

Brillo turns 100 this month because of the hard work, commitment, and creativity that has gone into this company throughout the years by the employees and innovators who call Ohio's 15th District their home. Again, I offer my sincere congratulations to Brillo on its 100 years and I wish the company many years of success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF OSVALDO  
LOVERME, MARIE TORNIALI AND  
CONNIE VARIO

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2013*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Osvaldo LoVerme, Marie Torniali, and Connie Vario, who are being honored for their distinguished service to the community by the Taminent Regular Democratic Club. The Taminent Club is celebrating its 81st Annual Dinner Dance this month in Astoria, Queens.

In recognition of his lifetime commitment to civic engagement, Osvaldo "Ozzie" LoVerme is being honored with the "Ralph DeMarco Award." Mr. LoVerme is the President of Teamsters Union Local 808. His career began in 1973 working for ConRail Railroad, and throughout his career, he has proved himself to be a trusted advocate for co-workers and union members. His dedication to the labor movement and his tireless efforts to protect workers and their families earned him the position as leader of the Teamsters Local 808. Mr. LoVerme has a strong presence in the community, serving on many cultural and civic organizations in his hometown of Astoria. He is the Vice President of the Astoria Homeowners, Tenants & Business Civic Association and Vice President of the Associazione Siciliani Uniti of New York. Mr. LoVerme came to Astoria from Sicily in 1968, and has always stayed connected to his Italian heritage as a member of many Italian cultural organizations. He is a devoted husband to his wife, Marie and loving father to his son, Vinny.

Marie Torniali is receiving the "Community Service Award" for her dedication to her neighborhood and service to others in the community. Ms. Torniali attended high school in Astoria after arriving in the United States from France as a child. She is currently the Executive Director of the Central Astoria Local Development Coalition, where she has worked since 1979, and the Steinway Astoria Partnership. She also serves as a Board Member of Community Board 1. Previously, Ms. Torniali was the manager of the Steinway Street Business Improvement District. Her dedication to the security of the neighborhood of Astoria has earned her the 114th Civilian Observation Patrol (Civ-OP) Walter Michie Award, the Women of Distinction Award, and the New York Anti-Crime's Eternal Vigilance Award. She is also deeply devoted to her husband, Pietro, their daughter, Tanya, and son-in-law, John.

Connie Vario is being honored as a Lifetime Member of Taminent Democratic Club. She has been an active member of the Taminent Women's Regular Democratic Club for over 30 years. Ms. Vario devotes her time to volunteer work through Immaculate Conception parish,

for which she works at the Church's Homeless Shelter, and is a member of the Rosarian Society. Since moving to Astoria with her husband Nicholas in 1954, Ms. Vario has been dedicated to serving her community and her neighbors. Mr. and Ms. Vario are loving parents to their three children, Patrick, Margaret, and Maria.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary contributions that Osvaldo LoVerme, Marie Torniali, and Connie Vario have made to the community of Astoria. Their lifetimes of service and dedication to civic life have greatly benefited their neighborhood and the city of New York.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFFREY  
LEFLEUR

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2013*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeffrey LeFleur as he retires from the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association.

The Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association, known as the CCCGA to its members, is one of the oldest farmer associations in the United States. Since 1888, this organization has been working diligently to enhance the economic viability of local Massachusetts cranberry farmers. Jeffrey has been this organization's Executive Director for the past twenty years, and he has led the association through many years of growth and prosperity. In particular, Jeffrey has spearheaded CCCGA's popular "Be the Grower" program, which gives interested people the opportunity to wade into Plympton's cranberry bogs and to assist with the yearly harvest. This program attracts visitors from around the world, and it has been extremely beneficial to the local Massachusetts tourism industry. Its popularity was recently highlighted in The Boston Globe as a unique activity that all can enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, as the cofounder of the Congressional Cranberry Caucus, it brings me great pride to recognize Jeffrey LeFleur upon his retirement from the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association. His many years of work and dedication to the association were crucial in leading it to become the successful organization that it is today. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Jeffrey for all that he has given to his community.

HONORING THE EXEMPLARY CA-  
REER OF JUDGE JOHN M.  
STUARD

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2013*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of an exemplary public servant, Judge John M. Stuard. After nearly five decades of service, Judge Stuard has retired with distinction from the Trumbull County Court of Common Pleas in Warren, Ohio.

