

in politics—and became much more acquainted with him. Jim became a friend and trusted advisor. His viewpoints on crucial issues were always well thought out and came from a deep love of his country. I could always count on Jim to tell me exactly what he thought.

Jim was a 1936 graduate of Centralia Township High School, was center on the Centralia Orphans basketball team that competed in the State Tournament at Champaign, and later attended the University of Illinois where he lettered in track. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1947 and practiced at the law firm started by his grandfather William Bundy and remained the active senior partner of Wham and Wham until his death.

Jim also served in the Army Air Corps in World War II advancing to the rank of major and was awarded the bronze star.

Jim was large in stature and large in his love of politics, the law, and life. He shared his passion for this country and the Republican Party any chance he could.

Jim even ran for Congress once on the Jim Wham Party banner, after missing the deadline to file as a Republican. The reason for his Congressional run was because of the incumbent's vote against the amendment prohibiting the burning of the flag. Jim had seen firsthand in WWII the price paid for that flag and wanted others to know it as well. He was first and foremost a true patriot.

Jim also served as a judge of the Illinois Court of Claims and was a candidate for Illinois Appellate Court Judge. Jim was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Centralia and was a Sunday School teacher there.

Most recently, well into his 90's, Jim hosted a weekly radio show on WILY in Centralia. I had the privilege of being his guest on this show in studio. He was still well informed, still very articulate, and I could still not win an argument with him. His voice in Centralia will be missed.

Survivors include his wife Phyllis; daughters Sarah Cary and Jennifer Price; his brother William; grandchildren: Andrew Wham Cary, Stephen Wham Cary, Rebecca Ann Cary, Susannah Jane Price, James Daniel Price, Katharine Elizabeth Price and Mary Karen Price; and great grandchildren: Zachary Cary and Samantha Cary.

Jim was laid rest in Centralia. And while I was unable to attend in person, I can certainly take this opportunity to let his name ring throughout this hallowed hall. He deserves no less and would certainly love hearing it.

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REMARKS IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN TRACY D. SMYERS, UNITED STATES NAVY

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**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2011*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Tracy D. (T.D.) Smyers for his 27 years of dedicated and distinguished service to our nation on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Navy.

It is an honor to join the people of Texas' 12th Congressional District in honoring one of our own, Captain Smyers, upon his retirement

as Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base for the past three years.

Locally appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy by Representative Charles Stenholm of Texas' old 17th district, he graduated from the academy in 1984 and attended flight school. He was designated a Naval Flight Officer (NFO) in September of 1985.

Spending the majority of his career in a P-3 Orion aircraft, Captain Smyers succeeded in all leadership roles in multiple squadrons during his career. The most notable position was as the Commanding Officer of the VP-62 Broad Arrows. Captain Smyers led this squadron during Operation Enduring Freedom in three different operational theaters. Additionally, Captain Smyers attended the National Defense University's Industrial College of the Armed Forces earning a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Resourcing.

On April 11, 2008, Captain Smyers reported as the eighth Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, which provides support for units from every service and over 11,000 active duty, guard, reserve, and civilian employees. It has truly been an honor to work with Captain Smyers. He is respected by all for his true professionalism. While Captain Smyers has remained focused on the mission, his dedication to the sailors under his command has been exceptional. He epitomizes the phrase "Mission First, People Always" and I know the thousands of officers, sailors, and civilians he has led hold him in the highest regard.

Captain Smyers has upheld the highest traditions of the United States Navy. We will miss his leadership as Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, but we look forward to the contributions he will make to our community as he and his family transition to civilian life in our area.

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HONORING MR. ARUN SHIMPI

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**HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2011*

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding commitment to public service made by Mr. Arun Shimpi, who retired in June after 43 years of tireless service toward enhancing the social and economic independence of Americans who are blind. When Mr. Shimpi began work at National Industries for the Blind in 1968, he was a new immigrant from India in search of greater opportunity. Fifteen years later, fueled by a desire to participate fully in our democracy, he transitioned from legal resident to U.S. citizen. Not only is his story one that captures the spirit of the American Dream, but he has also worked tirelessly for over 40 years, opening the doors of opportunity to thousands of Americans who are blind or severely disabled, making their own dreams become a reality.

