

closest to the people where it really matters and makes a difference.

That service included time as President of the Kiwanis Club, many years on the City Library Board, work as Chairman of the Smithfield Historical Heritage Society and multiple terms on the Smithfield City Council.

He was an active member of the Cache Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and in 1961 received the Silver Beaver Award in recognition of his long time service in the scouting program.

The Smithfield Lion's Club honored Hazen in 1974 with its Outstanding Citizen of the Year award.

Hazen Hillyard was appointed Postmaster of Smithfield in 1934. At the time of his appointment, there was no house-to-house mail delivery in the city, so residents were required to go to the Post Office for their mail. Hazen enjoyed interacting with the people as they stopped at the general delivery window for their mail and for other mail services. He was very involved in the Utah chapter of the National Postmasters Association and was even elected President of the state chapter in 1952. He visited all of the post offices in Utah during that year of service.

As the population of Smithfield increased, Mr. Hillyard recognized the need for expanded and better postal facilities. He was successful in getting a new, larger building for the post office in 1957. In 1963 he completed arrangements for city delivery of the mail to houses in Smithfield.

A letter from the city manager of Smithfield says, "The citizens of Smithfield City have long appreciated and admired the legacy of W. Hazen Hillyard. As a city we strongly encourage and support an effort to rename the Smithfield Post Office in recognition of his lifetime of service and achievement."

When Hazen grew older he still was very interested in the improvement and advancement of Smithfield. His life and service clearly prove that he loved the people and the community, and I'm honored to help the United States House of Representatives acknowledge and recognize that.

COMMENDING CENTURYLINK'S
COMMITMENT TO LOUISIANA

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with deep appreciation for this company's many contributions to Louisiana that I rise today to commend CenturyLink.

The telecommunications provider has an impressive track record of success. In July, CenturyLink was formed through the acquisition of Embarq Corporation by CenturyTel Inc., becoming the nation's fourth largest traditional telephone company. It is currently one of three Fortune 500 companies headquartered in Louisiana, and more importantly, it has been one of the state's top private-sector employers for many years.

CenturyLink, which has approximately 20,000 employees in 33 states, announced yesterday it will add 350 jobs in Louisiana while maintaining its headquarters in Monroe for at least the next decade.

The recent decision by CenturyLink to stay and grow in the Monroe area is a testament to the strong and skilled workforce found in Northeast Louisiana. During this time of economic uncertainty, CenturyLink is actively working to create new jobs in our communities. I am confident the remarkable progression of CenturyLink will continue to provide great opportunities for the residents of our area.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting CenturyLink and its commitment to building a stronger Louisiana.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANT
ACHIEVEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF SOUTH ALABAMA JAG-
UARS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I am very proud to bring to the attention of the House the outstanding achievement of the University of South Alabama Jaguar football team. The University of South Alabama is located in my Congressional district.

During 2009, the NCAA Division III Jaguars, under head coach Joey Jones, delivered a perfect 7-0 season.

The undefeated Jaguars made history not only for their unblemished record on the gridiron this year, but also for the fact that until this year, the Jaguars never had a football team. What's more, they didn't even have a marching band until this year.

The Jaguars' 2009 inaugural season was nothing short of a Cinderella performance, capped by an impressive 35-0 final game victory over the Huntingdon College Hawks on November 12. The average inaugural season game attendance was an impressive 18,000.

Speaking at USA's Media Day on November 16, Jaguars Head Coach Joey Jones put their victory into context: "Number one, it makes a statement that South Alabama is here to build a Division I football program."

This summer the Jaguars took on a daunting task and they defied the odds by building on the basics and truly working together as a team. With this winning combination, they will surely succeed in reaching Division I.

I would like to congratulate the USA coaching staff and the team: Head coach Joey Jones and coaches Bill Clark, Kurt Crain, Greg Gregory, Mitch Rodrigue, John Turner, Jeff Bailey, Barrett Parker, Dameyune Craig, Chuck Dunn, Tommy Perry, Brian Turner, Duwan Walker, Brendt Bedsole, and Justin Schwind.

