

lose or to drive a maroon vehicle made to look like a Redskins helmet. She is passionate about everything in her life and we should all be fortunate to have a tenth of the energy she exerts.

Judy Lowe is the kind of person that makes our civil society function in a truly "all-American way". She spent her professional career in service to her country with the Department of Defense. She will continue to serve our society in every positive way for the rest of what I trust will be a very long life.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN IRELAN OF
PITTSFORD, MICHIGAN, EXCEP-
TIONAL TEACHER

HON. NICK SMITH

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. John Irelan teaches social studies at Pittsford High School in Pittsford, Michigan. He is credited for instilling in students an enthusiasm for the subject and for life itself. In one student's own words, "Mr. Irelan is not the type of teacher to sit in the lounge during his free time; he is in his room or the hallway to have contact with the students. As my psychology, sociology, economics and government teacher, he always relates course material to 'real-life' situations." The respect and gratitude of his students speaks well of Mr. Irelan's ability to challenge young minds to stretch the mental muscles and strive to achieve the best that is in them.

John Irelan's excellence in teaching challenges and inspires students to move beyond the teen-age tendency toward surface study and encourage deeper thought and connections to the real world. No profession is more important in its influence and daily interaction with the future leaders of our community and our country, and Mr. John Irelan's impact on his students is certainly deserving of recognition.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to extend our highest praise to Mr. John Irelan as a master teacher. We thank him for his continuing dedication to teaching and his willingness and ability to challenge and inspire students for leadership and success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS BELL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 277, I was unavoidably detained in the air. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING MR. MIKE BROWN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Mike Brown of Flower Mound, Texas for his peer-recognized honor of "Outstanding Young Bandmaster in Texas."

Mr. Brown has succeeded in music education for four notable years at Flower Mound High School, and previously for six years at Lewisville High School. He currently holds the illustrious position of Chairman of the Fine Arts Department at Flower Mound High School. With a promising career before him and his dedicated colleagues behind him, Mr. Brown will afford the students of Flower Mound High School a tremendous opportunity to learn from a truly distinguished talent.

Once again, I articulate my sincere congratulations to Mr. Brown for his dedication to music education and for his commitment to fostering the musical gifts of the youth of North Texas.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY, BERT
MUHLY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 80th birthday of the legendary Bert Muhly. Bert is the quintessential professorial type of guy: articulate, caring and wonderful in his style and manner. It is safe to say that Santa Cruz, California would not be the Santa Cruz it is without the Herculean efforts and goodwill of Bert.

His fingerprints are all around Santa Cruz. As a member of the Santa Cruz City Council, his activities have included the following: member of the State Democratic Central Committee; Co-chair of the California 16th Senatorial District Committee; and Santa Cruz County Chair. He has also contributed to presidential, gubernatorial and congressional campaigns, such as those of yours truly.

Bert and his family are well-fed people because they host more issue-oriented, potluck dinners than any other family I know. He always has a place for you at his table to talk about issues such as global warming, social injustice, globalization and corporate imperialism. I don't believe that anyone in Santa Cruz County has housed, clothed and fed more Democrats than Bert, and on his birthday, that total will only continue to rise.

Bert is the personification of the phrase "think globally, act locally." He believes firmly in the effectiveness of petitioning government when a citizen wants to register a complaint with local elected officials. He has made Santa Cruz a sanctuary for the establishment of sanctuaries and has filed more petitions to the local, State and Federal governments than is humanly imaginable. They probably had to build an extra wing onto the Library of Congress simply to accommodate his prodigious works. While a voluminous petitioner, Bert is also a fantastic and extensive speaker. When Bert was mayor of Santa Cruz, the clerk of the

city council changed the meeting's "minutes" to "hours." A humble man, he always downplays the fact that he was mayor by saying that "half the people on Pacific Avenue Mall are former mayors."

But his efforts have never been confined to Santa Cruz, and he has accumulated a generous amount of frequent flyer miles traveling back and forth from Central and South America. Bert has not been elected governor of California yet, but he certainly is a viable candidate in Nicaragua, El Salvador and Colombia. He has devoted an enormous amount of time spreading his own and America's goodwill to the impoverished and less fortunate, and without a doubt, he has changed the lives of many.

An incredible wit and humor, Bert has been the smiles and strength behind the voice of the good fight in Santa Cruz for many years, and he has taken that fight to other countries. On behalf of this House, I wish Bert Muhly a happy birthday: a scholar, a father, a husband, a visionary, a friend and always young at heart.

HONORING COLONEL THOMAS
ASHMAN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2003

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my constituents, Colonel Thomas Ashman in recognition of his thirty years of distinguished service to the United States.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Akron in Ohio, Thomas Ashman was commissioned into the United States Air Force through the Reserve Training Corps in 1973. He was first assigned to McChord Air Force Base in Washington as Chief, Base Fuels Management Branch. In 1976, his service took him to Korea, and in 1977 he transferred to Andrews Air Force Base where his responsibilities included support for the Presidential fleet.

Through his initiative, Col. Ashman developed the petroleum engineering program for the Air Force Institute of Technology in 1979. After receiving his Master of Science degree from the University of Texas, Austin in 1981, he was assigned to the Defense Fuels Supply Center in Cameron Station, Virginia. During his tenure, in what is now known as the Defense Energy Support Center, Col. Ashman served as the Quality Assurance Officer for crude oil purchases supporting the United States Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and then as Center Programs Officer, among other positions.

