

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO KFEQ 680 AM

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend one of St. Joseph's premier radio stations, KFEQ 680 AM, for their civic-minded efforts in assisting local residents during a massive ice storm that struck northwest Missouri.

At home, KFEQ entertains and informs the Greater St. Joseph area with news, talk, sports, farm and severe weather coverage. However, during the week of December 10, when northwest Missouri residents experienced power outages, KFEQ broadcasted vital information to listeners with around-the-clock coverage for 4 days.

Staff members, many without electricity in their own homes, braved the bad weather with the aid of generators, candles and battery-powered flash lights to provide information and comfort to their listeners.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a remarkable regional resource, radio station KFEQ, in recognition and appreciation for serving the public.

HONORING ROSE KAPLAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the House to the retirement of Rose B. Kaplan, area director for 16 Social Security Administration offices in the Washington area. I want to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Kaplan for her dedication to a lifetime of public service. She has served many congressional offices and constituents in the Nation's capital region, including Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia and West Virginia, over her 40-year career with Social Security.

Rose has had a distinguished career with the agency. She began as a GS-2 typing clerk and progressed up the ranks of responsibility, eventually gaining her current position as area director. She has been honored several times for great leadership and commitment to the Agency's mission, most recently receiving the Commissioner's Team Award for compassion and leadership in the Severely Injured Marines and Sailors, SIMS, project involving expediting support and processing of military casualty claims. Ms. Kaplan was also integral to shaping and implementing the region's diversity strategy, formulating training and culture programs.

Ms. Kaplan has resided in the Washington area for most of her life and currently lives in Montgomery County, MD, with her husband, Phil. She plans to travel and spend more time

with her family upon retirement. I am pleased to call attention to her accomplishments and ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing her outstanding service.

HONORING DOROTHY BERRY OF
SPRING HILL, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dorothy Berry of Hernando County, Florida. Dorothy has done something that all of us strive to do, but that very few of us will ever accomplish, celebrate her 100th birthday.

Dorothy was born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, on September 29, 1906 and is the oldest of five children. Married twice in her long life, her first husband was Thomas and her second husband was Trevor. She gave birth to three children, all of whom have now passed away. Dorothy says she feels blessed with her ten grandchildren, six great grandchildren and her one great, great grandchild, a girl.

When asked what the fondest memories of her childhood were, Dorothy said "everything," because she spent a lot of time with her grandmother, which was a great time. One particular childhood memory brought her into close contact with a U.S. President. She and her friends were playing in the street and they saw a bunch of people down by the waterfront. They went to see what the commotion was and saw that it was a man who seemed to be preaching to the people. After he finished preaching the man came up to them and gave each one a brand new buffalo nickel which had just been released. Dorothy spent her nickel at the candy store and when she got home she told her mother what had happened, and her mother said well that was President Teddy Roosevelt speaking.

After attending school in Fords, New Jersey, Dorothy worked in different factories for a brief time and then became a homemaker. She said the happiest moment in her life was her marriage to her second husband Trevor, remembering that, "He was a wonderful man!" Dorothy also remembers in 1918 at the end of World War I everyone was celebrating in the streets. She said that, "There was so much hugging and kissing going on, it was so exciting."

Although her eyesight and hearing are almost gone, Dorothy spends her days sitting and talking to God to give her strength. In fact, her best advice to young people today is to, "sit down and read the Ten Commandments and obey them." While there is nothing that Dorothy would change or do over in her life, she would like to go back to her younger days. On vacations, she would visit Florida and had decided that when she retired she would retire on the Gulf Coast. Dorothy eventually moved to New Port Richey about thirty-

five years ago and then moved to Hernando County in 1980.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring Dorothy Berry for reaching her 100th birthday. I hope we all have the good fortune to live as long as her.

TRIBUTE TO THE DOYLE
VOLUNTEER HOSE COMPANY NO. 2

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, it is with great appreciation that I rise today to honor a dedicated and 70-year active volunteer of the Doyle Volunteer Hose Company No. 2 in Cheektowaga, NY.

Edward A. Tokasz joined the Doyle Hose Company in February 1938. Since this time he has committed himself to the company and to aid the people of Cheektowaga. As a continuous member of the hose company since joining, Edward has taken on many leadership positions. In just his second year with the Doyle Volunteer Hose Company, Edward became 2nd Assistant Chief where he quickly rose to 1st Assistant in 1941, Treasurer in 1948, and President in 1958.

Most notably, Edward Tokasz served as the Treasurer for the Doyle Fire District from 1948 until 2007. In the capacity of Treasurer Edward demonstrated his integrity and hard working nature that allowed him to provide the district with a great deal of service that was delivered with honor.

Edward Tokasz's involvement in the fire department spread further than his hard work as Treasurer. While he was the District Treasurer, he also served a total of 5 terms as a member of the Board of Directors. Additionally, Edward took on the role of Sergeant-at-Arms from 1984-1994. Presently, he serves as the Doyle Fire District Deputy Treasurer.

Thus, Madam Speaker, in recognition of his 70 years as an active member of the Doyle Volunteer Hose Company No. 2, and for his dedication and service to the people of Cheektowaga, NY, I ask this Honorable Body to join me in honoring Edward A. Tokasz.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES C. REDD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition for Athletic Director, Dr. James C. Redd. On February 10, 2008, Dr. Redd will be enshrined into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Jim excelled as a student athlete throughout high school and college thereby earning First

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Team Defensive Lineman and Second Team Offensive Tackle awards at Northwest Missouri State University. After graduating with a double major in Physical Education and Social Science, Jim returned to the sidelines, this time as a graduate assistant at the University of Colorado-Boulder. Before returning to his alma mater as head coach of the Bearcats in 1976, Jim earned a master's degree in Physical Education and School Administration. Within 3 years he was selected as the MIAA Coach of the Year.

In 1986, Jim decided to take a sabbatical from a 17-year coaching career and return to school, this time completing his doctorate in education from Oklahoma State University-Stillwater.

Upon graduation, Dr. Redd returned to Northwest Missouri State to coordinate the graduate program in Health and Physical Education, and eventually to serve as Director of Athletics for Northwest. In 2001, Dr. Redd retired from Northwest State University. However, by May 2002 he was appointed Director of Athletics and Physical Education Chair at William Jewel College in Liberty, MO, a position he still holds.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Jim Redd as he will be forever remembered for his athletic and educational achievements on February 10, 2008, when he enters the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

COMMENDING ANDREW NATSIOS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the important work of U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan Andrew Natsios in light of the announcement that he is resigning. Special Envoy Natsios has led efforts to achieve comprehensive peace in Sudan, which has suffered decades of war and poverty.

I have visited Sudan five times, most recently in July 2004 when I led the first congressional delegation with Senator SAM BROWNBACK to Darfur. I witnessed the nightmare with my own eyes. Every day that passes, more men are killed, more women are raped, and more children die of malnutrition. Special Envoy Natsios has worked tirelessly to end this nightmare, traveling frequently to Sudan to bring greater pressure to bear on the Sudanese Government, and traveling all over the world to coalesce international support for a peaceful end to the violence in Darfur.

Mr. Natsios has also worked to maintain the focus of both the United States and the international community on the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement between north and south Sudan. Without a comprehensive understanding of and approach to Sudan's many conflicts, any policy responses will be inherently flawed. Mr. Natsios's understanding of this reality has filtered through his approach to Sudan.

During his time as special envoy to Sudan, Mr. Natsios has demonstrated an unflagging desire to alleviate the suffering of the men, women and children all across Sudan who want to be free from oppression and violence, and who want a voice in their livelihoods and in the future of their country. I wish Mr. Natsios the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THEODORE A. DANGELMAIER OF DADE CITY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Theodore A. Dangelmaier of Pasco County, FL. Theodore will do something later this month that all of us strive to do, but that very few of us will ever accomplish, celebrate his 100th birthday.

Born January 25, 1908 in Rochester, NY, Theodore attended Rochester High School and later served as a technical sergeant in World War II. Following his military service, he went on to work at the Washington Post newspaper in the production department. Theodore eventually left the Washington Post and accepted a new position working for the Gannett Newspaper Company where he worked until his retirement in 1969. Some of his happiest times were taking sabbaticals from the newspaper during the summer months to operate a resort hotel in Canada with his wife for 8 years.

Married to his first wife in 1929, Theodore was blessed with three children. In 1996, he married his second wife, Edna, and the two have been happily married for the past 11 years. When asked to recount the proudest moment in his life, Theodore said it was when his son was made executive vice president of a bank holding company. A truly caring individual, Theodore has been blessed over the years with a loving and caring family and says that what gives him the most pleasure today is helping friends and family.

While Theodore has lived a long and enjoyable life, one thing he would change in his life if he could do it over would be to travel more. Ever since he retired to Florida in 1969, he has enjoyed the friendly and helpful people of Hernando County and knew it was a good fit. He also likes the area because it is quiet and restful. As someone who has lived a full century, Theodore wanted to pass along his best advice for young people today. He says they should "enjoy a clean life while young, be kind and helpful to others."

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring Theodore A. Dangelmaier for reaching his 100th birthday. I hope we all have the good fortune to live as long as him.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE N. SCHUSTER

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to honor the memory of a great American, George N. Schuster of Springville, NY. The year 2008 marks the centennial of one of America's greatest achievements, in which George played a vital role. He was a part of the 1908 American team that competed in the New York to Paris Race.

This 1908 automobile race consisted of six teams representing four different countries.

