

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES B.
KLIBENSTEIN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. James B. Kliebenstein, professor of Agricultural Economics at Iowa State University, on receiving the 2008 Distinguished Teaching Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association. I wish to express my appreciation for Dr. Kliebenstein's dedication and commitment to fostering the educational development and personal growth of Iowa students.

After obtaining a doctorate of Philosophy from University of Illinois-Urbana, Dr. Kliebenstein went on to work for Northwest Missouri State University, the Department of Agricultural Economics and the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and University of Missouri-Columbia. For the past 22 years, Professor Kliebenstein has contributed his time and talents to improving youths' lives through education and mentoring at Iowa State University.

At Iowa State University, Dr. Kliebenstein currently teaches agriculture business courses and advises undergraduate and graduate students. His excellence in teaching is affirmed by the highly positive feedback from his students. For his Farm Planning and Organization class, Dr. Kliebenstein received a 100% approval rating from all of his students. Professor Kliebenstein also conducts research on agricultural production technologies and the costs and benefits of livestock production.

Dr. Kliebenstein has truly made a lasting impact on students, family, and faculty throughout his illustrious career, and his passion for teaching at Iowa State University is admirable. I consider it an honor to represent Dr. James B. Kliebenstein in the United States Congress, and I wish him the best of luck in future endeavors.

HONORING THE JOINT MANUFACTURING AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER AT ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate Colonel Craig Cotter and the dedicated working men and women at the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center located at the Rock Island Arsenal federal campus.

Since 1862 the Rock Island Arsenal has been providing the supplies and equipment American soldiers need to protect this country.

Today the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center (JMTC)—under the command of the Army Materiel Command—continues that proud tradition of meeting the needs of our Armed Forces.

JMTC's technological and manufacturing expertise has been essential to protecting our nation in the 21st Century. At no time was this fact more evident than when insurgents in Iraq began using improvised explosive devices to attack Humvees and other military vehicles. The Army needed an immediate solution and JMTC was the only manufacturing center ready and able to provide it. JMTC used their rapid-response design and manufacturing capacity to produce dozens of "up-armor kits" before final engineering was even complete. In a matter of days the first armor kits were designed, produced, and on their way to Iraq. To date, JMTC has produced thousands of armor kits and is poised to expand their armaments development into new titanium and lightweight composite materials.

JMTC is truly a center of industrial and technological excellence. In 2006 and 2007 they earned the Shingo Prize Public Sector Gold Medallion for the Forward Repair System, making JMTC the Army's only two time winner of this prestigious award. JMTC has also met high work standards with the M119 Towed Howitzer, gunner protection armor kit, shop equipment contact maintenance vehicle, and small arms parts program.

Madam Speaker, the women and men at JMTC are indispensable to our long-term national security. This facility is poised to develop the materials and technologies we will need to protect the United States for decades to come.

HONORING PASTOR DONALD BATTLE OF DIVINE FAITH MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a spiritual and community leader in my district, Pastor Donald Battle of Divine Faith Ministries International, on the occasion of his 54th birthday.

Pastor Donald E. Battle and his wife of 34 years, Gwen, along with their three adult daughters, TaVondria, Jamie, and Christin, are all leaders of this life-changing body of believers. I am proud that the southern campus of Divine Faith Ministries International, along with Divine Faith's School of Biblical Studies, are both located in my district, the 13th Congressional District of Georgia.

Pastor Battle is a native of Birmingham, Alabama, where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Gwen. He served in the U.S Army six years and served 15 years in

Georgia law enforcement as a police detective for the City of Atlanta. Pastor Battle's ministry began in 1990 as Divine Faith Baptist Church with a group of 60 members. Today, Madam Speaker, Divine Faith Ministries International currently serves God with a membership of over 8,000. This explosive growth can be directly traced to the servant leadership of Pastor Battle and his family.

But Pastor Battle does not content himself with service in the church alone. A leader in the community, Pastor Battle has served in the Association of Christian Ministers of Clayton County, and guided the creation of the Clayton County Public Schools' Mentorship Forum. The forum includes business leaders, judicial system leaders, state and local elected officials and pastors who serve to mentor high school students. Pastor Battle also led the call for incorporating the faith community in the Clayton County youth offender program to allow churches to be involved in the juvenile offenders' community service program.

Other examples of Pastor Battle's unshakable commitment to the 13th District and the entire Atlanta area are Divine Faith Ministries International television broadcasts which reach thousands of homes weekly, a day care program—Divine Faith Ministries Christian Academy, and the Divine Faith Ministries School of Biblical Studies.

Again Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize this great man on his birthday. His presence, his purpose and his commitment to service have blessed not only his family, his friends and his congregation, but undoubtedly the entire world as the effects of his ministry are felt in the hearts of thousands. Thank you for the opportunity to honor Pastor Donald Battle, his family and Divine Faith Ministries International.

HONORING RYAN DANIEL SALMON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize, Ryan Daniel Salmon, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan Daniel Salmon for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND MUSIC
OF THE LATE ISAAC HAYES

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, Isaac Hayes made an indelible impact on the hearts, minds and souls of his fans that has sustained for generations. Dick Clark observed: "It's rare when an artist's talent can touch an entire generation of people. It's even rarer when that same influence affects several generations. Isaac made an imprint on the world of pop music unequaled by any other single performer."

Isaac Hayes hailed from humble beginnings in Covington, Tennessee. He spent his childhood and formative years in Memphis, years which shaped his future success as a songwriter, singer, and actor, graduating from Manassas High School. Undoubtedly, Isaac's influences can be attributed to his time spent in church singing gospel music with the Morning Stars, doo-wop with Sir Isaac & the Doo-Dads, the Teen Tones and the Ambassadors. Isaac Hayes became a soul music icon with his debut album, "Hot Buttered Soul," in 1969.

His signature single and album "The Theme From Shaft," came 2 years later winning an Academy Award for Best Original Song, the first Academy Award received by an African-American in a non-acting category, and two Grammys, one for composer of Best Original Score and one for Best Instrumental Arrangement with co-arranger Johnny Allen.

Isaac Hayes will also be mourned by his Stax records songwriting and production partner, David Porter, with whom he wrote over 200 songs, including many classic hits such as: "Soul Man," "When Something Is Wrong With My Baby," and "Hold on I'm Comin'," recorded by Sam and Dave, and "B-A-B-Y" made famous by Carla Thomas. The music created by Isaac and David embodies the funky, gritty and soulful Memphis sound and both gentlemen were both inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2002.

Isaac Hayes was instrumental in staging the 1972 Wattstax concert performed at the Los Angeles Coliseum in the summer of 1972, an event that was a great source of pride for the African American Los Angeles community of Watts and which focused worldwide attention on issues of social and economic justice for that beleaguered community while also highlighting the great Memphis Stax sound.

Through his early days at Stax Records, his success as a recording artist, his record-breaking international performances and his career in film and television, Isaac Hayes, our hometown hero, always proudly referred to his Memphis roots. Isaac served as an ambassador of Memphis' spirit and soul and, like Moses, is irreplaceable.

Whereas Isaac Hayes started the Isaac Hayes Foundation, whose mission is to globally promote literacy, music education, nutritional education, and innovative programs to raise self-esteem among the underprivileged;

Whereas Isaac Hayes was strongly devoted to promoting literacy through the world and was named the international spokesman for the Applied Scholastics' World Literacy Crusade;

Whereas Isaac Hayes, through his Isaac Hayes Foundation, built an 8,000 square foot educational facility in Ghana, West Africa, and was a strong advocate for the education and well-being of the children of Ghana; In 1992, in recognition of his humanitarian work, he was crowned an honorary king of Ghana's Ada district.

Whereas Isaac Hayes donated thousands of dollars, through grants from his Isaac Hayes Foundation, to schools in Memphis, Nashville, and Washington, DC for the purpose of improving the musical education programs of those schools and for the purchase of musical instruments;

Today is a day of both great sadness and joy—sadness that Isaac has left us too soon and joy that we were fortunate enough to have known him. Isaac was a personal friend and a supporter in my re-election bid, actively participating in my campaign. I appreciate his talent, his contributions to his fellow man and his friendship. He rose from the most humble of beginnings to fame and wealth but he never forgot where he came from and he retained his love and respect for his fellow human beings. Being in the presence of Isaac made one want to be a better person, to do good. There will never be another like him.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
REGARDING THE TERRORIST AT-
TACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE
UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER
11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. MARKEY. Madam Speaker, Last week, our Nation commemorated the seventh anniversary of the most devastating attack on our country since Pearl Harbor. We remembered the victims and their families, and we also honored the heroism of the fire fighters, police officers, emergency workers and everyday Americans who rushed to help those caught in the almost unimaginable violence on that day.

The attack has left an indelible mark on our Nation. The two planes that were crashed into the World Trade Center towers took off from Boston's Logan Airport on that clear Tuesday morning.

Last week at Logan Airport, a new memorial was dedicated to the 147 men, women and children who perished on American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175. I ask unanimous consent to insert in the RECORD a statement from Massachusetts Port Authority Chairman Dr. John Quelch on the occasion of the dedication of the 9/11 memorial at Logan Airport.

We will never forget the heroism of the Americans affected by the September 11th attacks.

REMARKS OF DR. JOHN A. QUELCH

For the past 7 years, there have already been two memorials at Logan Airport, dedicated to the 147 men, women and children who perished the morning of September 11, 2001 on American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175.

One stands outside Gate 32 in American Airline's Terminal B. The other stands out-

side Gate 19 in United's Terminal C. Both memorials appeared spontaneously, raised by airport and airline employees without fanfare or ceremony. These two memorials are one and the same. And there is no grander memorial. That memorial is the flag of the United States of America.

The flags fly proudly to this day, and will likely fly forever. They symbolize the determination of this airport, this Nation, and the community assembled here to recover from that grievous wound.

Today, we dedicate a third memorial as a remembrance of that day and its impact on all of us. This memorial is accessible to all who come to this airport. And this memorial acknowledges each lost soul by name.

It is a simple tribute. A quiet place of reflection. Hopefully, a place for healing. And, with the passage of time, a place for learning and education, as well.

This memorial is first and foremost for you, the family members and friends of those who perished that sunny September morning. They never asked to make history, yet they did so in the saddest possible way.

The weight of September 11 also bore heavily on the entire Logan airport community who were devastated to learn that two of our flights—our flight 11, our flight 175—were instruments in the tragedy that unfolded. We at Massport and the entire Logan family hope that you—and we—will find comfort in this place. And in the years to come, we hope that many thousands of visitors—perhaps millions—will also come here to reflect, to heal and to learn.

Changing our own lives will be the greatest gift we can give to the departed. They surely expect more from us than to merely memorialize their names. They surely want us to do more, work harder, be better, to be inspired by remembering them.

So, for the sacrifice of those we honor here today, may this memorial therefore make us better fathers and mothers, sons and daughters.

For their sacrifice, may we be better custodians of the public trust, ever vigilant for the public safety.

For their sacrifice may we be better citizens and neighbors.

And in the morning, with the rising of the sun, and with the sounds of freedom in the sky, we shall remember them.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF THE LATE AUSTIN
J. "SONNY" SHELTON**HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of the late Austin J. "Sonny" Shelton, who passed away on September 7, 2008, after a long illness. Sonny was 59 years of age. Sonny was a member of the 19th Guam Legislature, from 1987 to 1989, where he served as the chairman of the Committee on Rules, vice chairman of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Consumer Protection, secretary general to the Asian Pacific Parliamentarian's Union and as a member of the Association of Pacific Island Legislators.

In 1995, Sonny was appointed as the director of the Government of Guam's Department of Parks and Recreation and as the Guam Public Auditor from 1999 to 2000. In 2001 he served as the acting director of the Department of Administration.

After graduating from Father Duenas Memorial High School in 1967, attending the University of Guam and Texas State Technical Institute, Sonny returned to Guam and joined Shelton Music Company, his family's business. He later established AJS Incorporated and expanded his business interests to include other vending machines, amusement devices and real estate.

Sonny Shelton was a civic minded individual who devoted much time to community organizations including the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Guam Shrine Club, Aloha Temple. He was a volunteer for the University of Guam's 4-H Summer Youth Fishing Program. He served as president of the Father Duenas Memorial School's Football Booster Club. He was active in his church where he served as a brother of the 2nd Community of the Neo-Catechumenal Way of Nino Perdido Catholic Parish in Asan.

Sonny was an avid fisherman who participated in many deep sea fishing events and his love of outdoor sports extended to off-road racing where he enjoyed success as a driver.

