

In his personal and professional life, Douglas has devoted his time to giving back to the community. He has served as a member of the board of several community organizations such as YMCA, United Way, Lenawee Chamber of Commerce, and Crosswell Opera House. Douglas has served several terms on the Adrian Public School's Board of Education, including 5 years as board president. He served 19 years as a trustee on Siena Heights University Board of Trustees, with 8 years as president, and continues as a chairperson. He has served as president for the Bank of Lenawee and Pavilion Bancorp. Douglas' life and service is a direct reflection of his longtime commitment to giving back to the community.

Douglas' contributions to the community have not gone unnoticed. He is one of only three recipients to receive the Lenawee Maple Leaf Award, the county's most prestigious award which is given in recognition of outstanding leadership, community service, and citizenship. In addition, he has been honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from Hanover Insurance Company.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Douglas Kapnick for 43-years of service to Adrian, MI and its surrounding areas. His ability to expand his father's company from a six-person operation to a company of 135 employees demonstrates his business expertise and good judgment. Additionally, he has devoted himself to serving his community, an endeavor that he will continue to practice long into his retirement. May others know of my high regard for Douglas Kapnick as well as my best wishes for him in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF MAX CORBETT

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and public service of Max Corbett, a veteran, a teacher, and a powerful steward of our Nation's rich agricultural heritage.

Some people in this world become larger than life, not because of their physical size or presence, but because of the number of people they influence in their lifetime. Max Corbett, or Corbett as I called him, was both a father figure and big brother to many. His influence has been felt throughout the San Joaquin Valley and our country.

Corbett was born and raised on a dairy farm. In 1968 he enlisted to fight for his country in Vietnam where he earned a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. Upon returning home, he attended college at California State University, Fresno, graduating in 1975.

Following college, Corbett moved to Tulare. It was here, in a rural San Joaquin Valley community, that he would touch the lives of several generations of farmers and help to transform agriculture education.

For more than 31 years, Corbett taught the next generation of farmers at Tulare High Schools—where he became chairman of the school's Agriculture Department. For 25 years, he was dairy and farm manager.

Always humble, Corbett praised the Tulare Future Farmers of America—unwilling to take

credit for his own enormous impact. However, it was under his leadership that the Tulare FFA became one of California's most active chapters. Corbett also led the Tulare dairy team to win the 1984 national title.

Both as a coach, and community activist, Corbett fought every day to develop Ag leaders of the future. By 1989, he was recognized as one of 12 Teachers of Excellence for the entire State of California.

Corbett's proudest accomplishment can be found in his loving family. He enjoyed a 36-year marriage with wife, Mary, and was the father of three children, Michele, Max and James.

Max Corbett left his community of Tulare a far richer place than the one he found over 30 years ago, and for that we are blessed. He was a leader, a mentor, a patriot and above all else he was my friend.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF HAROLD WINTERS

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Harold Winters, founder of the Western Wayne Youth Travelling Classic League, upon the 25th anniversary of its establishment.

Born in 1939, Harold grew up in Detroit, Michigan, graduating from Redford High in 1956. He moved to Canton in 1971, and is married to Maria Winters. Harold worked for Ford Motor Company for 32 years, retiring in 1997. For 48 years, Harold Winters has shown exceptional dedication to being involved in his community. A 36 year member of Divine Savior Catholic Church, he has acted as an advocate and counselor, regularly sending inspirational messages to encourage people of all ages. During the 1970s, Harold helped raise funds for efforts to combat muscular dystrophy. Harold remains a lifelong member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks and a member of the Friends of Charter Township of Canton Library.

From 1983 to the present, Harold has served as the Executive Director of the Western Wayne Youth Travelling Classic League. His initiative began a league which enabled youth in the area to compete, learn about sportsmanship, and be involved in their communities in a constructive way. Furthermore, the league has generously provided more than 30,000 dollars in scholarships to young athletes since its inception.

Madam Speaker, over the years, Harold has served his community selflessly and acted as the inspiration for the Western Wayne Youth Travelling Classic. His service has spanned forty years and influenced his community in numerous ways. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Harold Winters' public spirit, dedication, and service to his community.