The USA Jaguars: Aiman Al-Selwadi, Kendell Bagnerise, Ken Barefield, Cori Barnett, Ryne Baxter, Nick Bear, Logan Bennett, Paul Bennett, Corey Besteda, Heath Blount, Kevin Bone, Jake Bowen, Chase Brown, Christian Brown, Zach Brownell, Chris Brunson, Nick Brunson, Eddy Cabrera, Randon Carnathan, Sean Ceballos, Michel Chapuseaux, Josh Chestang, Trey Clark, Chris Cooke, Richard Courtney, Clifton Crews, Andy Dalglish, Josh Dees, Marquise Diamond, Jaime Driskell, Justin Dunn, Drew Ezell, Darrow Fisher, Lionel Fuentes, Scott

Garber, Lamontis Gardner, Myles Gibbon, Gabe Graham, Anton Graphenreed, Sean Greenwood, Jon Griffin, Brett Hancock, Dalvin Harris, Danzel Harris, Tim Harvey, Gage Hayes, Kevin Helms, Charlie Higgenbotham, Ellis Hill, Greg Hollinger, Bryson James, Dustin James, Kenneth Johnson, Romelle Jones, Sean Kennedy, Brian Krauskopf, James Land, Bryant Lavender, T.J. Lawrence, John Leech, Corwin Malone, Andrew Martin, Gabriel Mass, Santuan McGee, Lawson McGlon, Darrius McMullin, Jordan Means, Tyler Miller, Jerron Mitchell, Anthony Mostella, Jerry Nettles, Taylor Noon, Chad Orrell, Nick Owens, Jeremy Pacillo, Alex Page, Andrew Paschall, John Mark Patrick, Steven Pease, Alex Phifer, Cory Pittman, Rob Powell-Deppe, Philip Press, Chris Pugh, Erling Riis, Donte Rome, Zack Rone, Brandon Ross, Richard Ross, Matt Saucier, Donald Scott, Ryan Scott, Paul Silvey, Brennan Sim, Levi Slaydon, Courtney Smith, Eli Smith, Tremain Smith, Chris Stiitt, Robby Stoner, Alex Tamariz, Anthony Taylor, Josh Terry, Tony Threatt, Ralph Turner, Gabe Ukwuoma, Kelly Vail, Corey Waldon, Justin Walker, Carlton Wallace, Zac Westmoreland, Alex Williams, Enrique Williams, Montavious Williams, Michael Wilson and Lim Windham.

Much credit also goes to President Gordon Moulton and the Board of Trustees and the alumni for their vision and support of the inaugural USA football program.

The Jaguars' story is inspiring to us all, and I know that I speak for the entire community when I wish them congratulations on a job well done.

Can't wait for 2010. Go Jags!

HONORING THE LIFE OF LT. COL.
(RET.) RICHARD KLEIN
DERRIDINGER

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I want to pay tribute to retired LTC Richard Klein Derridinger of Tampa, Florida, who passed away on September 4, 2009 after a long illness.

Dick was a successful businessman, decorated military veteran, and devoted family man. Born on March 4, 1932, in Easton, Pennsylvania, Dick grew up in Chambersburg. He was a hard working young man and a devoted Eagle Scout. He attended Corpus Christi School and played football at Chambersburg High School. Dick then attended Gettysburg College and joined the Air Force to fly in Vietnam.

Returning to the United States, Dick continued to serve as an instructor pilot for single engine fighters and became Captain of an air-refueling tanker for 6 years. His last assignment was Chief of Flight Tests at Rome Air Development Center where he earned the Flying Safety Award for saving the crew, passengers, cargo, and the aircraft after the KC-135 he was piloting experienced multiple mechanical failures. In addition to earning other decorations, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star for Valor.

Dick earned his masters degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern

California, and after retiring from the Air Force, he became President of Air North in Vermont, and then president of Dolphin Airways in Tampa, Florida. Dick was an avid entrepreneur and started several additional businesses in Florida including a gift shop, a sheet metal business, and an interior landscaping company.

Our hearts are with Dick's wife, Dawn, and his children and grandchildren in this time of sorrow. I hope my colleagues will join me honoring this remarkable man who was a lifelong patriot dedicated to his country and his family. His humility, kindness, and compassion continue to inspire those who knew him and he will be greatly missed in our community.

IN SUPPORT OF U.S. SOUTHERN
COMMAND'S EFFORTS IN EL
SALVADOR

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the humanitarian assistance efforts of the U.S. Southern Command, whose headquarters is in south Florida.

Last week, El Salvador was hit with torrential rain storms, causing massive flooding and mudslides that devastated parts of that country.

Nearly 200 people were killed. Many thousands more were left stranded and in immediate need of assistance.

The very next day—the same day our Nation paused to celebrate Veterans Day—U.S. troops deployed nearby in Honduras boarded helicopters bound for the affected areas. These troops spent their Veterans' Day partnering with their counterparts in El Salvador, supporting them in saving lives and fulfilling a mission of cooperation that continues to serve our Nation well.

In just four days our troops distributed more than 217,000-pounds of aid to villages completely isolated due to damaged roads and bridges. They brought food, water, milk, clothing and other emergency necessities.

I understand that these airlifts were the only source of lifesaving supplies for the stranded village.