George was brought in to be a mechanic for the American car, the Thomas Flyer. The New York to Paris race took contestants through North America, Asia and Europe. George and his team departed Times Square on February 12, 1908 to begin the race. This race would take 169 days to complete, and would only be finished by three of the teams, one of which was the Thomas Flyer.

George Schuster was the only member of the Thomas Flyer team to remain with the car for every inch of the 22,000-mile journey. In addition to the great length and poor infrastructure making this race a great challenge, the weather also proved to be an obstacle. The team had to drive through rivers, deserts, and blast narrow mountain passes to make their way across the United States. At one point George got his car designated as a train on the Union Pacific Railroad to get through tough terrain. In order to cross the Bering Sea the Thomas Flyer had to be taken apart and loaded onto a dogsled.

Moving on from the position of mechanic, George Schuster became the captain of the Thomas Flyer Team as they made their way to San Francisco. It was up to him to make the critical decisions along the way. George acted as a negotiator to people such as Russian soldiers in order to get past obstacles that the team encountered on their way to being victorious in the New York to Paris race.

In 1908, automobiles did not possess the advanced technology needed to complete the trip without numerous mechanical failures. At one point the Thomas Flyer needed a new transmission, which had to be shipped by train while they continued on with the help of a horse for 13 days. George was determined to be victorious in this race and motivated his crew with these words: "as long as the wheels will turn . . . I'm going to drive this car." On July 30, 1908 the Thomas Flyer Team led by George Schuster drove into Paris with the help of a bike light strapped to its fender, becoming the first team to complete this feat.

Thus, Madam Speaker in recognition of his contributions to the American automobile industry and the history made by the Thomas Flyer, I ask that this honorable body join me in honoring George Schuster.

TRIBUTE TO NANNA MARIE SIMONE-LACKEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Nanna Marie Simone-Lackey of Gladstone, MO. Nanna will be celebrating her birthday on January 2, and it is my privilege to offer her my best wishes.

Nanna has raised three children in the Kansas City area, working day and night to send her kids to private school during their adolescent years. She has worked diligently over the past 10 years to become a small business owner and open her own insurance agency.

Nanna is the daughter of Tom and Betty Simone, and has been married to Frank Lackey for over 30 years.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to represent Nanna Marie Simone-Lackey in the United States Congress, and I wish her all the best on this birthday and many more in the future.

TRIBUTE TO BRENN A AILEO

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brenna Aileo, a U.S. recipient of the International Committee of the Red Crosses, ICRC, 41st Annual Florence Nightingale Medal. Every 2 years, this medal is awarded to qualified nurses who have shown exceptional courage and devotion to the wounded, sick, or disabled or to civilian victims of a conflict or disaster; and to those who have shown a creative and pioneering spirit in the areas of public health or nursing education.

Mrs. Aileo earned a BSN degree from Eastern Washington State University and an MA in Health Services Management from Webster University in St. Louis. She served as a nurse in the U.S. Army for 21 years, including 2 years of enlistment and 19 years as a commissioned officer in the Army Nurse Corps where she achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel. Her posts included the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC and the 85th Evacuation Hospital in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. In Saudi Arabia she treated wounded U.S. soldiers, including many from a Pennsylvania-based unit who were injured in a mortar attack.

In response to the attacks on September 11, Mrs. Aileo began volunteering with the American Red Cross. She worked with disaster relief at Ground Zero and at other disaster locations throughout the United States and Guam. During a flood in my district in 2006, Mrs. Aileo heroically managed a shelter at Blue Ridge High School in New Milford, PA.

Since 2001, she has worked at the local, regional, and national levels. As the first appointed service area staff health volunteer consultant in Susquehanna County, Mrs. Aileo distinguished herself by developing and presenting key disaster training programs. In 2004, Mrs. Aileo worked as a health consultant for the Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services, where she reviewed and cleared staff for overseas deployment. No staff member who Mrs. Aileo cleared has returned from a deployment due to medical reasons.

Mrs. Aileo's professional experience includes working as a community health nurse administrator for the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Northeast District and as a nursing supervisor for the Northeast Veterans Center in Scranton. She also worked as a charge nurse in the Montrose General Hospital ICU and as an instructor at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

As an active member of our community, Mrs. Aileo sits on the Board of Directors of the Garden Club Federation, Susquehanna County Library, and her church. Her interests include gardening, wine making, and travel. Her son, Jason, continuing Mrs. Aileo's tremendous dedication to public service, served in Iraq from 2003 to 2004.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Brenna Aileo for her continued service to our country.

HONORING EULESS TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR WINNING THE 5A DIVISION I FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the 2007 Eules Trinity High School football team upon winning the 5A Division I State Championship on Saturday, December 22, 2007.

The Trinity Trojans' 13–10 win over Converse Judson Rockets in the San Antonio Alamodome gave the program its second State title in 3 years. It is believed that defenses win championships and this game was no exception as the Trojans held the Rockets scoreless during the second half. Despite the fact that all of the scoring took place in the first and second quarters, the second half was just as thrilling as the defense stopped the Converse Judson's offensive attack while the Trojans' tireless running offense wore down the Rockets and controlled the clock. Under Coach Steve Lineweaver's tenure, Eules Trinity has amassed an 88–16 record and has won 14 of its last 16 playoff games.

I am extremely proud to represent Eules Trinity High School in Congress and I congratulate the players, coaches, fans and parents who made the 2007 season a memorable and victorious one.

TRIBUTE TO TERRY YATES

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, on December 12, 2007, Terry Yates, Vice President for Research and Economic Development at the University of New Mexico passed away. He was a remarkable scientist and professor, and UNM has suffered a great loss with his passing. He lived a life full of enthusiasm for science. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Nancy, their sons and his entire family.

Terry Yates came to the University of New Mexico in 1978 as an assistant professor of biology, and went on to become a professor of biology and pathology. He helped create the Long Term Ecological Research site outside Socorro, New Mexico, and he was the curator of Genomic Resources for the Museum of Southwestern Biology on the UNM campus.

Terry Yates was appointed Vice Provost for Research in 2004, and served as Vice President for Research and Economic Development from 2004 until his death. During this time as Vice Provost and Vice President, Terry increased the total amount of research awards from \$247 million to nearly \$300 million.

UNM's President, David Schmidly, taught Terry as a graduate student at Texas Tech University in the mid-1970s. "It was his exuberance you remember most about Terry. He was always ready to examine a new idea or take a trip to the field to explore a theory. I think he was happier out in the field than he was behind a desk," said Schmidly.

Terry was best known for his groundbreaking research on the source of Hantavirus, a serious respiratory disease that is frequently fatal. He began his work in 1993, when many people in the Southwest began dying from an unknown viral disease. In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Terry examined specimens that he had collected over several years, that were residing in the museum of Southwest Biology. Through his study, he was able to pinpoint a species of deer mice as the carrier of the Sin Nombre virus. The National Science Foundation named this research done by Terry and partner Robert Parmeter as one of its "Nifty 50" discoveries—projects funded that have had the biggest impact on American lives.

Most recently, Terry published a paper on the relationship between weather and deer mice populations. He and his co-authors were able to predict increased health risks posed by deer mice to humans in specific parts of the Four Corners area. This research also provided the New Mexico Department of Public Health with the necessary scientific evidence required to give advanced warning to people living in specific parts of the state that they face increased risk of exposure to Hantavirus.

He has published a total of 126 research papers.

Terry was an honorary member of the Board of Life Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences, as well as an honorary member of the Society of Mammalogists. This is the highest honor that the Society bestows upon an individual.

While his professional enthusiasm was for research and pushing back the frontiers of knowledge, Terry loved people and had friends from all walks of life. Every year, on Kentucky Derby Day, Terry had a party at his house complete with mint juleps. But he insisted on never sending out invitations. Everyone was welcome and no one was excluded.

Terry Yates was a great mind and a vibrant leader. He fought for life to the very end with humor and grace. Of his final illness, he told people, "I expect to get some patents out of this!"

He challenged us and inspired us and will deeply be missed.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF DAVID JOHN FESMIRE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my deep sympathies to the family of David Fesmire, including his loving wife, Karen, his three wonderful daughters, Kindra, Katti and Mikki, and his 4 grandchildren.

David Fesmire's passing is a great loss for all of us. He was a true hero who dedicated his life to improving the lives of others. He honorably served his country in Vietnam, his state with the California National Guard, and his community as a paramedic and firefighter.

David served in the Army from 1970 to 1973, with two tours in Vietnam. He was highly decorated for his service, receiving 2

Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart and 34 Air Medals, among others. He went on to the California National Guard, serving as a Crew Chief in the 126th Helicopter Company. He was extremely proud of his military service, and particularly enjoyed coordinating the Vietnam Darkhorse project.

David then became a certified EMT and worked in the public ambulance sector as a paramedic from 1980 to 2001. He served first as a volunteer, then as an employee at the North Shore Fire Protection District, Lucerne Station from 2001 to 2007. He held a variety of positions with the Fire Protection District, including Paramedic, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Fire Officer, Weapons of Mass Destruction Instructor/Trainer, and Captain. His tireless efforts led him to be recognized as Firefighter of the Year.

David will always be known as someone who loved his family and his community dearly. He is remembered by those who knew him as a superlative husband, father, and grandfather; as a caring brother, a respected comrade, a spirited co-worker, a true friend, a loyal employee and an honest neighbor.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, David Fesmire's contributions to our country and the community of Lake County are immeasurable. His presence will be missed even as his legacy endures.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER FOOT-
BALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater football team for their courageous and improbable victory in the 35th Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl to capture the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III national championship.

