

best as he continues to improve the lives around him through his dynamic leadership.

CONGRATULATING MS. KRISTA
BARTHEL

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents Ms. Krista Barthel of Littleton, Colorado, who will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. Her outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young woman.

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Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Krista Barthel and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF BRIGADIER GENERAL
MICHAEL S. LINNINGTON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General Michael S. Linnington originally of Cape May, New Jersey. BG Linnington, who has served as the Assistant Commandant and Deputy Commanding General for the U.S. Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, will soon leave for a new post.

BG Linnington is a graduate of the United States Military Academy. After graduation in 1980, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Infantry. His early assignments included duties as a Platoon Leader, Staff Officer, Aide-de-Camp, and Company Commander at Fort Ord, Fort Riley, and the Berlin Brigade in the divided city of West Berlin. Following successive Company Commands, he attended graduate school at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, and served three years as an Instructor in the Department of Math Sciences at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York.

After Command and General Staff College in 1994, BG Linnington served in the 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) at Fort Campbell, and was selected to command 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry (AASLT) in the Republic of Korea, where he served from 1997–1999. Fol-

lowing command, he served as the 2nd ID G3, from 1999–2000.

In June 2000, BG Linnington returned to the U.S., attending the National War College with a follow-on assignment as Special Assistant to the Army Chief of Staff. In May 2002, he assumed command of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) in Kandahar, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

From June 2002 through June 2004, BG Linnington commanded the 3d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, both in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He departed command for assignment to the Joint Staff, where he was assigned from June 2004 until July 2006. In July 2006, COL Linnington was assigned as the Assistant Commandant/Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Infantry School/Center at Fort Benning, where he serves today.

In addition to his numerous military accomplishments, BG Linnington is a devoted husband and proud father of two children, Tracy, a senior in college, and Michael, a First Lieutenant assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

I am truly honored to be able to call BG Linnington a constituent. Though I wish Fort Benning and the Second District could continue to benefit from his talents for a while longer, I know he is needed and indeed will be of greater service in his new role. I wish him well in his new position. May his commitment to this country continue to bless our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO DR. THERMAN E.
EVANS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Therman E. Evans. Internationally recognized as "Mr. Inspiration", Dr. Evans is a rare combination of accomplished physician, ordained pastor, radio personality, academician, and business innovator. His management consultancy firm, Whole Life Associates Inc., has revolutionized health awareness in boardrooms and workplaces across America.

Dr. Evans began his medical studies at Howard University, earning his B.S. in 1966 and his M.D. credentials in 1971. From there he joined the staff of the Health Manpower Development Corporation as a physician, designing programs to expand healthcare access to disadvantaged minorities in the Washington, DC region. Throughout his career, Dr. Evans has always promoted health education and wellbeing through bold, pedagogical methods and initiatives, including a \$1 million, 15,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art fitness facility managed by CIGNA.

Today, Dr. Evans serves as the Chairman and CEO of Whole Life Associates Inc., a fount of creative solutions to promote America's health. The center directs a wide variety of educational programs ranging from public lectures to training seminars to consultancy services.

Perhaps Dr. Evans is most well-known for his riveting and inspirational lectures. He is the pastor of the Morning Star Community Christian Center, Inc. of Linden, NJ, a non-denominational parish where more than 800 active

members are inspired weekly by sermons promoting physical and spiritual health, protecting the environment, and building enduring human relationships. He also hosts "Lifeline", a weekly radio show on WHAT in Philadelphia.

Dr. Evans is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including three honorary doctorate degrees from Rust College in Mississippi, Bethune Cookman College in Florida, and Meharry Medical College in Tennessee. He also received the Distinguished Service Award as the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year in 2003 from Howard University's College of Medicine. In addition, Dr. Evans has graced countless publications with articles on a whole range of medical issues.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Therman E. Evans as a paradigm of community service and dedication.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a man who raises the level of health awareness and healthy living for all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO THE GLADSTONE
MAJOR GIRLS ALL-STARS SOFT-
BALL TEAM

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a group of young women from my district. The Gladstone Major Girls All-Stars softball team placed third in this year's Little League World Series and, in doing so, brought great pride to Gladstone and to all of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, U.P.

The Gladstone Major Girls softball team went undefeated in the 2007 regular season, before battling their way to be Michigan state champions. After winning the Michigan State championship, the team won the Central League Championship by defeating Poland, Ohio during the Central Regional Championship.

The Gladstone team's demeanor following its win against Poland's team demonstrated the Gladstone girls' dignity and sportsmanship. After winning the game, the Gladstone team began to take a victory lap around the outfield. As they approached the right field, where the Ohio team was gathered with their coaches, the Gladstone team pulled their seated opponents to their feet to participate in their victory lap. While the young women from Gladstone were excited to celebrate their victory, they also made a point of ensuring that their opponents could join in the celebratory run around the outfield.

After clinching their victory in Ohio, the Gladstone Major girls drove from Michigan to St. Louis, where they boarded a plane to fly to Portland, OR. In Portland, they represented the Central Region in the Little League World Series of Softball at Alpenrose Stadium.

The team enjoyed a bye in their first round of the World Series, and for their second game took on the team from Ramstein U.S. Air Force Base in Germany. The Gladstone team continued to exhibit the skill and determination they showed throughout the regular season, winning the game 15–0.