Austin J. "Sonny" Shelton was the only child of the late Austin James Shelton, a successful Guam entrepreneur and Amanda Pangelinan Guzman Shelton, a professional nurse. He is survived by his widow, Graciella Shinohara Shelton, his children, and their spouses, Raymond and Melinda Shelton Slatery; Madeleine Shelton, Austin Shelton II, and Amanda Shelton; and his grandchildren Trinidad, Kaya, Mariana, Raymond and Gabryelle. He is dearly missed by his family and friends, and our community extends our sympathy to them.

HONORING COLTON R. ZIRKLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

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

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

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Colton R. Zirkle for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol on Monday, September 15, 2008, and was unable to cast votes on the House floor that evening.

However, had I been present I would have voted yea on H. Res. 1200—Honoring the dedication and outstanding work of military support groups across the country for their steadfast support of the members of our Armed Forces and their families; yea on H. Con. Res. 390—Honoring the 28th Infantry Division for serving and protecting the United States; and yea on H.R. 6889—To extend the authority of the Secretary of Education to ensure continued access to Federal student loans, for 1 year.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF GLADYS CANNON

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and lifelong Democrat, Gladys Cannon, who passed away on September 8, 2008, at her home in West Covina, California. Gladys was a beloved wife, mother, friend, activist, and community leader who will be missed by her peers and the beloved community she devoted her life to serving. I am proud to have called Gladys my friend and I join her husband Frank and her family in mourning her passing.

Throughout her life, Gladys never failed to become involved in helping her community. She had the heart of an activist and the soul of a fighter and she never failed to fight for progressive values. She was a proud member of the Teamsters Union and an active and ardent Democrat. She worked hard to ensure that working families would have their voices heard. Our community will be forever grateful for Gladys's civic activism and volunteerism.

In addition to being a community activist, Gladys was an avid sports fan who always looked forward to March Madness and rooting for USC, the Los Angeles Lakers, the Los Angeles Dodgers, and the Green Bay Packers. Gladys also loved to travel. Her fondest memories were of cruises to Alaska and trips to England and Ireland. Gladys loved to live life and she always did so with a cunning smile and fighting spirit. Gladys will always be remembered and missed for the special joy she brought us all.

Gladys will be remembered for her lifetime dedication to her community and fighting spirit. She was a heartfelt champion of women and working families. I extend my sympathy to Gladys's family in this difficult time, and especially to her beloved husband Frank Cannon whom she greatly loved. Gladys will be dearly missed.

CONGRATULATING COLBY COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Colby College Museum of Art for being accredited by the American Association of Museums, AAM. Accredited since 1995, and re-accredited recently,

the museum joins 10 other museums from Maine and 775 nationwide to receive this honor. Accreditation recognizes the Colby College museum's commitment to public service, professional standards, and excellence in education.

The Colby College Museum of Art is a powerful community presence and leader in communicating the value and importance of art. The museum is more than just a collection of great works of art; it is also an incredible educational resource for the state of Maine. It offers hands-on workshops, morning story times for children and various lectures from faculty at Colby, visiting speakers, and student docents.

The Colby College Museum of Art extends its reach far beyond the Colby College campus, sharing its astounding collection with community members of all ages and providing a place for study for faculty and students. I have no doubt that the museum will continue this mission of service and education well into the future, and congratulate the museum once again on this deserved accreditation by the American Association of Museums.

HONORING ALEXANDER J. EICHSTADT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize, Alexander J. Eichstadt, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1138, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alexander J. Eichstadt for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO MARY JO SHARPE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mary Jo Sharpe, a shining example of a true lady, in my hometown of Somerset, Kentucky. Sadly, Mary Jo passed away on July 8, 2008, at the age of 76.

Mary Jo and her husband of 58 years, Jim Sharpe, are lifelong residents of Pulaski County, Kentucky. Together, they were one of the most thriving and generous entrepreneurial couples that Southern Kentucky has ever seen. Through hard work during their life together they started and operated numerous successful business ventures. They led a distinguished career in grocery and food retail

business, automobile dealerships, marinas, restaurants, and most notably the houseboat industry where Jim and Mary Jo are recognized as the pioneers of the industry.

As successful as Mary Jo and Jim were in their business life, their real sense of pride and love was found in their family. They raised four children and nine grandchildren. Mary Jo, or "Mim" as her grandchildren call her, was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and the rock of the family. She was the heart, soul and guiding light helping to lead her children and grandchildren through the trials and tribulations of life. "Mim" was the eternal optimist always giving encouraging advice and making those around her a better person.

Mary Jo's other great love was for her church, First Baptist Church of Somerset. Jim and Mary Jo were married at First Baptist Church on April 4th, 1950. She was a lifelong member and taught the junior and senior girls Sunday school class. Mary Jo was instrumental in the construction of the new sanctuary for the church and was also the "Happy Birthday Voice" for First Baptist's outreach program.

In addition to raising her family and church duties, Mary Jo found time to be president of the local PTA and contribute in various ways to the educational system throughout her life. She also loved to sing and did so on local radio stations and at numerous weddings and funerals.

Mary Jo Sharpe was a graceful, friendly, caring, patriotic, beautiful woman. She believed that "positive things happen to positive people". Mary Jo was a Christian woman and an angel on earth and she is now basking in the glory of her Savior.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Mary Jo Sharpe. She will be sorely missed, but her legacy and character will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of her loving family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker unfortunately last night, September 15, 2008, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Res. 1200, H. Con. Res. 390, and H.R. 6889, and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 589 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1200, honoring the dedication and outstanding work of military support groups across the country for their steadfast support of the members of our Armed Forces and their families, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 590 on suspending the rules and passing H. Con. Res. 390, honoring the 28th Infantry Division for serving and protecting the United States, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 591 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 6889, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Education to purchase guaranteed student loans for an additional year, and for other purposes, I would have voted "aye."

IN RECOGNIZING OF THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 65th anniversary of Naval Air Station, NAS, Whiting Field. The anniversary was quietly marked by a simple cake-cutting ceremony attended by over 100 northwest Florida dignitaries, Navy and Marine Corps League representatives, military personnel, Government civilians, and other base employees on July 16, 2008. This ceremony celebrated a long-lasting friendship between the base and surrounding community and served to further forge their wonderful relationship for many years to come. A much larger, formal ceremony will be held on October 25, 2008.

According to historian and U.S. Navy Retired CDR Doug Seigfried, the 65-year-old NAS Whiting Field is the busiest field in the Training Command and home to Training Wing Five's three T-34C primary/intermediate maritime prop squadrons, two TH-57B/C Sea Ranger helicopter training squadrons and the helicopter and fixed-wing instructor instructional units. Eighty-three percent of all student Naval aviators conduct a portion of their initial flight training at Whiting, which averages over 350 flights a day.

Construction began on the largest of Pensacola's auxiliary fields in early 1943 and was completed in November. The new field, located 35 miles northeast of Pensacola and 6 miles north of Milton, was planned to incorporate two individual fields about a mile from one another with base facilities located between them. Both Whiting's North and South Fields featured four 6,000-foot runways, a large parking mat and two big red-brick hangars. Despite the fact that construction was not yet complete and assigned personnel were temporarily living in tents, the field was officially dedicated by RADM George D. Murray, commandant of the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, on July 16, 1943. In attendance at the ceremony was the recent widow of Captain Kenneth Whiting, Naval Aviator Number 16, for whom the field was named.

Fifteen days earlier, SNJs (the Navy's version of the North American T-6 Texan) of VN-3A and VN-3B from Chevalier and Saufley Fields had arrived at their new South Field home to inaugurate operations in basic and radio instrument instruction as part of the intermediate phase of the World War II training program. With the two fields completed, VN-8C and its large fleet of SNBs (Navy designated Beech Aircraft TC-45s) arrived at North Field from NAS Corry in November 1943. The squadron moved back to Corry in December 1944 and was replaced by operational training squadron VB4 OTU 4, flying Consolidated PB4Y-1 Liberators. With all the multi-engine and basic instrument instruction conducted at the base, a large building was constructed to house the numerous Link trainers and six big Link celestial navigation trainers manned by WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service).

After the war, Whiting became a naval air station under control of the new Naval Air Advanced Training Command, Jacksonville, Flor-

ida. Based at Whiting from 1946 to almost the end of 1947 were VB-2 and VB-4 advanced training units flying Consolidated PB4Y-2 Privateers and Lockheed PV-2 Venturas; the advanced carrier qualification and Landing Signals Officer training unit flying F6F Hellcats, SB2C Helldivers, TBM Avengers and SNJ-3/5Cs; and two photo training units flying the PB4Y-1P and F6F-5P.

Over the next several years, Whiting survived through reorganization of its missions and promotion of its newer facilities and longer runways. The first jets assigned to the Training Command were sent to Whiting Field in July 1948. From 1951 to 1956 Whiting Field devoted its total efforts to primary instruction. It was during this period that the Training Command introduced new aircraft, consolidated bases and made major syllabus changes to respond to the Navy's predominantly jet-equipped air wings and squadrons. In addition, in December 1959, the multi-engine training group, METG, the pre-helicopter instrument phase, moved its operations to Whiting from Forrest Sherman NAS Pensacola.

During the 1960s, Whiting concentrated on T-28 basic prop training and in January 1965 began parallel T-28 basic instructional programs due to the increased number of students required to meet the augmented pilot training rate prompted by the Vietnam war. In 1965, the field underwent a major facelift as new living spaces replaced old WW II-era "splintervilles," together with a new training building and upgrades to both fields' runways and ramp areas.

In January 1972, as a result of yet another major reorganization of the Training Command, Whiting Field became the home of Training Air Wing 5. After 30 years of working with fixed-wing aviators, Whiting began rotary-wing activities. In November 1977, the first of the new T-34C Turbo Mentors arrived at Training Air Wing 5 to replace the primary-phase T-34B and the basic-phase T-28. By 1983, the last T-28 had been retired and all three North Field squadrons conducted primary and intermediate prop training. In the 1990s, VT-3's Red Knights were designated as the first joint primary training squadron. The era of joint Navy/USAF flight training had begun.

Madam Speaker, no one can deny the honorable and significant contributions NAS Whiting Field has made since it was dedicated in 1943. On behalf of the United States Congress and a grateful Nation, I wish to thank the men and women on NAS Whiting Field, both past and present, for 65 years of unwavering support of our Nation's defense.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD DUVALL, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a tremendous public servant, Howard Duvall, Jr. After 21 years of stellar service and visionary leadership, Howard is retiring from the South Carolina Municipal Association. His retirement is a great loss to the cities and towns of South Carolina, but we thank Howard for his dedication for so many years.

Howard Duvall is a product of the small South Carolina town of Cheraw, known to many as the birthplace of music legend Dizzy Gillespie. Howard left Cheraw to pursue an education, earning a B.A. in political science from the Citadel and an M.P.A. from the University of South Carolina. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force for 4 years, and continued his service as a member of the South Carolina Air National Guard for 3 years. Howard returned to Cheraw to work in his family's hardware business, and launched a life of public service soon thereafter. In 1974, Howard was elected a member of the Cheraw Town Council. Six years later, he was elected mayor of his beloved hometown.

In June 1986, Governor Dick Riley tapped Howard to serve as his executive assistant. In 1987, he was appointed to the South Carolina Tax Commission, and later that year, he became the director of Intergovernmental Relations for the South Carolina Municipal Association. This move became Howard's calling for the rest of his career. In 1992, he became the executive director of the Municipal Association, and has remained in that post for the last 16 years.

During this time, Howard's family has been his source of support. He has been married to Allianne Turner since 1965, and the two are the proud parents of two daughters and the grandparents of two.

Madam Speaker, I invite you and my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Howard Duvall for an outstanding career of public service. Howard has demonstrated a strong commitment to the small cities and towns that make South Carolina such a wonderful place to live, work and recreate. His leadership has made our State and Nation a better place, and his daily guidance will be sorely missed. I am proud to call Howard a friend, and I wish him a wonderful retirement and much happiness in his future endeavors.

HONORING ROBERT AMSDEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize, Robert Amsden a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Robert Amsden for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, on September 9, 2008, I missed rollcall votes numbered 567, bill to designate the United States courthouse located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, as the "Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr., United States Courthouse", 568, a bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the "Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse"; and 569, the Child Soldiers Accountability Act of 2007.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 567, 568, and 569.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, on September 15, 2008, I missed three rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 1200, "yea" on H. Con. Res. 390 and "yea" on H.R. 6889.

COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students, administrators, staff, and alumni of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam (AOLG) as they celebrate their sixtieth anniversary. Founded in September 8, 1948 by Bishop Apollinaris William Baumgartner, OFM Cap. and Sister Inez Underwood, RSM the AOLG is renowned for its college preparatory curriculum and continues as the sole Catholic high school for young women on Guam.

