when there were not too many opportunities to be had. Williams said that the amount of people who have come through Ball’s businesses, then moved on to bigger and better things—as well as the employees who have stayed over the years—is a testament to Ball. “The students are doing better today than the teacher,” said Ball, “and that’s the way it should be in America.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 522, H.R. 5585, the Financial Netting Improvements Act, had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

L.D. BELL HIGH SCHOOL’S BLUE RAIDER MARCHING BAND PLACES 2ND AT THE BANDS OF AMERICA GRAND NATIONAL COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the superior performance of the L.D. Bell High School’s Blue Raider Marching Band of the 26th District of Texas. L.D. Bell placed second at the Bands of America Grand National Competition in Indianapolis.

The Grand National’s Competition is considered to be the most elite marching band contest in the nation. L.D.’s Band of 300 students was also recognized with the National Outstanding Music Award. Earlier in the week, the band received second place at the rigorous UIL 5A State Marching Band Contest in San Antonio, Texas.

The Blue Raiders’ achievements are the combined efforts of many extremely talented students, dedicated school administrators, the H-E-B School District, and a support network of parents and community. The students have excelled under the capable direction of Directors Jeremy Earnhart, Jolette Wine, Nick Thomas, Brandon Holt, and Wes Cartwright.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the achievements of the L.D. Bell High School Blue Raider Marching Band. I extend my sincere congratulations to these hard-working students, and I look forward to their future successes.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK McCARTY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Patrick McCarty on his retirement as Executive Director of the Michigan Community Action Program. Patrick will be honored at dinner on November 30th in Livonia Michigan.

Patrick began his career with the UAW in 1973 at Ford Motor Company. After serving as a bargaining committee representative for Local 723, Patrick was appointed by Stephen P. Yokich to be his plant’s Quality Liaison Representative. During this time he was responsible for implementing the “Working Together for Quality Program” working with both management and employees.

In February 1992 his efforts were recognized and the Monroe Plant received the first National Recognition of Invention, Support and Excellence Award for the “Customer Commitment Quality Team” created at the plant.

As a result of his leadership Stephen Yokich appointed Patrick as the Executive Director of the Michigan Community Action Program in 1995. In this capacity, Patrick was the head of the political and legislative arm in Michigan for the UAW. He has served in this position until his retirement.

Active in the Democratic Party, Patrick is an officer of the Michigan Democratic Party, a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, the 11th Congressional District Democratic Party, and a precinct delegate. He is also a lifetime member of the NAACP and the Detroit NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Patrick McCarty on his retirement from the UAW. I wish him, and his wife Dr. Rhonda Hennessy, the best as they embark on a new chapter in their lives.

HONORING G. JERSEY FLYNN

HON. RON LEWIS
OF KENTUCKY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to Jesse Flynn, a public servant, businessman and citizen from my congressional district. Jesse is stepping down this month as President of the Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce after a year of exemplary service.

Raised in Anderson County, Jesse earned a college degree in business administration from Bellarmine College in 1971. Following service in the U.S. Army Medical Corp, Jesse founded Flynn Brothers Paving in 1973. Two decades later, Flynn Brothers Contracting, Inc. employs 250 personnel in the Greater Louisville area, generating strong annual revenues.

Jesse has distinguished himself as a business leader, serving as chairman at Flynn Brothers and as a board member of various organizations including the National and Kentucky Associated Builders & Contractors, de Paul School, First Citizens Bank in Elizabethtown and the Bullitt County Advisory Economic Advisory Board. His vast knowledge and strong work ethic led to his selection as Kentucky delegate to the White House Conference for Small Business during the early 1990’s.

In addition to his many contributions to the business community, Jesse Flynn has remained actively involved in numerous charitable organizations. For his consistent generosity, Jesse was recently awarded the March of Dimes REACH Award and was named “Citizen of the Year” by the Kentucky Nurses Association. He was also selected to be the first of the U.S. International Cultural Center.

It is my great privilege to recognize Jesse Flynn today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for his leadership and service. His unique achievements make him an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation.

TRIBUTE TO JELKA JANKOVIC

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN
OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Jelka Jankovic on her 100th birthday, which she celebrated on November 25, 2006. Since her immigration to the United States over fifty years ago, Mrs. Jankovic has been a model citizen, contributing to her community and bringing joy to the lives of family members and friends.

