

Colonel Brown's time as president of the academy has been marked with many accomplishments. Some of Colonel Brown's achievements include orchestrating the building of new barracks and an accreditation visit by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Brown was also instrumental in forming the Wentworth Foundation, created to gather funds for capital improvements at the school.

As he prepares to spend more time with his family, I know that Members of the House will join me in expressing appreciation for his dedication to Wentworth Military Academy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF EDWARD
DURELL STONE

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Durell Stone on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Born in 1902, Edward Durell Stone attended the University of Arkansas before becoming one of the most celebrated architects in American history. He is famous for designing recognizable buildings including the Museum of Modern Art, The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and the Amoco Building in Chicago. The latter still stands as the ninth tallest building in the world.

My colleagues here in Washington, DC are very familiar with one of his designs in particular, as many of them have enjoyed concerts, plays and performances at the Kennedy Center.

Stone left Arkansas for New York City, but eventually returned to design a number of notable buildings, including the University of Arkansas's Fine Arts Center, the Medical Center Hospital in Little Rock and the Pine Bluff Civic Center.

Today, Edward Durell Stone's family are in Fayetteville, Arkansas joining the University in celebrating his life and touring the house in which he grew up in. That house, the Walker-Stone House, is on the National Register of Historic Places and is now home to my Fayetteville District Office.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to honor Edward Durell Stone and I yield back the balance of my time.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JAMES
BLAKE OF TIFFIN, OH, A TRUE
AMERICAN HERO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize a true hero. Since September 11, the definition of a hero has changed dramatically. People who selflessly put their lives on the line for others have always been recognized as heroes, but their deeds are even more appreciated today.

One of my constituents fits this description, James Blake from Tiffin, Ohio. Three days

after the Christmas 2001 holiday, Mr. Blake, a truck driver for Fry Foods, and his son, Zach, were traveling on Interstate 80 in Pennsylvania, returning home after a trip to New York City. Over his CB radio, he heard of an accident ahead of him caused by a snow squall. When he and his son came across the accident scene, they saw that it involved a tanker truck that was loaded with powdered iron, an extremely flammable substance. Debbie Weeda and her three children were wedged in their car under the tanker. Her car on fire, her youngest trapped, she screamed for help. Mr. Blake reacted without regard for his own safety, running to the burning car to save Dominick, age 1, who was trapped in his car seat. On his first try, he was unable to extract the child. Wielding his pocketknife, he returned a second time and cut the restraints that trapped the infant. Having extricated Dominick from the burning car, the children, their mother and the Blakes fled the scene just before the tanker exploded.

Mr. Speaker, James Blake is a true hero. Today, at a time when the forces of evil have threatened our way of life, Mr. Blake exhibited the American spirit. I thank Mr. Blake, his son, and the countless fire and rescue personnel who put their lives on the line for others. Mr. Blake, you are a truly selfless American.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES T.
MCCAIN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a lifelong friend and mentor, Mr. James T. McCain of Sumter, South Carolina. "Nooker" as he is affectionately known, is an extraordinary man who has contributed greatly, not only to his community and state, but the entire nation. He started his professional career as an educator. But his most lasting contributions were made as a civil rights activist. An accomplished author, his long-standing commitment to the struggle for equality is legendary throughout the nation. He is married to the former Ida M. Channault of Georgia, and they have three children.

Nooker was born on March 8, 1905 in Sumter, South Carolina, where he resides. He graduated from Morris College in Sumter, and continued his education in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he received a Masters of Education Degree from Temple University. His talents were displayed over subsequent years as an outstanding educator. He held positions as a teacher, principal, college professor, registrar and dean. The Negro Educational Review nationally recognized Mr. McCain's unique abilities in 1952 when he was named Runner-up in a nation-wide Classroom Teacher of the Year project conducted.

In addition to his incredible contributions as an educator, Mr. McCain has dedicated his life to seeking full citizenship, civil rights and absolute equality for minorities in our country. Through his participation in such civil rights efforts as the sit-ins, Freedom Rides and picketing during the sixties, Mr. McCain displayed his willingness to put the good of the people ahead of his own safety. He served as Field Secretary and Director of Organization of the

Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) for nine years. His affiliation with CORE called for him to courageously work in numerous communities throughout the South during the turbulent 60's when civil rights activities were hazardous work. He later served as Director of the Citizenship, Education, Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund for Racial Equality in South Carolina.

