

THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AND
THE STEP ONE CONFERENCE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, January 6, 2001

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, today I speak not only as a member of the House of Representatives, but as a proud member of a very important organization that is making a difference in my district. The Science and Technology Education Partnership (STEP) was recently established to inspire students to pursue careers in science, math, engineering and technology throughout the Riverside community, the state of California and the nation.

On November 3, 2000, STEP sponsored "STEP One: The Congressional Conference on Science and Technology Education." This wonderful conference allowed local students, teachers, community and civic leaders, scientists and high-tech entrepreneurs an opportunity to meet and discover the importance of math and science education.

It was inspiring to see the faces of nearly 1,000 students light up with excitement during the conference's student program which included NASA Astronaut Vance Brand, chemical experiments and a 'life in space' space science presentation.

I was honored to present National Teachers Hall of Fame inductee, Jaime Escalante, with the inaugural STEP Award. The panel discussion focusing on the gap between math and science education and the needs of the high-tech sector was an enlightening finale to the conference.

On behalf of everyone involved in the STEP Conference, I would like to give a special thanks to those who sponsored the event including: Complas, The Business-Press, Bourns, DynCorp, Naval Warfare Assessment Station, General Atomics, California Space and Technology Alliance, The Gas Company and Vertigo.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I would like to give praise to those who volunteered their time and energy to get the STEP foundation up and running. My fellow board members of the STEP foundation have all greatly contributed to this effort, they include: Steve Berry, Dave Bernal, Linda Burk, Dr. Damon Castillo, Troy Clarke, Dr. James Erickson, Dr. Susan Hackwood, Dr. Joseph Norbeck and Brian Wagner.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2001 CON-
GRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAAT
EXCHANGE

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

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Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat has conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and interact on issues of mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the United States Congress will be selected to visit Germany

during April 1 to April 15 of this year. During the two week exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag Members, Bundestag party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies. Participants also will be hosted by a Bundestag Member for a district visit.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States for two weeks in July. They will attend similar meetings here in Washington and visit the districts of Congressional Members.

The Congress-Bundestag Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern in Germany and the United States such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, immigration, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues.

In addition, U.S. participants are expected to help plan and implement the program for the Bundestag staff members when they visit the United States. Participants are expected to assist in planning topical meetings in Washington, and are encouraged to host one or two Bundestag staffers in their Member's district in July, or to arrange for such a visit to another Member's district.

Participants are selected by a committee composed of personnel from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State and past participants of the exchange.

Senators and Representatives who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated. Applications may be sent to Connie Veillette in Congressman REGULA's office, 2306 Rayburn House Building by noon on Thursday, February 15.

IN TRIBUTE TO DAVID E. NESBITT

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

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Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to David E. Nesbitt, a personal friend who has retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation after 31 years of dedicated service, the last 2½ of which he served as supervisor of the Ventura Resident Agency, in my district.

Supervisory Special Agent Nesbitt became a special agent in 1969 and was assigned to San Antonio and Austin, Texas. At the end of 1970, he was transferred to the Los Angeles Field Office, where he handled a variety of white collar crime investigations for much of the next 10 years.

In 1980, he was assigned to the San Fernando Valley Resident Agency, where he specialized in major financial institution fraud investigations. He then returned to the Los Angeles Field Office in 1985 to join the Financial Institution Fraud Squad.

David's success in bringing white collar criminals to justice was rewarded in 1990, when he was promoted to supervise a new squad designed to handle investigations into failed financial institutions. During the next eight years, David coordinated investigations into more than 130 financial institutions that failed within the Central District of California.

In June of 1998, he arrived in Ventura County. As supervisor of the Ventura Resident Agency, David initiated a new Ventura County Crime Task Force composed of nine federal, state and local agencies. He coordinated the FBI portion of the investigation into the January 31, 2000, tragic crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 off the Ventura County coast.

David is a longstanding member of the Southern California Fraud Investigators Association and a contributor to the Western League of Savings Annual Training Seminar. He initiated the annual FBI Fraud Seminar to benefit the financial community and, last year, was recognized as the Construction Battalion Center Summerfest 2000 Honoree for Community Service.