The AOLG is named after the patron saint of Guam, Santa Marian Kamalan, also known as Our Lady of Camarin. The 300 year old statue of Our Lady of Camarin is an icon in Chamorro culture. The AOLG lives the name of Our Lady of Camarin through the school's Christian centered approach to education and through a curriculum focusing on the development of the overall well being of its students.

The AOLG continues to excel in both academics and athletics. Over 90 percent of AOLG graduates pursue post-secondary education, and a growing number are accepted by the leading educational institutions.

More so, the AOLG has produced distinguished alumni in the fields of law, medicine, government, and engineering, as well as leaders in the business community.

I commend the Academy of Our Lady of Guam for its 60 years of continued service

and excellence to the people of Guam. I congratulate Academy of Our Lady of Guam President, Sr. Francis Jerome Cruz, R.S.M. and Principal Mary Meeks for their stewardship in the education of Guam's exceptional women. God bless the Academy of Our Lady of Guam and may they enjoy many more years of service to the people of Guam.

CONGRATULATING CARLOS ZAMBRANO ON PITCHING A NO-HITTER

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carlos Zambrano of the Chicago Cubs on his no-hitter against the Houston Astros on Sunday. In addition to being Zambrano's first no-hitter, it was also the first no-hitter pitched by a Cub since 1972 and only the second in the majors this season. In throwing what some are calling a Zambrano-no, he led the Cubs in a 5-0 victory at Miller Park in Milwaukee.

Perhaps most remarkable about Zambrano's performance on Sunday is the unusual circumstances surrounding the game. Not only had Zambrano missed the last two weeks of games with a sore rotator cuff, but the devastation wrought by Hurricane Ike in Houston also forced Major League Baseball to relocate the game to Milwaukee. The crowd of over 23,000 was comprised of a lot of Cubs fans, and all of us Cubs fans are thankful that the Brewers opened up Miller Park for the occasion, and more importantly, we are thankful that the Astros players, fans and families were able to take their minds off of the storm for a few hours to share baseball history with us.

Carlos Zambrano made his major league debut for the Cubs in 2001 as a 20-year-old and has spent his entire professional career thus far with my hometown Chicago Cubs. He quickly made his mark as a premier pitcher in the league, earning a spot as a starter in 2003 and becoming the youngest Chicago Cub to pitch in an All-Star Game the next season. He is known not only for his abilities on the mound, but also for his enthusiasm for the game and his prowess with the bat.

On Sunday, Zambrano struck out 10 and walked one and was aided by the stellar defense of his teammates—specifically Derek Lee and Mark DeRosa, who both made great plays to keep the no-hitter alive. But in the end, Zambrano showed that his shoulder was A-OK as he continued to throw pitches upward of 95 miles per hour into the 9th inning, striking out the final batter of the game en route to his 14th victory of the season, putting the Cubs 7½ games up in the National League Central Division going into today's game.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Cubs' neighbors in Lakeview and throughout Chicagoland, I congratulate Carlos Zambrano and all of his Chicago Cubs teammates the first Cubs no-hitter in 36 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL W. HODES

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. HODES. Madam Speaker, due to illness that required hospitalization, I missed the following votes. I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 567—S. 2403—A bill to designate the new Federal Courthouse, located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, as the “Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Federal Courthouse”—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 568—S. 2837—A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the “Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse”—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 569—S. 2135—Child Soldiers Accountability Act—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 570—H. Con. Res. 344—Recognizing that we are facing a global food crisis—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 571—H. Res. 937—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the emergency communications services provided by the American Red Cross are vital resources for military servicemembers and their families—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 572—H. Res. 1069—Condemning the use of television programming by Hamas to indoctrinate hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism toward Israel in young Palestinian children—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 573—H. Res. 1307—Commemorating the Kingdom of Bhutan’s participation in the 2008 Smithsonian Folklife Festival and commending the people and the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan for their commitment to holding elections and broadening political participation—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 574—H.R. 6168—Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 575—H.R. 6630—To prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from granting authority to a motor carrier domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border unless expressly authorized by Congress—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 576—H. Res. 1419—On Ordering the Previous Question Providing for consideration of H.R. 3667, Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 577—H. Res. 1419—On Agreeing to the Resolution Providing for consideration of H.R. 3667, Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 578—H.R. 1527, The Rural Veterans Access to Care Act—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 579—S. 2617, The Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2008—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 580—H.R. 3667, On Motion that the Committee Rise—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 581—Grijalva of Arizona Amendment to H.R. 3667—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 582—H.R. 3667—Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 583—H.R. 3667—On passage of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 584—H.R. 4081, The Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2007—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 589—H. Res. 1200, Honoring the dedication and outstanding work of military support groups across the country for their steadfast support of the members of our Armed Forces and their families—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 590—H. Con. Res. 390, Honoring the 28th Infantry Division for serving and protecting the United States—“yes.”

Rollcall vote 591—H.R. 6889, To extend the authority of the Secretary of Education to purchase guaranteed student loans for an additional year, and for other purposes—“yes.”

HONORING STEPHEN LEE DODSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize, Stephen Lee Dodson a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Stephen Lee Dodson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RARE FOUNDATION

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the RARE Foundation in Troy, Michigan as they celebrate their 10th Anniversary on September 16, 2008. The foundation’s work for Michigan’s youth has changed lives and inspired future generations of leaders.

The RARE Foundation was founded in 1998 by Gilbert Cox, Jr. with the mission to inspire Michigan’s youth to see possibilities through the real-world examples of everyday heroes. RARE highlights the lives and life lessons of everyday people in the workplace who, through extraordinary commitment, integrity, selflessness, and courage, are changing lives and inspiring others. In addition, the foundation provides a forum for these extraordinary individuals to reach out to Michigan’s youth and teach, by example, their compelling lessons for life’s venture.

Throughout the years, the foundation’s programs have engaged young people in the process of discussion, discovery, and writing about everyday heroes in their communities to help them see possibilities and make the connection between fulfilling careers and mean-

ingful lives. They have done so by providing grants for teachers and mentoring programs to reinforce character education and strengthen the basic curriculum at a time of severe program, cutback and budget reductions in our schools. The foundation has also started an At-Risk Community Outreach program in collaboration with educational, business, community, and mentoring organizations designed to bring certainty of opportunity to urban youth.

At a time when material things have replaced character as the currency for measuring success, the RARE Foundation has stepped in to reinforce the idea strong morals and character are imperative to achievement. In fact, their programs have proven to be so successful that they should serve as a model to be followed by other communities.

Madam Speaker, the RARE Foundation continues to educate and enrich the lives of young people in Michigan. I wish to congratulate them and the many volunteers on their 10th Anniversary and hope for many years of prosperity.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KENNEDY POLITICAL UNION

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, 40 years ago today a tradition began at the American University in Washington, DC. That tradition, which I am proud to say I was and continue to be a part of, began when Theodore Sorensen became the first speaker at the Kennedy Political Union at American University. I rise today to honor and recognize this institution for both its excellence and longevity.

The Kennedy Political Union was founded to take advantage of American University’s Washington, DC location. Since its inception the Kennedy Political Union has been student-run, student-funded, and non-partisan in its commitment to connecting American University students with the most compelling speakers on a wide variety of issues.

Past speakers at the Kennedy Political Union have included Former Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, and Secretaries of State Madeleine Albright and Colin Powell, among hundreds of others who have come to share their views and experiences with thousands of American University students.

As Director for the 1980–81 Kennedy Political Union Lecture Series, I hosted Israeli politician and diplomat Abba Eban; former Attorney General Ramsey Clark; Alger Hiss; U.S. Senators Howard Baker, Strom Thurmond and George McGovern, and others. The experience was a formative one for me, and I to this day have maintained my ties with the Kennedy Political Union and my alma mater.

With today, September 16, 2008 marking the 40th Anniversary of the Kennedy Political Union, I want to congratulate each of the Directors who have promoted the organization’s commitment to the expansion of political awareness and engagement. I want to thank the speakers who have made the organization what it is today, many of whom are former or current members of this body. And lastly I want to wish the Kennedy Political Union continued success now and in the future.

HONORING MARGARET MEHRING

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, thank you for this opportunity to speak today about my dear friend Margaret Mehring, who passed away on July 3, 2008. Margaret was someone that we all want to—and need to—remember. She was an educator, filmmaker and author. She was a political activist, fighting against the McCarthy era excesses and standing firm for the freedoms we cherish in this country.

She also worked hard to help Native Americans tell their own stories, with her work being expanded to the founding of the Media Training Development Program for Tribal College around the country. She managed political campaigns and even wrote a pamphlet about running grassroots campaigns that I got into the hands of top Democrats in Washington. How many of her lessons are finding their way into this election, I often wonder.

Margaret Mehring was all this and much, much more. She was a friend, a mentor, an always present conscience to many of us in this room. Margaret and I became friends when my late husband Walter was beginning his improbable run for Congress. That was back in 1994. Long before most people even knew who Walter was, Margaret was one of his strongest supporters. She and Walter—and I—connected on a very deep level. She understood the importance of building a community of hope and purpose. But she also knew the value of organizing a community around an idea or, in this case, a person and political movement. Margaret dedicated herself to organizing and turning out the vote for Walter so he would be elected to Congress.

She was someone who really recognized the importance of grassroots organizing, mobilizing a community, and turning out the vote. She was instrumental in galvanizing many of her friends and neighbors to support Walter's, and later my, candidacy. And I will always be deeply grateful to the tireless work she devoted to my campaigns.

But what makes me remember Margaret and miss her was larger than the help she provided Walter and me, as important as that was.

Margaret's work was dedicated as much to strengthening our democratic traditions and our civil society as it was to any one candidate. She was concerned about the vitality of our democracy and the health of our society. Ensuring that we leave this wonderful Earth a better place than we found it was what drove her every day. Clearly Margaret was a valuable member of the Democratic party, but more importantly she was an asset to the Democratic process.

I will miss Margaret dearly, I already do. But I carry with me—every day—the lessons of her commitment to her community, her dedication to making the world a better place. It is a source of strength and a constant inspiration to me. Thank you for letting me offer my thoughts today.

IN TRIBUTE TO JIM KROG

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Ms. CASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a great Floridian and American, James Byron "Jim" Krog. The State of Florida suffered a great loss on September 4, 2008, when he passed away.

Mr. Krog devoted a large part of his professional career to public service. Krog served as chief of staff for the Honorable Lawton Chiles, Governor of Florida, with a landmark new commitment to children's healthcare. He also worked as a top aide to Governor Reubin Askew. He started in government relations in Tallahassee, which he returned to after working for Governor Chiles. As a founding member of the Florida Association of Professional Lobbyists, he recognized the importance of improving the public image of his profession. Known for being a congenial man with a great sense of humor, Mr. Krog would battle against a political rival in the Capitol and then meet him or her afterwards to laugh it off.

A Tampa native and graduate of the University of South Florida, Mr. Krog made time each semester to return to his alma mater to offer advice and encouragement to students interested in beginning a career in government or politics. After students graduated and came to Tallahassee to start jobs, he would mentor them. Now hundreds of USF students are working in government and public policy. They are a living legacy of his dedication to public service.

Madam Speaker, Jim Krog will be greatly missed by the State of Florida. My thoughts are with his wife, Louella, and his son, Christopher.

IN HONOR OF 2008 HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 2008 Hispanic Heritage Month, as we celebrate the members of this community and their invaluable contributions to the Greater Cleveland Area and to our country. I also rise in honor of Senator Kenneth McClintock, and in recognition of his immeasurable accomplishments as President of the Puerto Rican Senate. Senator McClintock is the keynote speaker at the kick-off ceremony of the 2008 Hispanic Heritage Month in Cleveland, Ohio.

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates and illuminates the significant contributions that Americans of Hispanic heritage have made in all aspects of American culture. Hispanic Americans have contributed immeasurably to the fields of law, medicine and education, and have shared their diverse and rich culture with us all through fine arts and music. Americans of Hispanic descent have served our country in numerous ways—as elected officials, teachers, musicians, veterans, community activists, and dedicated employees in virtually every sector of the economy. Their longstanding

commitment to social justice and to sharing their diverse culture with friends and neighbors has been an invaluable addition to Cleveland's diverse social fabric.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and in celebration of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month and in recognition of Senator Kenneth McClintock for his dedication to public service. I am deeply grateful for the outstanding contributions made by Hispanic Americans in my district and around the country.

COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF FATHER DUENAS
MEMORIAL SCHOOL**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO, Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students, administrators, staff and alumni of Father Duenas Memorial School, FDMS, as they celebrate the school's 60th anniversary. Founded in 1948, by Bishop Apollinaris Baumgartner, OFM Cap., as an institution to prepare young men for the priesthood, FDMS has evolved to a 4 year college preparatory high school rooted in the Catholic faith.

FDMS was named to honor the memory of Father Jesus Baza Duenas, the second Chamorro to be ordained a Catholic priest. Father Duenas was beheaded by Imperial Japanese military forces on July 11, 1944, only 10 days before the liberation of Guam. The school was built in Tai, Mangilao, in the area where Father Duenas and his cousin Edward were executed. The school mascot, a "friar", is significant as the school has been managed and staffed over the years by religious orders, namely, the Stigmatines, Capuchins, and Marist Brothers.

FDMS has a strong record of academic excellence and athletic achievement. Many of its alumni have excelled and succeeded in their pursuit of higher education in post secondary institutions, including the military service academies and numerous colleges and universities. From its humble beginnings as a five room seminary, the school had grown in size with more classrooms, science laboratories and the recently opened Phoenix Center that serves as a multipurpose complex housing a gym, an auditorium, weight training room, and additional classrooms. The Phoenix Center is also used as a venue to host other performances and civic events for the island community.

Through the years Father Duenas Memorial School has produced distinguished alumni which include leaders in government and the business community, members of the clergy, servicemen in the United States Armed Services, judges, lawyers, doctors, dentists, and educators. Father Duenas Memorial School's most distinguished graduate is the Metropolitan Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron, DD, OFM Cap.

It is the heritage and testament of its students, their parents, administration, faculty staff, and alumni that continue to show the character and success of Father Duenas Memorial School. As the school celebrates its 60 Years of Excellence, I congratulate Archbishop

Anthony Apuron, Father Duenas Memorial School Principal, Mr. William Roth, the faculty and staff, and the various orders and laypeople who have educated many of Guam's outstanding young men since October 1, 1948. May Father Duenas Memorial School enjoy many more years of service to our community.

HONORING ANDREW NELSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew Nelson of Smithville, Missouri. Andrew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1360, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Andrew Nelson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Charlotte Williams as she receives the first "Making Democracy Work" Award from the Flint Michigan League of Women Voters.

The League will honor Charlotte at an event on Wednesday, September 17th in Flint.

The League of Women Voters gives the "Making Democracy Work" Award to a Flint female community leader. Charlotte Williams was chosen to be the first recipient. Charlotte was elected as a Genesee County Commissioner in 1968. She was the first black female elected to the position. She went on to become the first female Chair of the Board. She became active in the National Association of Counties and served on several State and local committees. Her work with the National Association of Counties culminated in being elected president of that body in July 1978, and she served one term. Charlotte also chaired a workshop at a White House Conference on "Balanced Growth and Economic Development" and contributed to White House briefings during the terms of four Presidents. She retired from the Board of Commissioners in 1980.

Charlotte is the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Stewards at Quinn Chapel AME Church and has been an active member for

40 years. She has also worked as a Home Counselor in the Mott Foundation program and taught Bishop sewing classes.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to stand and applaud the work of one of the pioneers for political equality, Charlotte Williams. I commend her for her courage, insight, and work to improve the quality of life in Genesee County. May she continue her work for many, many years to come.

IN SYMPATHY FOR THE LOSS OF
FORMER KIRKWOOD MAYOR
MIKE SWOBODA

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a man of passion, spirit and service—former Kirkwood Mayor Mike Swoboda, who struggled against incredible odds after tragedy and on September 6, 2008, was released from his suffering and went Home.

Mike Swoboda will be remembered for his innovation in the city of Kirkwood, Missouri, creating "Mayor for a Day" program for youths, his endless enthusiasm for all things Kirkwood, and his years of faithful service. He was a man of hope and optimism who loved the people he served. He will be remembered for striving to do great things and as a man of his word.

I want to extend my condolences to the family of Mike Swoboda and echo family and friends in saying "He will always be remembered."

IN HONOR OF NICK "SONNY"
NARDI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Nick "Sonny" Nardi, and in appreciation of his outstanding dedication to social justice and workers rights. I, along with the Parma Democratic Party, join in recognizing Sonny for his invaluable leadership in the Democratic Party, as he is being honored as the 2008 Parma Democrat of the Year.

Sonny, a native of the Greater Cleveland area, has a multifaceted history of leadership and social service. He graduated from Parma High School in 1978 and joined the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 416 here in Parma in 1981. Since joining Local 416, Sonny has demonstrated his dedication to workers rights in the various leadership roles he has held over the past twenty-seven years. From 1986 to 1989, he was the Trustee and Business Agent. He became Vice President of Local 416 in 1992, a position he held for three years, until becoming Secretary-Treasurer in 1996. Sonny held the position of Secretary-Treasurer for ten years and just last year, he became Local 416's President and Principal Officer.

His commitment to workers rights and to the local Democratic Party has earned him the honor of being one of only two Super-Delegates of the 1.4 million Teamster membership. From 2003–2006, Sonny served on the Labor Advisory Council for Governor Taft and was also appointed to the RTA Board of Trustees. His experience as a true leader in the local Democratic Party earned him an appointment to the Executive Committee for the Democratic Party in 2006. In 2007, the same year he became Local 416's President and Principal Officer, Sonny was chosen to represent Ohio as a member of the Democratic National Committee.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Nick "Sonny" Nardi, and in recognition of his invaluable dedication to workers rights and to the local Democratic Party. May his commitment to social justice serve as an example for all of us to follow.

HONORING CHARLES CASSIDY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Charles Cassidy of Platte City, Missouri. Charles is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Charles Cassidy for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, on September 15, 2008, I missed rollcall votes numbered 589, a resolution honoring the dedication and outstanding work of military support groups across the country for their steadfast support of the members of our Armed Forces and their families; 590, a resolution honoring the 28th Infantry Division for serving and protecting the United States; and 591, a bill to extend the authority of the Secretary of Education to purchase guaranteed student loans for an additional year, and for other purposes.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 589, 590, and 591.

HONORING COMMANDER JOSEPH R. DRINKHOUSE FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Commander Joseph R. Drinkhouse for his 40 years of service in the United States Navy Reserve. As he nears his official retirement on January 1, 2009, Commander Drinkhouse deserves respect and appreciation for his long service in the United States Armed Services.

Commander Drinkhouse served the first 12 years of his Navy career as an enlisted intelligence specialist first class. During this time, his responsibilities increased as he served as an intelligence analyst, team leader, group leader, and leading petty officer. In 1980, Commander Drinkhouse received a direct commission as an intelligence officer with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

Commander Drinkhouse received full credentials as an officer agent in 1986, while serving in the Naval Investigative Service Reserve Unit 0893. He supervised an investigative team and conducted criminal investigations, including witness and suspect interviews, scene processing, and evidence collection. Commander Drinkhouse was transferred to Reserve Intelligence Area 15 in 1997, where he set up a team of officers and agents to take part in joint task force exercises as counterintelligence scriptors. For his service during this time, Commander Drinkhouse was awarded the prestigious Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal from the Secretary of the Navy.

Over the past decade Commander Drinkhouse has completed multiple deployments to Bahrain in the Middle East. In 2001, he provided force protection support to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service Middle East Field Office. Commander Drinkhouse also wrote and headed terrorist based exploitation assessment operations and vulnerability assessments while stationed in Bahrain. These services earned Commander Drinkhouse two additional Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals from the Secretary of the Navy. In addition, Commander Drinkhouse provided force protection support at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

Over his long career Commander Drinkhouse has won many awards, including the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two Gold Stars, the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, the Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the National Defense Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Bronze Star, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and the Navy Expert Rifle Medal and Navy Sharpshooter Pistol Ribbon.

Madam Speaker, Commander Drinkhouse is an excellent role model for young Americans considering serving in the United States Armed Forces. He is an inspiration to service members everywhere, and to all citizens of our great nation. I commend Commander

Drinkhouse for his 40 years of service to our country and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF GLENN W. KRUEGER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Glenn W. Krueger on the occasion of his retirement, and in recognition of his outstanding commitment to his country, his family, and his community. Glenn is retiring as Fire Chief after 41 years of dedicated service to the city of Brook Park.

Glenn Krueger has an immeasurable track record of community and public service. Prior to becoming a fire fighter in Brook Park, Ohio in 1967, he served in the United States Navy from 1960 to 1963. He was hired as a fire fighter for the city of Brook Park on September 15, 1967. Fire fighters often endure long work hours and dangerous conditions when responding to emergency calls. Fire fighters put their lives on the line everyday to protect and serve the community; and are often the first emergency workers to respond to critical situations. In addition to protecting the public from hazardous situations, many fire fighters like Glenn become certified EMT's in order to provide medical treatment at the scene. Glenn was promoted to Lieutenant in 1973 and served as a certified EMT for 6 years. He was again promoted in 1986, this time as Captain of the Brook Park Fire Department. He would serve in that position for 13 years, until his promotion to Fire Chief 8 years ago.

Glenn and his wife Carol Jaye have been married for 46 years and have resided in the city of Brook for the last 36 years. They have five children; Christi, Tricia, Rebecca, Glenn and Scott; and have six grandchildren; Cory, Alicia, Rob, Leah, Jeremy and Jordan.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Glenn W. Krueger, and in recognition of his exceptional leadership and dedication to the city of Brook Park, on the occasion of his retirement as a fire fighter after 41 years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL RENEWABLE COOPERATIVES ORGANIZATION

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on the day that the House is considering far-reaching legislation that encourages the development of renewable energy please join me in applauding the efforts of the National Renewable Cooperatives Organization (NRCO).

The North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) recently announced its participation in the efforts of this newly formed national cooperative to help electric cooperatives develop renewable energy resources through projects and infrastructure improvements.

NCEMC is a generation and transmission cooperative that supplies all or part of the en-

ergy needs to the state's electric cooperatives. North Carolina's electric cooperatives provide energy to 2.5 million people in 93 of 100 counties, primarily in rural parts of the State. The electric cooperatives own and maintain 95,000 miles of power lines, by far the most of any electric utility in North Carolina.

Generation and transmission cooperatives across the nation are already working to further develop renewable resources and many are purchasing renewable energy credits. NRCO provides expertise and information for participating co-ops and provides the opportunity to match the needs of some cooperatives with the practical potential of others.

It is anticipated that NRCO will work with the North Carolina's electric cooperatives' newly formed renewable company, GreenCo Solutions, Inc., to identify cost-effective projects and opportunities to purchase renewable energy credits that will benefit consumers in the future.

By working closely together and sharing information, these electric cooperatives will be able to minimize investment risks and maximize the benefits. This is an important effort with enormous potential to help move America toward energy independence.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in applauding the important outstanding collective and collaborative efforts of the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and the National Renewable Cooperatives Organization.

IN HONOR OF RON BROWN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ron Brown, and in recognition of his work for social justice and dedication to the Parma Democratic Party. I, along with the Parma Democratic Party, recognize Ron as the Parma Democrat Volunteer of the Year.

Ron has an immeasurable track record of community and public service in the local Democratic Party and for the city of Parma. He graduated from Valley Forge High School in Parma Heights in 1996 and continued his education at Cuyahoga Community College, where he earned a degree in business administration. His dedication to serving the residents of Parma is demonstrated by his 14 years of public service for the city of Parma. He currently works as a case manager for the Parma Public Housing Department and is always at the forefront of activism on behalf of the citizens of Parma.

Ron earns the award of Parma Democrat Volunteer of the Year for his enthusiasm and commitment to the Parma Democratic Party. For years, Ron has worked diligently with the community on voter registration and has volunteered as a precinct chairman. A familiar face to many in the community, he has gone door-to-door, volunteered at polls and canvassed for all the democratic elected officials in Parma. Ron has been a tremendous volunteer and leader for the local Democratic Party.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Ron Brown, and in recognition of his commitment to social justice and public

service, as he is named this years Parma Democrat Volunteer of the Year.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR JUDITH
HANLON

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pastor Judith Hanlon of the Hadwen Park Church, a United Church of Christ Open and Affirming parish, located in Worcester, Massachusetts. She will be formally ordained on Sunday, September 14, 2008.

Pastor Judith Hanlon has distinguished herself as a passionate champion for equal rights by fighting for social justice in the Worcester community and abroad. Raised in Indiana along with six siblings, she was greatly influenced by her upbringing in the Pentecostal church in which her father was a minister. She has two daughters and raised them as a single mother, a noteworthy inspiration to her parishioners. Her deep faith is complemented by her amazing talent and love of music. For 25 years, Pastor Hanlon directed and accompanied singing groups at the Salem Covenant Church in Worcester, Massachusetts. Playing the piano at age 5 and writing music by the age of 9, her musical talent helps to promote her faith and desire for justice. She has produced two CDs of social justice Christian music. After retiring at the age of 45 from her marketing representative career at Verizon—formerly ATT, Pastor Hanlon then pursued her second calling as a pastor.

