

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT WADE
BYARS

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life of Robert Wade Byars, a beloved community member.

Robert was born and spent his early childhood in the small town of Byars, Oklahoma, which was founded by his great grandfather. His family moved from Byars to Ardmore, Oklahoma when he was a young teenager in search of business opportunities. In 1941, faced with the tragedy of Pearl Harbor, he selflessly enlisted in the U.S. Army and was shipped out the next day. He was stationed at various locations in the South Pacific, including Guadalcanal and the Philippines. Throughout his service he found himself in the midst of combat and still continued to fight for his county. In addition, he served as a member of a special U.S. Army unit that worked with the Marines. He received several decorations in honor of his service to his country.

After serving four years in the Army, Robert returned to Ardmore in 1945. He married his long-time sweetheart, and they remained married for over 50 years.

In 1948, Robert and his new bride moved from Oklahoma to San Bernardino, California to look after and support his mother-in-law. He was to later serve several years as a Commissioner on the San Bernardino County Commission on Senior Affairs. He also served his San Bernardino community as a part-time Congressional Aide for Congressman George Brown from 1992–96, specializing in senior issues.

Robert passed away on Sunday, July 28, 2002. His family, innumerable friends, and the entire community will miss him greatly.

And so Mr. Speaker, I submit this memorial to be included in the archives of the history of this great nation for individuals like Robert are unique in their generous contributions to this country.

TRIBUTE TO NOYES LABORATORY
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to take this time to recognize Noyes Laboratory at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The building was named in honor of Professor William Albert Noyes, head of the Department of Chemistry from 1907–1926. 2002 marks the Centennial occupancy of Noyes Laboratory as the home of the School of Chemical Sciences, and I am proud to represent what has become a celebrated institution for the University, and for the 15th district of Illinois.

Upon its completion in 1902, it was the largest and best-equipped laboratory in the world. It represented a groundbreaking design that has provided diverse research and teaching environments for hundreds of faculty and

many thousands of students in all areas of chemical sciences. Although predominantly home to the Department of Chemistry, Noyes Laboratory has also housed the Departments of Biochemistry, Chemical Engineering, Bacteriology, and Illinois State Water Survey. Hence Noyes Laboratory became one of America's first and most productive institutes for interdisciplinary research. Ten Nobel Prize winners have worked or studied at Noyes Laboratory. St. Elmo Brady, Ph.D. 1916, was the first African-American Ph.D. chemist in the United States and did his thesis work in Noyes Lab. To follow that, twelve thousand bachelors, masters, and Ph.D. degrees have been earned by students working in this prestigious building.

Among the unprecedented discoveries made in Noyes Lab during the past century are the following: development of NMR spectroscopy as a tool for chemists (Herbert Gutowsky), the elucidation of a theory of electron transfer (Rudy Marcus), the development of Fourier-transform microwave spectrometry (Willis Flygare), the founding of coordination chemistry in the United States (John C. Bailar, Jr.), the field of chemical information (Marion Sparks), and synthesis of chloroquine and related antimaterials (Nelson Leonard, C.C. Price, and H.R. Snyder), key aspects of the development of synthetic rubber (Carl S. Marvel), amino acid threonine (William C. Rose), the chemical synthesis of threonine (Herbert F. Carter), the identification of the active ingredients in marijuana (Roger Adams), seminal studies on air pollution (h. Fraser Johnstone), the synthetic sweetener sodium cyclamate (Ludwig Audrieth and Michael Sveda), lipoic acid (Irwin C. Gunsulas), the aerosol can (G. Frederick Smith), high-intensity X-ray tubes (George L. Clarke), and modern instrumental analytical chemistry (Howard V. Malmstadt).

After World War I, Organic Chemical Manufacturers set up in Noyes Lab and established Eastman Organic Chemicals which led to an important book series: "Organic Synthesis," "Organic Reactions," "Inorganic Synthesis," and "Chemical Reviews."

Research and teaching by those who worked in Noyes Laboratory has contributed in a fundamental way to our understanding of chemistry, chemical engineering, and biochemistry. It is my hope that my colleagues of the United States Congress will join me in honoring Noyes Laboratory of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the contribution of success in research and discovery to our nation for the past century.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LEWIS GOLUB

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished constituent of the 22d District of New York; Mr. Lewis Golub. Mr. Golub's life long contributions to his business, employees, and community are outstanding. As a result of his commitment to those around him, Mr. Golub has established a successful business and accomplished a lifetime of achievements.

