

gratitude to the millions of women who have donned the uniform of our armed forces and served proudly in the every military conflict in which this Nation has engaged. On Saturday, May 18, I spent some time with a group of ladies of whom we should all be extremely proud. I was honored to take part in the Harrisburg Armed Services Day celebration of Women Veterans organized by City Councilwoman Patricia L. Stringer and local veteran Barbara Lewis. I could not commend the women veterans attending that gathering enough then and cannot do so now. Nevertheless, it is only fitting that we should attempt to honor those who have sacrificed so much for our benefit.

The roughly 2 million women who have served with the military have served in every conflict since the American Revolution. Over 55,000 of these veterans have come from my home, the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. All have left a legacy of service, duty and patriotism. We would do well to remember their devotion to country, and to imitate their heroic sense of responsibility, especially as we find ourselves confronted with new enemies and a new war.

On Saturday, May 18, I spoke with veterans such as Sandra Mosten and Betty Curtis, a former WAC corporal, who served in the Army at a time coincident with my service in the early 1950s. Sandra and Betty served our country proudly, and perhaps without realizing it, have blazed a path for women who have come after them. Indeed, 90,000 women serve in the U.S. Armed Forces today, and all have been strengthened in their commitment to the military by the examples of the strong women who have gone before them—veterans like Sandra Mosten and Betty Curtis.

Mr. Speaker, the history of women in uniform moves me each time I recount their great accomplishments. The Army Nurses Corps, founded in 1901, served as the vanguard unit for official participation of uniformed women within the military. The Navy and Marine Corps soon followed suit and enlisted women into a variety of roles during World War I. By World War II, 400,000 women served in non-combatant military positions. Many of us will remember the Women's Army Corps organized by Oveta Culp Hobby, the first lady of Texas and, later, the first Secretary of Housing and Education. The WACs, as they were fondly dubbed, were joined by the Navy's WAVES, the Coast Guard's SPARS and Air Corp's WASPs. Their jobs may have been labeled noncombatant, the risk was often just as great as those faced by men in the front lines. For example, 87 military nurses fell into enemy hands as POWs during the war.

I personally remember the WACs and WASPs of Central Pennsylvania who instilled in the youth of the community a renewed sense of duty—a sensibility I carried with me, into my adulthood and which propelled me forward during my time in the Army during the Korean War. In fact, the years just prior to my enlistment were critical to the future of women in the military. In 1948, President Truman signed into law the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948. The Act granted women permanent status in the Regular and Reserve forces of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and newly created Air Force. Over 500 women then served in the combat zones of Korea. When America entered that long conflict in Vietnam, women again were an integral

part of military operations. Nearly 7,500 women served their country honorably during that conflict. Following their example, President Ford signed into law an Act admitting women into the service academies of the various military services. The WAC formally dissolved a few years later, marking in many ways the full integration of women into the military, free of segregated units. We only need to view the heroic exploits of women in Desert Storm and Afghanistan to see how far women have come in the military. I need look no further than the confines of my Congressional District.

I am reminded of the new traditions of women's military service that are being created each and every day when I look at the Headquarters of our Pennsylvania National Guard, located at Fort Indiantown Gap near Annville, Pennsylvania. There, the first woman to attain the rank of General in the Pennsylvania Guard commands the Army Guard with devotion and professionalism. I had the great honor of noting Deputy Adjutant General Jessica Wright's promotion to Brigadier General in this body last Congress. Let me also note the tremendous accomplishment of a young soldier I met just a few months ago, Krista Griffith of Hershey, Pennsylvania. Krista has recently become the first woman to attain the rank of Sergeant Major in the Pennsylvania Guard. Old enlisted veterans like myself will note that Sergeant Major is one of the non commissioned officers (NCO) in the Army. Sergeant Major Griffith, an intelligence specialist, will soon serve 6 months in Bosnia as part of the SFOR operations the 28th Infantry Division of the Pennsylvania Guard will soon undertake.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to know General Wright, Sergeant Major Griffith, Sandra Mosten, Betty Curtis, Barbara Lewis and so many other women veterans from Central Pennsylvania. We as a country should be honored to remember the 2 million women veterans who have served this country and the thousands who serve in uniform today during this time of war. We will never forget their sacrifices or their commitment to service. I thank them all on behalf of the people of my district. I know my colleagues will join me in thanking them on behalf of a grateful Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote on a motion to adjourn. Had I voted, I would have voted "no" on this vote—No. 213.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. FREDERICK J. STOKLEY

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an outstanding individual who has demonstrated a true commitment to education, Mr. Frederick J. Stokley, C.E.O. and

Superintendent of Schools in Ridgewood, NJ. Tomorrow, on June 7, 2002, the Ridgewood community will celebrate Mr. Stokley's 15 years of service to the Village of Ridgewood. Amid fireworks, plays, and tributes to Mr. Stokley, the community will thank him for his dedication. The results of his work are felt not only in the public schools of Ridgewood, but throughout our community. He is a wonderful example of the type of person who makes Bergen County such a wonderful place.