National Industries for the Blind, along with its 90 associated nonprofit agencies operating under the AbilityOne Program, remains the largest single source of employment for Americans who are blind. Under Mr. Shimpi's leadership, the AbilityOne Program has made great progress in breaking down barriers for all persons with disabilities.

Schooled as an industrial engineer, Mr. Shimpi has approached these barriers faced by Americans with disabilities as problems that can be overcome through concrete solutions. He has provided valuable research and analysis, creating better efficiency within the AbilityOne Program, and his depth of knowledge acquired through four decades of service at National Industries for the Blind has been a valuable resource for those looking to close the 70 percent unemployment gap among Americans who are blind.

Please join me in honoring a lifetime commitment to service by Mr. Arun Shimpi.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. MICHAEL R. REDMOND

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**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2011*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is with great respect and honor that I rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Dr. Michael R. Redmond.

Born in Milton, Florida on March 19, 1943, Michael Redmond lived a life deeply rooted in love for his family and community. Dr. Redmond was a devoted public servant, and the contributions he made to Northwest Florida are innumerable.

Upon graduation from Campion Jesuit High School, Dr. Redmond attended St. Louis University, and after only three years of study, he was admitted to St. Louis University Medical School. A true patriot, Dr. Redmond served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971 as a General Medical Officer at Leonard Wood Army Hospital. During the Vietnam War, Dr. Redmond served in the 25th Infantry Division as an Emergency Room/Casualty Physician and earned two Bronze Stars. For 35 years, Dr. Redmond practiced at the West Florida Medical Center in the Department of Ophthalmology and served as the Chief Executive Officer from 2000 until his passing. His expertise while serving on the American Academy of Ophthalmology Board of Trustees and later as President of the AAO in 2003 was invaluable. Dr. Redmond served as a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Children's EyeCare Foundation, the Escambia County Medical Society, the Escambia County United Way Campaign and numerous other committees and organizations.

Respect emanates from his colleagues who say Dr. Redmond will forever be remembered as a caring physician who always put his patients first. In the eyes of the many people whose sight was restored due to his life-long dedication to "helping kids see," he was a true hero. Serving as a testament to the gratitude his colleagues, the medical profession, and the public have for him, Dr. Redmond was awarded the Florida Medical Association's highest award, the Certificate of Merit, for his outstanding service to the FMA. He also earned the American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award from 1975 to 2000.

To some, Michael Redmond will be remembered as a community leader, and to others, as a dedicated doctor and hero. To his family, he will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Michael is

survived by his wife Jane; his children, Anne, Sandra, and Terry; and granddaughter, Sarah.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Dr. Michael Redmond for his service to Northwest Florida and to this great nation. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his entire family. He will be truly missed by all.

A TRIBUTE TO MAX METCALF-PUTNAM

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2011*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Max Metcalf-Putnam for 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 whose standards have been well-maintained over the years.

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. Max's project was to design and construct a series of wooden "trees" for the feline residents of the Fort Dodge Humane Society to facilitate more exercise and recreation while the cats await adoption. In his immediate future, Max will be attending Iowa State University this fall to major in physics and has already been accepted as a First-Year Honor Student.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Max and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues will join me in congratulating him on achieving an Eagle Scout ranking and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEVIL'S LAKE STATE PARK

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2011*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Devil's Lake State Park and the people of Wisconsin's commitment to the maintenance of our most visited state park.

Since 1911, Devil's Lake State Park has provided diverse recreation for countless spirited adventurers. From the dancing waters of the 374-acre lake filled with brown trout and northern pike to historic and sacred Effigy Mounds that are over 1,000 years old to the famed Devil's Doorway and Balanced Rock formations, this picturesque park encompasses nearly 10,000 acres. Those who trek to its highest points are treated to a breathtaking view of the valleys and bluffs that flank the park. For over a century, campers, hikers, bikers, swimmers, anglers, boaters, and many

more have flocked to this pristine destination. It is no wonder why Devil's Lake State Park attracts so many visitors each year; to put it simply—to visit the park is to fall in love with it.