Serving as the pastor of the Hadwen Park Church since 2000, she quickly and easily gained the love of her community by welcoming all persons with her witty and devoted personality, her positive attitude, and celebratory style. Pastor Judy is courageous in her work for social justice, articulate, inspiring, and often very funny with her messages of love, faith, and overcoming challenges to find the positive side of life. And she is respectful of all people—even in times of disagreement. She is extremely well known for her commitment to and celebration of diversity. Gracelift is her signature e-mail name; it appropriately depicts Pastor Judy and her work.

Under her leadership, Hadwen Park Church proudly moved to become an Open and Affirming parish to show and tell the world that “all are welcome” at HPC—people of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, sexual orientation, ages, family make up and physical mobility challenges. She led the way to cast—wide open—the welcoming doors. As a result, the church membership has more than doubled, to the point where the former little white church at the corner of Knox and Clover Streets in Worcester could not accommodate the growing stream of Sunday attendees or committee meetings and events. As such she inspired and believed that the mighty little congregation could achieve a million-dollar capital campaign and expansion project. She was right; the project was successfully completed within a short, and miraculous, 2-year time frame. With the ongoing work of the church, it looks like another expansion is needed for meeting rooms and child care needs, the growing food

pantry and more. Staying current with outreach and news, through technology, is important to Pastor Judy; a Web site was created at her suggestion and “A Place of Grace” e-mails are disseminated to hundreds of parishioners and colleagues weekly to promote the important work of the church.

Further, the church family has been active in the fight against HIV/AIDS; provided assistance to Hurricane Katrina and Rita victims through the Hope Shall Bloom Project; organized and inspired youth to do service work in South America and in their community; doubled its food pantry to be able to serve the hungry; and provided assistance to countless people in need from the congregation and in the Greater Worcester area. Pastor Hanlon has also been a tireless advocate for the rights of the GLBT community in her parish, the community and the State. Pastor Judy has been a leader in the effort to promote equal marriage and helped spearhead the “Equal Marriage: The Freedom to Marry Coalition in Massachusetts” initiative. Recently, several immigrants, fleeing from abuse in their country of Jamaica because of their sexual orientation, turned to a safe and welcoming haven with Pastor Judy and Hadwen Park Church. As a result, she now helps to lead local efforts to promote human rights for GLBT people in Jamaica. For her work on these issues she was awarded the Safe Homes “People of Courage Award” in 2006.

Madam Speaker, I commend this amazing, grace-filled, and inspiring leader of faith for her dedication to making the Worcester area and our world a better place, and I ask all my colleagues to join me in offering her congratulations on her ordination.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SONGS
OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL CHOIRAL
FESTIVAL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Bulgaria is an ally of the United States, and this Congress has recognized the Bulgarian people for preserving and continuing their tradition of ethnic and religious tolerance. Most recently, the House of Representatives passed House Resolution 1383, which recognized the 100th anniversary of the independence of Bulgaria.

Through a grassroots movement organized by Kalin and Sharon Tchonev of Lexington, South Carolina, the American-Bulgarian partnership continues to strengthen. Kalin and Sharon have founded the Songs of Life International Choral Festival to be held this November 21st through December 1st. The festival will include performances in Plovdiv and Sofia, Bulgaria, as well as Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel. It marks the 65th anniversary of the historic rescue of Bulgaria’s Jews during the Holocaust and serves as an opportunity to connect citizens from these nations on cultural, educational, and spiritual levels. Songs of Life will bring together choirs, musicians, educators, and students from around the world.

Just as our sister-city relationships serve to advance friendships and understanding among

Americans and Bulgarians, the organizers of this festival hope and believe that it will have as positive an impact on an international level. Not only are the United States and Bulgaria allies, but we share common values and a belief in freedom. The Songs of Life International Choir Festival is a platform to share these values with the rest of the world.

I wish to commend Kalin and Sharon Tchonev for their hard work in strengthening the partnership between the United States and Bulgaria.

IN HONOR OF THE EL HASA
TEMPLE #28

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the El Hasa Temple #28 Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, A.E.A.O.N.M.S., on the occasion of their one-hundredth anniversary. The members of El Hasa Temple #28 celebrate this grand anniversary with their 46th annual Potentate Ball. I also rise in honor of El Hasa’s current Illustrious Potentate, Andrew D. White, and in recognition of his outstanding leadership and dedication to the community.

El Hasa Temple #28 A.E.A.O.N.M.S. was founded on November 19, 1908, when it obtained its Charter from the Imperial Council. The Charter was delivered to Charles E. Gordon, who became El Hasa’s first Illustrious Potentate. On the occasion of El Hasa’s one-hundredth anniversary, I also rise in honor of H.H. Franklin, the 25th Illustrious Potentate, F.D. Armstead, the 50th Illustrious Potentate, and LaVon McCall, the 75th Illustrious Potentate. El Hasa is part of an international fraternity built on the values of fellowship, philanthropy and community. During Christmas each year, members of El Hasa Temple #28 distribute Christmas baskets to the economically disadvantaged in the Greater Cleveland Area.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of El Hasa Temple #28, as they celebrate their one-hundredth anniversary during their annual Potentate Ball, and in recognition of the outstanding community work its members contribute to the Greater Cleveland Area.

RECOGNIZING NEAL SUNDEEN,
JOHN ALDECOA AND PAUL
GRIFFEN, AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA, ADVOCACY FOR THE G.I. BILL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Neal Sundeen, Mr. John Aldecoa and Mr. Paul Griffen, three individuals from my district whose leadership roles in The American Legion was instrumental in building broad bi-partisan support for the new 21st Century G.I. Bill of Rights. These three men deserve the admiration of their state and nation for their efforts to improve the lives of

Veterans. I commend them for their tireless service and sacrifice to this country.

This year, with the passage of the G.I. Bill, 1.5 million post-9/11 military veterans will have access to a college education. This legislation will help fulfill the obligation America has to those with honorable wartime service. As a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee and the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations I regard this as the most important piece of veteran's legislation in a generation.

I commend Mr. Sundeen, Mr. Aldecoa and Mr. Griffen for their selfless dedication to the advancement of this legislation. These gentlemen have worked in the State of Arizona, as well in Washington, to make their elected officials fully aware of the importance of this bill.

The grassroots efforts of these three men will help this new generation of returning servicemembers make a more successful transition back to civilian life. This will not only benefit those veterans, it will also provide a tremendous boost to our nation's economy and productivity. The new G.I. Bill keeps our promise to provide better educational opportunities to the men and women who have valiantly protected this country and its liberties.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing these gentlemen for their efforts and their continued dedication to America's veterans.

**MR. BRUCE LEETZ AND NORTH
COAST DISTRIBUTING**

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize one of Northwest Indiana's exemplary companies. For nearly seventy years, North Coast Distributing has been a leader in the Northwest Indiana business sector, and while the company has seen much success, it is what they have done to give back to the community that makes them so vital to Northwest Indiana. For the third straight year, North Coast, in conjunction with Ivy Tech Community College of Northwest Indiana, will be providing the community with their "Fall Innovators Cafe" in an effort to share their expertise in operating a successful organization with regional and community leaders. This special event will take place on Thursday, September 25, 2008.

A local, family-owned beer wholesaler since 1939, North Coast Distributing, formerly Valpo Beverages, Incorporated, has become one of the premier distributors in the Midwest. The success they have seen, under the leadership of President and Chief Executive Officer Bruce Leetz, is in large part due to the core values of North Coast: Passion for business, Respect for each other and surroundings, Integrity to demonstrate the highest ethical and moral standards, Commitment to achieve goals, and in Excelling in everything they do. This commitment to excellence has led to many accolades at the local, state, and national levels for North Coast, who in 2007 became the first distributor to win both the Miller and Coors top distributor awards. While the many awards they have received are outstanding enough,

North Coast's commitment to corporate responsibility and to their community are the most impressive.

Led by Bruce Leetz, North Coast Distributing has always been committed to promoting responsible consumption and in giving back to the community, as is evidenced by their participation in the upcoming innovative session. A graduate of Valparaiso High School and Ball State University, Bruce has been employed with North Coast for over 45 years. In 1970, Bruce took over as President of the company, and his accomplishments, as well as the success of North Coast, have been astonishing. A true expert and legend in the industry, Bruce has served in many capacities, including: membership on the National Beer Wholesalers Association's Executive Board, as President of the Indiana Beverage Alliance for ten years, and as Chairman of both the Miller and Coors Distributor Councils. Like his company, Bruce has always been an active participant in his community as well, having served on the boards of the Northwest Indiana Forum, the Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce, and the Northwest Indiana Entrepreneurship Academy. He is also a past president of the Porter County United Way and the Valparaiso Rotary Club, and he is a Ruling Elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Valparaiso.

For his service to his community and his commitment his industry, both economically and socially, Bruce has received many accolades throughout the years. To name a few of these, in 2004, Bruce was recognized as a Miller Legend, a lifetime achievement award that is the Miller Brewing Company's highest honor. Also, in 2005, then Governor Frank O'Bannon presented him with the Sagamore of the Wabash award, one of the highest honors awarded by the Governor of the State of Indiana.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Bruce Leetz and North Coast Distributing on their success throughout the years and honoring them on their commitment to the people of Northwest Indiana. Bruce and the entire team at North Coast Distributing are to be commended for their dedication to improving Northwest Indiana.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND MEM-
ORY OF MRS. BARBARA
COLBECK**

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Barbara Colbeck upon her passing at the age of 64.

For almost 50 years Barbara dedicated her life to liturgical music and her community. Born and raised in Detroit, Barbara attended Saint Lawrence Grade School and Holy Redeemer High School. There, she would meet and fall in love with her high school sweetheart William. They married, and spent 40 wonderful years together. A resident of Livonia, Barbara began to play piano and organ at St. Lawrence when she was in 7th grade. For 49 years she played at Detroit area Churches. She played liturgical music at St. Simon, St. Jude, was First Organist at St.

Colette, and finally served as Music Minister at St. Edith.

On August 17, 2008, Barbara passed away. A beloved mother, grandmother, daughter, and sister, she is survived by her husband William, sons Patrick and Christopher, daughter Cherlyn Sellepack, and grandchildren Michael, John, Carolann, and Julianna. Known by her friends and family for her generosity, her strength, and her smile, Barbara faced cancer with dignity and courage, never losing her faith or friendship for all. St. Edith Church was graced by her music and her smile for 23 years. Barbara Colbeck's music will live on in the memory of those who knew her.

Madam Speaker, Barbara Colbeck is remembered as a musician, cantor, teacher, mentor, and friend. Today, as we bid her farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning her passing and honoring her lifetime of contribution to our community.

**TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN L. LANZA
OF THE BUFFALO POLICE DE-
PARTMENT**

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased today to honor the accomplishments of Officer Stephen L. Lanza of the Buffalo Police Department. He is truly one of Buffalo's finest, a loving son, an outstanding dad, a great brother, a wonderful neighbor and a loyal friend and a dedicated police officer.

Throughout Lanza's service as a Police Officer, he exemplified the term "public servant." After being appointed to the Buffalo Police Department in 1985, Lanza spent the next twenty-three years of his life dedicated to the people and city he was sworn to protect. For twelve of those years Steve served as a delegate to the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and unselfishly volunteered as a delegate to several committees, including the Political Action Committee where he interviewed political candidates assessing who was most committed to public safety and making Western New York a better community.

Our community owes Officer Lanza a debt of gratitude for his tireless dedication to making South Buffalo a finer and safer place to live. He is currently a member of the International Police Association, Region 1, the 901 Social Service Organization West Seneca Chapter, and President of the Italian American Police Association. Lanza also contributes to the Federation of Italian American Societies and as a religious education instructor at Queen of Heaven Roman Catholic Church. He is also an avid political activist and volunteer.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank you for this opportunity to honor Officer Lanza for his dedicated service career on the Buffalo Police Department. I ask my colleagues to please join me in wishing Officer Stephen L. Lanza and his family continued good health and happiness in the years to come.

HONORING BRIAN BLANCH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brian Blanch of Liberty, Missouri. Brian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1134, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brian Blanch for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 589, 590, and 591, I was not present. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 589, "yes" on rollcall No. 590, and "yes" on rollcall No. 591.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOSEPH E.
HEYWARD**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to this exceptional public servant and advocate, who has proudly served his community and the State of South Carolina. Dr. Joseph E. Heyward was recently acknowledged for his service and awarded with The Alpha Award of Honor and Merit by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity on July 20, 2008.