There is one aspect of David's life to which he has devoted more years than to the FBI—his marriage to Larane. David and Larane married in September of 1967. They are the proud parents of four adult children: twins Amy and David; Lara; and Shannon.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in thanking David for more than three decades of service dedicated to protecting our neighbors, and in wishing him and his family many joyous years ahead.

SALUTE TO FIREFIGHTER STEVE
HALL

HON. JOE BACA

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Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to salute Steve Hall, the Montclair Fire Department Firefighter of the Year.

Our brave firefighters do a hero's work, exposing themselves to danger, in acts of selfless heroism.

Steve was nominated by his peers for his exemplary work, both within and outside the Department. Steve has been employed by the Montclair Fire Department for 22 years, presently holding the rank of Firefighter, and a certification to act as a Fire Engineer.

Steve has been involved in a number of volunteer efforts. This past summer, Steve served on a mission to Thailand, to aid the victims of land mines and military conflict. When Steve was in the Army, over 22 years ago, he worked in an orthopedic shop making prosthetic limbs. Steve contacted a former

army colleague, Richard Fite, who owns the Brace Place. Richard aided Steve in learning and teaching proven techniques to provide amputees in Third World Countries with new prosthetic limbs. Steve raised the funds to go to Thailand on his own and donated his time, including taking his personal time off to go and help the unfortunate in Thailand.

Steve has also served on the Executive Board of the Montclair Firefighters' Association. He is quick to volunteer his time for Association matters, from staffing the cooking trailer to working for members to allow them to attend a class sponsored by the International Association of Fire Fighters or the California Professional Firefighters. Steve is always there, and can always be counted on.

Happily married for twenty years to his lovely wife, Theresa, together they are blessed with two fine children, Andrew Joseph and Kathryn Rose. We in the Congress salute him for his selfless efforts and achievements.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
HOMER A. BOUSHEY, USAF (RETIRED)

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to celebrate the life of a distinguished American and a beloved Californian, Brigadier General Homer A. Boushey, USAF (Retired).

Brigadier General Boushey died on December 22, 2000, at the age of 91. He was a native of San Francisco and a graduate of Stanford University. He enlisted as a flying cadet at Randolph Field, Texas, where he became interested in Robert H. Goddard's studies of extreme altitude flying. He flew a postal route between Cleveland and Newark in an open cockpit bi-plane, and then returned to San Francisco where he flew bi-planes from Crissy Field. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his heroism in bringing in a Douglas O-46 with damage to both ailerons and the main wing spar. With the outbreak of World War II, Boushey was assigned to a P-40 Pursuit Group, but was soon transferred to Research and Development to work on the development of jet engines and was instrumental in the development of the revolutionary Lockheed P-80.

His life history is a litany of "firsts" and of honors bestowed. He commanded the first U.S. jet fighter group, and held briefly the "over-water" air speed record. He was listed in the Aerospace Museum's 1959 Laureates Hall of Fame for his efforts on behalf of a military space program and he was invited to the President's Astronauts' Dinner after the successful moon landing.

Brigadier General Boushey, an ardent advocate of a strong national defense, was an early opponent to U.S. involvement in Vietnam, the arms race and nuclear proliferation. He sponsored California's Nuclear Freeze Initiative in 1982 and in June 2000, he was a signatory to the Global Security Institute's Joint Nuclear Reduction/Disarmament Statement.

After his retirement, in addition to pursuing his hobbies of tennis and inventing, he supported his wife in her career as a Councilwoman and Mayor of Portola Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great and good man whom I was proud to represent and to call my friend. I ask my colleagues to also join me in extending my deepest sympathy to Homer's beloved wife, Eleanor, and his children Annette, Helen, Boyd and Homer, Jr. We are indeed a better nation and a better people because of him.

HONORING BARBARA ANN RIEDER,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

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Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the achievements of Barbara Ann Rieder, Deputy Director of Operations for the Public Health Department of Santa Clara County. Ms. Rieder is retiring after over 35 years of dedicated service to the people of Santa Clara County.

