

One of the organization's most noteworthy actions is its recent outpouring of aid and support to the people of the nations affected by the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Southeast Asia in December 2004. The United Nations is critical to the balance and well-being of all nations, and makes significant advances in the world every day; however, structural reforms are necessary to ensure that the organization can continue its noble efforts to effect positive change. As the United Nations seeks to reform itself, this resolution sends the message that Members of Congress are willing to work with them to ensure a future humanitarian successes.

I look forward to working with Representative SHAYS and my other colleagues to honor the United Nations for 60 years of good work and to pledge the support of Congress as the organization moves forward.

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL JOHN
D. BUTLER

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Rear Admiral (Lower Half) John D. Butler, a Texas City, Texas, native who retires after 31 years of faithful service from the United States Navy on July 1, 2005.

Many of us have come to know and recognize Rear Admiral Butler over the past two years as he has served as the Program Executive Officer (Submarines) since February 2003. During his tenure as the Navy's top submarine acquisition officer, Rear Admiral Butler delivered USS *Virginia* (SSN 774) and USS *Jimmy Carter* (USS 23). *Virginia's* commissioning in October 2004 ended the longest drought of submarine commissioning in that service's 105-year history. Whereas *Virginia* is the first of her class, *Jimmy Carter* is the last of the *Sea Wolf* Class. *Jimmy Carter* brings a host of new and revolutionary capabilities to the fleet that will help the United States to win the Global War on Terror.

Under Rear Admiral Butler's watch, the submarine construction industry has been, virtually, reborn. He was a driving force in transitioning the *Virginia* Class' second Block Buy contract into a Multi-Year agreement that will save an estimated \$80 million per submarine over the five-hull agreement. Currently, there are six *Virginia* Class submarines under construction and an additional three ships under contract.

Admiral Butler has also made great efforts in converting four *Ohio* Class Trident Ballistic Missile Submarines into the transformation SSGNs. Each of these 560-foot long, 18,000-ton submarines will be able to carry up to 154 precision-guided Tomahawk Land-Attack cruise missiles, 66 Navy S and to support covert Special Operations, each SSGN will be able to carry two Dry-Deck Shelters, two Advanced SEAL Delivery Systems, or one of each top the ships' integrated lock-in/lock-out trunks. With the *Ohio* Class' inherent stealth, these SSGNs, the first of which delivers in November 2005, will be a potent warfighter in the Global War on Terror.

Admiral Butler has also acted as an emissary with allied nation's undersea forces, es-

pecially with both the Royal Australian Navy and with Great Britain's Royal Navy. In doing so, he has not only strengthened our bonds with these most trusted allies, but has also enhanced national security.

Admiral Butler joined the Navy via the Nuclear Power Officer Candidate Program in 1975 after graduating from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor's of Science in Chemistry. His sea duty assignments have included: Division Officer on board USS *Will Rogers* (SSBN 659); Navigator/Operations Officer on board USS *James K. Polk* (SSBN 645); Navigator/Operations Officer on board USS *James Madison* (SSBN 627); and Repair Officer on board USS *Proteus* (AS 19).

Admiral Butler's shore assignments have included: Attack Submarine Training Head for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Submarine Warfare); AN/BSY-1 Submarine Combat and Acoustic System (PMS417) Chief Engineer for Program Executive Officer, Submarine Combat and Weapons Systems; *Sea Wolf* Class Submarine (PMS350) Assistant Program Manager (Design and Construction) for Program Executive Officer, Submarines; Strategic and Attack Submarines (PMS392) Major Program Manager for Naval Sea Systems Command; and Executive Assistant and Naval Aide to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition). He has also served in temporary assignments attached to the Applied Physics Laboratory Ice Station, Arctic Ocean; Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Groton, CT, and Newport News, VA; and attached in support of U.S. Embassies at Cairo, Egypt; Moscow, Russia; and Panama City, Panama. Over the course of his career, Admiral Butler has helped to design, build, and deliver a total of 23 submarines—nearly one-third of today's total force.

Admiral Butler's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (3 awards), Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, in addition to other service and unit awards.

Mr. Speaker, Admiral Butler has given 30 years of service to the Navy, to Congress, and to the people of the United States of America. He has served our Nation well and has helped to ensure that our undersea fleet remains the best in the world. He has left a large and meaningful legacy and I am honored to rise today to express my appreciation for Admiral Butler and for his wife Eileen who has served her Nation right along side her husband. Being a Navy wife is not an easy task, and she has been nothing less than a model of courage, patience, and devotion.

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, please join me in wishing Admiral and Eileen Butler: "Fair winds and following seas and long may your big jib draw!"

