

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

degree in agriculture at the University of Missouri College of Agriculture in 1936, he began a career in banking that led him to the position of President of the Memphis branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

In 1976, Mr. Francis moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas to be closer to his family. He took the position of President, CEO and chairman of the board of Merchants National Bank, from which he retired in 1982 to take care of his former wife, Loretta, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Francis was responsible for the modern reputation of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He lead them to take revolutionary steps in emphasizing the importance of inflation as a national problem. He showed that money creation held the central role in the inflation process.

In 1966 he was awarded the Golden Step Award of the Agri-Business Club of St. Louis in recognition of his achievements resulting in a major economic impact on the St. Louis area. He also received the Citation of Merit Award from the University of Missouri Agriculture Alumni Association. He was named to a special U.S. delegation to Honduras in the 1950's to help set up a new banking system. He was honored in 2000 by the Federal Reserve by their dedication of the 25th annual Economic Policy Conference to him. His contributions to the world of banking and the systems used by that world will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to honor the memory of Mr. Darryl Francis.

#### IN MEMORY OF MOLLY PORTER

#### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I report the death of Molly Porter, 34, of Smyrna, Delaware. Molly passed away on March 1, 2002, in the prime of her life. For the past five years, Molly has been a valued employee of the Delaware Public Archives in Dover, Delaware. Molly's work ensured that the history of Delaware was preserved and available for all Delawareans, and she helped many more people, firsthand, in their desire to learn more about their family, their state and their country. Her service to the citizens of Delaware and this country was a model for public service. She worked to help others and, in so doing, contributed to the quality of life in Delaware. She will not be forgotten. The state of Delaware has lost a true public servant, and our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO G. MARVIN BEEMAN

#### 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 pay tribute to Marvin Beeman and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to the National Western Horse

Show. His life-long dedication to both his job, as a large animal veterinarian, and to the National Western Horse Show, as its manager, is surpassed only by the level of integrity and honesty with which he has conducted himself each and every day while at his posts. As the manager of the National Western Horse Show, he will always be remembered as a man with the utmost dedication and talent, and will continue to be known as a leader in the veterinary field. As he celebrates his retirement, let it be known that I, along with each and every person with whom he has worked and the people of Colorado, are eternally grateful for all that he has done for the National Western Horse Show and for the state.

Marvin has dedicated his entire life to the care and treatment of horses. Growing up on a 28,000-acre ranch, which was owned by the Phipps family, his father was a professional huntsman who managed the horses and hounds of the ranch and taught him how to care for and appreciate horses. At as early an age as seven years old, Marvin realized that he wanted to be a horse vet. He doggedly pursued his dream, and earned a doctorate in veterinary medicine from Colorado State University in 1957. Shortly after, he began working at the Littleton Large Animal Clinic, where he has worked ever since.

Marvin has had a distinguished career as a large animal veterinarian. He is the past president of the American Association of Equine Veterinary Practitioners, chief huntsman for the Arapahoe Hunt Club, and the only vet to be a trustee on the American Horse Council. In addition, he serves on the American Quarter Horse Association research committee and was inducted into the AQHA Hall of Fame. In 1997, Marvin took the prestigious post of Horse Show Manager at the National Western, where he served until retiring after the 2002 show. During his tenure, he markedly improved the quality of the show, as well as increased interest in it. Because of his dedication, knowledge and hard work, he will be sorely missed by everyone involved in the National Western, and by the thousands of people who enjoyed his work each and every year.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Marvin Beeman is a man of unparalleled dedication and commitment to the National Western Horse Show, to his veterinary practice and to the people of Colorado. It is his unrelenting passion for each and every thing he does, as well as his spirit of honesty and integrity with which he has always conducted himself, that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. He is a remarkable man, who has achieved extraordinary things throughout his career, and it is my privilege to extend to him my congratulations on his retirement from the National Western Horse Show and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

#### A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO YVONNE N. DARLING ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE OTTAWA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

#### 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 woman

who has served the Fifth Congressional District with patriotism, devotion, and kindness. Today, Yvonne N. Darling of Elmore, Ohio will be retiring from the Ottawa County Board of Elections. For the last eight years, she has ensured the accuracy and sanctity of Ottawa County elections. Her dedication and optimism will not be forgotten.

Mrs. Darling's service to our country started long before she came to Northwest Ohio. She began her marriage as a military wife, making her own sacrifice while her husband, Jim, served our country. After his retirement, Mrs. Darling and her husband returned to Elmore, Ohio where she joined the Ottawa County Republican Central Committee. Taking on a leadership role, she served as Women's Club Treasurer. As an Elmore Village Councilwoman for 8 years, she again demonstrated how important it is to give back to your community. Most recently, she has served on the Ottawa County Board of Elections ensuring that our elections are safe and accurate.

Since 1975, Mrs. Darling has been an active member of the American Legion Post 269 and her efforts speaks for themselves. As the Chairman of the Americanism Committee, Mrs. Darling helps foster a sense of patriotism in high school students across Ottawa County. She motivates young people to give back to their communities and encourages them to reach for their dreams. At every opportunity she has made a positive impact on her community and the people around her.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Darling is an example of how American values can make a difference in each of our communities. Her passion for service and charity towards all will remain an important staple in the Elmore community for many years to come. I ask my colleagues of the 107th Congress to join me in saluting Mrs. Yvonne N. Darling and wishing her the very best in her future endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO STAN SLOSS

#### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 60th birthday of Stan Sloss, who serves as my Senior Legislative Counsel and heads my legislative staff.

I would not ordinarily take the time of my colleagues to thank a member of my personal staff, but Stan is so well known and beloved by members on both sides of the aisle, and his reputation is so well regarded, that I believe it is entirely appropriate to commemorate his birthday in a journal that he has known so well and to which he has contributed so much.

Many of you know Stan and have had an opportunity to work with him over the years. Stan's distinguished service has resulted in his becoming a valued resource—not only as an experienced voice on substantive policy issues, but also for his knowledge of the venerated but often byzantine procedures of the House. I heavily draw upon his experience, expertise and diplomatic operating style.

A native of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Stan is a graduate of Amherst College and the Harvard Law School. He came to Washington, DC in the late 1960s, working first in the General Counsel's office of the Atomic Energy