

the Global War of Terrorism Service Medal. Captain Williams is married to his wife Jessica, and they have one son, Joshua.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Captain Jason Williams for his accomplishments within the armed services. His leadership and the awards he has received as a result of his actions are truly commendable. I commend Captain Jason Williams for his service to our community, and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF COMMANDER CLAYTON DIAMOND OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Commander Clayton Diamond for his service to the United States House of Representatives and for his twenty four years of service to our country in the United States Coast Guard. CDR Diamond was assigned as Legislative Counsel in the Office of Coast Guard Congressional and Governmental Affairs in May 2006. As Legislative Counsel, he worked directly with the Coast Guard's congressional authorizing committees and was responsible for coordinating the service's advocacy efforts, resulting in enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act and other Coast Guard legislative priorities. In my roles on the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee and in numerous other venues, my staff and I have often relied on CDR Diamond's knowledge and understanding of domestic and international legal matters, as well as operational missions, and roles and responsibilities of the United States Coast Guard.

CDR Diamond enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1984 to attend the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, RI, from which he graduated in 1985. He received his commission from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1989, where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Management. He also earned his Master of Science Degree in Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1995, and his Juris Doctor Degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 2000. He served as a 2006–2007 Seminar XXI Fellow for the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Center for International Studies.

CDR Diamond's afloat assignments include Commanding Officer, USCGC BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, homeported in Sandy Hook, NJ, and tours as a deck watch officer aboard the High Endurance Cutters SHERMAN and GAL-LATIN, homeported in Alameda, CA and Governor's Island, NY, respectively. During these afloat tours of duty, CDR Diamond conducted operations in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and the Bering and Caribbean Seas. As Commanding Officer of BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, CDR Diamond was On-Scene Commander during the early hours of the 1996 crash of Trans World Airlines Flight 800. His other operational assignment included serving as Deputy Incident Commander (for Operations) for the Coast Guard Atlantic Area Incident

Management Assist Team. During these operational assignments, Commander Diamond participated in the seizure of over \$300 million in illegal drugs, the interdiction of hundreds of illegal migrants in the Caribbean, the execution of numerous heavy weather search and rescue cases, and the boarding of numerous foreign fishing vessels in Alaska.

His previous assignments ashore include Coast Guard Liaison Officer to the U.S. State Department (where he served on the U.S. Delegation to the United Nation's International Maritime Organization, and negotiated key security and environmental protection instruments), Principal Assistant District Legal Officer for the Ninth Coast Guard District, Aide to the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy and instructor in the Academy's Professional Studies Department.

CDR Diamond is admitted to practice law by the Ohio Bar and, in 2002, was the first Coast Guard lawyer selected to support the Department of Defense's military commissions, where he assisted in preparing prosecution cases for some of the most significant terror suspects in U.S. custody. He has also served as an adjunct faculty member at the Defense Institute for International Legal Studies since 2000 and has conducted numerous maritime safety, security, and law enforcement executive seminars to senior foreign government and military officials throughout Asia, Africa, and Europe. CDR Diamond was appointed and served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio (2002–2004). In 2002, CDR Diamond was chosen by the American Bar Association as the "Outstanding Young Military Lawyer". In addition to being formally recognized by the Department of Defense's General Counsel for his work on military commissions, he has also earned several State Department "Superior Honor Awards" for his work on the inter-agency teams that developed the President's National Strategy for Maritime Security (NSMS) and the Secretary of State's International Outreach Strategy for the NSMS, as well as for diplomatic efforts relating to international maritime security. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration also awarded him the "General Counsel's Award" for his work on international environmental protection agreements. His personal military awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

This week, CDR Diamond will leave his post and retire after 24 years of honorable service to the Coast Guard and the Nation. It has been my pleasure to work with CDR Diamond, and on behalf of all who have also been fortunate to work with him, he will certainly be missed. We wish CDR Diamond, his wife Sharon, and his two children, Katelyn and Alexander, the best in all of their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EAST TEXAS AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER (AHEC)

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the East Texas Area Health Edu-

cation Center (AHEC) on its receipt of the National AHEC Organization (NAO)'s 2008 Eugene S. Mayer Program of Excellence Award. The Eugene Mayer Award is one of the NAO's most precious awards since, in order to even be considered for the award, an AHEC program must demonstrate excellence in all areas of operation.

East Texas AHEC is certainly deserving of this prestigious award. Founded in 1991, East Texas AHEC is headquartered at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), which provides it access to some of the top medical talent in the Nation. East Texas AHEC operates nine other community health centers across the Gulf Coast. These centers offer a wide variety of health care services to over 14.9 million low-income Texans in 111 counties. Many low-income Texans would have a much more difficult time obtaining quality health care if it were not for the efforts of East Texas AHEC.

It is not just Texans who have benefited from the East Texas AHEC. By assuming a leadership role in advocacy for AHEC's nationwide, as well as providing an example to AHEC across the country of how they could expand their services to help meet the health care needs of more low-income Americans, East Texas AHEC has benefited the entire American health care system.

Madam Speaker, I have always been impressed with how dedication with shown by the staff of East Texas AHEC to their mission of developing a quality health care workforce and addressing the unmet health needs of the people of Texas. I am therefore pleased once again extend my congratulations to my friends at East Texas AHEC for their well-deserved receipt of the 2008 Eugene S. Mayer award.

CONGRATULATING CONGREGATION ADATH JESHURUN ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park, PA on the celebration of its 150th anniversary. In 1858, three years before the Civil War, this proud congregation was established in the heart of Philadelphia. The congregation occupied many homes before settling down at the current Elkins Park location.

Adath Jeshurun or "The Congregation of the Upright" first conducted services in German and Hebrew. In the years following its establishment, a choir and organ were added to create a more beautiful and spiritually moving experience for participants. Adath Jeshurun's involvement in the founding of the United Synagogue of America in the early 1900's under the guidance of their Spiritual Leader, Rabbi Max D. Klein, continues to be a crowning achievement for the congregation.

Through the guidance of its exemplary leaders and devotion of its committed members, Adath Jeshurun has continued to offer many award-winning educational, spiritual and social opportunities ranging from religious education for members of all ages to youth music programs. The congregation is also dedicated to