Mr. McCain has made his mark on the civil rights movement, not only through his actions, but also through his publications. He was an inductee into the University South Caroliniana Society, and has contributed countless volumes on the civil rights movement to the South Carolina Library. He is co-author of the publication, Political Strength: How to get it, a guide to effective community action.

Throughout his life, "Nooker" has been active in many facets of his community. His past and present professional and civic affiliations include Associate Director, South Carolina Council on Human Relations; President and Treasurer, Palmetto Education Association; Vice Chairman, South Carolina Economic Opportunity Board; Coordinator Sumter Black Political caucus; Charter President, Sumter Branch of the N.A.A.C.P.; 1st Vice Chairman, Wateree Community Actions, Inc.; Boy Scouts of America; Lay Advisory Board, Sumter High School; Sumter Count Council on Aging, and the Governor's Council on Human Affairs for South Carolina. He is a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor that a South Carolina Governor can bestow on an individual. He has also been recognized as the Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year for South Carolina. Mr. McCain continues his community involvement as a trustee emeritus of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in wishing my first baseball coach and lifelong political mentor—Mr. James T. "Nooker" McCain—a Happy 97th Birthday which, God willing, he will celebrate on Friday, March 8th. I wish him good luck and God-speed.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RALPH
NEWBY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a truly dedicated teacher at Otero Junior College, Mr. Ralph Newby. Ralph has dedicated countless hours to helping others understand and succeed in the field of computer studies at OJC. He has gone far beyond what is required in the classroom and touched the lives of his students in such a profound way that he was recently named OJC Teacher of the Year. Mr. Speaker, I feel that it is only appropriate during this moment of distinction for Ralph that we, as a body of Congress recognize his efforts.

For fifteen years, Ralph has remained dedicated and committed to his students in their pursuit of computer studies. He has consistently kept up on the ever-evolving world of computers in order to give his students the best skills for their future jobs. He is known to his colleagues and his students for his loyalty, his willingness to be involved in their lives and

his innovative teaching style. However, he is best known for his perseverance in his teaching; he will not quit trying new methods until his students fully understand a concept. Ralph has served his fellow teachers as the Chair of the Faculty Assembly and he has served his state as the Vocational and Technology Advisor to the State Community Colleges.

Ralph is not only an extraordinary educator but also a pillar of the community. He has been involved in organizing the Arkansas Valley Career Fair, regional FBLA conferences, Kids College, and Phi Beta Lambda. Ralph also coaches recreational sports, sponsors a marching band and is involved in church activities. He is also known as a loving father and husband.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize Ralph for his service to his community and the students whose life he has changed. The diligence and commitment demonstrated by Ralph Newby certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress, and this nation. Ralph's achievements as a teacher serves as a symbol to teachers throughout Colorado, and indeed the entire nation. The honor of OJC teacher of the year is proof that hard work is rewarded. It is people like Ralph who help to ensure that our future generations are guaranteed the opportunity to improve their lives through the resource of education. Congratulations Ralph, and thank you for all of your hard work.

TRIBUTE TO THE CARL AND GLESSIE YOUNG COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to recognize the city of Marshfield, Missouri, and the generosity of Carl and Glessie Young on the grand opening of the Carl and Glessie Young Community Auditorium. During a recent visit to Webster County, I attended the grand opening of this facility, which will serve the community and the students in Marshfield for many years to come.

The auditorium was made possible through a local bond issue and a generous donation from Carl and Glessie Young. This facility will be home to community and school plays, musical performances, concerts and speech and debate competitions. It will provide a teaching facility for the nearby schools.

Mr. Speaker, the citizens of Marshfield can be proud of their new 21,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility. I know the Members of the House will join me in congratulating all of Marshfield on completing this fine addition to their community.

HONORING SAILING TEAMS FROM TEXAS A&M AT GALVESTON, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the sailing teams from Texas A&M at

Galveston, Texas A&M University, and the University of Texas for their heroism. I am amazed at the selflessness that these young people displayed.

On Saturday, February 23, 2002, Texas A&M University at Galveston was hosting a sailing team-racing regatta. As the sailboats were maneuvering for the start of the race, a mini van carrying a total of six people drove at high speed off a dead-end road and flew approximately 80 feet out over the water and sank. The van landed within 30 feet of the starting line.

