

just after finishing high school, he signed up as an Aviation Cadet in the United States Naval Reserve and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He flew the F4U Corsair fighter from aircraft carriers in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II—while his older brother Mike was serving in the Navy, and his younger brother Jim was serving in the Army.

In the summer of 1945, at the close of the war, he married Mary Elizabeth White, who survives him. During their sixty-five years of marriage they had six children—two of whom pre-deceased him—eleven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Two of their sons followed his example by serving their country in uniform, in the Air Force and the Marine Corps.

Major Pavlicin served on active duty for more than twenty years, including service during the Korean Conflict. During his long and honorable service, which was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps, he was stationed in China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines and on Okinawa. He retired from active service in 1963 and worked for the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation on Long Island for twenty-three years, retiring again in 1986. He and Mary later moved to Central Florida, and were active members of their community, worshipping at St. John the Evangelist Church in Viera. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor Major George A. Pavlicin, a man whose life and service reflect great credit upon himself, his family, and the United States Marine Corps. He will be remembered as a loving husband and father, an honorable Marine, and as an important part of our community. My wife Katie and I offer our prayers for his wife, Mary, children, George Alan, Patrick, Karen, and Beth, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as we remember and honor the life of George Pavlicin.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PASTOR
MICHAEL L. BELL

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pastor Michael L. Bell for his faithful service to his community and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. On December 27, 2010, he will celebrate 40 years of service at Glendale Christian Church.

Known as the 'go-to-guy,' Pastor Bell is quick to lend a helping hand and an ear to listen. He is a caring, thoughtful and considerate individual who is always interested in assisting others.

Beyond his service to Glendale Christian Church, Pastor Bell is also very active in the community. He is currently serving as Commissioner of the Hardin County Water District #2, Chaplain of the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Board of Regents for Louisville Bible College and is on the Board of Directors for Helping Hand.

Pastor Bell is also the announcer for Hardin County High School football games and for both the boys and girls basketball teams.

A testament to Pastor Bell's dedication to the community can be seen in his regular visits to those in hospitals and nursing homes, and also through his outreach to widows, who often need help with physician visits, financial decisions and home maintenance.

Pastor Bell and his wife Sharon have been married for 44 years and are the proud parents of two sons, Jon Michael and Christopher David, and proud grandparents of Samantha and Caehla. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Pastor Michael L. Bell for his steadfast commitment, service and dedication.

CALLING FOR DIGNITY, COMFORT,
AND SUPPORT FOR HOLOCAUST
SURVIVORS

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise in proud support of H. Con. Res. 323, a resolution supporting the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust survivors in the United States are able to live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years. Following the tragic and unforgivable circumstances of their youth, these survivors came to the United States seeking a better life. They found a new home here in America, and it is our duty to provide for their well-being as best we can.

Over 127,000 Holocaust survivors live in the United States, about three-fourths of whom are in their 80s and 90s, and a majority of whom live alone. Sadly, more than half of these survivors fall beneath the 200-percent threshold for the federal poverty line, meaning they earn less than \$21,660 a year. In fact, Holocaust survivors are five times more likely to be living below the poverty line than other older Americans. My constituents in South Florida are not immune from this reality, and they need our support.

Holocaust survivors have special needs that would greatly benefit from access to social service programs that would enable them to age in place in their current residences, with access to transportation and other services to ensure their health and well-being. This legislation encourages the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administration on Aging to expeditiously develop and implement programs that ensure Holocaust survivors have access to the care they need and deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to stand with so many of my colleagues on this important resolution, and I applaud the efforts of the many nonprofit organizations and agencies which work tirelessly to honor and assist Holocaust survivors throughout the United States. Freedom and liberty, justice and human rights—these are the values represented by the survivors of the Holocaust. We have a moral obligation to acknowledge their plight and uphold their dignity to ensure their well-being in their remaining years.

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this worthy legislation.

CLAIMS RESOLUTION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere happiness that the House of Representatives passed by a vote of 256–152, the Claims Resolution Act. I regret that I was unable to vote on this landmark legislation and would like the record to reflect that had I been able to vote, I would have voted yeay.

The Claims Resolution Act includes provisions that many black farmers and American Indians have literally been waiting decades for. H.R. 4783 contains funding to implement the settlements of the Pigford class action lawsuit involving past discrimination against black farmers by the Agriculture Department and the Cobell class action lawsuit involving funds for American Indians mismanaged by the Interior Department.

I voted for this legislation twice earlier this year as the House has passed funding for the Pigford and Cobell settlement—first in passing the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act and then in adopting an amendment to the FY 2010 Supplemental—but both bills were blocked by Republicans in the Senate.

That is why I am so pleased that Senate was finally able to pass this important legislation and now, with passage in the House, it will go to the President's desk for signature, finally closing this dark episode in American history.

TRIBUTE TO VERLE BURGASON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Verle Burgason, co-owner and board chairman of the Ames Tribune in Ames, Iowa. His dedication and commitment to the citizens of the community is appreciated and unequalled.

Verle has spent the last 57 years devoted to journalism, reporting the stories that impacted the community, the state, and the Nation. Known for his honesty and straightforwardness, Verle was a champion of accurate and unbiased writing. During his career, he earned the Iowa Newspaper Association's Master Editor and Publisher award, and deservedly so.

Verle's devotion to the community didn't only find expression through journalism. He was active in United Way, served as president of the Ames Chamber of Commerce, and served on the board of directors at a local bank. He was also extensively involved in church leadership, demonstrating his deep belief in morals, ethics, and a higher power. Verle correctly asserted that community service is a duty that everyone is obligated to fill—an assertion that I wholeheartedly agree with and support.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in commending Verle Burgason for his decades of service at

the Ames Tribune and to the Ames community. It is an honor to serve as his representative, and I wish Verle and his wife Jo a happy and healthy retirement.