Judge Stuard earned his undergraduate degree from Thiel College and went on to earn

his Juris Doctorate from the University of Kentucky. After law school, he practiced law while serving as a solicitor in Newton Falls and the Village of Orangeville. He then became a prosecutor and practiced criminal defense in Warren Ohio. In 1983, he was appointed to the Central District Court in Cortland and later to the Common Pleas bench in 1991.

Judge Stuard is affectionately known as a gentleman's gentleman, he recognizes that his judgment needs to hold people accountable for their actions, yet must not lose touch with the utility of punishment. While not on the bench, Judge Stuard is a member of the Hartford Optimists, Trumbull Farm Bureau, Conservation Club and he is an avid Civil War enthusiast.

I want to extend my warmest thanks to Judge John M. Stuard for his life's devotion to serving the people of Trumbull County. His long and illustrious career will not be forgotten and I would like to wish him congratulations and all the best in his well-deserved retirement. The city of Warren and Trumbull County will forever be indebted to Judge John M. Stuard for his lifelong public service.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUTS  
AVERY AND COLIN HUBBARD

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2013*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Avery and Colin Hubbard of Troop 1012 in Mason City, Iowa for each achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Avery and Colin completed their projects at Lime Creek Nature Center by constructing numerous bird houses, placing fire pits, and clearing brush. The work ethic Avery and Colin have shown in their Eagle Projects, and every other project leading up to their Eagle Scout ranks, speaks volumes of their commitment to serving a cause greater than themselves and assisting their community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these young men and their supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating the Hubbard brothers on obtaining their Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish them continued success in their future education and career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2013*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing a floor vote on Monday, January 14,

2013. Had I registered my vote, I would have voted: (1) "yea" on rollcall 9, on approving the journal; and (2) "nay" on rollcall 10, on motion to adjourn.

McGOVERN WAS A POLITICIAN  
WHO NEVER LOST HIS SOUL

**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2013*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, after Senator George McGovern's passing last October, Colman McCarthy wrote a wonderful tribute about this man of peace.

I would like to submit his article. I urge all my colleagues to continue to work for the causes so dear to Senator McGovern's heart.

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McGOVERN WAS A POLITICIAN WHO NEVER  
LOST HIS SOUL

(By Colman McCarthy)

On the Wednesday afternoon in early November 1972 after his defeat the day before by Richard Nixon for the presidency, George McGovern and his wife, Eleanor, arrived at Washington's National Airport. The loss had been nearly total, with McGovern, a liberal populist Democrat from South Dakota, winning only Massachusetts and the District of Columbia.

By chance, his running mate, Sargent Shriver, was arriving at the same time from another plane. They came upon each other in the main concourse. Seeing a dejected McGovern, with his wife in tears about losing even their home state, Shriver offered a powerful consoling line: "George, we may have lost the election but we certainly didn't lose our soul."

Within three years, Nixon, a scheming and deceitful politician who spared nothing in his depiction of McGovern as an unpatriotic ultraliberal, would resign in disgrace over the Watergate scandal.

At his death in late October 2012, McGovern remained in full possession of the soul-force that marked a political career that began in the House of Representatives in 1956 and ended in the Senate in 1980. I recall a conversation once when he laughed about Republicans' portrait of him as a wild leftist, wondering how he managed to win House and Senate races in South Dakota, one of the country's most conservative states. His liberalism knew a boundary or two. He had little regard for the showmen of the 1960s anti-war movement—from Abbie Hoffman to Jerry Rubin—and saw them as ineffectual clowns.

McGovern's passions ranged from opposition to the Vietnam War to advocating for nutrition programs for the hungry in this country and abroad. He advocated for small farmers as they saw their lands swallowed by corporate agribusiness. He stood with the tribal nations, a stance so firm that the Oglala Sioux of South Dakota called him "the Great White Eagle."

McGovern first visited South Vietnam in late 1965, a visit that confirmed his hunch that the war was doomed. The year before, he voted in favor of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which gave a pass to President Lyndon Johnson to escalate the war after an attack by North Vietnam on an American patrol boat—an attack that never happened. It was a vote McGovern would eventually be ashamed of missing the chance to join Wayne Morse and Ernest Gruening as the only two members of the Senate to say no.