Over the past fifty years, Lewis Golub has worked tirelessly to develop and promote

Golub Corporation/Price Chopper Supermarkets, one of the largest and most respected supermarket chains in Upstate New York. Mr. Golub has received the United Way's CEO of the Year Award and the John J. O'Connor Excellence in Leadership Award, as well as the American Marketing Association's Marketer of the Year Award, the New York Capital District Business Review's Executive of the Year Award, and the Capital Region Business Hall of Fame Award. Through the Golub Family's sincere dedication to and pride in the Golub Corporation/Price Chopper Supermarkets, the business remains a stalwart pillar in the community that surrounds it.

Mr. Golub commits himself far beyond the boundaries of his career, Mr. Speaker. His selfless community service embodies the definition of a true American. He currently acts as the Regional Vice Chair of the NYS Business Council, and sits on the Board of Directors of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, the Board of Directors of Empire State College, and the Board of Directors of the Food Marketing Institute, to name a few. In addition, Mr. Golub has received the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Center for Disabled People, the Distinguished Citizen Award from the New York Chiefs of Police, the Arthritis Foundation's Accolade for Community Service, and the Community Service Award from the Interfaith Community of Schenectady, New York.

Mr. Lewis Golub's tenacious and giving spirit it has emanated throughout his family, business, and community. Furthermore, the level of service Mr. Golub has devoted to those around him truly measures the great extent of his character. Mr. Speaker, please join me as I recognize the significant life accomplishments of Mr. Lewis Golub and wish him success in the future.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF GRANDPARENTS TO OUR
FAMILIES

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the many contributions grandparents make to families in New Mexico and throughout this country. Grandparents are the ties to our heritage, culture and traditions. Grandparents keep the family history alive by sharing stories of how life "used to be" and how so much of life is the same. They can teach values and expectations through their own experiences. Grandparents have seen this nation at peace and war, and witnessed tremendous advances from the industrial age to the space age. They were there during outstanding performances in sports, the arts, and advancements in virtually every endeavor that mankind has pursued.

I can recall vivid memories of time I spent with my grandparents. Like so many grandparents, they were great teachers. Whether it is teaching the secret family recipes or the value of a good, honest days work they share their wisdom with children they love.

National Grandparents Day was first celebrated in 1978, the first Sunday after Labor Day. There will be many celebrations on Sunday, September 8, 2002 as families and

friends gather to show their respect and gratitude to grandparents. Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring grandparents in New Mexico and throughout the United States for their contributions to our families and our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. DAVID
BOLGER

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an outstanding leader in our community and northern New Jersey—David Bolger, who celebrated his 70th birthday on August 12, 2002. On July 31, David's many friends in the Ridgewood community held a surprise birthday party for David, honoring him for 70 years of accomplishment and contribution to our community.

I would like not only to congratulate David Bolger on the occasion of his birthday but also to applaud him for his valuable leadership in civic and philanthropic activities.

A resident of Ridgewood since 1966, David is an outstanding example of the type of person who makes Bergen County, our state and our Nation such a wonderful place. He exemplifies the American values that have made our country great. A loyal supporter of many local organizations, he has provided generous donations to Valley Hospital, West Bergen Mental Healthcare, Midland Park Ambulance Corps, and The Woman's Club of Ridgewood. David has also donated his time and expertise to community organizations, serving as a Trustee of the Henry H. Kessler Foundation, a Trustee of the West Side Presbyterian Church, a Trustee Emeritus of the Children's Aid Society of New Jersey, and an Honorary Member of the Midland Park Ambulance Corps. His community spirit is an example for us all.

David's leadership has also been acknowledged outside the Ridgewood community, as he has been recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International and Honorary Mayor of Fayette, Iowa, as well as Midland Park, New Jersey. Both at home and across the world, David Bolger has looked for ways to "make an impact on people's lives," creating scholarships for needy students, providing medical support for a clinic in the British West Indies, and even donating a school bus to an orphanage in Haiti.

After working his way through college in the Pittsburgh steel mills, David went on to become the founder and president of Bolger & Co., Inc., a company that has been actively involved in real estate ventures for more than 30 years. His corporate accomplishments are impressive: Director of American Progressive Life & Health Insurance Company of New York, Director of Deotexis, Inc., and Chairman and CEO of Farmers & Merchants State Bank Holding Co., Inc. Yet even with all of his other commitments, David still finds time to help those around him and remains committed to a life of philanthropy.

David's concern for his fellow man is extraordinary. It is an honor to recognize David Bolger today for his remarkable leadership and generosity. The Ridgewood community is truly fortunate that he is dedicated to the qualities that have made this nation great. I am fortunate to call David a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to Join me in con-

gratulating David Bolger on his 70th birthday and commending him for his tremendous dedication to helping others.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
CONGREGATION TREE OF LIFE

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Congregation Tree of Life, located in the 4th Congressional District of New York.

