

years, Gary distinguished himself as a clear-thinking and approachable leader, earning him the trust and respect of government, business, and community leaders alike. In his capacity as trustee, Gary also assumed an active role as a township fire commissioner and as a member of the city planning commission.

From the role of trustee, Gary was elected to the position of township supervisor, where he admirably served the residents of Kalamazoo Township from 1996 to 2008. For those 12 years, Gary also worked as a member of the Kalamazoo Township Policy and Administration Committee, the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study, the Coalition for Urban Redevelopment, the Kalamazoo Regional Water & Wastewater Commission, and the Community Action Board. In 1999, he was elected to the Michigan Township Association Board, where he retired as president in 2008.

Gary has always risen above the fray of partisan politics to ensure that the interests of those he represents are met. As both an administrator and representative, he truly exemplifies the best of the public servant.

Once again, I would like to congratulate and express my gratitude to Gary Cramer for his many years of distinguished service to the residents of Kalamazoo Township. Southwest Michigan is truly stronger because of his contributions.

IN MEMORY OF NANCY HAWK

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Friday, October 17th, South Carolina lost a true Charleston Southern Lady with the death of Nancy Dinwiddie Hawk. A native of Virginia, Ms. Hawk spent most of her life in Charleston where she raised nine children, practiced law as a Broad Street Lawyer, and become a tireless advocate and worker for the needs of her community.

I had the honor of knowing Ms. Hawk as a fellow member of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church and growing up with her children. She was truly a pioneer for women's involvement in political and civic service in our society.

A fitting editorial tribute to Nancy Hawk was published on October 19, 2008, in The Post and Courier newspaper of Charleston, South Carolina.

NANCY D. HAWK

[From the Post and Courier, Oct. 19, 2008]

After Nancy Dinwiddie Hawk was named the United States Mother of the Year, a reporter wrote that chronicling her remarkable life in politics, historic preservation and law was more appropriate for a biographer than for a journalist. That was in 1989. Her impressive story got more so after that.

Mrs. Hawk, who died Friday in hospice care, was a woman of purpose and drive. After rearing nine successful children, she enrolled at the College of Charleston to finish the undergraduate degree she had begun at the University of Virginia. Then, she commuted between Charleston and law school in Columbia. And before it became routine to see female lawyers, her shingle was hanging on Broad Street.

What Nancy Hawk touched, Nancy Hawk influenced.

East Bay Street might have been in the shadow of a 10-story apartment building had

she not succeeded in stopping the planned building by saving several old warehouses.

She worked to save historic Snee Farm, to shape plans for the Crosstown to mitigate damage to the peninsula, to restore the county courthouse, build the judicial center and organize the Charlestowne Neighborhood Association.

She wasn't afraid to take on controversy. She opposed Charleston Place and supported Lodge Alley Inn. Both were built.

When her two bids for elected office failed—a 1975 race against Joseph P. Riley Jr. for mayor and a 1976 race against T. Dewey Wise for state Senate—she became vice chairman of the State Republican Party.

She later said she probably wasn't suited for politics because the "gamesmanship" that goes along with it didn't fit with her straightforward manner.

Mrs. Hawk was born in Charlottesville, Va., but she was thoroughly committed to Charleston where she moved in 1951 with her husband, Dr. John C. Hawk.

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church. The Girl Scouts. Charleston Civic Ballet. Charleston Opera Company. The Christian Family Y. The American College of the Bulding Arts. The Council of Urban Quality. H.E.L.P. Piccolo Spoleto. Meals on Wheels. The Lowcountry Open Land Trust. The Charles Pinckney National Historic Site. Parents Anonymous. Mason Prep school. All were strengthened by her hard work and support. In 1993, she received the Order of the Palmetto.

She once told The Post and Courier, "It's hard to live with the knowledge that something happened because you didn't act." Surely she didn't face sleepless nights on that account.

Charleston is a better place because of Nancy Hawk. The city has lost a leader of strength and character.

A TRIBUTE TO THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF MILTON M. YOUNGER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor the distinguished career of Milton M. Younger of Bakersfield, California. After more than 52 years as a senior partner for the law firm of Chain, Younger, Cohn, and Stiles, Milt is stepping down to begin a new law firm, Younger and Lemucchi, with his long-time friend attorney Tim Lemucchi.

Milt was born in Bakersfield and has been a longtime resident of the city. He attended Bakersfield High School where he met his wife, Betty. Upon graduation, Milt attended Stanford University where he received his Bachelors and Masters Degrees. In 1956, he graduated from Stanford School of Law. After passing the California state bar, Milt became certified to practice law in 1957. Thereafter, he served as a JAG officer in the United States Army.

Between 1956 and 2008, Milt served as a senior partner for the law firm of Chain, Younger, Cohn, and Stiles. He joined the law firm, originally owned and operated by Morris B. Chain, in 1956. When Mr. Chain died in 1977, Milt became senior partner. During his tenure, Milt devoted his work to advocate for persons involved in accidents. Notable cases

include representing burned Kern County oil-field electricians where he demanded safe machinery and equipment. In 2001, Milt argued on behalf of a three-year-old quadriplegic child whose car seat broke free from its seatbelt. As a result, infant seats are now required to undergo crash testing.

Milt has proudly supported organized labor for the past 45 years, representing firemen, policeman, correctional officers, California Highway Patrol officers, Naval Weapons Center employees, doctors, educators and senior citizens. A recipient of prestigious awards such as the Presidential Award of Merit by the Consumer Attorneys of California, Bench and Bar Award from the Kern County Bar Association, and honorary doctorate from California State University, Bakersfield attest to Milt's many accomplishments.