With Salem Stadium as the backdrop, Whitewater capped off an incredible season by beating the undefeated and top-ranked Mount Union College Purple Raiders to give the university its first football national championship. The Warhawks' third trip to Salem, Va., in as many years proved to be the charm. Mount Union had defeated Whitewater in each of the previous two Stagg Bowl games en route to a 37-game winning streak that has now been snapped thanks to the tremendous dedication and determination of all the Warhawk players, coaches, staff, and fans.

To add to his already long list of accolades including 2007 Gagliardi Trophy winner, National Player of the Year Justin Beaver was named the game's Most Outstanding Player. Beaver carried the ball 31 times for 249 yards and a touchdown, raising his season rushing total to 2,455 yards and breaking the previous Division III record he set two years ago. Beaver's play was complimented by the strong performance of the 22 other seniors who took the field for the last time at the Stagg Bowl.

In a phenomenal first season, head coach Lance Leipold led Whitewater to a 14-1 record, going undefeated in league play to secure the Warhawks' third straight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title.

Leipold took the reins of a storied program with a rich history that includes the likes of long-time coaches Bob Berezowitz and stadium namesake Forrest Perkins.

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater represents the best of student-athletics and this title serves as a major accomplishment for the entire state of Wisconsin. I sincerely congratulate the team and the university and wish them luck in their quest to repeat as national champions.

TRIBUTE TO THE JOHN WILLIAM
JACKSON FUND

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituents, the Jackson family, founders of the John William Jackson Fund.

Boise resident Bill Jackson established the John William Jackson fund seven years ago in honor of his son, John, who died in a rock climbing accident in Central Asia. John William Jackson was known as a free-spirited individual who was passionate about academics, performing arts and outdoor sports. He challenged both himself and those around him to believe in themselves. He pushed them to excel at all that they did and to reach for the stars.

In providing scholarships and activities through the Fund, Bill Jackson has honored his son's memory by continuing to encourage young people to be successful individuals who can make great things happen. Jackson received the nickname "Action" Jackson during his service in Vietnam, and he continues to live up to that nickname through his work with the Fund.

The Jackson Fund has supported youth rock-climbing programs at the YMCA. It has provided new musical instruments to Kuna Middle School, and it has given scholarships to needy students to attend a Boise State University music camp. Just as John Jackson made other people believe in their dreams, the Jackson Fund is giving them the assistance and support to make those dreams a reality.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the achievements and contributions of the John William Jackson Fund and am honored to represent the Jackson family in Congress. Across America, our constituents are donating their time and energy to make a difference in people's lives, and I appreciate the opportunity to highlight one family in my state that is doing just that.

WISHING JESSE ANN LEWIS A
HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, Jesse Ann Lewis of Bay City, Texas will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 30. A lifetime resident of Bay City, Mrs. Lewis faithfully served several Bay City families as a domestic serv-

ant. However, Mrs. Lewis's greatest contribution to her community has been her over six decades of service as a missionary for the Enterprise Church. Mrs. Lewis's service to Enterprise Church's congregation enabled her to positively impact the lives of several generations of Bay City residents.

The love and dedication Mrs. Lewis has shown for the people of Bay City is reciprocated in the love and respect the people of Bay City have for Mrs. Lewis. It is therefore a pleasure to wish Mrs. Jesse Ann Lewis a happy 100th birthday as she prepares to celebrate her centennial with a gathering in her beloved Enterprise Church, surrounded by people whose lives were improved by Mrs. Lewis's devotion to her church, her community, and her fellow human beings.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY
IN BELARUS OFF TO DISCOUR-
AGING START IN THE NEW YEAR

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, last month, I chaired a Helsinki Commission briefing with a delegation of leading political opposition figures and democratic activists from Belarus. The briefing was entitled, "The Future Belarus: Democracy or Dictatorship" and focused on the prospects for change in a country located in the heart of Europe that has Europe's worst track record with respect to human rights and democracy. Unfortunately, developments since the delegation's visit to Washington have been deeply discouraging and do not bode well for Belarus' democratic future.

One of the young people who testified at the briefing, 19-year-old Zmitser Fedaruk, spoke eloquently of the dangers that young human rights activists face in Belarus. His words were prophetic, as a few days later, back in Belarus, he was beaten and knocked unconscious by riot policemen, then rushed by ambulance to the hospital. Just last week, the Minsk district prosecutor's office in Minsk refused to open an investigation into Zmitser's beating.

A day earlier, my friend Anatoly Lebedka, one of Belarus' staunchest defenders of democratic rights, who also testified before the Commission, was roughed up by Belarusian police as well. It was far from the first time that this leader of the democratic opposition had been beaten up or repressed by the Lukashenka regime. On January 4, the Lukashenka regime banned Anatoly from travelling abroad in what was obviously a politically-motivated decision. Today, Anatoly is in jail serving a 15-day sentence, along with several dozen other pro-democracy and small business advocates who participated in a January 10 protest against restrictions on activities of small businesses. Some of the activists—mostly young people—received injuries during their arrest. Tatyana Tsishkevch, who was severely beaten during her arrest and presented her bloodstained jacket in court, received a 20-day sentence. Arsen Pakhomau, a freelance photo correspondent for "Nasha Niva" weekly—one of the very few remaining independent publications in Belarus—was also

sentenced to 15 days' administrative arrest. On the day of the protest, a number of websites that cover social and economic affairs in Belarus, such as Charter '97 and Radio Liberty, were partially or fully blocked by the authorities.

These most recent repressive actions follow the sentencing of opposition activist Artur Finkevich to 18 months in prison; the arbitrary use of judicial power to put out of business independent newspapers such as "Novi Chas"; steps to liquidate the opposition Belarusian Communist Party; and the fining of Baptist pastor Yuri Kravchuk for unregistered religious activity. Belarus is the only country in Europe with compulsory registration before religious activity can take place.

Unfortunately, the indications in just the first few weeks of this New Year are not encouraging. Lukashenka's presidential administration has recently rejected the opposition's proposal to hold talks on the upcoming 2008 parliamentary elections, refusing an offer by the Belarusian opposition to consider joint proposals on conducting parliamentary elections in accordance with democratic standards.

Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission and as someone who has long been involved in the OSCE process to promote security, cooperation, democracy and human rights among the 56 OSCE countries, including Belarus, I am deeply disappointed in the Belarusian Government's continual flaunting of freely undertaken OSCE commitments. It is my strong hope that Mr. Lukashenka will cease the self-imposed isolation of his country—threatening, most recently, to expel U.S. Ambassador Karen Stewart—and will give serious thought to the offers of cooperation that have come from the United States and the European Union if Belarus releases political prisoners and displays respect for basic democratic norms. In the meantime, the Lukashenka regime can be assured that my colleagues and I on the Helsinki Commission are determined to stand by Anatoly Lebedka, Dzmitri Fedaruk and all those in Belarus—young and old—bravely struggling for freedom, democracy and respect for human rights.

A TRIBUTE TO ANNE M. MOORE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Anne Moore's 10 years of service as chief of the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. Anne leaves a lasting legacy in Sacramento and she will be deeply missed. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring one of Sacramento's finest public servants.

For three decades Ms. Moore has been a tireless advocate for affordable housing. She began her career with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, SHRA, in 1985 and since then has helped to improve the lives of low-income people, seniors, the disabled and the homeless, across the greater Sacramento region. During her time with SHRA Ms. Moore also served as president of the California Redevelopment Association, CRA, Board. In addition, she has served on

the Sacramento Workforce Investment Board, the Sacramento Downtown Partnership Board, the Del Paso Boulevard Partnership Board and Friends of Light Rail's Board of Directors. Ms. Moore's leadership and dedication to improving housing choices in Sacramento led to her appointment as executive director of SHRA in 1998.

During her time with SHRA, Ms. Moore has overseen many successful and award-winning projects that have improved neighborhoods and commercial areas, while preserving and creating affordable housing options for low-income residents of Sacramento. One of her most notable achievements was her leadership in transforming the former Franklin Villa neighborhood, which had been historically plagued by crime, drug activity and high unemployment into the award-winning Phoenix Park community. It is now a safe and affordable neighborhood for families and seniors. In addition, Ms. Moore has been instrumental in the development and implementation of a Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness for the City and County of Sacramento. Ms. Moore has also been involved in partnering with community members to address unmet needs such as a full-service grocery store in the Oak Park neighborhood and successful development of new Boys and Girls Clubs in the Alkali Flat and Lemon Hill neighborhoods.

Ms. Moore's hard work and dedication to solving the problem of affordable housing in the Sacramento area resulted in an increase in affordable housing production in 2006. In addition, Sacramento has adopted nine redevelopment areas over the past 10 years and many of these areas have already seen great progress in being revitalized. In addition, Ms. Moore's efforts in administering the Housing Choice Voucher program, which provides safe and decent housing for more than 51,000 low-income individuals in Sacramento County, has increased housing assistance from 6,000 to 11,000 in the past decade. Personally, Ms. Moore has been a pleasure to work with. Her thoughtfulness and intelligence has helped allow many neighborhoods to thrive.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Anne Moore's distinguished commitment to Sacramento and our housing needs. Ms. Moore's outstanding leadership and dedication to SHRA has helped preserve and improve many of our neighborhoods and has increased housing options for our low-income residents. We all are thankful for her efforts. As Ms. Moore's colleagues, family and friends gather to honor her service, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing her continued good fortune in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA C. SADLER

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize and pay tribute to an outstanding employee of one of the great companies located in the State of Iowa. Linda C. Sadler, who has been a valued employee of Rockwell, and subsequently, Rockwell Collins, will retire on February 1, 2008. Linda Sadler's career spans over 39 years, during which she has distinguished herself as a leader, scholar,

businesswoman and staunch friend of all civil aviation issues.