This synagogue has been a major component of the Jewish community of Valley Stream for half a century. Since first opening its doors in 1952, the congregation has grown both in number and in spirit.

Today, 120 families belong to the synagogue. They gather in large crowds to participate in a variety of weekly, monthly and yearly activities. Although the shul has a high attendance rate for regular Shabbat services, it also hosts monthly Oneg Shabbats and family dinners three times a year. A crowd also gathers Sunday mornings for Minyan, and 8 times a year, the synagogue hosts special speaker breakfasts to discuss matters of interest to the community.

Congregation Tree of Life has different holiday celebrations throughout the year. On Hanukkah, there is a candle-lighting ceremony and festive dinner complete with latkes and jelly doughnuts. A Hanukkah fair is held before the holiday starts so the congregants and other members of the community can shop for the holiday. On Purim, members gather to hear the Megillah reading.

The synagogue is dedicated to continuing education. In the Fall, adult members meet with the Rabbi to discuss different issues and how they relate to Judaism. Twice a year, bus trips are held to visit Jewish sites of interests in different cities. Past visits have included the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC and Philadelphia.

The members are committed to helping others, both in the community and abroad. Besides participating in UJA and Israel Bond appeals during the High Holidays, the synagogue has a committee that visits the sick in local hospitals.

The contribution this synagogue and their members have made to our community is obvious. I congratulate everyone at Congregation Tree of Life on the anniversary of such a wonderful gathering place for our Jewish community.

IN HONOR OF AMBROSIO SOLANO

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of my constituents, Ambrosio Solano, who served bravely and honorably in the U.S. Army during World War II. Mr. Solano was drafted when he was 18 years old and participated in the D-day invasion at Normandy. After suffering shrapnel wounds, Mr. Solano returned to the United States following almost 2 years of dutiful service.

Yet, Mr. Solano never received official recognition of the pain and suffering he gave for

his country. Mr. Solano never received any of the medals owed him by the federal government. Now, 56 years later, on August 28, 2002, Mr. Solano finally received his 14 medals, including two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, and an Oak Leaf Cluster.

I am honored to count Mr. Solano as one of my constituents and I would like to include for the record the following editorial praising Mr. Solano. It appeared in the Denver Post on August 30, 2002.

"We're gratified that Ambrosio Solano finally received the 14 medals he earned fighting for his country during World War II—although we're dismayed that the Army veteran of the Normandy invasion had to wait 56 years for recognition.

Even his family knew little about Solano's combat experiences because he seldom talked about the war with his wife or children. After keeping his own counsel for nearly half a century, Solano began to open up to his son, former U.S. Attorney Henry Solano, as they motored cross country from Boston to Denver in 1994.

Solano, 76, is a native of Chapel, N.M., who grew up in New Mexico and Colorado. He was drafted into the Army in 1943 and went ashore at Normandy on June 6, 1944, among the first waves of invading American troops who spearheaded the liberation of Europe.

Initially, Solano served in the 29th Infantry Division but later became a paratrooper and transferred to the 101st Airborne Division.

He recounted the horrors of the amphibious invasion on the Normandy beaches, recalling the clank of the landing craft's ramp as it dropped and going forward into German gunfire that awaited the invading troops. He remembered standing waist-deep in water and seeing the bodies of slain American soldiers floating by.

After he joined the paratroops, Solano jumped into the battle for St. Lo, where he suffered shrapnel wounds. Later, as American troops swept into the Rhineland, Solano was wounded in the leg.

Among Solano's belated decorations, in addition to two Purple Hearts, are the Bronze Star for combat service, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, European-African Middle-Eastern Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry badge and World War II Honorable Service button. Solano was discharged from the Army in 1946 and returned to Colorado, where he worked for Ideal Cement Co. for 36 years. Because the war kept him from going to college, Solano, who's been married 52 years, was determined that his four children would do so. Son Henry is a lawyer and another son, Ambrose, is a doctor.

About three years ago, Solano wrote to the government, hoping to finally get his medals, but to no avail. Then Representative DIANA DeGETTE, D-Denver, stepped in and made it happen.

You may not know Ambrosio Solano personally, but the mere fact that you are free to read these words means you owe him thanks for fighting to preserve your freedoms by helping defeat Nazi tyranny.

We can never adequately repay Solano and his comrades, but the medals he finally received are his country's way of thanking them,