Mrs. Jankovic married Janko N. Jankovic, a lawyer, on October 4, 1925 in Serbia. Their son, Miodrag, was born in 1926. For the first part of her married life, Mrs. Jankovic concentrated on raising her son and running her household. In 1942 her son joined the army to fight the Germans and later the Communists. Tragically, he was lost in the war. Meanwhile, her husband who was serving in the Royal Yugoslav Reserve Forces, was captured by the Germans and spent the war years in a POW camp in Germany. Mr. Jankovic immigrated to the United States in 1950 and settled in Washington, D.C. where Mrs. Jankovic joined him in 1953.

Mrs. Jankovic has been an active and productive member of her community for over fifty years. She has worked as a private tailor, a baker at a French restaurant, and a beautician at a local salon. After retiring, Mrs. Jankovic moved to Bethesda, Maryland where she is well-known and loved for her generosity and kindness.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Jankovic as she celebrates her 100th birthday and I wish her good health and happiness. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Jankovic.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAYWARD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, December 2006 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Hayward Area Historical Society in Hayward, California. I rise to pay tribute to the Society’s significant anniversary.

On an autumn night in 1956, 25 Hayward Area residents met at Bret Harte School to discuss a growing concern in the community. Amidst the progress and prosperity of the post World War II boom, the history of the area once known as Eden Township seemed to be missing from the cultural landscape.

The Hayward Chamber of Commerce Post-war Planning Committee first recommended the formation of a historical society in 1944. With so much happening at the conclusion of World War II and the community experiencing unprecedented growth in the following years,
no action was taken on the committee’s sug-
gestion. However, 10 years later, the City of
Hayward celebrated its 80th birthday with
great fanfare. Though the festivities were con-
sidered a success, the planners had encoun-
tered a huge problem identifying pioneer resi-
dents to ride in the city’s anniversary parade.
There was no established resource for gath-
ering and providing information on Hayward’s
past.

The Community Services Committee of the
Hayward Chamber of Commerce, chaired by
Allen Strutz, decided to take matters into their
hands and took the first step in saving Hay-
ward history. Soon, the Hayward Area His-
torical Society, HAHS, was born.

The first official election of officers was
scheduled for the night of December 6, 1956.
Volunteers immediately began gathering mem-
bers and asking pioneer families to fill out his-
torical questionnaires. Those documents be-
came the foundation for HAHS’s extensive ar-
chives. During the ceremony to sign the Society’s
charter, which took place at the historic Eden
Congregational Church, the Society pro-
claimed its intent to “discover, preserve and
disseminate knowledge of the history of the
Hayward Area.” Among the first artifacts to be
donated was a pencil drawing of Mission Dol-
ores and a copy of the Hayward Journal from
1894.

HAHS has reached a number of bench-
marks in growth and prosperity over the last
fifty years. It has published numerous books,
an “Adobe Trails” member newsletter, estab-
lished a museum, a research library, and has
amassed a collection of thousands of historical
artifacts, self-produced exhibitions and has
been a partner in restoring historical property
in Hayward.

As the Hayward Area Historical Society con-
tinues its progress, I join the community in
wishing them a very happy 50th birthday and
continued success.

TRIBUTE TO QUEENIE MARY WOOTEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recog-
nition of Queenie Mary Wooten, a distin-
guished public servant and citizen of Brooklyn,
New York. It behooves us to pay tribute to this
outstanding woman and I hope my colleagues
will join me in recognizing her impressive serv-
vice to our community.

In 1974, Queenie Mary Wooten received her
Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Medgar
Evers College. She took additional courses, which enhanced her long and re-
markable career in education. Currently, Ms.
Wooten is the Coordinator of External Com-
Community Programs for Region #5. In addition to
networking with East New York and Browns-
ville city agencies, she serves on the cabinets
of Planning Boards #5 and #16.

Ms. Wooten is developing innovative and
creative external programs to improve edu-
cational and developmental outcomes for stu-
dents. She coordinates activities with the ex-
ternal community and assists the director with
setting priorities and selecting high quality col-
laborative programs. Ms. Wooten mobilizes re-
sources for regional and school priorities, col-
laborates with schools in Region #5 to create inter-agency regional advisory councils, and
volunteers on Planning Board #5, working with
the committee on education. Additionally, she
works diligently with students to help them get
credited through community services.

Ms. Wooten is one of the founders of the
American College of Counselors, for the New
York Branch, and was recently honored by the
Department of Education for 41 years of serv-
vice. She has received honors and awards for her work, including: an award from
Medgar Evers College as one of its first grad-
uates; the Brooklyn Club of the Negro Busi-
ness & Professional Women’s Club Sojourner
Truth Award; and the Van Siclen Block Asso-
ciation Education Award. Ms. Wooten has
been honored by organizations such as the
Women’s League of Science and Medicine, Inc.,
National Sickle Cell Research and the Latin Souls Little League Baseball.

