

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 Rennsaeler 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 Texas 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

community service within their place of worship, their neighborhood, and their greater community.

Madam Speaker, once again I would like to honor and acknowledge Congregation Adath Jeshurun for its remarkable congregational passage as a Jewish community in America through the past century and a half. I was so pleased to share in the opening event celebrating this "incredible journey." I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating this milestone and wishing "AJ" another 150 years of joy—from strength to strength!

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SUSAN
SEGAL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor my friend Susan Segal by entering her name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I pay tribute to Susan Segal for her service as an educator in the Nevada education system for over twenty five years.

Susan has served the Las Vegas community since she began serving the Clark County School District in 1983 when she aided non-native English speaking students. Her dedication to educating Nevada's youth continued with teaching jobs at both Western High School and Chaparral High School. Susan then transitioned into administrative positions, working as the dean of students at Basic High School in 1994 and later as assistant principal at Desert Pines High School. In 2002, Susan was appointed principal of Basic High School.

Susan has become a commanding figure at Basic High School, where she can often be seen taking a direct interest in students' welfare and seeking advice and opinions from fellow staff members. Since her installment as principal, she has implemented the Upward Bound Program, accompanied the Spanish Club to Mexico and the "We the People" students to Carson City. She initiated regular meetings with the Advisory Council for the Law, Justice, and Public Service Institute. She has also acquired the proper funding to open the Dr. Joel and Carol Bower School-Based Health Center on the Basic High School campus. Susan's devotion to the Clark County School District has expanded her students' high school experiences as well as Nevada's educational system as a whole.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Susan Segal. Her dedication to enriching lives through education has touched countless Nevadans. I applaud her efforts and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

FREEDOM FOR ERICK JESUS
VALDES ALVAREZ

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about

Erick Jesus Valdes Alvarez, a political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

At a time when the totalitarian regime is trying to gain acceptance from the international community by enacting smoke and mirror "reforms", we see that the repressive machine is still working hard to make every Cuban on the island suffer for having a mind of their own. Such a case is Mr. Valdes Alvarez. In November of 2007, Mr. Valdes Alvarez was categorized as a "pre-criminal social danger" for being a member of the Youth Movement for Democracy, a group that calls for the autonomy of the universities so that they become true places of thought and learning separated from the ideology and influence from the propagandist, totalitarian dictatorship.

At that time Mr. Valdes Alvarez was sentenced to 3 years of forced labor, which is the totalitarian regime's idea of "correctional work" for those who associate themselves with groups that express free thinking. Although he escaped imprisonment, the "probation" imposed on him did not last half a year. On April 25 of this year his "probation" was revoked and he was arrested by agents of the tyranny. Mr. Valdes Alvarez, a young man of only 25 years of age, now sits in one of the prisons of Castro's gulag without being charged for any crime.

What exactly did Mr. Valdes Alvarez do to cause his designation as "dangerous" and his cruel incarceration? This is impossible to fully know in the totalitarian circus of present day Cuba, but perhaps the regime was afraid of the courage and patriotism demonstrated by Mr. Valdes Alvarez.

Mr. Valdes Alvarez represents the best of the Cuban people; a people that, through brutalized and oppressed for almost half a century, have never ceased to fight for their dignity and their freedom.

Madam Speaker, it is unconscionable that students like Mr. Valdes Alvarez are locked in dungeons for simply expressing a desire for freedom and an education free of indoctrination. My colleagues, we must demand the immediate and unconditional release of Erick Jesus Valdes Alvarez before his imprisonment turns into a death sentence, and of all the political prisoners in totalitarian Cuba.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUT-
STANDING WORK BY SHEMEKA
GREAVES, A TSO AT CHICAGO
O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIR-
PORT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, Today, I would like to recognize the outstanding work of Ms. Shemeka Greaves, a Transportation Security Officer at the Chicago O'Hare International Airport. On May 7, 2008, Ms. Greaves positively identified an 8-year old girl who had been declared "missing" the previous week and was traveling from Chicago to Atlanta. After seeing the girl's photo in a newspaper article, Ms. Greaves recalled screening the girl along with a female passenger on the morning a few days earlier. A subsequent review of checkpoint surveillance tapes showed the missing girl going through

security with a female companion. Ms. Greaves' awareness and vigilance at security checkpoint was crucial in an effort to confirm the identity of the missing girl and facilitated law enforcement officials to successfully complete their investigation and reunite her with her father.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children confirms that in our country alone, more than 2,700 children are being reported missing every day. In the last few years, Congress has passed several legislative landmarks, including the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, which addresses this issue and has fortified government efforts and mechanisms in place to reunite missing children with their families and loved ones. In addition to these government-wide efforts, law enforcement officials across all agencies remain vigilant, cautious and responsive to special alerts for missing children. Ms. Greaves, our frontline security officer at Chicago Airport, contributed to this effort, and is a great example of the caliber of employees across the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) that contribute, every day, to making our skies more secure.

TSA is responsible for securing 450 U.S. airports and employs approximately 50,000 Transportation Security Officers (TSOs) who have the very important mission of keeping the travelling public safe from terrorist threats. In the course of executing this critical homeland security mission, Transportation Officers carefully screen and inspect people, baggage, cargo and the airport. Ms. Greaves' alert, timely action serves as a great example of how TSOs, our Nation's aviation security "eyes and ears," can partner effectively with law enforcement to address criminal activities.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me today and congratulate Ms. Shemeka Greaves for her outstanding performance as a front-line homeland security officer. She, like many other TSOs in the field, has shown strong character and a commitment to protecting the flying public that goes above and beyond what is expected. As a result, Ms. Greaves helped ensure that a missing little girl child was returned to her home.

TRIBUTE TO JERI MILSTEAD, PhD
ON THE OCCASION OF HER RE-
TIREMENT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the remarkable career of Jeri Milstead, PhD in my district. Dr. Milstead is retiring in June 2008 after decades of illustrious nursing and public service.

Dr. Milstead serves as Dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Toledo. Throughout her tenure, first at the Medical College of Ohio and since following the merger with the University of Toledo, Dean Milstead has led the College of Nursing with an integrity and quality which is rare. Her talent in nursing is matched by her gift as a teacher and mentor, her passion for policy, and her skill as a leader.

Dr. Milstead holds a PhD in political science with majors in health policy and comparative