Although Devil's Lake State Park is celebrating its centennial this year, it has been a source of recreation and tourism for far longer. Beginning in the mid-1800s, the Devil's Lake area was surrounded by several hotels and resorts and even hosted Mrs. Mary Todd Lincoln and General Ulysses S. Grant during their visit. These establishments were serviced by a railroad that transported visitors often numbering in the thousands. As times changed and the automobile was introduced, the hotels faded into history and the park became more accessible as a day-trip destination. Finally, in 1911, the state designated the park as the third official Wisconsin State Park.

Of course, Devil's Lake State Park would not be what it is today without the dedication of many over the years. In the days of the Great Depression, it was the hardworking individuals of the Civilian Conservation Corps who built trails, removed invasive species, built a reservoir, acted as fireguards, and built various structures. Today, it is the tireless efforts of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, The Friends of Devil's Lake State Park, and the myriad of other volunteers and supporters who ensure that the park is protected and preserved for centuries to come.

In 1919, official attendance records indicate that there were 100,000 visitors. Today, Devil's Lake State Park entertains approximately 1.8 million visitors per year and continues to serve as a recreational haven. As we look to the future, we see the possible addition of more campsites and land to the west and north and a unique opportunity to add some 4,000 acres from the decommissioned Badger Army Ammunition Plant (BAAP) to the south. Today, I join visitors from South Central Wisconsin, across our great nation, and across the world in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Devil's Lake State Park.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BRIAN LANKER

HON. PETER A. DEFazio

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2011*

Mr. DEFazio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Brian Lanker. Brian died on March 13th, ten days after being diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer.

Brian was a remarkable photographer. He was also a good friend. He began his career at the Topeka Capital-Journal in 1970—a paper nationally renowned for excellence in photojournalism. While at the paper, he shot a series on natural childbirth using the Lamaze method, which was not common at that time. The series culminated in a photo of Lynda (then Coburn) Lanker, Brian's future wife, giving birth to her son, Dustin. This ebullient photograph earned Brian the 1973 Pulitzer Prize.

Shortly after that achievement, Brian moved to Eugene, Oregon, to take a position as the director of graphics for the Register Guard. Under Brian's direction, photos became a significant part of the news story. He raised the

paper's standard for photojournalism to new heights, and he was awarded two Newspaper Photographer of the Year awards for his effort. In a remembrance, Carl Davaz, the paper's then deputy managing editor, told David Dunlap that Brian always thought first about the reader when taking pictures, and used his talents to bring words-and-pictures together.

Brian became a freelance photographer after he left the Register Guard in 1982. He took breathtaking photographs for distinguished publications including LIFE Magazine, Sports Illustrated, and National Geographic. He was sought out for his photographic instincts and ability to capture single moments that told entire stories.

His proudest works, however, came when he collaborated with poet Maya Angelou on two books: "I Dream a World," his portraits of black women of achievement; and "Shall We Dance," a photographic documentary of dance in America. The debut showing for "I Dream a World" set attendance records at Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. It is now in its 14th printing, which made Brian particularly proud because it meant the stories of these distinguished women were being shared.

At the end of Mr. Dunlap's remembrance, he wrote about Carl Davaz' final visit with Brian. Brian simply told Carl, "There's just so much left to do."

Just before Brian died, two of his children, who had separately planned weddings for later in the year, chose to get married at Brian's bedside so he could share in their celebration. He died soon thereafter. Brian is survived by Lynda Lanker, a recognized artist in her own right, and their children Julie Coburn, Jacki Coburn, and Dustin Lanker.

For my part, I agree with you, Brian—there was just so much left for you to do. You are deeply missed.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2011*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, for the past 15 years, the Leadership Training Institute of America, LTIA, has helped teach young people about free markets, limited government, and traditional values. LTIA has trained hundreds of young people through their national conference in leadership excellence, critical thinking skills, worldview apologetics, network development and community involvement in a unique format that integrates a Biblical perspective.

The Leadership Training Institute of America's National Conference, held each summer in Washington, is available to a select number of students who have demonstrated a passion for leadership. I am pleased that 10 students from my congressional district have been selected to participate in these conferences. LTIA alumni take active roles in local government and civic groups in their communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to commend the Leadership Training Institute of America for producing conservative leadership that is actively involved in local, state and federal arenas, and for casting this vision to future generations. It has been said that "Today's