A Pennsylvania native, Ms. Sadler graduated with a BS degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and subsequently, a JD from Duquesne University, in addition to earning a certificate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a fellow in their Foreign Politics, International Relations and National Interest program.

Ms. Sadler began her career at Rockwell as a secretary in the Patent Department, while pursuing an undergraduate degree at night school. She continued to hold positions of increasing responsibility within the Legal Department, while completing her law degree at night school. Upon graduation from law school, she became assistant general counsel in the Rockwell Legal Department, specializing in intellectual property law, advertising, international law and regulation and antitrust issues. She also served as the primary Legal Department attorney for Rockwell Communication Systems Division.

Following that assignment and just prior to coming to the Washington office, she became director of government affairs for Rockwell's Automotive Operations, where she directed the State, Federal and Canadian governmental affairs and regulatory functions for Rockwell's automotive businesses, including product compliance activities with the National Highway Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation.

Presently, as the senior director of Federal affairs for Rockwell Collins, Inc., she has been singularly responsible for public policy and governmental affairs activities for the commercial avionics and communications businesses and for technology marketing on behalf of the Advanced Technology Center and the business units with non-military Federal agencies. In this position, she has planned, directed and managed the Federal policy and regulatory affairs agendas that affect Rockwell Collins commercial businesses' domestic and international interests, including activities before the Congress, the White House and administration agencies, to include the Departments of Commerce, State and Transportation—in particular the FAA—and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. Ms. Sadler has also served as the chairperson of the Aerospace Industrial Association Commercial Aviation R&D Committee, the Air Traffic Control Committee of Government Electronics Industry Alliance, and in addition, she has served in leadership capacities in every industry-related group in which she has participated.

She also has directed and managed the Washington technology marketing support, particularly for Advance Technology Center, as well as the commercial businesses of Rockwell Collins. Ms. Sadler also has corporate-wide responsibility for directing the licensing, regulatory and communications-related policy initiatives at the Federal Communications Commission, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the International Telecommunications Union and other U.S. and international regulatory and standards bodies. In addition, Ms. Sadler provides Washington support for the corporate patent function on issues relating to intellectual property laws and regulations. In recognition of her vast contributions to the aviation industry, Aerospace Industry Association has presented her with their Emilia

Earhardt award as “woman of the year” in the aviation industry for 2004, which has only been given to two other women since its inception.

Throughout her career, Ms. Sadler has demonstrated her profound commitment to all aspects of aviation business, as well as a dedicated commitment to excellence. With my many dealings regarding aviation issues as a Member of Congress, I have come to know Ms. Sadler’s abilities and realize that she is the consummate professional whose performance in over 39 years of service to one of our Nation’s leading businesses has personified those traits of competency and integrity that we have come to expect from business professional leaders.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Linda C. Sadler for her honorable service to business and our great State of Iowa. Please join me in wishing her all the best in the future.

HONORING JOE ANN COUSINO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe Ann Cousino of Toledo, Ohio.

A newspaper once headlined, “Name any art media, and chances are good that Mrs. Cousino has had experience in it.” Joe Ann Cousino blessed Toledo with her artistic talents, beautifying the world she touched. Mrs. Cousino passed from this life Wednesday, December 19, 2007 due to ailing health. She was one of the most eminent artists in the Toledo area for more than 50 years and a renowned sculptor. Mrs. Cousino’s sculptures can be seen in public spaces, buildings, and private collections throughout northwest Ohio, in surrounding states, and as far away as Cairo and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Her figurative bronze pieces have won national acclaim and her work has appeared in more than 100 shows nationwide.

Born Joe Ann Bux, she was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. George Carl Bux. She graduated from Scott High School in Toledo, Ohio and later the University of Toledo, where she majored in art and minored in English literature. To finance her education, she taught classes in mural painting and glass etching at Toledo’s YMCA and YWCA. She was accepted to study at the prestigious Pratt Institute in New York, but chose to stay in Toledo with her fiancé, Wayne Kenneth Cousino.

Among her most visible sculpture projects are the 6-foot-tall “Woman with the Birds” at Toledo Botanical Garden, the 7-foot bronze Outreach of a “Woman and a Dove” at the University of Toledo Medical Center, the former Medical College of Ohio, and the 6-foot, 3-inch “St. Clare” at the Franciscan convent’s gardens in Tiffin. “She has been such a prominent figure in the Toledo art world, and a lot of that has to do with so many of her pieces being public art,” said Greg Jones, former director of the School of Art and Design at the Toledo Museum of Art.

Mrs. Cousino was a founding member and later a president of the Toledo Potters’ Guild. She focused on sculpture but her work in-

cluded interior decoration, fashion design, jewelry, ceramics, painting, and architecture. In the early 1950s she designed her family’s Otawa Hills home. Mrs. Cousino traveled the world to research art and cultures, going as far as a village in Egypt in search of tapestries made by Bedouin children.

In March 2007 Mrs. Cousino presented her last major sculptural work in Bowling Green, Ohio: a stoneware bust of local silent film star Lillian Gish. It was a capstone achievement to a distinguished professional career that began to take shape in the late 1940s. Through the years she became known for her industrious work ethic, indomitable spirit, and outspoken nature—traits which availed her rise to prominence during the 1950s in what was then a largely male-dominated sculpture field. “She was like a dynamo,” said Tracey Ladd, one of Mrs. Cousino’s art instructor colleagues. “There just weren’t a lot of female sculptors [in the 1950s], and she had to struggle a bit to make her artwork.”

The Toledo Blade interviewed Mrs. Cousino in 2000, providing a glimpse of her persona in which she explained her approach to instructing students. “I’m fussy. I’m a taskmaster, and for myself too,” she said. “People run all over artists. You learn. I learned the hard way. I sometimes get on the case of these young artists because they just get abused.”

She taught sculpture for most of her life, and until a few months ago gave private lessons from home while teaching adult continuing education classes at the Toledo Museum of Art. “She had the ability to teach them exactly what they need to sculpt a human figure, and to do that out of a lump of clay is very, very difficult,” Mr. Jones said.

The Toledo community deeply will miss the loss of this artistic treasure. Her talent and the generous nature of her public work remain irreplaceable. The Toledo community will remember her courage, skill, and spirit every time they pass by and view her momentous and beautiful creations.

TRIBUTE TO HEAD COACH HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER AND THE FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY OWLS FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger, his coaching staff and the Florida Atlantic University Owls Football Team for their momentous win in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl on December 21, 2007. Their 44 to 27 victory over the University of Memphis Tigers marked the first bowl victory in FAU’s history, setting an NCAA record as the youngest program in NCAA history to win a bowl game.

In only its seventh year, the Florida Atlantic University football program has ascended quickly under the leadership of Coach Schnellenberger. Known for his success at rebuilding programs at the University of Miami and the University of Louisville, Schnellenberger was hired as Director of Football Operations in 1998 to build a new program at FAU, and he immediately set the goal

of building a program that would eventually compete for a National Championship. The program’s string of successes to date shows the Owls are on their way to reaching that goal.

Beginning with an upset victory over Bethune Cookman College in only its second game in 2001, FAU’s short football history is full of accomplishments. In 2003, its third season in Division 1-AA, the Owls reached the national semifinals and finished the season ranked fourth in the nation. Following four seasons in Division I-AA, FAU jumped to Division I-A in 2004 and joined the Sun Belt Conference, where it was immediately competitive and took on a schedule of tough non-conference opponents from the Big Ten, Big 12 and SEC. This season, FAU defeated its first Big Ten opponent, the University of Minnesota, as well as defending Sun Belt Conference champion Troy University to win the 2007 Sun Belt Conference Championship and a berth in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl.

The Owls jumped to an early lead in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, which was never relinquished behind Quarterback Rusty Smith, who won the Most Valuable Player Award after completing 25 of 32 passes for 336 yards and five touchdowns. FAU was also well-decorated at the Sun Belt Conference Awards, where Smith received the Player of the Year Award, Coach Schnellenberger received the Coach of the Year Award, and six players including Smith were named First-Team All-Conference.

This win is one that brings great pride not only to those affiliated with Florida Atlantic University, but to the entire South Florida community, and I am proud to recognize their historic achievement.

CONGRATULATING JERRY SEALY ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jerry Sealy on his retirement as the Executive Director of Okaloosa Regional Airport in Okaloosa County, Florida.

Jerry has been a role model for not only his colleagues, but also to those in northwest Florida. He served the county for just short of 14 years and during that time he was an active member of the American Association of Airport Executives and served as the President of the Florida Airport Managers Association in 1999. Not only was he selected as the 1999 Aviation Professional of the Year by the Florida Department of Transportation, but he also received the highest accreditation available from the American Association of Airport Executives as an Accredited Airport Executive, A.A.E.

Through his leadership and vision, Okaloosa Regional Airport was awarded the 2005 Commercial Service Airport of the Year by the Florida Department of Transportation and the 2006 National Excellence in Construction Merit Award from Balfour Beatty Construction through the Associated Builders and Contractors for the construction of a new airport terminal.