HONORING VEDA GREEN WINNER
OF THE SPIRIT OF JPS VOLUNTEER
OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and commitment of Mrs. Veda Green. Mrs. Green was named the Spirit of JPS Volunteer of the Year by JPS Health

Network for her years of outstanding and dedicated community service in multiple capacities for the JPS Health Network.

Mrs. Green received the award at the annual JPS Health Network Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in recognition of the over 4000 hours of community service she has worked during the last 8 years. Veda earned a reputation as someone who truly cares about others through her work as a volunteer at the information desk and in pastoral care.

JPS Health Network is an organization committed to improving the health of families throughout my district. The Network includes John Peter Smith Hospital, the JPS Institute for Health Career Development, and a network of community-based health centers, home care and psychiatric services at Trinity Springs Pavilion. That such a large organization with so many different great people associated with it would choose Mrs. Green speaks quite highly of her.

It is with great honor I stand here today to recognize a woman who has touched so many people on a personal level and asked nothing in return.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD ELINSON

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker. Mr. WAXMAN and I ask our colleagues to join us today in honoring Dr. Howard Elinson, who was born on the 11th of January, 1940 in New York City and who passed away on Friday June 17th, 2005 in Los Angeles at Midway Hospital.

Howard earned his B.A. and his Ph.D. in Sociology at UCLA. He taught for 1 year at Yale and for 7 years at UCLA. He worked as Administrative Assistant and Consultant for 27 years for Congressman HENRY WAXMAN. Six of those years were when WAXMAN was a State Assemblyman.

Howard is survived by his beloved and devoted brother Mark who is an admired and respected high school teacher of Social Studies in the Los Angeles City School system. He also serves as an Adviser to the L.A. Unified School District, instructing Social Studies teachers on the best techniques for teaching Social Studies.

Howard Elinson was and is unforgettable to any or all who knew or met him (no matter how casually or for how short a time). He changed the life of everyone in his personal orbit by his magnetic personality his unique insight into the human condition, his sharp wit his gigantic intellect his mastery of any human behavior subject, and his generosity and kindness.

But, unknown to most Californians and "Angelinos" (and unmentioned in media accounts) Howard Elinson changed the face of California and Los Angeles politics.

It was Howard Elinson who conceived and invented individually targeted computerized mail—the campaign technique that was instrumental in the 1968 primary election victory of HENRY WAXMAN for State Assembly (by, still to this date, the largest margin against an incumbent—this one a 26 year incumbent—of his own party), and the 1972 primary and general election victory of HOWARD BERMAN for State

Assembly (the general against, ironically, a 26 year Republican incumbent).

It was Howard Elinson's ideas that were instrumental in electing Congressman HENRY WAXMAN Congressman HOWARD BERMAN, Congressman Mel Levine Congressman Julian Dixon State Senator Herschel Rosenthal, State Assemblyman Burt Margolin, State Assemblyman Terry Friedman and countless others.

And it was Howard Elinson who inspired the strategy and direct mail efforts that led to the election of Mayor Tom Bradley in 1973.

But Howard Elinson's life was much more than about politics. As a devout and Orthodox Jew his faith came first. And imagine this dark suited, yarmulke wearing, fast-talking man writing the "early 60's seminal study" of voting behavior for his Ph.D. thesis. He conducted lengthy and open-ended interviews, drawing out in their homes 50 white working class voters in Bell, California—the then-place-of-entry of the vast immigration from Oklahoma, the mid-west and the South to Southern California.

These Christian and working class people had perhaps never before met a Jew—and certainly not a readily recognizable Orthodox Jew. Yet they opened their hearts to this amazing man. They trusted him—no matter how "New York" he spoke, no matter how foreign he might have looked. That was the uniqueness, the special nature of Howard Elinson.

Perhaps inspired by his faith, or by his innate decency, Howard Elinson affected the lives of everyone who knew him. Many dozens of interns, staff, and budding politicians that came through HENRY WAXMAN'S office sought Howard Elinson's advice and counsel—both personal and career. Hundreds of young people confused by the conflicts between a traditional religious life and modernity sought Howard Elinson's advice on how to cope—"who better to ask?" Children flocked to him—no child was unworthy of his attention, his sense of playfulness, his devotion to the child's value as a human being. No one in need (whether for a religious cause or in personal need) was turned down for a contribution. Howard Elinson's generosity was open ended and well known.

The untimely death of Howard Elinson was not just a loss to his family and friends, but to the people who have had in him a champion of a tolerant, liberal, and more humane America.