While Gladstone continued to play valiantly, they would lose 2–0 to their next opponent,

from Morristown, TN, ending Gladstone's chances to be world champions. Nonetheless, the Gladstone team can take heart that their loss was to a formidable opponent: Morristown would eventually go on to win the Little League World Series of Softball.

Despite their loss to Morristown, the Gladstone All-Stars' World Series was not quite over. In fact, the team would continue playing well. Ultimately, with a 5–2 victory over Waterford, CT, the Gladstone All-Stars secured their position as the number three softball team in the world.

Throughout their visit to Portland, OR, and their participation in the Softball Little League World Series, Gladstone's team conducted themselves with dignity and class and continued to exhibit fine sportsmanship.

When they returned last month to Gladstone, they were greeted in triumphant fashion by approximately 300 fans from Gladstone and the surrounding area. Gladstone area residents came together to show these returning young heroes the deep support the team enjoyed in the community.

Madam Speaker, in small town America, local sports are often the soul of a community. The Gladstone Major Girls' All-Stars made all of Gladstone, indeed all Michigan's U.P., proud with their efforts this season and I congratulate each of them: Alison Austin, Nicole Barteld, Jammie Botruff, Neena Brockway, Ashley Hough, Averi Kanyuh, Jordan Kowalski, Heather Sanderson, Jordan Schwartz, Nicole Sharon, and Shannon Wolf. I also congratulate the team's coaches, Andy Schwartz and John Nevala.

Madam Speaker, as the citizens of the Gladstone area celebrate these young women's achievement, I would ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating these young women on their winning record, their participation in the Little League World Series of Softball and, most of all, the sportsmanship and dignified demeanor they displayed in representing Gladstone and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER DUNN

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Jennifer Dunn. Jennifer was a role model for those of us who were fortunate to serve in Congress with her. She blazed many paths in politics for other women to follow.

Jennifer always gave of herself and was willing to reach out and help wherever it was needed.

I am so thankful she was able to enjoy a happy marriage to Keith and spend time with her family these last few years. Our hearts go out to them in their loss. Please keep the family in your prayers.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO VIDA LIN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Vida Chan Lin for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Las Vegas community.

Vida Chan Lin has been an outstanding member of the Asian Community in Nevada for more than ten years. She currently serves as the vice-president for both the Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce and the Las Vegas Organization of Chinese Americans. In addition to these prestigious roles Vida also has the honor of being a founding member of the Nevada Asian American/Pacific Islander Leadership Council, and in 2002 she worked on the fundraising committee of the Japanese American Citizens League national convention. She has also served on the Clark County Business Development Advisory Council, and was a member of the Clark County Library District Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Advisory Committee.

Vida's positive attitude and passion for service in the Asian American community has made her a well respected leader and role model for younger generations. Members of her chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans have characterized her as the "Queen Bee" of their growing family and state that without her, they would not be where they are today. Vida's efforts and accomplishments provide an atmosphere for others to learn and benefit from her exceptional leadership.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Vida Chan Lin. I would like to personally thank her for her dedicated service to our community, as well as for her support of the Asian Pacific Islander community in Las Vegas.

CONGRATULATING MS. SAMANTHA BEDINGER

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents Ms. Samantha Bedinger of Golden, Colorado, who will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. Her outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young woman.

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Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Samantha

Bedinger and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

COMMENDING MS. MARTI THOMAS DONEGHY ON SIX YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Ms. CARSON. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the laudable contributions of my Legislative Director, Ms. Marti Thomas Doneghy. After nearly 6 years on my staff, and 18 years of government service, Marti will be leaving to add her energy and abilities to bolster the AARP headquarters here in Washington.

Marti joined my staff after 7 years in the Department of Energy, where she was a leader of renewable energy programs, advancing not only a responsible energy policy but also increasing the government's partnership with the energy industry and minority-owned businesses. She also worked closely with the Department of State to bring energy initiatives to communities in Africa, an important part of advancing America's image abroad.

Her knowledge of the energy issues facing this country was of great personal help to me, as renewable energy has become a leading issue of our time. Her leadership as Legislative Director was invaluable, as she worked effectively not only within my staff, but with many staffers across the Hill. Marti's acumen as a staffer came from her earlier experience on the Hill as press secretary for the Honorable Glen Browder, and from her first day in my office, she capably called upon all of her experiences to become a leader in every sense of the word.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Marti Thomas Doneghy has been an invaluable asset to both me and to this House. While I am sad to see her leave, I know that she will carry her knowledge and leadership skills throughout her career, wherever it may lead her.

Marti, I wish you all the best in your pursuits, and I thank you deeply for your many years of service.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT S. "BOB" BONEY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man, Mayor Bob Boney of Leesburg, Georgia. I am proud to be able to call Mr. Boney a friend and a constituent of the Second Congressional District of Georgia. He has dedicated most of his life to his community, and the value of his service extends far beyond the meaning contained within his current title.

For the past 17 years, Bob has served Leesburg as Mayor. However, his previous experience in business and public service made him well-equipped for the job. He served in the Marine Corps in World War II, served the state as a revenue agent from 1956 to 1966 and was a state prison warden of Lee Correctional Institute from 1966 to 1986. He retired