CONGRATULATING MAJ. GEN.
(RET.) CHARLES METCALF

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratulating Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Charles Metcalf upon his retirement as director of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Prior to his service as director, he served in the U.S. Air Force for nearly 36 years on active duty in a variety of financial management and planning positions, retiring in 1991 in the grade of major general. His awards and honors include the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit.

Following his retirement from active duty, General Metcalf began his service as head administrator for the museum in 1996 and in 2005 he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service.

For the last 14 years he has managed the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum. The internationally acclaimed museum is located on the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio and portrays the heritage and traditions of the Air Force through specialized exhibits.

Under General Metcalf's management, the museum had flourished. In 2003, the museum began a long-term, multi-phased expansion with the building of the Eugene W. Kettering Cold War Gallery and the Missile Gallery, as well as the renovations to the Korean War exhibit. With these new additions, the museum provides more than 17 acres of indoor exhibition space. Future plans call for a Space Gallery, a Presidential Aircraft Interpretive Center, and a Global Reach Gallery.

During his tenure, General Metcalf increased museum attendance from 800,000 to nearly 1.4 million visitors and achieved the highest national recognition for a museum, the American Association of Museums accreditation in 1998 and reaccreditation in 2008.

General Metcalf also led the charge in changing the name of the museum, which was previously known as the United States Air Force Museum. The change reinforces the museum's national mission and its world-class collection, placing it at a level with the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC, the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Florida, and the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

General Metcalf has been dedicated to supporting the motto of the museum, "we are the keepers of their stories." He will forever be remembered for his advocacy for preserving our heritage to honor our veterans, many who gave their lives to protect our freedoms. The work he has done will stand as a lasting monument to the memory of those who have gone before, as well as his dedication to the exploration of our nation's history.

In addition to his duties as director, he provides technical and professional guidance to

the U.S. Air Force Heritage Program which includes 12 Air Force field museums and 260 domestic and international heritage sites.

He also was very active outside of his work at the museum and currently serves as the vice president of the Central Region for Boy Scouts of America, as well as on the organization's Leadership and Standards Committee. He is a former member of the Oakwood, Ohio City Council, and previously served on the Board of Directors for the Greater Dayton United Way, Ohio; the Board of Trustees for the County Corp Development, Dayton, Ohio; the Board of Directors for Greater Dayton Public Television, Ohio; and the National Alumni Board, Michigan State University.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me and the constituents of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratulating General Charles Metcalf for his outstanding service to our nation and the State of Ohio. His work today has ensured that the museum will see many future successes and our nation's history will be preserved for generations to come.

HONORING RICHARD JOHN PASTOR

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Richard John Pastor and mourn him upon his passing at the age of 79.

Born on June 22, 1931, Richard Pastor dedicated his life to serving his community and his country. After honorably serving his country as a member of the United States Army, Richard came home to proudly become the second generation owner of his family's three generation Michigan based construction business, George H. Pastor and Sons.

Regrettably, on November 27, 2010, Richard Pastor passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Carol and his children, Craig, Mahala, John, Tim, and Sharon. Preceding him in death was his son Keith. Richard leaves a legacy of 12 grandchildren and was a devoted brother to Jean and Robert. A courageous and honorable man, Richard will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, Richard Pastor is remembered as a compassionate father, a dedicated husband, honorable soldier, caring business owner, involved leader, and a true friend. Richard was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Richard John Pastor farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to our country and community.

OPIC CONTRIBUTES TO DEFICIT REDUCTION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, two weeks ago, the Treasury Department released

the details of the Federal budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2010. While many of the numbers were grim, at least one federal agency—the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, OPIC—reported a net income of nearly \$260 million and contributed a net positive balance to the Federal budget deficit of \$352 million in FY 10. In fact, this represents the 33rd consecutive year that OPIC has made a positive contribution to the Federal budget. These numbers were also confirmed by an independent external auditor, KPMG.

OPIC's earnings are generated through fees charged to users of their financing and insurance programs, as well as interest earned on its growing reserves, which now total about \$5 billion. Because OPIC charges market-based fees for its products, it operates on a self-sustaining basis at no net cost to the taxpayers. This is not counting the tax revenue generated by the more than 274,000 U.S. jobs that OPIC projects have supported over the past 39 years. In FY 10, OPIC-supported projects are estimated to generate \$624 million in U.S. exports and to support nearly 1,000 American jobs. Eighty of the 97 projects supported by OPIC in FY 10 involved U.S. small businesses.

Thus, it would be counterproductive to close down OPIC because that action would actually reduce an incoming revenue stream to the Federal government and exasperate our budget deficit problem. In addition, if OPIC were terminated, many current users of OPIC would simply switch to investment insurance and financing programs of foreign governments, which would result in the shifting of U.S. jobs and tax revenue overseas, because there is no private company that provides long-term political risk insurance. That is why I encourage Congress to pass a multi-year reauthorization bill for OPIC, S. 705/H.R. 5975.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 584, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

NATIONAL MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I introduced House Resolution 771 on September 24, 2009 to recognize the 3,000 Americans diagnosed with Mesothelioma each year and raise awareness about this rare form of cancer. After more than a year of work, a coalition of support came together to mark September 26, 2010 as the first ever "National Mesothelioma Awareness Day." I have to thank 58 of my colleagues—both Democrats and Republicans—who co-sponsored this resolution and all the advocates for their work.

Mesothelioma is an asbestos-linked cancer most often found in a person's chest, lungs, or