Okaloosa Regional Airport has seen tremendous growth over the past 10 years as people from all over the world come to enjoy north-west Florida's finest offerings. With over \$90 million in airport improvements, Jerry has transformed the airport into a modern, welcoming gateway for visitors and residents. His dedication and passion will be greatly missed.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate Jerry Sealy on his retirement and wish him many more years of success and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO CAROL SILVA

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of Georgia's 3rd Congressional District, I'd like to extend my congratulations to Carol Silva, named the 2007 Harris County Citizen of the Year by the county's newspaper.

Silva dedicated 20 years to serving the people of Harris County and retired recently from her post as county manager. During Silva's tenure, she provided the county with a steady and patient hand of leadership at a time of exponential population growth.

Before Harris County fell in love with Carol Silva, Carol Silva and her family fell in love with Harris County. The Silvas decided to plant roots in Harris when her husband began working for the National Weather Service in neighboring Muscogee County. They bought property there 30 years ago and enrolled their children in the local elementary schools. Then, 20 years ago, she became the receptionist for the Harris County Commission.

Silva's dedication and people skills quickly led to greater responsibilities. She became the county clerk and chief financial officer in 1992 and then the county manager in 1999.

In addition to providing Harris with leadership, she steadfastly advocated for her employees. County Clerk Nancy McMichael worked for Silva for 15 years. Speaking of her boss, she told the Harris County Journal: "She is honest and ethical and treated everyone with integrity and forthrightness. You always knew where you stood with her, and her door was always open for employees and citizens alike."

Harris County Commission Chairman echoed that praise, saying that Silva put "her heart and soul in her job."

Madam Speaker, I would like to personally thank Carol Silva for her many years of public service. As an elected official, I know it is often the professional staff working behind the scenes who meet the day-to-day needs of Georgians. They don't do it for glory and they don't do it for riches. They do it because they care and they want to help their fellow citizens.

Carol Silva's career with Harris County exemplifies the best of public service. I congratulate her on this honor and I wish her much happiness in her retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND
MEMORY OF HENRY O'LEARY

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Henry O'Leary, a true American hero who dedicated his life to serving this country. As a member of the U.S. Navy for 21 years, Henry saw combat in both World War II and Korea, and later supported the American mission in Vietnam. When he retired from the Navy in 1963, Henry began his new life in San Diego, California, where he dedicated himself to serving the local community.

Henry was born on April 17, 1925, in Worcester, Massachusetts, and enlisted in the Navy in 1942. Ten years later, Henry was recommended by his command for the Silver Star with Valor for single-handedly saving his burning ship while under intense enemy fire and, along with it, the lives of his shipmates. For his courage and selflessness, he was awarded the Bronze Star.

After serving in the Navy, Henry worked at San Diego State University for 23 years until his retirement. While many often see retirement as an opportunity to travel and experience new things for themselves, Henry saw retirement as an opportunity to serve others in the community, including our veterans. He was a regular volunteer at both San Diego's VA hospital and Kaiser Permanente, where his humor is said to have brought smiles to many faces. Additionally, throughout his life, he volunteered for church ministries, community programs, political campaigns, and was involved in the activities of his children.

Most notably, Henry never turned his back on anyone in need. Whether it was dangerously exposing himself to enemy fire to save the lives of his shipmates or volunteering countless hours at the VA hospital, Henry always put others before himself. He was a practitioner of good citizenship and remains a shining example of the courage and selflessness that continue to carry our Nation forward.

President Ronald Reagan once said, "Good citizenship is vitally important if democracy is to survive and flourish. It means keeping abreast of the important issues of the day and knowing the stakes involved in the great conflicts of our time. It means bearing arms when necessary to fight for your country, for right, and for freedom. Good citizenship and defending democracy means living up to the ideals and values that make this country great. Today the world looks to America for leadership. They look to what they call our miracle economy for an answer to how they may give their people a better life. And they look to our courage and might to protect them from the forces of tyranny, brutality and injustice." Madam Speaker, when President Reagan spoke these words, he was referring directly to Americans like Henry, who were willing to sacrifice their lives for this country and commit themselves to benefiting the lives of others.

I extend my prayers and deepest condolences to Henry's loving wife of more than 50 years, Miriam, and his children Jeff, Colleen, Patti and Shawn, and ask that my colleagues join me today in paying tribute to the life and memory of this American hero.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
FIRE CHIEF TERRY L. WEBB

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Terry L. Webb on the occasion of his retirement as Fire Chief for Duncanville, Texas.

Over the past 34 years, Chief Terry Webb has worked tirelessly to promote efforts that ensure the safety and well-being for the citizens of Duncanville. During his career he has advanced through the ranks of the department serving in such positions as an Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, Lieutenant, Captain and Assistant Fire Chief. In 1999, he was appointed by the mayor to serve as Emergency Management Coordinator. Chief Webb is currently the senior employee for the City of Duncanville.

Chief Terry Webb has received numerous awards for his outstanding service. He was named the City of Duncanville 2001 Man of the Year, the Duncanville High School Distinguished Alumni in 2003, the Duncanville Fire Department Meritorious Service Award and the American Legion Local, Regional and State Firefighter of the Year.

Chief Webb is an active member of many fire and civic associations including the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, the North Central Texas Fire Chief Association, the Dallas County Fire Chiefs, the National Fire Protection Association, and the Emergency Management Association of Texas. He has also served as President of the Duncanville Lions Club and was named Lion of the Year from 1994-1995. He belongs to the Board of Directors for the Duncanville Educational Foundation and is the Chairman of the Board for the Duncanville Outreach Ministries.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to commend and congratulate Chief Terry L. Webb on all of his accomplishments. His numerous years of service and dedication to the City of Duncanville is worthy of recognition. It is an honor to represent Chief Webb in the 24th District of Texas and I wish him continued success in the years to come.

HONORING MS. TAMMY DODSON

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Tammy Dodson from Colorado's 6th Congressional District for being recognized as a finalist for the American School Counselor Association's first School Counselor of the Year award.

As a former educator, I understand the constructive job counseling takes in the development of our children. The roles and responsibilities of student guidance counselors have increased over the past few decades, and so too has the quality and professionalism of their work. This month, the American School Counselor Association seeks to nationally commemorate the finest counselors our nation has

to offer. Chosen by a diverse group of educational specialists and public officials, ten individuals are to receive this year's precedent award. Ms. Dodson is one of these fine individuals!

As an additional honor, Ms. Dodson and her fellow finalist will have the chance to participate in a congressional briefing to discuss the role of school counselors in obtaining student achievement. I am certain the experiences and insights these accomplished individuals share will enable them to provide Members with unique and valuable insight into this area.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me today in celebrating the accomplishments of Ms. Dodson. She is a shining example of excellence in her field; may her achievements inspire others to be the same.

HONORING RETIRING TOWN OF
CONCORD COUNCILMAN RAY-
MOND HUBERT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call to the House's attention the dedicated public service of Raymond Hubert, upon the occasion of his retirement from active service as a member of the Concord Town Board.

A well respected leader in the community and staunch advocate for his Town, Ray Hubert has effectively represented his community and has consistently held an open hear to the concerns and ideas of his constituents. Ray's commitment to fellow citizens and taxpayers has been most noteworthy, and his work represents a lasting contribution to our community.

The Town of Concord has been doubly blessed by the Hubert family. Ray's wife Mary served for several years as a Town Justice. Their sacrifice in making the choice to serve their community in this way must be an inspiration to all who serve in public office.

Madam Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in expressing appreciation to Ray Hubert for his years of dedicated service and commitment to his community. We wish Ray and Mary and their entire family only the very best of health and happiness long in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF W.L. GORE & AS-
SOCIATES, INC.

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. This company, for six decades, has been committed to providing exceptional products for their customers while demonstrating exemplary business practices.

Founded in 1958, W.L. Gore & Associates has grown to be the global leader in fabrics, medical, industrial, and electronic products. The organization's success has grown from

the dedication, passion, and their commitment of their employees to excellence. For ten consecutive years, they have earned the recognition on FORTUNE magazines "100 Best Companies to Work For," and in 2007 was ranked tenth overall.

To this day, W.L. Gore & Associates is recognized for its unique corporate culture. With a mission of creativity and personal responsibility, their organization adopted a management structure driven by personal interaction. Corporate decisions are made based on knowledge and experience, rather than by official titles or positions. As envisioned by founders' Bill and Vieve Gore, they hoped that associates would constantly be encouraged to grow through knowledge, skill, and individual accountability.

On this 50th anniversary, I would like to recognize the many accomplishments of W.L. Gore & Associates. Their commitment to their customers and employees should be an example for all. I commend the W.L. Gore & Associates family for their commitment to the Delaware community and the nation, and I wish them all the best on this momentous anniversary.

HONORING SERGEANT BRYAN J.
TUTTEN

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Sergeant Bryan J. Tutten, 33, who died Christmas Day, December 25, 2007 while serving our nation in Iraq during his second tour of duty.

Prior to joining the Army, Sgt. Tutten, born in St. Augustine, Florida, graduated from St. Augustine High School and attended St. Johns River Community College. He was also a member of Holy Greek Orthodox Church in St. Augustine.

We should all remember Sgt. Tutten's courage and his ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The freedom and liberty we enjoy and peace in the world for others for which he fought are part of the great legacy that Sgt. Tutten leaves behind. He was laid to rest at San Lorenzo Cemetery in St. Augustine, Florida on January 4, 2008.