This award was given to Dr. Joseph E. Heyward because of his courage, vision, wisdom and independence of thought and action which characterizes the best leadership in American life. He has distinguished himself through his spirituality, profession and culture. This award recognizes contributions he has made through his ideas, ideals and work.

Dr. Joseph E. Heyward is the fourth of five children and the youngest son of John Wayne and Wilhelmina Wright Heyward. He was born in Florence, South Carolina and educated in the public school system, graduating from Wilson Senior High with recognition for his academic excellence and leadership ability.

After High School, Dr. Heyward attended Hampton Institute in Virginia. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics with a minor in Physics in 1963. He continued

his education at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland and received a Master of Arts Degree in Mathematics in 1972. He received a Doctor of Education Degree in Student Personnel Administration from the University of South Carolina in 1987. He also studied Physics at Wake Forest University in North Carolina and was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humanities by Francis Marion University in Florence, South Carolina.

While at Hampton University, Joseph E. Heyward joined Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity through the Gamma Iota Chapter. He then joined the Delta Kappa Lambda Chapter in Florence after his return from a two-year military tour of duty in Europe. Joseph E. Heyward has been a active member in his local chapter since 1967 and has served as its president, secretary and is currently its treasurer.

In his community and civic involvement, Joseph E. Heyward serves as president of four housing boards of directors, a Rotarian, Wachovia Bank of South Carolina Advisory Committee, South Carolina Genetics Board of Directors, South Carolina Housing Advisory Board, a former member of the South Carolina State Board of Accountancy and former member of the Florence Symphony Board.

Dr. Heyward is a member of Cumberland United Methodist Church in Florence, SC. He serves as the Conference Lay Leader for the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and chairs the Board of Laity. He has attended the past six General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the United Methodist Church and currently is the Vice Chair of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders. He also served one quadrennial as a member of the General Council on Finance and Administration for the Methodist Church and currently he is the member of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits for the United Methodist Church and its Executive Committee.

Professionally, Dr. Heyward has taught mathematics and physics on the high school level and served as Assistant Principal and Principal of a middle school. In 1973 he joined the staff of Francis Marion University and went on to hold the position of Director of the University Center and Area Representative for U.S. Senator Ernest "Fritz" Hollings from 1978–1980. In 1980 he was recruited and accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent for instruction for Florence District One. He held that position for three years and in 1983 returned to Francis Marion University as Vice President. As a member of the administration at Francis Marion, Dr. Heyward served as Interim Provost of that university on three separate occasions. He retired from the University in June 2006 as Senior Vice President for Student Affairs.

In addition to the many accomplishments and community involvements listed above, Dr. Heyward is a member of the NAACP, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society. He has also held membership in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Southern Association of College Student Affairs, and the South Carolina College Personnel Association.

Dr. Heyward is supported by his wife of 38 years, the former Evelyn Sargent, and their

three children, Joseph II, Ryan Christopher and Regina Maria. He has four grandchildren; Joseph E. III, Ryan C, Jaylen C, and Mackenzie A.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the achievements of Dr. Joseph E. Heyward and congratulate him on his recent honor. His life is a testament to the results of hard work, dedication and commitment.

HONORING STEVEN SCOTT
SWANEY**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Steven Scott Swaney of Kansas City, Missouri. Steven is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 301, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Steven Scott Swaney for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEMENT
C. VAN WAGONER DEPARTMENT
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CLINIC

SPEECH OF

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 2339, a bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Alpena, Michigan, after LTC Clement C. Van Wagoner.

I would like to thank Chairman FILNER and Ranking Member BUYER for their support of this legislation.

Clement C. Van Wagoner, a native of Alpena County, is one of Michigan's most highly decorated veterans of World War II. He distinguished himself as commander of the A Co., First Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, serving 600 days of combat and returning to battle after being wounded five separate times.

Mr. Van Wagoner was one of only 32 survivors of the 1,800 soldiers who landed with the 1st Infantry Division at Omaha Beach on D-day.

He was the recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, four Silver Stars, seven Bronze Stars, five Purple Hearts, the Soldier's Medal, and many others.

However, Mr. Van Wagoner's service did not stop after returning home. He continued to serve the State of Michigan and his country

honorably as a member of the Michigan Army National Guard. The governor requested that he re-establish and command an Army National Guard unit in Alpena, which he commanded until he retired in 1967.

Mr. Van Wagoner was an outstanding member of his community, a local hero, and a great American. His son, Clayton, has carried on the family tradition of national service as a member of the Army Reserve.

Clement C. Van Wagoner passed away in 2007. It is fitting to honor him, his years of service, and his family by naming the Veterans Affairs clinic in Alpena the "Lieutenant Colonel Clement C. Van Wagoner Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic."

This legislation has been endorsed by the Michigan American Legion, Michigan VFW, Michigan AMVETS, Michigan DAV, Alpena County Board of Commissioners, City of Alpena, Township of Alpena, and Alpena County Veterans Council.

I would also like to thank the entire Michigan House delegation for their support on this legislation and Senators STABENOW and LEVIN for their work on S. 2339.

TOUCHING THE FACE OF GRACE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to the attention of the House an article written by my constituent, Mitchell L. Hubbard of Winchester, Virginia, about his son's experience while deployed to Iraq. His son's story should make us all think about our armed forces, as well as the police and first responders, who risk so much to serve us every day.

TOUCHING THE "FACE OF GRACE": DO WE HAVE THE ABILITY, OR DESIRE, TO SEE OUR SOLDIERS IN THE SAME WAY?

(By Mitchell L. Hubbard)

Whatever your political take on the war in Iraq, nothing can alter it more than having a loved one in the midst of it. Nor is anyone's current perspective balanced until they hear at least some things from a soldier's point of view.

My wife and I learned these truths when our son—a 2004 Handley graduate—decided to join the Army in 2006. His reasoning was simple: He wasn't comfortable knowing that thousands of others his age were sacrificing their own freedoms to protect his. When he signed up to join those thousands, it changed our perspective as well.

Up to that point, it had always been other peoples' sons and daughters doing the fighting. Now it would be our own child. Naturally, no one wants their child to volunteer to go in harm's way for freedom's sake. It was something of a conviction, though, when my wife and I had to ask ourselves why it shouldn't be our own son in the Middle East, why we should be spared the rituals of anxiety, prayer, hope, and waiting that tens of thousands of other families over here have already endured.

In early June, we flew to Fort Hood, Texas, to see our son deploy for a 15-month tour in Iraq. Again, one's perspective is limited until one attends a deploying ceremony for a unit of soldiers. Spouses, children, parents, siblings, and friends, all crowding a gym, all clinging closely to their treasures-in-uniform, accompanied by flags, prayers, cheers, and tears. Our son had joined a "Band of

Brothers." My wife and I had joined the "Band of Others," who would be waiting at home. Both those going, and those left behind, carry the War on Terror in a personal way.

Still, those of us left behind need to see something of what our soldiers see, and not only what is offered us in the news. To that end, here is one story our son, Luke, shared with us by phone, that must be shared with anyone who claims an interest in what our soldiers are doing in the Middle East.

Stationed outside a city on the Tigris River, Luke had accompanied his colonel into town as part of a security team, while the colonel spoke with a local sheik. While standing guard, Luke noticed a woman approaching from behind, and cautiously turned in her direction, his rifle at the ready.

An interpreter told our son it was OK—the woman just wanted to touch a soldier. Still uneasy, Luke stood still while the woman reached out her hand and touched his face, tears in her eyes.

Looking to the interpreter for meaning, our son was told: The woman had simply "wanted to touch the face of grace." It seems this trembling woman, like most of the people in her town, looked upon our soldiers as angels of grace, sent by God to protect her from the violence and oppression her people had come to know up to then. Learning this, our son squeezed and kissed the woman's hand, and she left, weeping.

The "Face of Grace." How many of us, safe at home debating the politics of the War on Terror, have ever seen our soldiers in such a light? How many of us have ever even read such an uplifting newspaper account of our soldiers?

To be sure, our soldiers are not virtuous simply by being soldiers. At home in their "civvies," they are as unangelic as the rest of us. Yet when they voluntarily get into "full battle rattle" (as they call their battle gear) in a hot and hostile land, their job is both protective and sacrificial—as angelic a purpose as humans can take on. People like this woman, having suffered years of oppression and fear, have eyes and a heart to see this, and to desire to "touch the Face of Grace." Do we have the ability to see our soldiers in the same way?

And not merely our soldiers: Can we see the "Face of Grace" in the police who protect us in every town, day and night? Or in the fire and rescue teams who are soldiers in their own right?

My wife and I obviously pray that our son and his "Band of Brothers" will come safely home to their personal "Band of Others." After listening to our son's experience, though, we have added the prayer that Americans in every community will be given the eyes and heart to see the "Face of Grace" in all who protect our lives and freedoms—especially in soldiers like our son.

MISSOURI KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I recognize the legacy of the Korean war veterans from the state of Missouri on the day of the groundbreaking of the Missouri Korean War Memorial.

Thousands of soldiers fought courageously in the Korean war and now these veterans

and their families will finally receive the honor they have deserved for so long. Approximately 900 men and women from Missouri lost their lives to protect the Republic of South Korea between 1950 and 1953.

I would like to thank the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department for donating the land, as well as the individual donors who made this memorial possible. The memorial will serve as a beautiful site to pay tribute to the veterans of the Korean war and I look forward to 2010 when it is completed.

Madam Speaker, the dedication and sacrifice that these veterans gave in the name of freedom is humbling, and it is an honor to serve these men and women in Congress. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a very elite group of veterans from the great state of Missouri, and to congratulate the city of Kansas City on the groundbreaking of the Missouri Korean War Memorial.

THE DAILY 45: CHERYL BOOKER

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, every day, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States.

In Buffalo, New York, two people died in separate shootings on September 15. One was 51-year-old Cheryl Booker, who was inside a lounge early Monday morning when she was shot in the upper body.

In the other shooting, a 19-year-old man was hit by gunfire from a car and died at the hospital. His name has not yet been released, but we don't need to know his name. We know that it could have been your loved one, it could have been mine.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will Americans say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district on Monday, September 15, 2008 because of Hurricane Ike. I missed rollcall votes 589 through 591. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall 589, "aye" on rollcall 590, and "aye" on rollcall 591.

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF AMAVEX AND OTHER VENEZUELAN IN EXILE TO SHOW THE ASSOCIATIONS BETWEEN CHAVEZ AND THE FARC

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. I rise today in support of the efforts of

AMAVEX, a group of Venezuelan exiles who work, along with more than thirty non-profit organizations, in support of the "Bring Chavez to Justice" campaign. This campaign aims to highlight the troubling associations between Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez and the Marxist-terrorist group known as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, FARC.

The FARC has been listed as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the United States government since 2001. Between 1996 and January 2008, the FARC kidnapped 6,877 people including three U.S. citizens who were recently liberated by the valiant efforts of Colombia's government. Mark Gonsalves, an American contractor kidnapped and held by the FARC for more than five years, described his ordeal at the hands of his captors and declared that the FARC are "terrorists with a capital T."

Chavez supports the FARC unashamedly proclaims his admiration for this violent terrorist group. He described the FARC in January 2008 as "a real army." While his praise is sometimes peppered with halfhearted criticisms of the FARC's narco-trafficking, kidnappings, and violence, his actions betray his true intentions. He welcomes the FARC to conduct operations along Venezuela's border with Colombia and does nothing to cooperate with Colombia and the U.S. to combat the terrorist group's drug trafficking within its borders.

The computers and evidence that came from the raid that killed the FARC's second in command, Raul Reyes, also resulted in the discovery of evidence showing FARC-Chavez associations. Seized computer files reveal high level connections between the FARC and senior officials in the Chavez administration. These files, authenticated by INTERPOL, reveal hundreds of millions of dollars in payments from the Venezuelan government to the FARC. And, as recently as June of this year, Colombian officials captured four men, one who was a sergeant in Venezuela's national guard, for transporting 40,000 rounds of AK-47 ammunition to the FARC in Colombia.

