

with individual volunteers and public and corporate sponsors, have pulled together, donating thousands of hours of their time and hundreds of thousands of dollars to make this memorial a reality. The fruit of their labor is this memorial that recognizes the services of all our Nation's veterans—from the American Revolution to the Global War on Terrorism and from all of the Armed Services.

On May 29th, 2005, the citizens of Jackson County dedicate the Veterans Park Memorial and laud the volunteers of the Veterans Park Memorial Committee who have, through their untiring efforts and devotion to their cause, brought their 19-year dream to reality.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be part of this celebration and I will continue to do all I can in Congress to express my gratitude to the brave patriots who've preserved the freedoms we all enjoy.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF DR. WILLIAM C. McCORKLE, JR. TO OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the outstanding work of Dr. Bill McCorkle, who serves as the Director of the Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center (AMRDEC) at Red Stone Arsenal, Alabama. As Director, Dr. McCorkle is responsible for providing major research and development I support to more than 25 Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) project systems, and over 200 Defense agencies.

Dr. McCorkle came to Redstone Arsenal in 1957 from Tulane University and has since served in a number of scientific and engineering positions, including an 18-month rotational assignment in the Department of Army Staff as Science Advisor to the Director of Weapon Systems. In November 1980, Dr. McCorkle was selected for the dual role of Technical Director of the Missile Command and Director of the U.S. Army Missile Laboratory. Additionally, Dr. McCorkle was named the first Director of AMRDEC in 1999.

Dr. McCorkle has been involved with missile-related research and development on virtually every Army missile and rocket system. His contributions include numerous papers and patents for guidance and control systems, such as the HAWK missile system and include the most recent improvement permitting multiple simultaneous engagements. Dr. McCorkle has received national recognition for initiating and guiding AMRDEC's highly successful work in fiber optic guidance links for missiles, providing a revolutionary countermeasure-resistant capability for finding and engaging both rotary wing and armored targets out of the gunner's line of sight. Dr. McCorkle has long championed the use of simulation techniques for missile design and analysis, which led to AMRDEC's Advanced Simulation Center, a major national facility and key to a number of successful missile development and improvement programs.

I join with Dr. McCorkle's family, friends, and the state of Alabama in saluting Dr. McCorkle for his nearly 5 decades of service, and congratulate him on his outstanding career on behalf of our national defense.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAURICE HORWITZ

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Maurice Horwitz. Born and raised in Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District, Maurice was a man of honor who brought both wisdom and leadership to the city of Butler. A 1930 graduate of the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, Maurice went on to become the president of his family's business, Keystone Pipe and Supply, where he displayed an unwavering commitment to innovation and industry. Under his direction, the company flourished, becoming one of the largest international distributors of specialty tubular products.

In addition to his strong business ethics, Maurice was known for his generosity in his private life. He had earned a reputation of having a commitment of giving both time and resources to improve the quality of life for his family and his neighbors. He was the embodiment of a renaissance man: a constant learner, a collector, accomplished tennis player, scholar of art history, and a man of culture who sought to bring the joys of the fine arts to the Butler community. He was also known for his devotion to many charitable causes. Maurice served as a director for the Butler County Memorial Hospital, worked with the United Way, and the Butler YMCA. In addition, he served as president and chairman of the board of Irene State Community Mental Health Center, and was chairman of the Tri-State District of the United Jewish Appeal.

The life of Maurice Horwitz serves as a role model for us all to follow. He embodied the word service in its finest sense through his kindness, hard work and generosity and will greatly be missed by all.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in commemorating the life of Maurice Horwitz.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF GENE A. LUNDQUIST

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent and friend, Mr. Gene A. Lundquist, of Bakersfield, California, upon his recent retirement from Calcot, Ltd., where he had an accomplished 36-year career. Although I will miss working with Gene on issues of importance to Kern County and California, I wish Gene and his family well as he enters this next stage of his life.

Gene was born in Bakersfield, California, graduated from Arvin High School, and earned his Bachelor of Science from Colorado State University. He then served two years in the Army, where he was awarded the Decorated Army Commendation Medal.

Gene joined Calcot in 1969, and spent the next 36 years working hard to further the interests of cotton growers in California and Arizona, who grew to admire him for his dependability and effectiveness. During his career, he directed the grower relations program, was active in Management Committee and Board of Directors activities, and most recently served as the Vice President of the Legislative and Public Affairs Department. Through his strong relationships with growers, manufacturers, and legislators he was able to expand markets for raw cotton to textile producers.

During his distinguished career, Gene used his talent and time to serve Kern County and local farmers on a broad range of agricultural and water issues through his active involvement with various agencies, committees, and boards. In fact, Gene became an integral component of the local agriculture and water communities and is known simply as someone who can get the job done.

Gene's involvement in these organizations was broad but deep. For instance, Gene served as Chairman of the Water Association of Kern County, Chairman of the Board of the Agricultural Council of California, Director of the California Farm Water Coalition, President of the Kern County Water Agency (he remains on its Board of Directors), Member of the Cotton Board, and as Delegate to the National Cotton Council of America. He also was appointed to the California Governor's Agricultural Summit, and participated in the California Agricultural Leadership Program, where he traveled to Africa to learn more about the governments and economies of Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa.

As he enters retirement, Gene leaves behind a legacy of dedicated service, expertise, and accomplishment. Accordingly, I thank Gene for all of his contributions and wish him well.

TRIBUTE TO JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, for 12 years, I had the honor of serving as Johnson County District Attorney. I was proud of the accomplishments of our office during my tenure, including establishing the first Victim Assistance Unit, and beginning programs to protect the victims of family violence—spouse abuse and child abuse.

When I left office to enter private practice, one of my Assistant District Attorneys, Paul Morrison, was elected and was sworn in as Johnson County District Attorney in 1989. This year Paul is celebrating 25 years of working in the Johnson County District Attorney's office, the last 16 as District Attorney.

As my Assistant D.A., Paul headed up our county's narcotics prosecution efforts, and