Through his public works and relentless community service, fighting on behalf of all injured persons, regardless of socioeconomic background, Milt has accomplished his lifelong endeavor of making the world safer. Known as one of Kern County's most trusted names in law, his significant contributions to the Valley will never be forgotten. Today, I take great pleasure in honoring, through these remarks, a good friend, valued advisor, and public servant Milt Younger.

HONORING DAVID PHILIP ISEMAN, JR.

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Philip Iseman, Jr. of Lee's Summit, Missouri. David 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 1391, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years David 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 David Philip Iseman, Jr. for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month and to recognize the important contributions of American Indians to our history and culture.

This year's theme is "Celebrating Tribal Nations: America's Great Partners." For me, this

theme recognizes both the opportunities and the challenges facing Native American communities. The United States Constitution recognizes tribal sovereignty and through treaties, the Federal Government has a responsibility to protect the right to self-determination of tribal nations. Congress must do more to live up to the commitments that have been made. Clearly there is work to be done to improve education, increase access to health care, and support job opportunities.

This month I had the opportunity to visit several pueblos in New Mexico to learn more about how the Federal Government can be a better partner in improving education and access to health care. First hand I saw inspiring examples of Pueblos coming together for the greater good of their children and elders, and I learned of areas of extreme need in their communities.

During the Feast Day, I was invited by tribal members in the Pueblos of Tesuque and Jemez into their homes so I, and others from outside the community, could learn about tribal traditions and share some wonderful food. I saw Head Start centers built by the community to provide the youngest children with educational opportunities. Tribal leaders, teachers and elders shared their plans to implement new language immersion and preservation programs to ensure the continuation of the Pueblo's language, history and culture. Unfortunately, I also saw crumbling school buildings and understaffed health care clinics where it is clear the Federal Government must do more to honor the promises made by treaty. I look forward to working with the tribal communities and my colleagues to address these needs in the next Congress.

In Minnesota our culture has been enriched by the contributions of the Chippewa, Ojibwe and Sioux nations. I have been honored to work with alongside Native Americans to increase funding for Indian Education, reduce health disparities, and strengthen tribal colleges, but there is much more to be done.

As we join our families for Thanksgiving, we must remember the critical role American Indians played in the survival of the first European settlers in America and in influencing our shared American culture. We can also learn valuable lessons about the strength of community and the importance of conservation and good stewardship of our land from our Native American brothers and sisters. This November, and every month throughout the year, I urge my colleagues, friends and constituents to learn more about the heritage, history and art of the tribal nations in Minnesota and across the country.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, FY 09 Defense Appropriations as part of the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: RTD&E Army Electronic Warfare Advanced Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Thales Communication.

Address of Requesting Entity: 22616 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871.

Description of Request: Funded \$2.4 million to provide Networked Dynamic Spectrum Access Investigation AN/PCR-148 Joint Tactical Radio System Enhanced Multiband Inter/Intra Team Radios (JEM). The provision will support the investigation of the benefits of Networking Dynamic Spectrum Access for the Army AN/PCR-148 JEM to include evaluation of CONOPS and ability to transition these capabilities to the current force.

HONORING JOSHUA JAMES BLANCH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua James Blanch of Liberty, Missouri. Joshua 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 1418, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joshua has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Joshua 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 Joshua James Blanch for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING SPC JAMIN Y. MOORE

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor those brave men and women who have been wounded while serving our country in the United States Army. SPC Jamin Y. Moore is one such individual who, while serving in Iraq, sustained serious injury after his platoon hit an improvised explosive device. SPC Moore is a graduate of Liberty High School in Bakersfield, California and I wish to honor him and his duty and sacrifice to our country by inserting into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a poem he wrote on Saturday, May 20, 2006, on why he joined the United States Army.

I go because . . .

I go for a multitude of reasons; many which make sense to me alone and cannot be expressed in words, for words can never describe the deepest truisms in life.

I go to serve my country and to protect those I love.

I go to honor those who have served and fallen before me, not only those of this country; but of all who paid with blood to make the world better.

I go because I believe that I must be willing to fight and die for what I believe, or I am nothing.

I go because I have been called upon to serve. I go because I will gain a deeper understanding of who I am.

I go because I realize that a constant battle is raging between good and evil, hope and despair, life and death.

I have chosen my side and go to fight in the War of Life.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOHN BARACY ON HIS RECENT RETIREMENT AS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. John Baracy, an exemplary public servant and recently retired Superintendent of Scottsdale Unified School District.

After working in education for 38 years, Dr. Baracy is retiring from a post where he brought leadership, vision and stability. Dr. Baracy thrived and excelled even though he was diagnosed with cancer within three weeks of accepting the Superintendent position.

In his four years, Dr. Baracy helped to stabilize the finances of the district. Under his leadership, 22 of 32 schools now bear the label "excelling," Arizona's top academic ranking. In addition to this, all five of the high schools in the district were renovated under budget and on time.

Throughout this, Dr. Baracy worked on forming a model of partnership for others to follow. Responding to calls to improve communication with parents and community members, Dr. Baracy moved towards more parent and community input into shaping the schools. By drawing upon his business background, Dr. Baracy shared his vision of finding common ground with parents and the community. The effects of his dedication will continue to shape Scottsdale schools for years to come.

Therefore, I urge you Madam Speaker, in rising to congratulate Dr. Baracy on his accomplishments and recent retirement.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HERB SCORE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Herb Score, revered pitcher and announcer for the Cleveland Indians, and in recognition of his contributions to the Cleveland Community.

Herb Score was a legendary left-handed pitcher for the Cleveland Indians who was admired for his pitching records as much as his humble character. During his rookie season with the Indians in 1955, he secured his place both in baseball history and in the hearts of Cleveland baseball fans when he was named American League Rookie of the Year. He won