

in Harrison, New Jersey. This festival, consisting of a marathon race, an array of vendors, fun family games, dazzling floats, fireworks, and performances by folk groups and musical bands, lasted through the weekend to raise scholarship funds for the students of Harrison Public Schools.

In 1905, at the age of nine, Louis Ferreiro, along with his mother, father, four brothers, and two sisters arrived in America and settled in Harrison, New Jersey. It was to be the beginning of a prosperous and wholesome life for his entire family in the community of Harrison.

Louis Ferreiro married Angelina Forte in 1925, and together they raised five sons. This blossoming family ran a landmark store known as "Louie the Sausage King" at 7 North 3rd Street for over 50 years. The store was known for its delicious Italian-style hotdogs, and many Harrison citizens continue to reminisce about the good old days when you could catch up with friends, while enjoying the store's speciality.

The Ferreiro family also had many talented athletes participate at Harrison High School: Tom Jr., a Football and Girls Basketball Coach; Vin, a star Basketball player; Michelle and Donna, exceptional players on the Girls Basketball team; and Jim Jr., an outstanding Football and Baseball player.

The five Ferreiro sons and their families, as well as their children's families, have created a legacy of 21 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. And today, four generations of the Ferreiro family—29 individuals—continue to live in Harrison.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Ferreiro family, who, through their strong sense of family values, and their commitment and dedication, helped shape today's beautiful community of Harrison, New Jersey.

#### TRIBUTE TO LOUIS BERTHIAUME

##### HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Louis Berthiaume of Rutland, Massachusetts who has announced his retirement after many years of dedicated service as a rural carrier for the Rutland Post Office.

Mr. Berthiaume was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on May 24, 1942, attended public schools in Worcester and Shrewsbury and graduated from Shrewsbury High School.

In November 1960, Mr. Berthiaume served in the United States Army for six years with the 101st Airborne and the 1st Division. While in the Army, Mr. Berthiaume's tours included Korea and Vietnam. Following his service, Mr. Berthiaume was honorably discharged in 1966.

In addition to his service to our nation as a civil and military employee, Mr. Berthiaume has been deeply involved with the Special Olympics, and he has volunteered for many years in the annual Post Office food drive.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge such a fine individual, and I am certain the entire House of Representatives joins me in extending our very best wishes to him and his family for a happy and healthy retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 199, on the Motion that the Committee Rise. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 200, the Obey of Wisconsin Amendment to H.R. 4775, 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response To Terrorist Attacks on the United States. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 201, the Obey of Wisconsin Amendment to H.R. 4775, 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response To Terrorist Attacks on the United States. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 202, the McGovern of Massachusetts Amendment to H.R. 4775, 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response To Terrorist Attacks on the United States. Had I been present I would have voted no.

I was also unavoidably detained for Roll Call No. 203, Adjourning to Time Certain. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

#### TRIBUTE TO ERNIE WISSINGER

##### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ernie Wissinger for earning the Blair County Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Advocacy. Mr. Wissinger is the first ever to receive this award and set a high standard of excellency for other entrepreneurs to follow.

Mr. Wissinger resides in Blair County, Pennsylvania where he owned and operated a retail grocery store for 42 years. In addition to focusing on his own business, he was always available to assist others within the business community. By lending a helping hand where one was needed, he has played a crucial part in helping to make Blair County businesses thrive and grow. For years he took it upon himself to act as an unofficial ambassador and advocate for the people and the businesses of Blair County whenever he traveled across Pennsylvania or to other states.

In addition to being an insightful businessman he is also a generous volunteer. Mr. Wissinger provided financial support to organizations such as Easter Seals, the Altoona Area Public Library, and the Altoona Campus of Penn State to name just a few. In addition to donating resources, he donated his time to the Blair County youth. His involvement in volunteering for community organizations has made a positive impact on those around him. Blair County is a better place because of Ernie Wissinger's professional and personal investments in his community.

I congratulate Mr. Wissinger on all his business accomplishments and thank him for his in-

volvement in the local community. By being the first to receive this award Mr. Wissinger set a standard for businessmen and women to strive to achieve. This award signals that he began a tradition of excellence that will be hard to duplicate. President George W. Bush, in his last State of the Union Address, challenged all of us to give two years or 4,000 hours of service over our lifetimes. If the President were here today I am positive he would shake Mr. Wissinger's hand and hold him up as an example for others to follow. I, too, would like to encourage others to follow in Mr. Wissinger's footsteps by being active volunteers and thoughtful entrepreneurs. One person can impact a community in many wonderful ways, and Blair County's example is Ernie Wissinger. I wish him the very best of luck in the years to come.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on May 10th, my wife died after a long battle with cancer. During her final weeks and in immediate aftermath of her death, I was unable to depart Indianapolis, and consequently, I missed several roll call votes. Had I been here I would have voted Yea on roll call votes 171-191; No on roll call vote 192; Yea on roll call vote 193-194; No on roll call votes 195-197; Yea on roll call vote 198; No on roll call votes 199-202; and Yea on roll call votes 203-206.