In 1984, Col. Ashman was sent to the United States Pacific Command and served as the Chief, Sub-Area Petroleum Office within Headquarters United States Forces Korea. Due to his expertise, in 1986 he was selected for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Energy Directorate, Professional Enhancement Program. A year later, Col. Ashman served as Chief, Allied Supply and Energy Assessment for the United States Air Force Combat Operations Staff, then as Supply Management Staff Officer within the Directorate of Logistics,

Headquarters United States Air Force, and finally, as Joint Staff Officer, Logistics Directorate, Joint Staff.

Col. Ashman served in several other capacities before beginning his duties at the Defense Logistics Agency in 1998, first as Chief, Customer Interface Support Group, and then as Deputy Executive Director for Acquisition, Technical, and Supply prior to assuming his final position, Acting Executive Director for Acquisition, Technical and Supply Directorate.

In recognition of his service in the Air Force and to his country, Col. Ashman earned the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. On June 30th, Col. Ashman will retire after thirty years of dedicated and exemplary service. On behalf of our nation, I thank Col. Thomas Ashman for all that he has accomplished, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CARL NOVAK OF
TECUMSEH, MI, EXCEPTIONAL
TEACHER

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OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Carl Novak teaches mathematics at Tecumseh High School. He is credited for instilling in students an enthusiasm for mathematics. In one student's own words, "Mr. Novak has continually challenged me to do my best throughout high school. His vast knowledge of mathematics, and his dedication to family and community displayed positive character and professionalism." The respect and gratitude of his students speaks well of Mr. Novak's ability to challenge young minds to stretch the mental muscles and strive to achieve the best that is in them.

Mr. Novak's excellence in teaching challenges and inspires students to move beyond the teen-age tendency toward surface study and encourage deeper thought and connections to the real world. No profession is more important in its influence and daily interaction with the future leaders of our community and our country, and Carl Novak's impact on his students is certainly deserving of recognition.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to extend our highest praise to Mr. Carl Novak as a master teacher. We thank him for his continuing dedication to teaching and his willingness and ability to challenge and inspire students for leadership and success.

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RECOGNIZING MR. CHRISTOPHER
HANSEN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

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Wednesday, June 18, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to laud the accomplishments of one of my constituents, Mr. Christopher Hansen. Mr. Hansen, is a resident of Neptune City, New Jersey and is this year's recipient of the United States Small Business Administration's Home-based Business Advocate of the Year Award. Mr. Hansen is being presented with this honor for his outstanding advocacy work on behalf of New Jersey's 750,000 self-employed, home based, business owners.

This award is given to an individual who has experienced the rewards and difficulties of home-based businesses and has volunteered to improve the climate for home-based businesses. In my mind, there is no individual more deserving of this award than Mr. Hansen. Over the past few years, Mr. Hansen has volunteered an infinite amount of time and energy to improve the conditions for home-based businesses.

Christopher Hansen has proven himself to be one of the nations leading supporters of home-based business. In 1995, Mr. Hansen founded the Home Based Business Council, a not-for-profit corporation of which he currently serves as President. He decided to start the organization because of an unfair law that was passed in 1992 that drove elected officials with home based businesses out of office by making a majority of those businesses illegal. Mr. Hansen saw a problem with this and decided to act. Mr. Hansen started to gather supporters together to discuss the suppression of home-based businesses. His actions soon attracted both local and national media attention.

The following year Mr. Hansen co-founded the New Jersey Partnership for Work at Home to educate elected and appointed leaders about the changing nature of the homebased business economy. As part of his voluntary leadership, Mr. Hansen authored a comprehensive paper on incorporating home-based businesses into the community. He has since written numerous articles that have appeared in national publications and those of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors and League of Municipalities.

Over the past few years, Mr. Hansen has tirelessly fought against the outmoded notion that home based businesses harm communities. It is because of individuals like him that nearly 25 million families throughout the country are able to create income from self-employed work at home. Mr. Hansen continues to achieve immeasurable accomplishments in advancing home-based businesses and is a tre-

mendous asset to the small business community. Mr. Speaker, for those reasons, I wish Mr. Hansen continued success and ask that my colleagues join me in honoring him.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CRAIG BOOHER
OF JACKSON, MICHIGAN, EXCEP-
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Mr. Craig Booher teaches history at Napoleon High School in Napoleon, Michigan. He is credited for instilling in students an enthusiasm for the subject and for life itself. In one student's own words, "Mr. Booher is very passionate and knowledgeable about history. When he teaches, he is full of energy and it makes us eager to learn." The respect and gratitude of his students speaks well of Mr. Booher's ability to challenge young minds to stretch the mental muscles and strive to achieve the best that is in them.

Craig Booher's excellence in teaching challenges and inspires students to move beyond the teen-age tendency toward surface study and encourage deeper thought and connections to the real world. No profession is more important in its influence and daily interaction with the future leaders of our community and our country, and Mr. Craig Booher's impact on his students is certainly deserving of recognition.

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TRIBUTE TO ALAN BRAY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2003

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Alan Bray.

Alan Bray is well known throughout Maine as a talented artist who is able to capture the beauty of Maine in his paintings. Alan's art has been enjoyed by so many who appreciate his amazing works. He has studied art around the world and earned his degree in Italy. He has had his artwork displayed at museums in New York City and reviewed in some of the finest publications. He has been to the great bay of San Francisco and to the shores of Florida, yet Alan always chooses to return to that place from which he came.