The Ridgewood school district is considered to be one of the premiere suburban school districts in the New York metropolitan area, and indeed the entire State of New Jersey. Much of this is because of the guidance of Mr. Stokley as Superintendent. The experience that he brought to the job has continued the strong tradition of excellence in Ridgewood's education system. When Mr. Stokley joined Ridgewood in 1987, he had already served as Superintendent of Schools in Massachusetts and Louisiana. Additionally, Mr. Stokley has taught at outstanding institutions such as Harvard University, Cambridge College, and Boston College. Ridgewood was lucky to have a man of such intelligence, experience, and devotion join its fine school system.

As a former member of the Ridgewood Board of Education and former educator, I can tell you first hand the importance of leadership and serious commitment to the public school system. And I believe, as the residents of Ridgewood will agree, Mr. Stokley has provided those very qualities for our community. I applaud his dedication and his service in the past 15 years in our community. And I wish him all the best for the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Stokley on his 15 very successful years with the Ridgewood Public Schools and thank him for his fine example for all of us committed to providing a quality education for our children.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HOWARD EISENBERG

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, the City of Milwaukee lost one of its most brilliant and compassionate citizens on Tuesday when Howard Eisenberg died of complications of a heart attack.

Dean of the Marquette University School of Law since 1995, Mr. Eisenberg symbolized the humanity and dedication to public service toward which all lawyers and jurists should strive. Hailed by members of the legal community across the country, Mr. Eisenberg earned praise for his efforts to give everyone access to the justice system. In Milwaukee, he owned a well-deserved reputation for offering help to those in need, giving advice to those who asked, and taking on pro bono cases on behalf of those with limited financial means.

Even Mr. Eisenberg's hobbies and leisure time activities reflected his drive to help those in need. He was, after all, a lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs.

Mr. Eisenberg was as groundbreaking as he was compassionate. He served as Wisconsin's chief public defender from 1972 to 1978,

and in that role he wrote the state's public defender statute. Eisenberg, who was Jewish, also became the first non-Catholic dean of the Marquette Law School when he assumed the post at the Jesuit institution seven years ago.

Leaders from across the state sought out his special combination of legal prowess and commitment to the community on a range of issues. Mr. Eisenberg headed a community commission for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that examined the Church's response to alleged sex abuse in the clergy, and Governor Scott McCallum selected Mr. Eisenberg to co-chair Wisconsin's Task Force on Ethics Reform in Government.

A member of the Bar in Wisconsin, Illinois and the District of Columbia, Mr. Eisenberg, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin—Madison School of Law, argued more than 300 appellate cases before state and federal courts, including two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. He was widely recognized as a leader in the areas of criminal procedure, legal ethics, elder law, and civil rights.

I ask my colleagues in the House today to honor and recognize the illustrious career of Howard Eisenberg. His integrity, character, and legal expertise will be sorely missed.

RECOGNITION OF DAVE ZWEIFEL'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY WITH CAPITAL TIMES

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dave Zweifel's 40th anniversary working at the Capital Times newspaper in Madison, WI. Dave grew up in New Glarus, WI, and entered the University of Wisconsin in 1958. The day after Dave graduated with his degree in journalism, he went to work at the Capital Times. Except for 2 years serving his country in the U.S. Army as a field artillery officer, Dave has dedicated his journalism career to the Capital Times.

But the 40th anniversary of Dave at the Capital Times is only part of the story. Dave's story is much more than that. It is the story of a young boy having a dream and seeking out that dream through relentless dedication and hard work. As a boy growing up in the New Glarus area, Dave dreamed of becoming the editor of the Capital Times. As a high school student and the editor of a local paper, Dave went to meet with the editor of the Capital Times. That editor promised Dave that if he continued his hard work, and got a college education, he would have a job waiting for him at the Capital Times. Several years later, Dave showed up at the editor's door, diploma in hand, and the editor gave Dave that much sought after job as a cub reporter.

Dave worked his way up at the Capital Times as a reporter covering everything from agricultural issues to the political beat. In 1971 Dave's hard work paid off when he landed the city editor slot. Further dedication was rewarded when he became managing editor in 1978 and editor in 1983.