IN HONOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S
DELEGATION TO THE 2005 YMCA
YOUTH CONFERENCE ON NA-
TIONAL AFFAIRS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the South Carolina delegation to the 2005 YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs. The Youth Conference on National Affairs brings together some of the best and brightest students from across the country. YMCA Youth and Government seeks to teach teenagers the process of learning about government through hands-on experiences

and in-depth learning at state conferences throughout the country.

The YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs will be held the first week of July in Black Mountain, NC, and I am proud of each and everyone of the delegates that will be representing the Palmetto State.

Viki Alvarez—Riverside High School, Greer.

Dustin Atkins—Liberty High School, Liberty.

Morgan Bauserman—Riverside High School, Greer.

Martha Bordogna—Spartanburg High School, Spartanburg.

Lucy Bullock—AC Flora High School, Columbia.

Stephanie Dunaway—Riverside High School, Greer.

Jason Hill—Riverside High School, Greer.

Stephanie Hoo—Southside High School, Greenville.

Samantha Jaeger—Riverside High School, Greer.

Quentin James—Mauldin High School, Mauldin.

Hart Moede—Wren High School, Powdersville.

Leah Nakom—Spartanburg Day School, Spartanburg.

Eric Novak—Porter-Gaud School, Charleston.

Megan Novak—Mauldin High School, Mauldin.

Niti Parthasarathy—Governor's School for the Arts, Greenville.

Asha Purohit—Porter-Gaud School, Charleston.

Dave Raheja—Riverside High School, Greer.

Paul Richardson—Spartanburg High School, Spartanburg.

Monica Ryskamp—Riverside High School, Greer.

Rebecca Street—DW Daniel High School, Clemson.

Meg Turlington—Southside High School, Greenville.

Kyle Warren—Greenville High School, Greenville.

Kyle Williams—AC Flora High School, Columbia

I wish the delegates all the best for a great conference, and continue to thank them for their keen interest in improving our government and public service.

HONORING LENORE CROUDY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am truly happy to rise before you today to recognize the accomplishments of a woman who has selflessly devoted her life to education and public service. On June 24, civic and community leaders will join the "Lifetime Friends of Lenore Croudy," and honor Ms. Croudy as she celebrates her retirement from Flint Community Schools after 39 years.

It is difficult to imagine what the Flint area would be like had it not been for the influence of Lenore Croudy, an influence which began in August 1960, when she moved here from Atlantic City, NJ. A graduate of West Virginia State College and later Eastern Michigan University, Lenore started her relationship with Flint Community Schools as a teacher, and continued that relationship with roles such as

Instructional Specialist, Assistant Principal, Assistant Dean, and Coordinator for Learning Improvement Services, among others.

Lenore's long and distinguished educational career includes the coordination of several local and county-wide multicultural education conferences for middle school and high school students, as well as the first state-wide conference for educators. She has been at the forefront of numerous presentations and conferences on behalf of Flint Schools, the Urban League, the YWCA, the NAACP, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and many others. On July 1, Lenore will begin her fourth term as a member of the C.S. Mott Community College Board of Trustees, where she has served as Chair since 1995.

Lenore's dedicated work on behalf of others has been acknowledged on countless occasions. Examples of this include 2005 Administrator of the Year from the United Teachers of Flint, Exemplary Role Model for Youth by the Flint Professional Black Nursing Association, Mother of the Village Award by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and an Outstanding Citizenship Award given by the Michigan House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I, along with many others in Genesee County and the State of Michigan, have benefited from Lenore Croudy's intelligence, insight, and vision. She has always been more than an advocate for education; she has been a fighter, for she believes that a strong educational background is the basis toward improving the quality of life. As a former teacher, I applaud her efforts, and I am proud to call her my colleague, my constituent, and my friend. I ask the House of Representatives to please join me in congratulating Lenore on her retirement, and wishing her the very best in all her future endeavors.

HONORING CHARLIE RANGERS,
COMPANY C, 75TH INFANTRY

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor members of the Charlie Rangers, Company C of the 75th Infantry. The Charlie Rangers are celebrating a reunion in D.C. and will gather later today at the Vietnam Memorial. As a member of the Charlie Rangers 75th Infantry who served with these fine and extraordinary men, and as a guy who did nothing special myself in Vietnam, I can attest that the men of Charlie Rangers are very special Americans.

Company C came into being after the Army realized the need for special capability elite forces. Rather than create an entirely new unit designation, the Department of the Army designated the 75th Infantry as the successor of the legendary 5307 Composite Unit which served with distinction during WWII. The Charlie Rangers built on the formidable legacy of Merrill's Marauders by providing reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition and special type combat missions.

True to its motto of Sua Sponte, or Of Their Own Accord, Company C Rangers during their service in the Vietnam War, penetrated behind enemy lines without cover. Acting by themselves, Charlie Rangers slogged through