It is often said that one can judge a person by the company he keeps. In this context, we should all take note that just last Thursday, while Americans observed the anniversary of the September 11 attacks, Chavez rejected all semblance of solidarity with the U.S. and our battle against terrorism by expelling the U.S. ambassador from Caracas. Chavez chooses the company of terrorists, drug traffickers, kidnappers and murderers, and severs diplomatic ties with the U.S. Chavez is a dictator who harbors terrorists.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of AMAVEX and the efforts of all Venezuelans to bring the terrorist associations of dictator Hugo Chavez to the world's attention.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN
MICHAEL McNULTY

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Congressman MICHAEL McNULTY on the occasion of his retirement from Congress and also to wish him a happy birthday. For 20 years, MIKE has

represented New York in the House of Representatives, now in the 21st District. For nearly 40 years, MIKE has served in public office at the local, state, and national level. This Congress, MIKE announced that he would not seek an 11th term in the House.

MIKE has had an impressive career. He first served as Town Supervisor of Green Island, New York at only 22 years old. He was subsequently elected Mayor of Green Island and then to the New York State Assembly. Mike was elected to Congress in 1988 and has been known for his honesty and integrity. He has served on a number of important committees, including the Armed Services Committee, the Executive Committee of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, and the Ways and Means Committee, where he is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Social Security. He has traveled to all seven continents.

While MIKE's service to his community and nation has been meritorious and incredibly valuable, what I have always admired most about him is the way he has gone about doing his job here in Congress. Among his colleagues, MIKE has often been referred to as "the Quiet Gentleman" due to the manner in which he does business. MIKE has managed to be an effective and fair legislator while treating people with respect and acting with dignity, which is no small feat in Washington. MIKE has always stayed above the fray and shunned the kind of partisan bickering that is far too often associated with the work of Congress.

MIKE is universally admired by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle and has served this body with distinction and I know that I speak for all Members the U.S. House of Representatives when I say that we are honored to have served with him.

I want to join MIKE's wife Nancy, his family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating him today on his impressive career and wishing him well. The United States of America owes a debt of gratitude to MICHAEL McNULTY for the public service he provided. We will miss him from the New York delegation and from the Congress as a whole. We wish him good luck in his retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DAIRY
AND SHEEP H-2A VISA ENHANCEMENT
ACT OF 2008 (H.R. 6885)

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, on September 11, 2008, I introduced legislation, the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act of 2008 (H.R. 6885), which is designed to ensure that American dairy farmers and sheep ranchers can legally hire the employees they need. Very simply, it would provide dairy farmers with access to the H-2A visa program and codify longstanding regulatory practices that currently allow sheepherders such access.

As I have previously mentioned, one cannot overstate the importance of the dairy industry to the United States economy. In 2007 alone, nearly 60,000 commercial dairy farmers produced 185 billion pounds of milk worth \$35.5 billion. This generated more than \$140 billion in economic activity and 1.2 million jobs. In New York's 23rd District, which I have the

privilege of representing, dairy is an integral component of the economy, as there are approximately 2,000 dairy farms with some 190,000 milk cows dispersed across the 11 counties that comprise the District. Likewise, in 2007, national retail sales of sheep products were nearly \$768 million. These retail receipts supported an additional \$1.4 billion in economic activity for a total economic impact of \$2.2 billion.

For all of its importance, the dairy industry simply cannot continue to operate at its current capacity, let alone expand, without immigrant workers. Increasingly, the U.S. dairy workforce is relying upon those born outside of the United States, with some estimates indicating that at least 50 percent of all current labor is now foreign-born. Without access to a stable workforce, many American farms could well go out of business. According to an analysis completed by the Farm Credit Associations of New York, over 445 New York dairy farms are highly vulnerable to this situation. In recent years, I have seen this vulnerability first hand as dozens of constituent dairy farmers have repeatedly shared with me the toll that the uncertainty associated with the status quo is extracting from them.

There is a similar need for year-round sheepherders. Given that the U.S. sheep industry was unable to secure sufficient domestic labor to herd range livestock beginning decades ago, a regulatory provision was created allowing the industry to utilize the H-2A program to employ foreign sheepherders. This measure has proven to be extremely successful. For more than 60 years, more than one-fourth of the nation's entire sheep flock has been produced by ranchers utilizing sheepherders born outside of the United States.

Unfortunately, due largely to its "temporary or seasonal in nature" employment requirement, dairy farmers are currently unable to utilize the H-2A visa program. Thus, it is imperative that Congress act now to provide American dairy farmers access to this program through enacting the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act of 2008. This measure would codify existing regulatory practices and allow American sheep ranchers to legally hire foreign workers for an initial period of three years and additional terms of three years without requiring intervening periods of absence. It would also allow dairy farmers to hire foreign workers on a similar basis.

Put simply, American dairy farmers need workers now. They can ill afford to wait for Congress to complete its long delayed attempts to enact legislation accomplishing comprehensive immigration reform. Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to work with me to help American dairy farmers and bolster our nation's economy by enacting the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act of 2008.

REMEMBERING LEONARD B. "BUD"
DOGGETT, JR.

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, on August 13, when the Congress was in recess, the Washington, DC, region lost one of its great civic leaders when Leonard B. "Bud" Doggett, Jr.,

passed away at the age of 87. Bud will be remembered by all for his steadfast dedication to community, especially through "Heroes," the non-profit organization he founded to support the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed on the job. His legacy of civic involvement should be an inspiration to all of us. I ask that an editorial in the Washington Post about Bud's life, as well as the obituary about him from the same paper, be inserted in the RECORD. We offer our sympathies to his family.

L.B. DOGGETT JR.; PARKING TYCOON, CIVIC LEADER

(By Adam Bernstein)

L.B. "Bud" Doggett Jr., 87, a publicity-averse D.C. commercial parking magnate who emerged in the 1960s as a major civic leader and a central backstage figure in politics and community development, died Aug. 13 at his home in Washington after a heart attack.

Mr. Doggett was president and chief executive of Doggett Enterprises, the parent corporation of Doggett's Parking, which was founded by his parents in 1926.

It was the city's first private parking company, and the younger Mr. Doggett guided it quietly to greater prominence after taking over in the 1950s. For decades, he was a force in preventing the District from building municipally owned parking garages and challenging private firms, a rarity for a large U.S. city.

Mr. Doggett, who also amassed a large portfolio of real estate interests, was a dominant business figure in the city under the old federally appointed District Commissioners system and during the emergence of elected leaders in the mid-1970s.

He liked to joke privately that he was "Shanty Irish," but he was an effective fundraiser for politicians on Capitol Hill and in what was then known as the District Building as well as a trusted power broker between the political elite in the city and the federal government.

His support was considered crucial to the completion of large ventures, including the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the old Washington Convention Center, heralded as the country's fourth largest after it was built in 1982. It was demolished in 2005.

A key legacy was Mr. Doggett's belief in keeping business in the city despite the devastating riots of 1968 and later tax increases. He held high offices with what is now the Greater Washington Board of Trade—he served a term as president in 1967—and led many efforts to rejuvenate downtown.

While leading the board, he helped donate thousands of dollars' worth of equipment for training courses in typing and hairdressing as well as sports uniforms and toys for residents of the Valley Green housing complex in Southeast.

Longtime broadcasting executive Andy Ockershausen said Mr. Doggett was "a good negotiator and believed in downtown Washington. He always felt if downtown was thriving, the whole metropolitan area would thrive. He kept his business here, refused to move it out of city."

Leonard Brent Doggett Jr. was born Aug. 25, 1920, in the District and attended Georgetown Preparatory School.

He entered World War II as an Army Air Forces pilot, then transferred to the Army infantry after he was reprimanded for flying under a bridge during training in Texas.

As an infantryman, he received decorations for heroism. They included the Bronze Star for organizing a defense unit as others evacuated wounded soldiers from a besieged French village.

He took over his family's parking business in the 1950s and began a large push into real estate. He bought old rowhouses, which he rented as rooming houses before razing them for parking lots.

He also won federal parking concessions, including lots for the State Department and the Environmental Protection Agency. He later focused on major hotel chains, such as Sheraton and Hilton.

With other parking barons, such as Dominic F. Antonelli Jr. of Parking Management, he forged important business ties to Capitol Hill. They made campaign donations to legislators including Rep. John L. McMillan (D-S.C.), the longtime chairman of the House District Committee, to prevent the creation of a municipal parking authority.

He also was board chairman of several Washington banks and a director of Pepsi-Cola Bottling.

Ockershausen said Mr. Doggett prohibited publicity for his extensive charitable work.

In 1964, Mr. Doggett founded a nonprofit organization, Heroes, that dispenses financial aid to families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

John Tydings, a former Board of Trade president who is involved with Heroes, said Mr. Doggett gave millions of dollars out of his pocket to help 225 law enforcement families in the Washington area.

"He set the bar high for civic leaders," Tydings said.

His wife of 57 years, Gladys Denton Doggett, died in 1999. A son from that marriage, Leonard Doggett III, died last year.

Survivors include his wife of eight years, Cherrie Wanner Doggett of Washington; a daughter from his first marriage, Frances Foster of Boca Raton, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Kristine Harrington of Arlington County; a sister, Rose Marie Melby of Gaithersburg; and three grandchildren.

[From the Washington Post, Aug. 16, 2008]

BUD DOGGETT

Leonard B. "Bud" Doggett Jr., the parking lot tycoon and D.C. power broker who always had the best interests of the city at heart, probably wouldn't have liked us writing about him in this space—he shunned publicity. But Mr. Doggett, who died Wednesday at the age of 87, exerted a powerful, mostly unseen and highly beneficial influence on the District during more than half a century. When he became president of what is now the Greater Washington Board of Trade in 1967, most businesses discriminated against minorities; Mr. Doggett urged his colleagues to accept diversity. He spearheaded projects that helped rejuvenate the city's downtown slums. City leaders advancing a worthy cause knew that they could count on Mr. Doggett. He would ask, "Are you sure that's all you need?" and end the conversation by saying, "The check is in the mail." Most recently, Mr. Doggett was a driving force behind the District's impressive Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Mr. Doggett's friends say that his concern for the city stemmed from his humble roots. He was born in 1920 and grew up in an Irish tenement in an area near Union Station that immigrants affectionately called "Swampoodle." After serving in World War II, he went to work for his parents, who owned a small number of parking lots downtown. Mr. Doggett started out working as a valet, often babysitting jalopies filled with children while their parents took in a show. He eventually took over the parking lot business from his father and expanded aggressively, amassing a lucrative portfolio of real estate.

But Mr. Doggett's most lasting legacy will undoubtedly be Heroes, a nonprofit organiza-

tion he founded in 1964 that supports families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed on the job. "As a police officer with four kids of my own, I can't even put into words how important this program is," Patrick Burck, D.C. assistant police chief, told us. Heroes has given millions of dollars to the families of slain public servants and has helped put hundreds of children through college. Not bad, for a self-described shanty Irishman from Swampoodle.

THE DAILY 45: CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER KILLS HIMSELF AND DAUGHTER

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. It is with a heavy heart that, today, I offer my condolences to the people of my community as I mourn the senseless loss of life of Chicago Police Officer Dannie Marchan, 29, and his daughter, seven-year-old Alizay. Police report these gun-related deaths as a murder suicide with Officer Marchan alleged to have taken his own life after shooting his two children.

This incident happened yesterday morning and, as of this time, Marchan's 9-year-old son, whose name has not been released, is still fighting for his life with his mother, Officer Marchan's ex-wife, at his side.

This senseless loss of life should not happen to anyone. In an instant that can't be taken back, Officer Marchan handled his stresses with a loaded weapon leaving devastating loss in its wake.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will we say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

INTRODUCTION OF THE BRUCE VENTO BAN ASBESTOS AND PREVENT MESOTHELIOMA ACT OF 2008

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, today marks a milestone for the U.S. House of Representatives in the fight against asbestos-related disease. The Bruce Vento Act is strong and comprehensive legislation to prohibit asbestos-containing products in commerce.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on the Environment and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee, I believe action to eliminate asbestos-containing products from the U.S. economy and prevent asbestos-related disease is long overdue.

We are proud to have the support of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, the AFL-CIO, the American Public Health Association, the Environmental Working Group, and other asbestos organizations.

Since we take this historic step near the end of the 110th Congress, we intend to move the legislation forward next Congress and work with all parties to address their concerns while maintaining public health protection.

We are taking this action because many of our constituents have suffered and passed away due to asbestosis, mesothelioma, lung cancer and other asbestos-related diseases and yet asbestos remains a legal product for many uses. Many workers in the 29th Congressional District of Texas were tragically lost due to their hard work in the shipping and maritime industries.

Many longshoreman, pipefitters, seafarers, and other maritime workers have been exposed to deadly asbestos risks, so Houston is no stranger to the scourge of asbestos, as uncounted families continue to grieve their loss day after day.

In 2000, a highly-valued Member of this House, Congressman Bruce Vento of Minnesota, was tragically lost to mesothelioma. He had made the protection of public health and the environment one of his priorities in Congress, and he represented his district extremely well.