A very active member of her community,
Ms. Wooten serves on boards and is the Chair of the North East Committee of
Elections. Ms. Wooten has been a faithful
member of Grace Baptist Church for the past
35 years. One of 10 children of the late James
and Estella Hunt Corely, Ms. Wooten has en-
countered many challenges during her life and
has embraced them all with courage and dig-
nity.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent
on this body to recognize the work of Queenie
Mary Wooten. Her deep commitment to her
community makes her most worthy of our rec-
ognition today.

HONORING FEDERAL JUDGE PAUL
BROWN

HON. RALPH M. HALL
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to
pay tribute to one of the outstanding Federal
judges in our Nation, U.S. District Judge Paul
Brown, who is retiring after 21 years of distin-
guished service on the bench in the Eastern
District of Texas. Judge Brown has been my
good friend for many years, and he is a re-
spected and beloved Judge and member of the
community in Sherman, Texas.

Judge Brown represents the finest qualities
of jurisprudence. Hanging on his wall in the
Sherman Federal Courthouse are Socrates’ four qualities for a good judge—to hear cour-
teziously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly,
and to decide impartially. Judge Brown em-
bodied all of these qualities and he dispensed
justice accordingly. He was highly regarded,
well-respected, and was a role model for
many.

Paul Brown was the youngest of a family of
six raised on a farm near Pottsboro, TX. He
graduated from Jacksonville High School and al-
though underage, he got his parents’ consent
to join the U.S. Navy when World War II broke
out. He served as a minesweeper in both the
Atlantic and Pacific Theaters and as a part of
the occupation forces in Japan. He was dis-
charged as an Electrician’s Mate 2nd Class in
June 1946.

He returned to his studies and received a
law degree in 1950 from the University of
Texas before being recalled to active duty in
the Korean war. He saw combat aboard a minesweeper which was sunk by mines, and
he received an honorable discharge in De-
cember 1951.

Judge Brown began his practice of law fol-
lowing the war and following President Dwight
Eisenhower’s decision he elected to work as an
assistant U.S. Attorney in Texarkana under U.S. Attorney William Steger, who would be-
come his mentor, good friend, and fellow col-
league on the bench in the Eastern District
until Judge Steger’s passing this year. He
served as Assistant U. S. Attorney from 1953 to
1959, then followed in Judge Steger’s foot-
steps as U.S. District Attorney from 1959 to
1961.

While in Texarkana, Judge met and married
Frances Morehead, and the two returned
home to Sherman, where Judge Brown prac-
ticed law for a number of years. In 1985 Sen-
ator Phil Graham recommended him to Presi-
dent Ronald Reagan for a new judge’s posi-
tion created for the Eastern District of Texas,
and Judge was confirmed that year. He
served as Assistant U.S. Attorney from 1953 to
1959, then followed in Judge Steger’s foot-
steps as U.S. District Attorney from 1959 to
1961.

Premiere cases over the years included in-
tellectual property, patent cases, and criminal
cases prosecuted by the bank and savings
and loan failures of the 1980s and 1990s.
In recent years he noted the increase in drug
cases and expressed his regret that, in spite
of all the efforts that have been made to pros-
cut drug dealers, the Nation is not making
much progress in curtailing the use of drugs.
No matter what type of cases came before
him, Judge Brown always enjoyed the work
and ran an efficient and orderly courtroom.
His personal work ethic and judicial integrity have
been remarkable, and his reputation for punc-
tuality has been legendary.

At his retirement reception, hundreds of
local attorneys, area judges and friends and
family paid tribute to Judge Brown. The East-
ern District Chief Judge, Thad Heartfield,
speaking for the 15 judges on their court, has
recommended that Congress name the U.S.
District Courthouse in Sherman the “Paul
Brown U.S. Courthouse.” Judge Heartfield
noted that Judge Brown has demonstrated the
finest qualities of a U.S. district judge: knowl-
edge of the law, courtesy, patience, wisdom
and compassion. It will be my pleasure to in-
roduce legislation to that end.

As we near adjournment of the 109th Con-
gress, I ask my colleagues to join me in cele-
brating the life of a great American, out-
standing public servant, and respected jurist,
the Honorable Paul Brown, U.S. District Judge
for the Eastern District of Texas.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BONNIE
SCHOFIELD

HON. JON C. PORTER
OF NEVADA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
honor Mrs. Bonnie Schofield for her dedication
to the community and families she served.

Bonnie has been serving 22 families in
Hiko, NV, as a postmaster relief since 1973, 6