

IN HONOR OF JAMES DOUGLAS  
BURGER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 1999*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. James Douglas Burger, of Fairview Park, Ohio, who graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy on June 25th, 1999.

Mr. Burger was selected to be among the special few to attend the prestigious Academy to become a member of its 197th graduating class. The Academy's facilities and faculty are acknowledged as world leaders in law enforcement training. Its rigorous eleven week course provides one of the premier training programs and prepares its graduates for bright futures in law enforcement.

The graduates of the FBI National Academy set the standard for integrity, commitment, and expertise throughout the law enforcement community. I am proud to have a member of my district join these elite few in protecting the borders of civilized society.

My fellow colleagues, join me in recognizing Mr. Burger's achievement and we wish him much success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 1999*

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, on July 14, 1999, I missed rollcall votes 284 to 296. On July 15, 1999, I missed rollcall vote No. 300. My absence was due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall votes 287, 289, 292 and "aye" on votes 284, 285, 286, 288, 290, 291, 293, 294, 295, 296, and 300.

TRIBUTE TO WILMER "WILL"  
BOTTERBUSH

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 1999*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to remember Wilmer "Will" Botterbush of Godfrey, Illinois who passed away unexpectedly on July 14th.

Wil was among the most committed and dedicated public servants that I have known. He was active in local government, the small business community, the Boy Scouts and most importantly he was a dedicated father and friend.

His son Ray Botterbush said, "the village of Godfrey and its citizens were always foremost in his mind."

While it's hard to disagree with that statement, it was clear to me and anyone who met him that first and foremost in Wil's mind was his family, especially his three sons, Ray, Kevin and Tim.

The Godfrey community has lost one of its most renowned public servants and I have lost

a good friend. Yet while we mourn his loss, we should remember that Wil Botterbush's legacy lives on in three equally dedicated and talented young men. Wil Botterbush's contributions to his community will continue for generations to come through the lives of his sons and grandsons.

LEON EASTMOND

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 1999*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an important New York small businessman, Leon Eastmond who is the owner of an honorable seventy year old New York City based corporation specializing in manufacturing boilers, steel storage tanks, fuel tank maintenance. His company EASCO Boiler Corporation performs excavations of underground fuel oil tanks and his employees are trained in procedures for handling hazardous materials including contaminated soil, working in confined spaces and cleaning up oil spills.

EASCO currently covers the five boroughs of New York City and both Nassau and Suffolk counties maintaining a fully stocked warehouse facility to serve their customers with state of the art combustion equipment with parts and service available twenty four hours a day, three hundred sixty five days a year.

Leon Eastmond is an amazing businessman, but he doesn't limit his help to his company or his employees, but instead, seizes every opportunity to make young people aware that self employment is an exciting option. He has joined the Fernando Mateo Institute and has given talks at Evander Childs and George Washington High Schools. He has been a guest lecturer at the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University and has met with their Minority Student Club on several occasions.

Leo realizes that it is important for young people of all races and socio economic levels to meet success oriented black and other minority adults. Mr. Eastmond believes if we start young enough, people will learn to share information and network across all color lines. He truly serves as an inspiration. This is a person who was born and raised in a system that did not deal him a full deck of cards, but he has made the most of it. Moreover, in an effort to help young people turn their lives around, Leon has talked with young adult inmates at Rikers Island and given them hope that there are business people willing to offer them a job and a "Second Change." He now has one former inmate working as a welder's helper.

Mr. Speaker, Leon Eastmond sponsors six Little League Softball teams; the Black Leadership Commission on AIDS and contributes to the United Negro College Fund, the New York Urban League, the Special Olympics, Promesa, the United Jewish Appeal and the Alvin Alley Dance Company. He has a PhD. In life and I commend Mr. Eastmond's achievements to my colleagues' attention.

CONGRATULATING THE BIA ON  
THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Building Industry Association (BIA) on their 10th anniversary of business. Over the past decade, the BIA has had a positive impact on the home building industry.

The Building Industry Association of Tulare and Kings Counties was chartered by the National Association of Home Builders on May 21, 1989. With the efforts of a few visionary builders who wanted to provide a united voice through advocacy for home building and related construction entities the BIA was formed. The Association which received its state and federal non-profit status in June of 1989 is governed by elected officers and a Board of Directors while the day to day operations and administration are coordinated by a professional staff.

BIA's membership of builders, developers, subcontractors, and associated businesses is dedicated to protecting and promoting the home building industry and to keeping home ownership possible and affordable in Tulare and Kings Counties.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Building Industry Association for its outstanding leadership and service to its members, communities, and home buyers in the Tulare and Kings Counties for 10 years. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the BIA many more years of continued success.

OPENING OF SARATOGA NATIONAL  
CEMETERY

**HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 1999*

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, on Friday we opened the new Saratoga National Cemetery, and I was in the company of 2,000 distinguished veterans and a very special former colleague in this House. Two of my former colleagues, as a matter of fact, spent a lot of time on that project. One of them, Sam Stratton, was a Member of this body for 30 years. He has since passed away.

But another, thank God, was there for the event. That was Congressman Jerry Solomon, who served in this House for 20 years and rose to be Chair of the Committee on Rules. It was a great honor to be in the presence of all those veterans and to be able to look Congressman Solomon in the eye and say: "Thank you for your dedication through the years, and for the opportunity to be your partner in these efforts for the past 10 years."

And now, to be able to realize that heroes like Pete Dalessandro, who was a Congressional Medal of Honor winner from my district, will be one of the first veterans who finds the Saratoga National Cemetery as his final resting place. It was just another opportunity to be with great Americans, and to thank God for my life and veterans for my way of life.