CONGRATULATING JOSEPH LITTLE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph Little for being honored by the Council for Opportunity in Education for his educational achievements and career accomplishments. I am especially pleased to recognize Joseph because he is not only a worthy recipient, but a proud veteran and former Army Ranger. This recognition stems from the outstanding success Joseph has achieved while participating in Arizona State University's Veterans Upward Bound program.

When Joseph was discharged from the Army after the Vietnam war, he had severe physical and emotional injuries. It took Joseph 50 surgeries and 30 years outside the education arena until he was ready to return and realize his dream. Despite his doctors and vocational rehabilitation counselors telling him he would never be able to earn a degree, Joseph earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in social work from Arizona State University. This recognition represents the tireless determination and stellar work ethic that led Joseph to overcome adversity and become the first member in his family to graduate from college.

Joseph has worked at the Phoenix Veterans Center since 1998 and puts his education to good use by working with veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. He is currently helping fellow veterans ranging from those who served in World War II to those returning from recent conflicts.

As a member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I am particularly proud to see Joseph chosen as one of six winners out of a national pool of 52 nominees. When our veterans return home to Arizona and need a helping hand, I feel confident knowing that he is there to assist them with whatever problems they may have. Joseph is an inspiration to me and to an increasing number of veterans. He personifies the persistence necessary to achieve one's dreams and the altruism that is a product of an inherent moral obligation to help others who are faced with the same obstacles he was able to overcome.

Once again, I congratulate Joseph for all that he has accomplished, and I am confident we will continue to see wonderful things from him in the future.

INTRODUCING THE MICROFINANCE CAPACITY BUILDING ACT OF 2008

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, today my colleague Mr. MEEKS and I are introducing the Microfinance Capacity Building Act of 2008. This bi-partisan effort aims to build the human capacity of microfinance networks working to empower the poor in developing countries across the globe.

Microcredit—the provision of small, collateral-free loans to the poor in developing nations enable poor families to increase their income and have an immediate and lasting impact on quality of life—the ability to afford food, shelter, education and healthcare. As business income increases, the business is able to expand, and the effect spreads beyond the family into the local community, through employment and contribution to the local economy. Thus, the benefits of microfinance help grow not just businesses, but stronger communities as well.

It is widely recognized that the lack of human capital is the greatest constraint to the growth of practitioner organizations in the microfinance industry. According to some industry estimates, in order to meet the anticipated demand for microfinance, the industry will have to hire 1.6 million new loan officers alone in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Near East, assuming a loan officer to client ratio of 1:300. And that figure does not include the skilled middle and senior managers that microfinance organizations are struggling to find and retain.

The microfinance capacity-building activities supported by this legislation are intended to drive innovation and provide comprehensive solutions that address the lack of human capacity in developing countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. These activities will provide a framework for a regional and sub-regional approach to maximizing economies of scale and should focus predominately on educating and training country nationals in order to build capacity in the microfinance industry in developing countries.

Through its strategic investment in building microfinance human capacity, this bill would make it possible for more of the world's poor to access financial services to enable them to start or expand a business, develop a steady income and create jobs for their neighbors.

MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD
ASSISTS HURRICANE VICTIMS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to honor and acknowledge the fine members of the 1139th Military Police Company of the Missouri National Guard. Their brave efforts in Opelousas, Louisiana, are a true testament to their character and integrity with regard to helping fellow Americans in a time of need.

The Missouri National Guard arrived in Opelousas, an area hit very hard by Hurricane Gustav. Ninety percent of the town of 20,000 was without power, hundreds of trees and power lines were destroyed, and many citizens were without food or supplies. The Guard distributed food and ice to hundreds of hungry residents and patrolled possible looting targets throughout the evenings.

Madam Speaker, the Missouri National Guard Military Police Company 1139 deserves our respect and honor for their admirable efforts on the Gulf Coast. I ask my colleagues at this time to join me in acknowledging these fine individuals on a job well done.

“STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES GIFT
OF LIFE MEDAL ACT OF 2008”

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the “Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal Act of 2008” with my colleague Mr. CAMP of Michigan. Representative Tubbs Jones’ life ended as she lived it; by exemplifying concern for the welfare of others. She donated her organs in the waning hours of her life so that the lives of others could continue. In that spirit, this legislation creates a commemorative medal for organ donors and their families, recognizing the brave and selfless act of organ donation.

As I well know from my time on the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, Representative Tubbs Jones worked tirelessly to remedy health disparities in our Nation. Organ donation is one area where dramatic health disparities exist, which makes this all the more of a fitting tribute. While minorities donate organs in proportion to their population, the rate of organ donations fails to keep pace with the need for transplants in the population.

Minority populations account for close to 50 percent of the nearly 100,000 people who are currently waiting for organ transplants. Since the national transplant waiting list began, over 80,000 donation-eligible Americans have died waiting for an organ to become available; in 2007 alone, over 6,500 people died for lack of a suitable organ. Donating an organ to someone whose life depends on it is laudable, and it should be recognized and encouraged. The Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal Act sends a clear message that donating one's organs is an act that should receive the profound respect of our Nation.

I would like to thank Former Senate Majority Leader, and transplant surgeon, Dr. William H. Frist, for whom this bill was named in an earlier version in this Congress (H.R. 1765/S. 1062). Dr. Frist was a tireless advocate of organ donors and their families during his time in the Senate. He worked on behalf of the Gift of Life Medal Act for years and has expressed strong support for renaming the bill for Representative Tubbs Jones. We appreciate his graciousness in doing so.

This legislation directs the Treasury department to design and produce a commemorative medal that the Department of Health and Human Services will award to organ donors or to a surviving family member. Enactment of this legislation would have no cost to the Federal Government. Funding for the medals would be self-sufficient through charitable donations.

This is non-controversial, non-partisan legislation to increase the rate of organ donation while honoring the life and service of our colleague, Representative Tubbs Jones. I ask my colleagues to help bring an end to transplant waiting lists and recognize the enormous courage displayed by organ donors and their families. This bill honors these brave acts, while publicizing the critical need for increased organ donation. I urge swift passage of the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal Act.

INTEL HONORS LAGUNA ELEMENTARY
WITH SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION
AWARD

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laguna Elementary School in my home state of Arizona. Laguna is being honored by the Intel Corporation for its impressive science education program. Every year, Intel honors schools that have shown outstanding effort in math and science. This year, Laguna Elementary won first place in Science Excellence for Elementary schools and was given one of the six Schools of Distinction awards.

The Intel Corporation awards grants and equipment to top U.S. schools that show determined excellence in math and science education. Winners receive \$10,000 cash grants and over \$100,000 in equipment for their schools. Schools that enter must show that they have exceeded national guidelines in breadth and scope of math and science education.

Laguna Elementary should be applauded for their innovative approach to learning. No longer is math about rote memorization of number tables. Instead, students at Laguna expand their learning through discovery, focusing on the inquiry process, and further their skills by developing questions regarding these subjects. Teachers, with parental and community input, have developed a curriculum that encourages “interactive experiences,” expanded use of technology, while addressing a diverse student population at the school.

Because of their innovative techniques, Laguna Elementary won \$10,000 dollars in grant money, and \$160,000 in training, computers, educational software and interactive white boards. This technology will further allow teachers to pinpoint where students are in the learning process and allow them flexibility in creating lesson plans.

Therefore, I commend Laguna Elementary administration, teachers, parents, and students for their accomplishments and efforts.

STATEMENT ON MAJOR GENERAL
RANDALL D. MOSLEY'S RETIREMENT

HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Randall D. Mosley, Adjutant General for the State of Montana. General Mosley has served our nation and Montana for more than thirty eight years, recently retiring from the highest military position in the Montana National Guard. His long and distinguished career epitomizes each of the Army's core values and truly lives up to the Guard's motto of a “Citizen Soldier.” General Mosley not only answered the call of duty to serve his country, but he also worked tirelessly to support the community he lives in.

The challenges created by the deployment of thousands of Montana National Guard