Dave's dedication to his newspaper is evident in every edition of the Capital Times. Everyday at 4:30 a.m. Dave arrives at his desk to go over that afternoon's paper and to en-

sure that the paper embodies the unique ideals of Wisconsin's Progressive movement.

In today's world of mega-media mergers it is refreshing to know that everyday, Dave Zweifel works to ensure that the Capital Times remains true not just to the ideals of journalism, but true to Wisconsin, the traditions of the Badger State, and the independent voice that Wisconsinites have depended upon since 1917.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BARBARA HELLER

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, on June 20, 2002, Maryland elected officials, University officials, faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends will honor Dr. Barbara Heller for her many years of visionary leadership as Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing. After 12 years, Dr. Heller is leaving to accept a position as the first Executive Director of the newly formed Center for Health Workforce Development. She will also assume new responsibilities as the School of Nursing's first Rauschenbach Distinguished Professor, an endowment professorship dedicated to the improvement of nursing and nursing education.

During her tenure as Dean, Dr. Heller is credited with building a new state-of-art nursing school building to support the School's research, teaching and service mission. Another key milestone in Dr. Heller's tenure is the recruitment of nationally known nurse researchers and scientists, resulting in a 900% increase in grants and contract awards for the School of Nursing since 1990.

As Dean, Dr. Heller has guided the School of Nursing through many challenges, not the least of which is the national nursing shortage. With aggressive strategies of outreach, increased scholarship support, marketing and student recruitment, Dr. Heller's term has been marked by significant increases in enrollment and diversity. The School's minority student population has more than doubled in the past dozen years, from 15% to 35%.

U.S. News and World Report has consistently ranked the School among the top ten in the nation, and in 2000, accorded the same status to five of the School's graduate specialties. Recently, the School was designated a Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Nursing in Mental Health Promotion, significantly expanding opportunities for international research and dialogue for faculty and students.

Dr. Heller's leadership in service to the community also deserves special notice. During her tenure, a new model of clinical instruction and health care service has expanded to include five Wellmobiles, 14 school-based wellness centers, a high-school based family support center, the Open Gates Health Center, and the Pediatric Ambulatory Care Center. The latter is managed and operated jointly by the Schools of Nursing and Medicine, providing primary care services to more than 400 children each week who would not otherwise have access to adequate health care.

Due in great measure to Dr. Heller's leadership, expertise, knowledge and determination,

the University of Maryland School of Nursing is well positioned to meet the challenges of the future. It has been a great privilege to work with Dr. Heller. I wish to congratulate her on her successful tenure as Dean and extend best wishes to her in her new position.

65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE OVERPASS

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember not only those men and women who fought courageously and gave their lives to preserve the freedoms of our country, but also to remember the men and women who fought and gave their lives in the struggle for the rights of working men and women in America.

On May 27 we observed the 65th anniversary of an important and historic moment in the American Labor movement, the Battle of the Overpass. It was on May 26, 1937 that Walter Reuther, President of United Automobile Workers Local 174 and three fellow UAW organizers—Richard Frankenstein, J.J. Kennedy and Robert Kantor—organized what they hoped would be a peaceful distribution of union literature by the ladies' auxiliary of Local 174. At Reuther's request, several neutral observers were also present, including members of the clergy, reporters and photographers. At the suggestion of one of these photographers, they climbed the steps to an overpass leading to Gate No. 4, the primary entrance to the Ford Motor Company's River Rouge industrial complex.

Within minutes, Ford's "Servicemen" attacked them brutally, eventually throwing them down the two flights of iron steps leading up to the overpass. Dozens of the union's members were injured and one member died as a result of his injuries.

The Battle of the Overpass galvanized the organizing efforts among Ford employees, and the photographs taken that day brought national attention to not only the demands of working men and women, but also to the tactics employed by management to crush the early unions. It was a turning point for the labor movement. Ford had won the battle in the street, but ultimately lost in the minds of the public. In just a few short years, Ford officially recognized the UAW and signed its first contract with the union.

The right to safe working conditions, the eight-hour workday, the weekend . . . these are things that the men and women at the Battle of the Overpass fought, bled and even risked their lives for—and we should never forget that. Today, labor unions continue to negotiate for livable wages, decent health benefits, and ways to improve the quality of products and services they provide. They are striving to achieve fairer treatment for workers of color, working women, workers with disabilities and gay and lesbian workers, both on the job and in society. They continue to champion support for a strong public education system, along with the right of all children to receive quality education and opportunities for learning throughout adulthood. Unions continue to be on the front lines of promoting democracy across the globe.