

For such a long-lasting business, Tilsner Carton Company's beginnings were decidedly modest. Isadore Tilsener started collecting and reselling used boxes from liquor stores around St. Paul in 1918 to earn a living. As time passed, Tilsner Carton Company began manufacturing its own boxes with a same day delivery that became its trademark. Tilsner's son, Mike, took over Tilsner Carton Company as his son Joel Tilsner would do in 1986. Joel continues to operate the business and owns 100 percent of the company.

The corrugated box business has changed radically since Isadore Tilsner opened his warehouse in a garage 90 years ago. A few large manufacturers dominate today's market, but Tilsner Carton Company has continued to prosper through its responsive customer service, speedy production, and diversity of products. The company pays good jobs in our community as its customer base has grown both in size and geographic reach—today the business ships product displays all the way to Puerto Rico.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Tilsner Carton Company and its three generations of family ownership, and it is my honor to submit this statement for the official CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
WORK OF DALE WEN-CHIEH JIEH

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, this month, our nation's Capitol will lose a good friend in Dale Wen-chieh Jieh, Director of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO). Dale will be leaving Washington for his new post as Director-General, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City, Kansas. Dale has served as Director of the Political Division since July 15, 2005, as well as Director of the Congressional Liaison Division since July 1, 2006. During the last three years in Washington, D.C., Dale has made many friends in the administration and on Capitol Hill. He is well known for his scholarly demeanor, warm personality and quick grasp of the issues. He is truly a diplomat's diplomat.

Born in Taiwan, Dale was destined for academic excellence. He attended the National Cheng-chi University in Taiwan and the Graduate Institute of International Relations in Geneva, earning his Master of Arts in International Relations at the Free University of Brussels, Belgium. In addition to Mandarin Chinese, Dale is fluent in English and French.

Dale joined Taiwan's government service in the 1980's. He was a Specialist for the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (1986–1987); Assistant to the Vice Foreign Minister (1987–1989); Third Secretary, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago; Second Secretary, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand (June 1993–August 1995); Second Secretary on home assignment, Department of African affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Section Chief, Department of International Organizations, MOFA (June 1997–November 1998); Director, European Union Affairs, Taipei Representative Office in Belgium

(November 1998–July 2002); Principal Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (July 2002–April 2003); Deputy Director General, Department of International Organizations, MOFA (2003); Director, Political Division, TECRO (2005) and currently serves as Director of the Congressional Liaison Division, TECRO, a post Dale has lead with honor and distinction since 2006.

Though he will be missed in the halls of Congress, I trust Dale will continue to be an effective representative of the Taiwan government in his new post in Kansas City. I am confident Dale will continue to strengthen the relations between Taiwan and the United States in his new post, a task as important as ever as America continues to trade and do business with our friends and neighbors around the world. We will forever call upon the dedicated service of people like Dale to foster better, stronger and more valuable relationships between the United States and its allies.

So today, Madam Speaker, I rise to commend and congratulate my friend Dale Wen-chieh Jieh for his service to his country and also to the United States of America. I will always treasure my friendship with Dale and wish him, his charming wife and two beautiful daughters the best of luck as they journey west to their new home in Kansas City.

HONORING THE THIRTEENTH
QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION OF
THE SLAVONIC BENEVOLENT
ORDER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Thirteenth Quadrennial Convention of the Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas SPJST, which will be held on June 8–11, 2008. For 111 years, SPJST has served as a fraternal organization and an educational tool for Czech immigrants to learn the democratic process, the value of free speech, and the importance of voting in their newly adopted homeland.

Today, there are more than 47,000 members of the SPJST in 120 lodges throughout the state of Texas. In recent years, SPJST has expanded to include youth activities and community service programs. As a result, many SPJST projects and members have been recognized by the Texas Fraternal Congress for their service and contribution to communities throughout Texas. SPJST has provided its members with identity and support throughout the years. In lodges all over the State of Texas, members are committed to helping those in need by working in hospitals, providing scholarships, and supporting drug abuse programs and other charities. The members of SPJST have upheld the tradition of helping people to care for their families and their communities.

With its great commitment to its members, communities, and organizations that it serves, SPJST embodies the value and tradition of the great State of Texas.

HONORING THE 2008 ST. PAUL CENTRAL
HIGH SCHOOL MINUTEMEN
GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, 1 year ago, I rose to congratulate the 2007 St. Paul Central High School Minutemen girls basketball champions. Today, I have the privilege again—congratulations to the 2008 St. Paul Central High School Minutemen girls basketball team for winning the State championship! The Minutemen girls team successfully defended their title by defeating the same team, the number one top-seeded Minneapolis South Tigers, in the final State championship class 4A on Saturday, March 15, 2008, at the Target Center.

Although the St. Paul Central High School girls basketball Minutemen were trailing by 9 points at half-time, they fought back hard and overpowered their opponents in the second half with their outstanding talent, power, speed and resiliency. The Minutemen went on to beat their opponents with the final scores of 49–44 over the Tigers.

I am so proud of these fine young athletes and wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to them and the entire Central High School community. These back-to-back championship titles bring the school's record to four State championship titles, including 1976 and 1979. Last year, the Minutemen had a perfect season record of 32–0 and set a new record in post-season of Minnesota girls basketball championship history with the final score of 81–63 over the Minneapolis South Tigers. This year, the Minutemen are ranked third in the conference and were defeated by the Tigers once during the regular season, but in the post-season the Minutemen once again proved that they are the champions.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the students, teachers and staff of Central High School as well as the entire St. Paul Public Schools District, please join me in honoring the 2008 St. Paul Central Minutemen girls basketball State champions.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker and Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, I rise today on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus to honor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, one of our own who served as a Representative of California's 37th Congressional District from 1973 to 1979, and is retiring at the end of this year, after an impressive 50-year career as a public servant in the State of California.

On the occasion of Mrs. Burke's retirement from public office, we wish to extend to her sincere congratulations for the decades of dedicated service that she has given to her nation, her State, and her County, most recently as Chair of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the largest county in the