty Program, the largest international-exchange program connecting U.S. schools and teachers around the world.

Madam Speaker, please allow me to convey to Ms. Jahn this body's gratitude for her hard work and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the brave men and women who have fallen in service to our country. This weekend, as we return home to celebrate Memorial Day with our friends and families, let us take time to reflect on the countless sacrifices that have been made by our men and women in uniform.

Since the founding of our nation, the men and women in our armed forces have served this country with honor. They have fought to defend and preserve our nation from forces that have threatened to divide our country and destroy our way of life. America is a better place for their courage and their service.

As a grateful nation, we cannot ignore our responsibility to repay those who have served in defense of our country. This means doing everything we can to provide our veterans with comprehensive health care that is affordable, accessible, and available for life.

Instead of honoring our promises to our veterans, this Administration has tried to turn a blind eye to their problems. This Administration has attempted to push the increasing costs of veterans' health care onto veterans by charging higher premium and deductibles and reducing the number of veterans eligible