We have worked very closely on this legislation with his successor, Congresswoman BETTY McCOLLUM, who is equally devoted to the protection of her constituents and the legacy of Congressman Vento. Congresswoman McCOLLUM's expertise, urgency and constructive attitude should be an inspiration to us all on this issue.

I would also like to recognize my good friends and colleagues on the Energy and Commerce Committee, Congresswoman HILDA SOLIS and Congresswoman LOIS CAPPAS for their strong support and valuable contribution to this important legislation. Like many Members, they also represent too many families that have been devastated by asbestos-related disease.

For many years, statistics were inaccurate, but recent medical knowledge reveals that nearly 10,000 people continue to die each year as a result of asbestos-related disease. With such a horrible toll, many Americans may believe that asbestos was already banned.

In fact, EPA attempted to ban asbestos in products in 1989, well after the deadly effects were well-known, but their decision was overturned by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1991 in the case *Corrosion Proof Fittings v. EPA*. This ruling based on the statutory interpretation of the Toxic Substances Control Act and administrative law kept the market for asbestos-containing products alive, while thousands continued to die.

The Bruce Vento Act does not permit asbestos in products sold in the U.S. in any concentration, except for those products that meet certain narrow, justifiable, and unavoidable exceptions and exemptions.

These exceptions apply when asbestos is present in a product due to deposition from ambient air, or from water that meets the Safe Water Drinking Act standard for asbestos. The limited exemptions from the prohibition banning asbestos-containing products take into account public health considerations and apply in specific situations and for certain products, such as aggregate products, like asphalt or concrete, or certain minerals that can be associated with asbestos.

These exemptions are narrowly tailored to reduce asbestos in products to the maximum

extent possible. While asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral, it does not enter the stream of commerce without being brought there by economic activity.

As a result, we limit exemptions to situations where very low concentrations of asbestos are unavoidable. However, we continue to recognize that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency experts and others testified before our Committee that there is no known safe level of asbestos and it remains highly toxic even in very low concentrations.

Regarding these narrow exemptions, the legislative language is also quite clear that no exemption from an asbestos ban—either statutory or regulatory—should have any bearing on any litigation on one side or the other.

Our legislation explicitly takes care to not create any new federal causes of action or defenses for plaintiffs or defendants. In the United States, the courthouse doors should always be open to people with valid claims, but our goal is to reduce the need for such claims to be filed in the first place by avoiding asbestos-related injuries and deaths.

To prevent asbestos from entering the stream of commerce, our legislation provides for civil and criminal penalties for selling asbestos containing products consistent with other environmental laws. To be liable for criminal penalties, a violation must be knowing or willful.

As the chairman of the Environment and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee, I intend to work with my colleagues and all parties and move this legislation next year.

HONORING DR. HOWARD KOCH,
OHIO'S 2008 OUTSTANDING OLDER
WORKER

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to commend Dr. Howard Koch of Lima, OH, to the House of Representatives as Ohio's 2008 Outstanding Older Worker.

Eighty-four years young, Dr. Koch performed general dentistry for 45 years. After selling his practice, he has continued to perform denture work for the past 12 years. About his life's work, Dr. Koch stated, "Work—it's not really work. I like what I do and when you like what you do, it's not work."

Dr. Koch has many accomplishments to his name from his distinguished career. In the 1960s, he co-chaired a committee to have fluoride added to Lima's water supply. He also made the first mouthguards for area football players. He has served as president of the Northwest Ohio Dental Association.

Though Dr. Koch has enjoyed a wonderful career, he did not always intend to be a dentist. He served as a bombardier during World War II and attained the rank of Second Lieutenant. He originally planned to be a teacher after serving in the military but changed his mind and entered the field of dentistry.

Though he keeps busy with his denture practice, Dr. Koch enjoys spending his free time cooking and baking homemade bread. He also enjoys dabbling in photography. He and his wife Patricia have been married for 63 years.

Madam Speaker, I take great pride today in recognizing Ohio's 2008 Outstanding Older Worker, Dr. Howard Koch.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN F.
SEIBERLING

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, like so many of our colleagues I heard with great sorrow of the passing of former Representative John F. Seiberling of Ohio.

While I did not have the opportunity to serve with Mr. Seiberling, I knew of his distinguished career and especially of his being a longtime friend and colleague of my father, both during and after his own service in the House.

My father and John Seiberling not only served at the same time, they worked closely together on many measures that came before what was then the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs—now known as the Natural Resources Committee.

Examples include the legislation dealing with strip mining, the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, finally signed into law by President Carter after President Ford had vetoed an earlier version, and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, ANILCA, also known as the "Alaska Lands Act," which was signed into law on December 2, 1980.

Also, for many years John Seiberling was the voice of historic preservation in the Congress. He authored the legislation that created the Historic Preservation Fund and the 1980 Amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act, and he helped win passage of the first Federal tax credits to preserve historic buildings.

Indeed, both as a private citizen and a public leader, John Seiberling inspired and elevated the stewardship of our Nation's land and its natural and cultural heritage.

At home, he was a leader in saving the historic heritage of Ohio, including his birthplace, Stan Hywet Hall in Akron. And while he was the shepherd of more than 60 park-related bills, he took special pride in writing and achieving the enactment of the Act to protect the Cuyahoga Valley between Akron and Cleveland, Ohio, as a national recreation area, now a national park.

As his hometown paper, the Akron Beacon Journal put it "John F. Seiberling often explained that in preserving land, we preserve something of ourselves. One generation sends an enduring message to its successors about what it holds dear. Who has forgotten the wisdom of Theodore Roosevelt and others advancing the cause of national parks? In that same way, Mr. Seiberling long will be remembered . . . for his vision in seeking to preserve 33,000 acres in Northeast Ohio, a vast urban parkland between Akron and Cleveland, and then having the political skills to turn the dream into reality."

And the same editorial also noted an important point about John Seiberling's character and why he was so effective here in Congress and back home:

Almost anyone who spent time with Mr. Seiberling soon encountered his intelligence

and wit. What his legislative colleagues and others appreciated was his modesty and civility. He listened to opposing views. Perhaps that stemmed from his own story, the scion of the family that founded Goodyear becoming a liberal Democrat. His calm, informed and reasoned approach proved most effective in aiding his causes. It meant that when he got his back up (say, his snapping "Who the hell are you?" at James Goldsmith, the corporate pirate seeking to consume Goodyear), his passion proved all the more persuasive.

President Clinton later awarded John Seiberling the Presidential Citizens Medal, which is awarded in recognition of U.S. citizens who have performed exemplary deeds of service for our Nation.

In making the award, the President rightly explained that "An ardent advocate for the environment, John F. Seiberling has demonstrated a profound commitment to America's natural treasures. Championing numerous bills during his 17 years in Congress, including the Alaska Lands Act, John Seiberling safeguarded millions of acres of parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and wilderness areas." And, in recognition of John Seiberling's work as a member of the Judiciary Committee, President Clinton went on to say that "working in a spirit of bipartisanship, he also promoted civil rights and worker rights, always striving to improve the quality of life in America."

Truer words were never spoken of any Member of Congress—and, once again, the Beacon Journal got it right when its editors wrote "John Seiberling led an admirable life. He might have been content to become the fine attorney and avid amateur photographer that he was. Instead, he jumped into the political fray and in doing so, provided an example of what it means to pursue the highest standards of public life. That is something very much worth remembering and preserving."

John Seiberling's example is one we should all remember and try to emulate.

Here is the complete text of the Beacon Journal editorial, from the paper's August 5th edition:

THE SEIBERLING LEGACY.—START WITH THE CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK, AND THEN CONSIDER THE REMARKABLE POLITICAL SKILLS THAT BROUGHT THE DREAM TO REALITY

John F. Seiberling often explained that in preserving land, we preserve something of ourselves. One generation sends an enduring message to its successors about what it holds dear. Who has forgotten the wisdom of Theodore Roosevelt and others advancing the cause of national parks? In that same way, Mr. Seiberling long will be remembered, following his death over the weekend at age 89, for his vision in seeking to preserve 33,000 acres in Northeast Ohio, a vast urban parkland between Akron and Cleveland, and then having the political skills to turn the dream into reality.

That achievement revealed so much about his public service. In this election season, candidates spend many hours touting their virtues, why their presence at the Statehouse or on Capitol Hill is necessary. Rare is the lawmaker who enhances the quality of community life to the degree of Mr. Seiberling. He was a once-in-a-generation leader.

Look at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park today, three decades after its creation, millions of people each year hiking and riding its pathways, enjoying its meadows, its wetlands and banks of trees, their colors radiant in the fall. Practically all of us boast

about the park to friends and family elsewhere, and when they come to visit, they marvel, too.

The park isn't the Grand Canyon or Yellowstone, obviously. Mr. Seiberling knew the Big Country. One of his proudest accomplishments representing the Akron area in the U.S. House for 16 years was his essential role in preserving 54 million acres of wilderness in Alaska. The Cuyahoga Valley park represented an innovation in the concept. Why not do the same in the industrial heartland of the country?

Almost anyone who spent time with Mr. Seiberling soon encountered his intelligence and wit. What his legislative colleagues and others appreciated was his modesty and civility. He listened to opposing views. Perhaps that stemmed from his own story, the scion of the family that founded Goodyear becoming a liberal Democrat. His calm, informed and reasoned approach proved most effective in aiding his causes. It meant that when he got his back up (say, his snapping "Who the hell are you?" at James Goldsmith, the corporate pirate seeking to consume Goodyear), his passion proved all the more persuasive.

Most telling, Mr. Seiberling knew who he was, and didn't pretend otherwise. Even as he cut a national profile conserving public lands, he understood his leading role involved representing the city and its surroundings. He brought federal backing to the Akron-Canton airport, the Goodyear Technical Center and other projects critical to the community. He didn't duck confrontations. He felt comfortable in his own skin, and at ease in the face of opposition.

John Seiberling led an admirable life. He might have been content to become the fine attorney and avid amateur photographer that he was. Instead, he jumped into the political fray and in doing so, provided an example of what it means to pursue the highest standards of public life. That is something very much worth remembering and preserving.

CONGRATULATIONS TO UNION TOWNSHIP ON THEIR 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me as I rise to congratulate Union Township, New Jersey, on the celebration of its 200th anniversary.

Union Township plays an integral part in Union County and the 10th Congressional District of New Jersey.

Prior to the establishment of Union Township, that region known as Elizabethtown played a fundamental role in the American Revolution. It was the site of the Battle of Connecticut Farms where the British tried to force their way to Hobart Gap but were denied by the strong and resilient spirit of the Continental Forces. This spirit of determination is a testament to the solid foundation on which Union Township rests.

On the 23d day of November in 1808, the State Legislature of New Jersey designated that Connecticut Farms would be separated from Elizabethtown. This new municipality was to be called Union Township.

Since its inception Union Township has been a cultural hub attracting people from all cultures and backgrounds.

Today, the township is comprised of over 50,000 residents and 27 houses of worship. Every year, Union Township holds several parades where people from different cultures can celebrate their heritage through various parades and festivals. The Township will celebrate the occasion with a parade on October 12, 2008.

Union Township is an intermingling of Colonial American history and contemporary suburban living. In 1976 Union Township achieved the honored designation of being named an All-American City. Just this year, Union Township was chosen by CNN as one of the top 100 places to live in the country.

Union Township again stands out on the national stage because it is home to the world's tallest water sphere. Residents are also proud of their outstanding higher education institution, Kean University, as well as their excellent elementary and secondary school systems.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues agree that Union Township and its residents have every right to be proud of the lasting contributions Union Township has made to the State of New Jersey and to the United States of America. I am pleased to congratulate Union Township on its first 200 years and proud to have a significant part of the township in the 10th Congressional District.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is September 16, 2008 in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today, Madam Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 13,021 days since the tragedy called Roe v. Wade was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves of why we are really all here. Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government." The phrase in the 14th amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says, "No State shall deprive

any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law.” Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core, self-evident truth.

It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. Madam Speaker, it is who we are.

And yet today another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We have failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility

as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have given them.

So Madam Speaker, let me conclude this Sunset Memorial in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard it tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies; that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express; and that 13,021 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that it is time that we stood up together again, and remembered that we are the same America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust; and we are still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their unborn babies than abortion on demand.

Madam Speaker, as we consider the plight of unborn America tonight, may we each re-

mind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each one of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of innocent unborn children. May that be the day when we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect these, the least of our tiny, little American brothers and sisters from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is September 16, 2008, 13,021 days since Roe versus Wade first stained the foundation of this Nation with the blood of its own children; this in the land of the free and the home of the brave.