So, Madam Speaker, I rise to offer my thoughts and prayers to the people of El Salvador, and to also express my appreciation and admiration for the members of U.S. Southern Command.

HONORING JUDGE SOLOMON
CASSEB, JR.

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak of sad tidings. The south Texas legal community lost a great leader and a great friend on October 16, 2009, when Judge Solomon Casseb, Jr. passed away at the age of 94.

A native San Antonian, Judge Casseb graduated from Central Catholic High School and St. Mary's University before earning his law degree at the University of Texas Law School in 1938. After several years in private practice, he enlisted as a private in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, and was honorably discharged as a Major by the time he returned from overseas. He then practiced law until his appointment and two subsequent elections to serve as a Judge of the 57th District Court in Bexar County. He presided over many important cases during his career, though none may be more famous than 1984's Texaco case, which resulted in what was the largest award of damages in history.

During his time on the bench, Judge Casseb was repeatedly honored by his colleagues in the legal community time and again as an outstanding jurist, and the endowed Judge Solomon Casseb Jr. Research Professorship in Law at the University of Texas Law School stands as a tribute to the esteem in which he was held.

Before and after he obtained senior status in 1985, Judge Casseb worked to improve the lives of the people of South Texas outside of his official duties as well. He was a co-trustee of the Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust and was a bold and diligent advocate for the poorest citizens of his community.

Solomon Casseb Jr. was a great judge, a great friend, and a great man. His family, friends, and all those who had the privilege to know him will miss him deeply.

THIS THANKSGIVING IN HONOR OF
ALL THE ARMED FORCES AND
THEIR FAMILIES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit a heartfelt poem penned by Capitol Guide Albert Caswell, entitled "This Thanksgiving" in honor of all the members of the Armed Forces and their families who are separated by war and death this Thanksgiving. Our thoughts go out to all of them this Thanksgiving. Bless them all.

This is a special Thanksgiving as we recognize the success of Cold War veterans from Korea to Vietnam and across the world who achieved victory on the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall inspired by Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, and Pope John Paul II working with Lech Walesa of Poland and Vaclav Havel of Czechoslovakia.

The spirit of Ronald Reagan is kept alive by Young America's Foundation preservation of the Reagan Ranch, Rancho del Cielo (Ranch of the Sky) in California.

THIS THANKSGIVING

This
Thanksgiving . . .
Be thankful, when you're at home . . .
With your family all at peace, remember all
of those so all alone . . .
Who on battlefields can not be home . . .
Families at dinner tables with tears
in eyes . . .
And all of those who upon battlefields of
honor died . . .

The ones who so live without the ones, they
so can not live without . . . who now so
cry . . .

And all of those children, whose daddies and
mommies, can't wipe those tears from
their eyes . . .

And not watch their children grow and smell
that pumpkin pie . . .

The ones who but gave, That Last Full Meas-
ure!

One's Life, The Greatest of All Treasures
. . .

The ones without arms and legs . . .

As their fine eyes they gave . . .

Showing us all, of what a hero is made!

So Few, but for so many . . .

Have carried that load . . .

Have bore all of the heartache so . . .

And when you watch that touchdown
run . . .

While, holding your loved ones . . . having
all that fun . . .

But, let your thoughts to them so run . . .

The ones who died, for what is true . . .

And all of those out on the front, the face of
death must so view . . .

And the loved ones at home, each day who
wait by the door . . . the phone . . .

Bow down now upon your knees . . .

And ask our Lord God, so please . . . to bless
all of these . . . The Families . . .

Who with such heartache, and will never see
another day of peace . . .

And as you say grace . . .

Say a prayer for all of those Heroes of such
splendid grace . . .

Who did not so hesitate . . .

And all of those families, whose loved ones
for them now so wait . . .

Who sit, with one less spot at the Thanks-
giving table set . . .

Be ever thankful, for what they gave . . . and
have to yet . . .

On this day of days . . .

Give Thanks, Be Thankful for all of those
who gave!

This Thanksgiving . . .

PRAISING NEBRASKA'S HONOR
FLIGHTS

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, a week ago, our Nation celebrated Veterans Day. I rise today to honor a couple who have done a great service for Nebraska's Veterans.

Bill and Evonne Williams have organized seven Heartland Honor Flights which made it possible for 1,454 World War II veterans to come to Washington D.C. in 2008 and 2009 to receive the recognition they deserve.

Veterans participating were able to visit the World War II memorial, as well as other points of interest here in the Nation's capital.

I know their visit to Washington was a trip of a lifetime for each and every one of them, and I know I speak for all of us when I thank them for their service to our country. Bill and Evonne also deserve our thanks for making these moments possible. Without their dedication and commitment, we would not have been able to honor these men and women who have helped make our Nation great.