After the devastating events of September 11, 2001, Sgt. Tutten enrolled in the Army. His family remembers him as an avid sportsman who loved to fish and cook, and how he enjoyed the time he had playing with his daughter, Catherine. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division based in Fort Bragg, North Carolina which was deployed to Iraq.

With the passing of Sgt. Tutten, America has lost an outstanding citizen and a shining example of service to our nation. He will be remembered as a patriotic American, a pillar of our community and a compassionate husband and a loving father.

To his wife Constandina, his daughter Catherine, his son Gareth, his mother Ms. Sylvia Smallwood and his loving family and friends, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Sgt. Bryan J. Tutten's contributions and to ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives of the 110th Congress to join me

in recognizing his service in our nation's Armed Forces and remembering a great American hero.

HONORING FIRE CAPTAIN SCOTT
KNEPSHIELD

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Scott Knepschild, Fire Captain in the Wayne Fire Department, upon his retirement from a distinguished 22-year career in Wayne, Michigan.

Fire Captain Knepschild has dedicated his life to helping others. Upon graduation from Churchill High School in Livonia, Michigan, Scott joined the United States Army and served honorably from 1975 to 1977. Following his service to our country, Scott attended Madonna University, where he received his emergency Medical Technician certification. Scott joined the Wayne Fire Department on June 26, 1985, and continued his employment with the department for 22 years. Scott has been a valuable member of the Department, being promoted to Lieutenant on January 2, 1998, and Fire Captain in February 2000, where he served until December 12, 2007.

In his pursuit of public service, Fire Captain Knepschild has attended the National Fire Academy in Emmetsburg, Maryland, served as a Michigan State Fire Inspector, and earned a certification from the State of Michigan as a licensed Paramedic. Fire Captain Knepschild has also been associated with the Metropolitan Detroit Fire Inspectors, the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society, and has been an energetic and vocal member of the Wayne Fire Fighters Local 1620 for his entire career. Scott looks forward to more time with his wife of 32 years, Mary, and their daughter Melissa, who attends college at Grand Valley State University.

Madam Speaker, in honor of his commitment to protecting the citizens of Michigan and his dedication to serving the residents of Wayne, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Fire Captain Scott Knepschild for his years of service to our community and our country.

HONORING RETIRING BOSTON
TOWN COUNCILMAN DENNIS MEAD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the public career of one of the Town of Boston's most revered leaders, Town Councilman Dennis Mead.

For twelve years, Dennis faithfully represented the Town of Boston, serving with unwavering work ethic and a steadfast commitment to his town's progress. Dennis served honorably as the voice of the people of his community and his service has been a model for others to follow.

Although Dennis will no longer serve on the Boston Town Board come January 1, 2008,

there can be no question that his heart lies in his hometown, and his commitment to the town's future will remain steadfast. Madam Speaker, I want to thank you for this opportunity to Dennis Mead in this manner, and I know that you join me and the rest of our colleagues in wishing Dennis the best of luck and Godspeed in all of his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEON N.
WEINER & ASSOCIATES INC.

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today in honor of Leon N. Weiner & Associates Inc. (LNW&AI), a company that for almost 60 years now has been accomplishing great feats and doing outstanding work for the housing industry in Delaware and surrounding areas. Today, I wish to call attention to a neighborhood renewal project this group championed. It positively impacted our community to such a degree that the readers of Affordable Housing Finance Magazine named it the Nation's best affordable homeownership development.

Leon N. Weiner & Associates Inc. was presented with this prestigious award because they had the vision, drive, prowess and compassion to take an area in need of revitalization and transform it into a true community. Less than a decade ago the Wilmington, Delaware neighborhood now known as Eastlake was home to some of the highest per capita drug and crime rates in the nation. All of that has changed since LNW&AI came in with an innovative renewal plan to construct new homes at below-market rates for neighbors. While designing this community, LNW&AI was mindful of practicality, community, affordability, safety, and aesthetics—all of which help explain the program's great success. Through the work of LNW&AI and its project affiliates, the Village of Eastlake is now seeing an unprecedented influx of residents that are inspired and committed to bettering their community and future.

I have long been a supporter of Leon N. Weiner & Associates Inc. Leon Weiner, whom I had the distinct privilege of knowing and working with while he was alive, founded the company in 1949 and made it a success. He recognized that people from every walk of life, regardless of economic circumstances, share a common need and dream of having a place to call home. His hard work and dedication to such a cause helped put thousands of people of modest incomes in homes. Furthermore, he established a rich philanthropic legacy within LNW&AI. Through my personal experiences with Leon's successors: Kevin Kelly and David Curtis, as well as the rest of the LNW&AI staff, I can assuredly say that Leon's legacy not only lives on, but thrives in the company today.

Once again, I would like to recognize Leon N. Weiner & Associates Inc. Their work at the Eastlake community is remarkable and very deserving of Affordable Housing Finance Magazine's Reader's Choice Award. They are an invaluable asset to our community and I wish them all the best now and in the future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HON.
RICHARD F. "RIC" WILLIAMSON

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a wonderful friend and a great leader in transportation, both in Texas and our Nation, the Hon. Richard F. ("Ric") Williamson. His sudden passing on December 30, 2007 was an incredible loss to his family, the State of Texas and our country.

It has been my honor to know and work with Ric during his service as Texas Commissioner of Transportation. From our first meeting, I knew I had a found a friend, a leader, and a key supporter of building our Nation's infrastructure. Rick's passing is a tremendous loss to all those who respected his leadership and brilliance in government's important work to build the national transportation system. I join the Texas Congressional Delegation and all who knew and worked with Ric in extending our sincere condolences to his wife and family.

As chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, Ric crafted creative, major, and often controversial decisions about the future of the State's transportation system. He was a strong proponent of toll roads and public-private partnerships as a solution to meet the State's transportation needs and funding shortfalls.

Ric's policies and positions were always well thought-out and passionately defended. He always did what he thought would best serve the transportation needs of the State, and many believe that his support for public-private partnerships was instrumental in inspiring other States to consider similar deals as a way to finance new highway construction or to provide long-range, predictable State revenues.

Ric was a native of Abilene, Texas and graduated from University of Texas at Austin in 1974. In 1985, Ric was elected to the Texas Legislature, as a Democrat, and served 13 years until he left in 1998 as a Republican. Serving on the legislature's House Appropriations Committee, he was one of the "Pit Bulls," conservative lawmakers who questioned how the state spent its money. He believed that agencies should get money based on the goals they set and met, a concept known as performance-based budgeting, which is used today in the Texas budget process.

During his State House years, Ric was known as a maverick, and earned the nickname "Nitro" for his energy. He was an independent and aggressive leader who preferred making good policy over playing politics.

In 2001, Governor Perry appointed Ric to serve on the five-person Commission that oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation. In 2004, he became the Commission's chairman. His tenure at the Commission was sometimes controversial, but, as my friend and colleague from the 26th district in Texas, Dr. Michael Burgess, said, Ric Williamson was "unafraid to challenge the status quo, and was a highly regarded leader bringing innovative ideas to provide safe, economic and reliable transportation to improve the daily lives of Texans."

Ric is survived by his wife Mary Ann Williamson and three daughters, Melissa Meyer, Katherine Strange, and Sara Williamson, as well as two grandchildren.

In closing, I will quote another friend of Ric's, the Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration. "Texas has lost a proud son, as has the nation's transportation community." Ric Williamson was a visionary leader and a straight talker. He will be sorely missed.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOHN
MICHAEL GRANVILLE, AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of Buffalo and Western New York, John Michael Granville, an American diplomat who devoted his adult life to promoting peace through his foreign aid and humanitarian work in Africa.

John Granville, who worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development (US AID) in Sudan, was fatally shot after attending a party at the British Embassy in Khartoum. His sudden passing is a great shock to us all and my thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this very difficult time. In this senseless tragedy, we lost a man of peace and purpose, a man who had dedicated himself to making the world a better place for others.

John Granville was a thoughtful and honorable man who was deeply loved by his family, friends and the community. Born and raised in my hometown of Buffalo, NY, John Granville was an outstanding young man. We are proud to salute John and honor him for his lasting service to our nation and to countries abroad and for the important humanitarian work he was doing in Africa.

John was a graduate of Canisius High School, Fordham University and held a Master's degree in International Development from Clark University. The John M. Granville '93 Memorial Scholarship has been established at his high school alma mater in his memory as family, friends and classmates want to make sure he will never be forgotten.

Before joining USAID, John served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon, where he helped build the first school in a rural village. His love for Africa and the people of Africa was realized during his years of service there. John's most recent work involved distributing radios to people in the southern part of Sudan to maximize the effect of the agency's broadcasting initiatives in Sudan's southern region, which is recovering from a 21-year civil war. The goal was to prepare southern Sudan for elections in 2009, and a possible referendum in 2011 on independence.

We know John will be missed beyond measure by his loving mother, Jane, his beloved sister Katie and brother-in law Sean, his loving nieces Caroline, Julia, Hanna and Molly and nephew Matthew, his extended family and dear friends. Everyone who knew or was influenced by John will mourn his loss in their own way. I will do my part to honor John's memory

by calling upon the Administration to strengthen its efforts to protect American diplomats serving overseas and to bring stability to Sudan and the surrounding region.

We must pray for the Granville, O'Connell and McCabe Families and for John Granville, with a tremendous sense of appreciation for the great sacrifice that he made as he worked to promote peace in Africa. I take the liberty of honoring John's life and legacy by including the statement issued by his family, "John's life was a celebration of love, hope and peace. He will be missed by many people throughout the world whose lives were touched and made better because of his care."