Barbara Rieder began serving in the Department of Public Health in 1963 as a staff Public Health Nurse after graduating from the University of California at San Francisco. She was consistently commended for her dedication and the quality of her nursing care, and was promoted to Supervising Public Health Nurse and then Director of Public Health Nursing. Inspiring others with her tireless work for the health of the community, in 1980 Ms. Rieder became the Deputy Director of Operations for the Public Health Department she had joined 34 years earlier.

Working through the Public Health Department, Barbara Rieder addressed public health crises such as AIDS and the effects of substance abuse on infants. Her work on behalf of children led to commendations from such diverse groups as the California Nurses Association, San Jose State University and the Women of Achievement Organization. Ms. Rieder's example has led many nurses to take a stronger role in legislative advocacy and public health. In her many articles and presentations, Ms. Rieder brought her compassion for the community to the often arcane matters of health policy.

Barbara Rieder expanded her service to the entire state during her tenure as the cofounder and president of the California Association of Public Health Nursing Directors, and as the president of the California Conference of Local Health Department Nursing Directors.

Barbara Rieder has been a role model and a leader in her community and in the county. After 35 years of service, her passionate concern for the health of the community is undiminished; her leadership and visionary approach have left their mark on both the Public Health Department and all of Santa Clara County.

I wish to thank Barbara Rieder for her compassionate and dedicated service to the County and wish her the best in her future endeavors. Furthermore, she has my personal thanks for our years of friendship. Her integrity, vision and strength will be sorely missed, but our lives are the richer for having had the chance to know her.

COMMENDING LT. GENERAL WILLIAM F. PITTS, AND REAR ADMIRAL ALLEN E. HILL

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Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, today I speak with great pride to commend and praise two magnificent Americans—men who unselfishly made a career of serving their country, in times of peace and war, one in the United States Air Force and the other in the United States Navy. On November 20, 2000 I had the honor of emceeing an event where the names of these native sons—both born in my Congressional district of Riverside, California—were inscribed on the Mission Inn Fliers' Wall. The men of whom I speak so highly and hold in such esteem are Lieutenant General William F. Pitts, U.S. Air Force, and Rear Admiral Allen E. Hill, U.S. Navy.

On March 26, 1934, the first wing ceremony of the Mission Inn Fliers' Wall took place and established a tradition that recognizes great aviators and contributors of aviation. For the ceremony a pair of copper wings, bearing the name of the date that the flier visited the Mission Inn, is attached to the wall of the St. Francis Chapel—The International Shrine of Aviators. A 20th century phenomenon, man's taking to the sky can be recognized by any visitor to the Fliers' Wall today, we have all seen incredible events in air or space in our individual lifetimes. I was proud to witness Lt. General William F. Pitts and Rear Admiral Allen E. Hill place their wings among the 141 presently on the wall—the wings of pioneers and heros—taking their place of honor among the great birdmen of history.

Lt. General William Pitts gave over 36 years to his country in the United States Air Force commanding a broad array of units from a bombardment squadron to the sixth Allied Tactical Air Force in NATO at Izmir, Turkey. In World War II he flew B-29 aircraft striking at the Japanese Empire from Pacific bases on 25 missions. He completed his service at March Air Force Base (now March Air Reserve Base) in 1975 as the Commanding General of the Fifteenth Air Force, Strategic Air Command. The Fifteenth Air Force was responsible for the Strategic Air Command operations in the Western United States and Alaska with a mixed force of reconnaissance, bomber aircraft and missiles that supported the national strategic deterrence mission.

Lt. General William Pitts has received numerous decorations and awards during his service that include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Purple Heart and others.

Rear Admiral Allen E. Hill made a career in the United States Navy serving as a carrier aviator, where he participated in five combat cruises and flew over 400 combat missions. In fact, he was twice deployed to Korea flying F-9/F-2 Panthers and, during his first combat cruise, he and three other pilots participated in the first all jet and highest aerial engagement in the history of air warfare. He retired only after accomplishing his objective of institutionalizing the tactical training of Naval officers