Participants from the regatta yelled to shore for someone to call 911 and then swam in the 60-degree water to the van and made repeated dives in an effort to rescue the people trapped inside. The rescuers called for rocks from the shore to smash the windows open and other students began swimming the rocks out to the site. An anchor from the regatta motorboat was also used to smash the windows.

Over a period of ten minutes while the van was submerged the participants successfully rescued the five unconscious occupants, brought them to shore and administered first aid/CPR. The students rescued two adult women and three children, four years old, six years old and seven months old. The driver of the van, who purposely drove the van into the water and escaped on his own, is incarcerated and faces attempted capital murder charges.

Mr. Speaker, these students, many of whom were injured themselves from broken glass, showed astonishing courage. Today, I would like to recognize them on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. These brave sailors are:

Coach Gerard Coleman, Brence Bedwell, Jenipher Cate, Megan Chrostowski, Kelly Cunningham, Capt. Jeffrey Daigle, Kelly Gallop, Kevin Gunn, James Loynes, Chris Noll, Robin Roger, Joseph Richardson, Bill Self, Julie Svaton, Danna Svejkosky, Lloyd Towns, Judkey Reed, Mr. Shannon Galway, Capt. Jake Scott, Jennifer Doreck, John Gross, Spencer Ogden, Mike Curtin, Sarah Lakhani, Varun Idnani, Jennifer Curtin, and Scott Marsden.

On behalf of the city of Galveston, I would like to express my thanks to these courageous sailors who showed no regard for their own safety when it came to rescuing the people trapped inside that van. They make me proud to be a Texan. God bless.

HONORING THE JUNIOR ROTC CLASS OF CASS HIGH SCHOOL, GEORGIA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, at a time when the country remains understandably concerned about national and homeland security, it is reassuring to see a bring young group of students interested not only in becoming part of our military programs, but taking it upon themselves to begin one of their own. High school students who participate in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps learn practical information that teach leadership, foster patriotism, and polish individual character; all traits that can be applied in every professional

arena, whether or not they become part of the U.S. military directly.

I am proud to say that in the 7th District of Georgia, we have a wonderful program at Cass High School in Bartow County. The lengths to which the support system at Cass went in order to start their JROTC program early, is a true testament to their dedicated service. It was quite an ordeal for the students, faculty, and parents of Cass students to get JROTC classes up and running. Under normal conditions it takes five years for the application process to be completed, but in this case the school board was petitioned and the program rushed through.

The rapid implementation of the program can be attributed largely to two determined students: seniors Matt Barnes and Sarah Cavazzini. The two students recognized the need for a course that promoted maturity, discipline, and commitment. Educator Jeannie Buck says she has seen students turn a full circle due to the program. Sara Cavazzini was one of the first girls to be in the JROTC technology program, and became very involved in the engineering efforts of the program as well. She plans to continue here education at Auburn University's Navy ROTC program. Matt Barnes became interested in the military when he joined the Junior Silver Air Patrol in sixth grade. As a result of his success in that organization, he was awarded the Silver Air Patrol Award. Matt's desire to continue his education regarding the armed forces motivated him to initiate the JROTC program at Cass. Matt plans to join the military following graduation in June.

JROTC courses at Cass are under the direction of Brent Bunkley, and are support by a large network of teachers, administrators, parents, and other students. Students are responsible for purchasing their own uniforms, and parental support is the primary means by which the classes are kept afloat. Teens enrolled in JROTC earn class credit, as well as life-long lessons such as discipline, teamwork, and leadership.

The Cass High School JROTC program has made itself available for appearances at parades, and the presentation of colors for athletic events. I would like to commend the JROTC students at Cass for their foresight and dedication, as well as the parents and faculty who supply their own time and money to ensure the best for the future of their students. I hope my fellow members of the House join in applauding the JROTC program and in particular, the program at Cass High School in Bartow County, Georgia.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DARRYL FRANCIS

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Mr. Darryl R. Francis of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Darryl Francis passed away Feb. 8, 2002 in the arms of his beloved wife, Sherrian. He was survived by a large group of family and friends who will miss his contributions to their lives dearly.

Born in 1912, Darryl Francis grew up in Ridgeway, Mo. After receiving his bachelor's