Perhaps to compensate for the lapse, McGovern became the strongest antiwar voice in the Senate. His military record of personal bravery—he flew more than 30 high-risk bombing missions in the Second World War—gave him credibility. In a Sept. 1, 1970, floor debate on his amendment, co-sponsored with Mark Hatfield, to end the war, McGovern said:

Every senator in this chamber is partly responsible for sending 50,000 young Americans to an early grave. This chamber reeks of blood. Every senator here is partly responsible for that human wreckage at Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval [hospitals] and all across our land—young men without legs, or arms, or genitals, or faces, or hopes. There are not very many of these blasted and broken boys who think this war is a glorious adventure. Do not talk to them about bugging out, or national honor, or courage. It does not take any courage at all for a congressman, or a senator, or a president to wrap himself in the flag and say we are staying in—Vietnam, because it is not our blood that is being shed. But we are responsible for those young men and their lives and their hopes.

The grandson of Irish immigrants and the son of a Methodist pastor, McGovern suffered tragedy in his personal life. The story is told in Terry: My Daughter's Life-and-Death Struggle With Alcoholism, Published in 1996, two years after Teresa McGovern, 45, froze to death in a snowbank in Madison, Wis., after a night of drinking, it is the most soulful of his half-dozen books: a lovingly written work blended with self-therapy and spirituality.

My last visit with McGovern came a few years ago when he spoke on a Sunday afternoon to a small gathering at a civic center in the Friendship Heights neighborhood of Chevy Chase, Md. I brought Shriver to the talk. It was a touching reunion of the two former running mates. Shriver, sinking slowly into Alzheimer's disease, had no memory of McGovern, much less of their campaigning decades ago. But the two, both giants of service and goodness, embraced each other with deep affection, leaving me and other on-lookers to wonder what kind of country we might have become if the election of 1972 had gone the other way. A more humane country? A country at peace with the world? A country loved globally for its generosity, not hated or feared for its belligerence?

Little time was needed for wondering about the obvious answers to those questions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2013*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall vote on January 14, 2013 and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows: rollcall No. 8: "yes"; rollcall No. 9: "yes"; and rollcall No. 10: "no".

CONGRATULATING THE GROVE  
CITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING  
BAND

**HON. STEVE STIVERS**

OF OHIO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2013*

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Grove City High School

Marching Band on receiving the top honors in the Fiesta Bowl Band Championship. The band earned six awards total, including the grandmaster's trophy for the field competition and grand champion for the parade contest.

The marching band was among nine in the country participating in the national competition at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. Grove City has won more than 80 grand champion awards in regional and national competitions in the past 25 years.

Again, I congratulate the Grove City High School Marching Band on all of its success. I am proud of all the hard work and dedication that has led to the band's great accomplishments.

WARM GREETINGS AND RECOGNITION OF EDWARD I. KOCH, 3-TERM MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY ON HIS 88TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2013*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, Ed Koch is a great American lawyer, politician, and political commentator. He served 8 years in the House of Representatives and 12 as mayor of New York City.

Koch was born in The Bronx and raised in Newark. In World War II, he served in the European theater of war, earned two Battle Stars as a Combat Infantryman and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant in 1946. Returning to New York, he attended City College and NYU School of Law, receiving his law degree in 1948. He was a sole practitioner before serving as a partner with Koch, Lankenau, Schwartz & Kovner.

Koch became active in city and Democratic party politics as a reformer and opponent of Tammany Hall and Tammany leader Carmine DeSapio, whom he twice defeated for Democratic Party leader for the district which included Greenwich Village. He served on the New York City Council from 1967 to 1969 and the U.S. House of Representatives from 1969 to 1977, before running for Mayor of the City of New York.

During the 1960s, Koch opposed the Vietnam war and marched in the South for civil rights. As a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, he advocated for a greater U.S. role in advancing human rights and became a target of attempted assassination by DINA, the Chilean secret police after proposing the cut-off of U.S. foreign aid to the right-wing government of Uruguay. He first rose to city-wide prominence as a result of his opposition to a controversial attempt by then Mayor John Lindsay to place a 3,000-person housing project in a middle-class community, a move which, at the time, shocked many of his political associates.

In 1977, Koch defeated incumbent Abe Beame, renowned feminist Bella Abzug and now former governor Mario Cuomo, in the NYC Mayoral Democratic primary, and went on to win the mayoralty. In 1981 he won reelection with 75% of the vote, running on both the Democratic and Republican Party lines. In 1982, Koch ran unsuccessfully for Governor of New York, losing the primary to then Lieutenant Governor Mario Cuomo.