

quickly assigned to Ladder 3 on 4 group where he spent the next six years before transferring to Ladder 2. Chief Lewison served as Captain of Engine 7 on 3 group in 1992 and was then assigned to Rescue 1 on 4 group. After eight years, Chief Lewison was transferred to Engine 10 on 4 platoon and continued on to Ladder 2. In 2001, Chief Lewison was made Battalion Chief on 2 group and then transferred to Battalion 1 on 1 group. After 28 years of dutiful service, Chief Lewison retired on May 1, 2010.

Chief Larry Wilson joined the Camden City Fire Department in 1981 after serving as a U.S. Marine from 1972–1975 and attending school at Rutgers University and Camden County College. Chief Wilson was assigned to Engine 6 on 3 group before transferring to both Engine 7 and Ladder 3. After his promotion to Captain of Engine 7 in 1996, Chief Wilson was transferred to Engine 11 and then promoted to Battalion Chief of Battalion 2 on group 3. After 28½ years of service, Chief Wilson retired on April 1, 2010. The proud father of four children, Chief Wilson and his wife, Joan, have nine grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, the commitment of Chief Kevin Hailey, Chief Ralph Roberts, Chief Maurice Wilson, Chief Darryl Lewison and Chief Larry Wilson to the community of Camden, New Jersey should not go unrecognized. I express my deepest appreciation to these men for their dedication and unwavering loyalty to the Camden City Fire Department.

TRIBUTE TO COMMISSIONER  
FRANK HALAS

**HON. CONNIE MACK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Southwest Florida's most outstanding public servants, Collier County Commissioner Frank Halas, who is retiring after an exceptional career.

Frank has served on the Collier County Board of Commissioners for the last eight years, and during his time on the Board, he has been a strong force for the people of Collier County and all of Southwest Florida. One of his top priorities has been the preservation and protection of the Vanderbilt Beach area in Naples, and he has fought tirelessly to protect our region's delicate environment and water resources.

Frank's public service did not start with his stint on the Board of Commissioners, and I doubt it will end there. He enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduating from high school, and after 31 years with the Ford Motor Company in Michigan, he retired to Southwest Florida, where the "quiet and sophistication" of the area appealed to him and his family.

During his time here in our part of paradise, Frank has held countless positions on numerous civic and charitable organizations throughout Southwest Florida. He's the type of person who believes in giving back to his community tenfold and has done just that. From his work with the VFW, the Taxpayers Action Group, the Collier Audubon Society, and the Estuary Conservation Association, he has worked to make Southwest Florida a great place to live, work and visit.

Frank's enthusiasm and passion for serving the community is inspiring. He is the type of elected official that all of us in public service strive to be—accessible, dedicated, and effective.

I'd like to recognize Frank's wife, Diane, and his six children and nine grandchildren, for their support during his public service—I know he couldn't have accomplished so much without their love and support.

Madam Speaker, although we are sad to see him leave the Collier County Board of Commissioners, Southwest Florida is better off today because of Frank Halas' tireless work. I wish Frank and his family all the best as he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE CAREER OF  
PASTOR DAVID STANDFEST

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and career of Pastor David Standfest of Williamsburg, Michigan. Pastor Standfest is the founder of the New Hope Community Church in Williamsburg and is retiring after 30 years of tireless service to his church and his local community.

David Standfest was born in Owosso, Michigan on May 14th, 1947. Early on, David knew that he wanted to have an impact in his local community and understood one of the best ways to affect positive change was through the church. David enrolled at Owosso Bible College following high school, where he studied to become a pastor and played basketball. After graduation in 1970, David served as a pastor in the Owosso area until moving to Traverse City in 1980, where he became the pastor at Bayview Wesleyan Church.

In 1990, Pastor Standfest founded the New Hope Community Church in Williamsburg. The church started humbly in an area home with only a congregation of eight people. But Pastor Standfest would not be deterred in his commitment to serving the people of northern Michigan. With hard work, the New Hope Community Church grew to a congregation of over 1,400 devoted worshippers. Aside from the home campus in Williamsburg, the New Hope Community Church expanded to three locations across northern Michigan (Traverse City, Bellaire and Petoskey) in order to expand its services to families in the area.

In Williamsburg, the New Hope Community Church boasts a full size gym for active children and youth programs, and a 1,450 seat auditorium for local school and community college events such as graduations, banquets and other ceremonies. The administration building holds 13 offices and family counseling rooms and a community center that accommodates 250 people for various area events.

While this economic crisis continues to weigh down families in northern Michigan, Pastor Standfest has been there to help those who are struggling in every way possible. The first 5 percent of all offerings that New Hope Community Church receives go to help area families with housing issues and other financial difficulties. Pastor Standfest started a food pantry that is open seven days a week and has helped thousands of families put food on

the table. The church also offers "Care" ministries that provide attentive counselors to help local residents through this tough period.

Madam Speaker, Pastor David Standfest has devoted his life to helping the people of northern Michigan in any way he can. His untiring dedication to his community, especially during this recession, is a true inspiration and should be commended. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing and honoring Pastor Standfest's lifetime of commitment and hard work.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF THE  
OMAHA WORLD-HERALD

**HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, In 1885, former Congressman and Senator Gilbert Hitchcock founded what would become the largest employee-owned newspaper, and the newspaper with the highest percentage of subscribers in a home circulation area, in the United States. This paper, the Omaha World-Herald, recently celebrated its 125th anniversary of bringing the news to Nebraskans' and lowans' hands and homes.

The Omaha World-Herald has won many awards through the years, including three Pulitzer Prizes for coverage of the senseless violence against African-Americans in Omaha in 1919, the large-scale scrap-metal drive in Nebraska during World War II, and an emotional photograph of a World War II soldier's homecoming to Iowa. One of its most recent awards was bestowed by the Columbia Journalism Review for its coverage of the war in Afghanistan.

Notably, the Omaha World-Herald is one of the few remaining independently-owned papers with statewide coverage. This is shown in its localized content and strong commitment to community. Congratulations to the Omaha World-Herald on 125 years of reporting and serving Nebraska's communities.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF JOHN  
H. BUSTAMANTE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of John H. Bustamante, devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend and mentor. Mr. Bustamante's great achievements in fields of publishing, law and business are only matched by his leadership in the civil rights movement.

Mr. Bustamante was born in Santiago, Cuba, and moved with his family to Florida. He graduated from Stanton High School in Jacksonville, Florida, and later attended Boston University where he shared a room with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His friendship with Dr. King inspired his lifelong involvement in the civil rights movement. Their friendship remained strong until Dr. King's tragic death in 1968.