#### CONGRESS SALUTES BRIGADIER GENERAL DONALD P. PETTIT

##### HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Brigadier General Donald P. Pettit, Commander of the 45th Space Wing in Florida, who will retire on July 31, 2002, after 32 years of distinguished service to the Air Force and his nation.

For the past three years, Brigadier General Pettit has served as the Director of the Eastern Range responsible for the safe and secure access to space of America's manned and unmanned space vehicles. During this time, he achieved a perfect 70 for 70 launch record with many of the satellites deployed used to fight the war on terror and for scientific research to expand our knowledge of the universe.

General Pettit entered the Air Force as an enlisted man during the Vietnam conflict and served four years as an aircraft electronics technician. He earned his commission as a distinguished graduate from the University of Miami's Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1974.

During his early years of service, he served as a Minuteman Missile Combat Crew commander and strategic missile planner. During tours at Headquarters, Strategic Air Command (SAC) and the Pentagon, he was instrumental in developing, acquiring and deploying the

Peacekeeper (MX) Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBM) now at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming.

As a field grade and general officer, he distinguished himself by serving in numerous capacities, including commanding a Minuteman ICBM squadron selected as "Best in Strategic Air Command," and subsequently our nation's largest ICBM wing.

As the Director of Plans and Programs at Headquarters, Air Force Space Command, Colorado Springs, Colorado, he created the command's Strategic Master Plan.

While in Moscow, he negotiated with the Soviet Union "The Reduction of Dangerous Military Activities Agreement." Since its 1989 signing, it has allowed Russian and American forces to operate in proximity to one another and precludes an involuntary act or miscalculation by either military force—whether land, air or sea—to escalate into a combat or war situation.

Brigadier General Pettit's final command was at the 45th Space Wing, overseeing America's eastern space launch range. The Eastern Range encompasses a 15 million square mile area.

Brigadier General Pettit's education accomplishments include an undergraduate degree from the University of Miami, Master of Arts degree from Pepperdine University, and graduating from the Marine and Air Force command and staff colleges and the Air War College.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Superior Service Medal, and Joint Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster and Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

Brigadier General Pettit is married to the former Carol Worley, of Miami, Fla., and they have a son Michael, a 2002 University of Colorado graduate.

I am honored to rise in support of General Pettit's service to our nation, and I am proud of his commitment to the cause of liberty and freedom.

#### TRIBUTE TO JUSTIN WELLS

#### HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor a very brave young man from my district in Kentucky. Mr. Justin Wells is a hero in the truest sense of the word. While driving home from the hardware store, Justin and his father came upon a near fatal car accident. Taking the first aid kit from his father's trunk, Justin rushed to help the injured man, who was bleeding profusely and whose leg had been pinned down by the steering wheel of the car. Holding a compression bandage to the man's wounds while trying to keep the victim calm, Justin used the skills he had gained as both a Medical Trainer at St. Xavier High School and as a First Aid Instructor for Boy Scout Troop 380 to attend to the injuries. Justin was not deterred by the danger of the situation, or the possibility of an electric fire from the sparks emanating from the dashboard. Instead, he courageously tended to the injured man until the rescue squad arrived.

It is my great honor to pay tribute to Justin Wells, and to thank him for his courage, resourcefulness, and desire to help those in need. Justin is a very special young man, and I hardily applaud his commitment to his fellow citizens, even in the face of danger. His actions show that one person can make a great difference. Again, I offer my congratulations to Justin for his courage and good will.

HONORING ELNER G. OVERDEER

#### HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elner G. Overdeer who was honored as the winner of the 2002 Dauphin County Senior EXPO Outstanding Senior Award. She has dedicated her life to the service of others and for this she must be both appreciated and congratulated.

Ms. Overdeer clearly demonstrates a spirit of unconditional giving through her many initiatives that have benefited our community. She is a sterling example of kindness and integrity. Throughout the years she has been affiliated with a number of charitable and selfless organizations. These include the Middletown Historical Restoration Commission where she has served on the board since 1980, the Middletown Historical Society, the Regent of Swatara Pine-Ford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Middletown Senior Citizens Center, the Middletown Area Alumni Association, the Presbyterian Congregational Church where she has served as an ordained ruling elder, and the Middletown Borough Authority where she has been the secretary for the past thirteen years.

It is with great honor, Mr. Speaker, that I call on all Members to join me in congratulating and thanking Elner G. Overdeer. Her years of service to the community have benefited many people in more ways than these mere words can express.