HONORING FIRE CHIEF TIMOTHY REYNOLDS

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Timothy Reynolds, Fire Chief of the Wayne Fire Department, upon his retirement from a distinguished twenty-five-year career in public service.

For over two decades, since joining the Wayne Fire Department on June 24, 1982, Fire Chief Reynolds has served the citizens of Wayne, Michigan with distinction. Throughout his career with the department, Timothy served in numerous capacities having been promoted to Lieutenant in December 1994, Captain in 1997, and Fire Chief in 2003 where he served until December 14, 2007.

Timothy Reynolds worked tirelessly to further his education and sharpen his abilities in order to better serve the citizens of Wayne. Fire Chief Reynolds holds numerous degrees and certifications, including a degree in Fire Science Technology from Henry Ford Community College, a State of Michigan certified Paramedic license, and a Fire Inspector certification with the Michigan State Fire Marshal Office. Fire Chief Reynolds has served as the Emergency Program Manager for the City of Wayne and is an active member of the International Association of Arson Investigators, the Michigan Fire Chiefs Association, and the Southeastern Michigan Fire Chiefs Association. Among his many accomplishments, Fire Chief Reynolds remains most proud of his family, which includes his wife of twenty-nine years, Shannon, and their three children, Jennifer, Neil, and Maureen.

Madam Speaker, for twenty-five years Fire Chief Reynolds has faithfully served the citizen of Michigan. As he enters the next phase of his life, he leaves behind a legacy of dedication, honor, and courage. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Fire Chief Timothy Reynolds upon his retirement and recognizing his years of loyal service to our community and country.

2007 UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute

to the 2007 University of Delaware Men's Lacrosse team. In 2007 the Blue Hens' record was 13–6 in intercollegiate play, posting its finest season in school history and advancing all the way to the NCAA national semifinals.

The Blue Hens opened up the season with five straight wins, but began to struggle and by mid season they were just 6–5. In mid-April the Blue Hens rallied in the final quarter to defeat Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) foe Villanova 19–18, thus igniting the Blue Hens into winning seven straight games before the national semifinal loss.

Upon entering the tournament, the Blue Hens defeated the defending National Champions and the No. 2 ranked University of Virginia. Delaware then defeated the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) in the national quarterfinals at Navy to earn a spot in the Final Four.

The Blue Hens are coached by Bob Shillinglaw who has coached at Delaware for more than 30 years and is one of the Nation's most respected and successful coaches. This past year Coach Shillinglaw's team was led by a strong senior class, which included 2 All-Americans, Alex Smith and Jordan Hall and All-CAA selections Adam Zuder-Havens, Dan Deckelbaum, and Rob Smith.

I congratulate Coach Bob Shillinglaw and the 2007 University of Delaware Men's Lacrosse team for their success, and the pride they have shown as representatives of the University of Delaware and the First State.

FREEDOM FOR CARLOS JESUS MENENDEZ CERVERA

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about Carlos Jesus Menendez Cervera, a political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. Menendez Cervera is a member of the Cuban Commission on Human Rights and National Reconciliation (CCDHRN), Executive Secretary of the Social Democratic Party and an interim director of the Independent Libraries Project. He is a peaceful pro-democracy activist who believes that Cuba must be free, that all Cubans must be free to learn, free to worship, and free to enjoy human rights and the Rule of Law. Accordingly, Mr. Menendez Cervera has been targeted by the totalitarian regime.

Because of his steadfast belief in freedom and democracy, Mr. Menendez Cervera has been harassed and detained numerous times. In February 2007 Mr. Menendez Cervera was detained and thrown into a police vehicle after he was seen exiting the U.S. Interests Section's Center for Information Services. He was locked inside the vehicle and interrogated for nearly an hour before being driven to a nearby police station. At the station, where a member of the Cuban political police further interrogated him, his short wave radio and a photocopy of a Miami Herald article he carried were confiscated. Regime thugs attempted to incriminate Mr. Menendez Cervera but he was eventually released.

According to the CCDHRN, plainclothes members of the regime's secret police ar-

rested Mr. Menendez Cervera on November 15, 2007. The CCDHRN said that Mr. Menendez Cervera was arrested when he entered the home of a well-known former prisoner of conscience, Mr. Hector Palacio, one of the "Group of 75" arrested as part of the Cuban dictatorship's heinous island-wide crackdown on peaceful pro-democracy activists in March 2003. Mr. Palacio, who was serving a 25-year sentence, was released from prison due to health concerns.

Mr. Menendez Cervera represents the best of the Cuban nation, a nation that, though oppressed for 49 years by a totalitarian tyranny, has never stopped fighting for its freedom and for the Rule of Law.

Madam Speaker, we must speak out and act against these arbitrary harassments and arrests, and the abominable disregard for human rights, human dignity, and human freedom just 90 miles from our shores. My colleagues, we must demand the immediate and unconditional release of Carlos Jesus Menendez Cervera and every political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

TRIBUTE TO THE CELINA BOBCATS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. HALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 2007 Celina Bobcat football team.

On December 22nd, 2007, the Celina Bobcats defeated the China Spring Cougars by a score of 21 to 14 to win the Class 3 AAA Division II State Championship at Texas Stadium. Under the leadership of Coach Butch Ford, the Bobcats finished the 2007 season with a perfect 16–0 record to claim a new state record 8th State Championship. This is a remarkable accomplishment that merits recognition.

With a record eight state titles and wins in two out of the last three championship games, the Bobcats have a heritage of excellence in football. This tradition of winning is proven by their historical rankings with more wins in the last 10, 20 and 40 years than any other team in Texas.

By halftime the Bobcats found themselves in their first halftime tie of the season with a close 7–7 game, and by the end of the third quarter it was still tied at 14–14. However, by the end of the fourth there was no doubt which team was champion. In a close game where every play counted, the Bobcats pulled ahead at the end to win by 7 points. This State Championship win marks another tremendous milestone in the continued excellence of Bobcat football, and I am proud of their accomplishment.

Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate the Bobcat players as well as their coaches, trainer, cheerleaders, the Las Gatitas dance squad, band members, teachers, school administration, and other community supporters for their success in both championship and regular season play. I ask each of my colleagues to join me in honoring Celina High School in their record-breaking 8th State Championship.

HONORING EDWARD A. TOKASZ
UPON HIS 70TH ANNIVERSARY
AS A MEMBER OF THE DOYLE
HOSE VOLUNTEER FIRE COM-
PANY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, as you well know, the fire service remains among the most well respected and revered groups of individuals within communities throughout the United States. The volunteer fire service, moreover, represents groups of individuals within particular communities who, of their own volition, choose to protect and serve their home communities, putting their lives on the line toward the betterment and safety of their hometowns.

Today, Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the personal sacrifice of a member of one of the best known and most respected fire companies in my congressional district—the Doyle Hose Fire Company in the town of Cheektowaga. I rise to honor Edward A. Tokasz, who this year will celebrate his 70th anniversary as an active member of Doyle Hose.

A little less than 2 months past his 18th birthday, Ed joined up with Doyle on February 2, 1938, and from that day forward has honorably and competently served as a dedicated member of the company. Ed served in many positions within Doyle, including assistant chief, president, vice president, and sergeant at arms. In particular, in perhaps his most amazing statistic, Ed served as Treasurer for nearly 60 years.

Ed's service to our community set an example for others to follow. Ed's son, Paul Tokasz, began his career as a schoolteacher, and served in several governmental positions before his election to the New York State Assembly in 1988. Paul would eventually rise to serve as majority leader, and I served with Paul in the legislature for 6 years. Undoubtedly, it was Ed's influence that led Paul and many others into public service.

Madam Speaker, it is not often that a Member of the House has the opportunity to honor someone for 70 years of active service in any vocation, much less a vocation as critical to one's community as the fire service. That is why I am asking that you join with me and with all of our colleagues in congratulating Ed Tokasz for his long service to our community, and I know that you and all of our colleagues join me in wishing Ed and his family nothing but the very best of luck and Godspeed in the months and years to come.

HONORING THE DEDICATED
SERVICE OF KATY DAWSON

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Katy Dawson for her dedicated service to Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District while working in my Washington, DC, office.

Katy joined us in 2005 as a staff assistant and provided a warm welcome to our guests. She grew in that position, moved on to serving as a legislative correspondent and has proven to be quite the workhorse. She has been a diligent worker, and she has provided a tremendous help to me. She views each legislative issue with compassion and always considers what is in the best interest of middle Tennesseans.

My staff and I wish Katy well as she moves on to her next challenge. We hope she finds as much success in her next endeavor as her beloved Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots have found on their fields.

Katy, thanks for your hard work over the past few years. I wish you all the best.

150TH BIRTHDAY OF HAMILTON
COUNTY, TEXAS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a shining county in my district. Hamilton County will be celebrating its 150th birthday on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. Named after James Hamilton, a former Governor of South Carolina who aided the Republic of Texas when we made our break from Mexico, Hamilton County is believed to be the final resting place for "Billy the Kid." Although noted by many as a county rooted deep in Texas history, undeniably the greatest asset of Hamilton County is its people.

Hamilton County people are the type who wave to strangers as they pass them driving down the highway. They are the type of people who get together to discuss politics, last night's football game, and their families over a piece of pie. They share a common sense of community where they look after one another. These people are a shining example of the Texas values that make this area of our State so genuine. I am extremely proud to have represented Hamilton County for 3 of the past 150 years and I wish them continued prosperity for another 150 years and beyond.

HONORING THE SOLDIERS OF INDI-
ANA'S 76TH INFANTRY BRIGADE
COMBAT TEAM

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the courageous soldiers of Indiana's 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and their families for their unwavering commitment to defending our great Nation. For many of these soldiers it will be their second trip to Iraq and another period of extended time away from their families. I know this must be a difficult time for them, but let me stress again how grateful I am for such noble service.

The deployment of the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team will be the single largest deployment of Indiana National Guard soldiers since World War II. In sum, approximately 3,400 of our Guardsmen will be serving in Iraq when their unit deploys.

I will certainly be keeping these Hoosier soldiers and their families in my thoughts and prayers. Thanks to our troops for protecting and defending the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. And, thanks to our soldiers for their steadfast service to our country.

RECOGNIZING THE APPOINTMENT
OF ROBERT HAY AS THE 2008
PRESIDENT OF THE PENNSYL-
VANIA ASSOCIATION OF REAL-
TORS®

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize Robert C. Hay, CRB, e-PRO, GRI, of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, for achievements in the real estate industry in Pennsylvania and his appointment as the 85th president of the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors® on January 15, 2008.

Mr. Hay has been active in the real estate industry for more than 28 years. At the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors®, he chaired many committees and task forces including Grievance, Strategic Planning and the Convention Committee. Mr. Hay also served as a Realtors® Political Action Committee trustee for many years, and he is Federal political coordinator.

Mr. Hay served as president of his local association, the Pocono Mountains Association of Realtors®, in 1982, 1983, and 1999. He chaired most committees in the association, and he was named Realtor® of the Year in 1982, and again in 2000. This award is given annually to a local member of the association in honor of his or her distinguished and unselfish service while displaying outstanding leadership, vision, and ability. Mr. Hay promoted the consumers' best interests in the real estate market while strictly following the code of ethics.

About 4 years ago, Mr. Hay created his own company, Bobhay.com Realtors®, where he is the broker and owner. Because of the changing nature of the real estate industry, Mr. Hay saw the desire for home buyers and sellers to obtain real estate information through the Internet, and he created a real estate Web site.

Mr. Hay previously worked at RE/MAX before he decided to develop his own company.

Mr. Hay is also active in his community of Monroe County, Pennsylvania, and I cannot begin to calculate the number of hours that Bob and I have spent together while working on important community projects. In 2006, he served as the chairman of the board of the Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce. He continues to work diligently to try to restore the passenger rail service from northeastern Pennsylvania to New York City as the chairman of the Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Railroad Authority.

On a personal note, let me mention how much I have enjoyed getting to know Bob and his wife, Beverly, over the years. They represent the community spirit that makes places like northeastern Pennsylvania great areas to live.

Mr. Hay is a veteran of the Vietnam war. He lives with his wife, Beverly, in Mt. Pocono.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Hay for his distinguished career in the real estate industry and his inauguration as the 85th president of the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors®.

TRIBUTE TO MILTON CONGER

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, Milton Conger, from Burlington, Colorado. Mr. Conger was born on October 1, 1924, in rural Kansas. He was a member of the greatest generation and served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946.

Milton grew up in Kit Carson County, Colorado, and entered the Army immediately following graduation from high school. He married Marjorie Irene Schmidt on October 1, 1943, while home on leave, right before being sent to Europe to serve with the 79th Infantry Division, 314th Regiment, L. Company. Milton's company fought primarily in France. On October 9, 1944, while digging a foxhole at the edge of the Forest of Parroy, a Jeep pulled up and out stepped a 4-star general and asked him how things were going. He later determined that he had spoken to General Marshall, who had come to France to see the troops. Milton was awarded the Purple Heart for a leg wound he received a few days before his meeting with the general. It was also in the Forest of Parroy that Milton and one of his buddies captured four German soldiers. Mr. Conger received the Combat Infantry Badge and the Croix-de-Guerre from the French in 1997.

During their time in France, 862 soldiers of Milton's 314th Regiment were killed in action, 4,139 were wounded, and 56 were reported missing in action. They also captured 11,822 German soldiers. The trip home from Europe was dangerous for Milton, he was sent home on the French ship *Athos II*. On December 21, 1945, they encountered a huge Atlantic typhoon and were tossed about the sea for two days. The soldiers were forced to stand for hours in the slimy lower passages as ballast. The ship was badly battered, and had to stop in the Azores. There they waited to be transferred to the aircraft carrier *Enterprise* for the rest of the trip home.

After the war, Milton returned home to Colorado where he worked as a carpenter and building contractor, operating Conger Construction. Milton and his wife Marjorie raised three daughters: Linda Kay (Malm), Nancy Lee (Brown), and Connie Rae (Ogle). Mr. Conger is a charter member of VFW Post 6491 and is also a member of American Legion Post 60.

I am proud to honor Milton Conger for his dedicated service to our Nation. He is an American hero who left his home to defend our Nation, and then returned home to be a valued member of his community, showing his children and grandchildren how to live meaningful lives of service. Milton truly is the embodiment of all the values that have molded America into the great nation it is today. May God bless Milton and his family, may God bless our precious veterans, and may God bless America.

THE RETIREMENT OF GLENN CANNON FROM WAVERLY POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Glenn Cannon on his retirement as general manager of Waverly Power and Light Company. At the end of the past year, Glenn retired after a 17 year career with Waverly Power and Light. Waverly Power and Light is a municipal electric utility that is owned by the city of Waverly, a town of 9,000 people in northeast Iowa.

Over the past 17 years, Glenn served as the driving force behind the success of Waverly Power and Light. Glenn's efforts allowed the company to lead the way for wind energy development across the Midwest. In 1993, under Glenn's leadership, the company installed the first utility-scale wind turbine in Iowa. Today, Iowa has approximately 350 wind turbines and ranks third in the Nation for wind energy development. Iowa, and America, are following Glenn's lead.

In 2001, Waverly Power and Light launched the Iowa Energy Tags Program becoming the first electric utility in the Nation to offer green tags, which verify that electricity was generated from a renewable energy source. In 2002, thanks to Glenn's leadership, Waverly Power and Light received the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's Paul Rappaport Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Award. Glenn accepted the award on behalf of the company and the city of Waverly.

Glenn has dedicated his life to the promotion and development of wind power and renewable energies. His work has proven that communities in Iowa and across the country can be powered by clean renewable energies. I am proud to be representing Glenn and the Waverly Power and Light Company in Congress.

I am happy to hear that Glenn will be continuing his work to promote and develop renewable energies. He will be serving as a consultant for the promotion of wind power, energy efficiency and soy-bean transformer oils. I wish him the best in all his endeavors.

WALKER BLAIR ETHERIDGE
MAKES HIS MARK ON THE WORLD

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my son David and his wife Casey on the birth of their first child, Walker Blair Etheridge. Walker was born on December 22, 2007, and weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. My wife Faye and I are ecstatic about the birth of our fourth grandchild, and she joins me in wishing David and Casey all the happiness and love that a first child brings into your life.

Faye and I are truly blessed by the arrival of Walker Blair Etheridge. The birth of a new child is a joyous occasion that reminds us of the promise of a new life. Children remind us

of the incredible miracle of life, and they keep us young-at-heart. Every day they show us a new way to view the world.

God has truly blessed my family with this new addition. My family and I are looking forward to spending a lot time with our new bundle of joy and introducing him to all of our friends and neighbors in North Carolina's Second Congressional District.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Alpha Kappa Alpha on the occasion of their centennial anniversary.

As a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, I would like to welcome the thousands of fine AKA members who have traveled to Howard University this week to celebrate the birth of Alpha Chapter and the nine visionaries who founded the sorority in 1908.

As our Nation's oldest black Greek letter fraternity founded by women, Alpha Kappa Alpha was established in order to provide social and intellectual enrichment through member interactions. Throughout the years, AKA's purpose has expanded as it strives to promote high scholastics and ethical standards, vocational and career guidance, health services and the advancement of human and civil rights. Led by International President Barbara A McKinzie, the women of AKA seek to make a difference in our communities and to be of supreme service to all of mankind.

When you look at AKA's distinguished membership it is easy to see its impact on America. Amongst these women are: Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, Ella Fitzgerald, and Dr. Mae Jemison—just to name a few.

Today, Alpha Kappa Alpha is a worldwide organization with 200,000 members in 975 chapters all over the globe and on every continent. The century of achievements by AKA women are felt everyday in the progress of our communities, and the work our members are doing today will be felt by generations to come. This centennial celebration is both a reflection upon our history, and a celebration of our future.

I commend Alpha Kappa Alpha on their centennial anniversary and wish them well for their next 100 years.

ANDREW TIMOTHY OTTO MAKES
HIS MARK ON THE WORLD

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my daughter Catherine and her husband Tim Otto on the birth of their second child and my fifth grandchild Andrew Timothy Otto. Andrew was born yesterday, January 14, 2008, and weighed 8 pounds and was 20.5 inches long. My wife Faye and I are

delighted to welcome Andrew as he joins our four other grandchildren, William, Virginia, Cameron, and Walker. Faye and I wish Catherine and Tim and big brother William great happiness upon this new addition to our family.

Faye and I are truly blessed by the arrival of little Andrew Timothy Otto. The birth of a new child is a joyous occasion that reminds us of the promise of a new life. Children remind us of the incredible miracle of life, and they keep us young-at-heart. Every day they show us a new way to view the world.

My family and I are looking forward to spending a lot time with our new bundle of joy and introducing him to all of our friends and neighbors in North Carolina's Second Congressional District.