

many top-notch companies, which brought with them good jobs for our residents.

Colonel Gay has served the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers well and has garnered extensive awards and decorations in the process, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Assault Badge, the Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab.

I congratulate him for all the good work he has done with the Corps and for Middle Tennessee and wish him well in his retirement and his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO SCOTT GILES, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, SCIENCE COMMITTEE

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2003*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the contribution and service of Mr. Scott Giles to the United States Congress. Scott is an outstanding public servant, truly committed to effecting positive change and improving the lives of all Americans.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Scott since January 2001, when he was appointed to serve as deputy chief of staff for the House Committee on Science. And as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Research, I have had the benefit of Scott's expert advice and diverse legislative talents on a wide range of issues.

Scott's expertise on Federal research and development and education policy has been key to our Subcommittee's legislative success, and to the Science Committee's growing influence in the House of Representatives. Scott was lead staff negotiator on several pieces of legislation we successfully shepherded through the Committee, to the House floor and eventually, onto the President's desk. Most notable of these pieces of legislation were the Cybersecurity Research and Development Act (Public Law 107-305) and the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-368), which included the National Math and Science Partnerships Act and the Tech Talent Act.

But Scott's impressive career began long before he came to the Science Committee. From 1982 to 1986, he served as legislative director for his Rochester, NY hometown Representative, the Honorable Frank Horton (R-NY). In 1986, he took a job as a senior associate and team leader at Cassidy & Associates. At Cassidy he provided government and public affairs services to colleges, universities, hospitals and non-profit organizations.

After 10 years at Cassidy, Scott and his wife, Kate headed to the University of Virginia, where Scott pursued a doctorate in ethics. In 1997 he felt the lure of Congress once again when he was asked to serve on the professional staff of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions HELP. On the HELP Committee, Scott advised the Chairman on budget, education and research policy, served as the Committee's

chief staff negotiator for budget and appropriations and was a principal staff member on the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1998, and the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998.

Now, Scott, Kate and their three children, Abigail, Sam and Eliza, are embarking on a new adventure. They are moving north to Vermont, where Scott has been appointed Vice President of Policy, Research and Planning for the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. Although the students and universities in Vermont are thrilled with this move, Congress is losing a valuable, incredibly talented staff member.

On behalf of Chairman BOEHLERT and all the members and staff of the Science Committee, thank you for your service to Congress. Scott, we wish you all the best in your future.

IN HONOR OF SOLOMON NEWBORN

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2003*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American and a great New Yorker, Solomon Newborn, who passed away on June 16, 2003 at the age of 86, after a life dedicated to public service, his community of Plainview, the Town of Oyster Bay, his religion, and—most importantly—his family.

After growing up as the poor child of Austrian immigrants, Solomon worked his way through New York University, where he received both his Bachelor of Science in Accounting and his Master's Degree in Education.

During World War II, Sol decided to enlist in the Navy. But the Navy told him that it was no longer enlisting men, so Sol, determined to serve his country and his flag, enlisted in the Army Air Corps, the forerunner of the United States Air Force. Solomon Newborn became a decorated Captain who served valiantly in flight and in uniform fighting the Nazi regime.

Sol's dedication to the highest standards of his profession was always evident in his work. A Certified Public Accountant and recognized specialist in the fields of municipal auditing, Solomon was elected the Receiver of Taxes of the town of Oyster Bay in 1996, a position he held until 1983. He was also an author on taxation and municipal accounting, subjects he taught at Adelphi University and Queens College, my alma mater.

Sol also understood how important it was to be a part of a community. As soon as he and his wife, Rita, moved into their home in Plainview, New York, in 1953, they began to develop the idea for the Plainview Jewish Center. Sol was not only one of the founders, but the synagogue's first president. Today, The Plainview Jewish Center continues to thrive as one of the largest synagogues on Long Island. Ironically, Sol died a full half century to the day after the first planning meeting was held in the Newborn's own living room.

Solomon Newborn was the organizer of the Annual Brotherhood Conference of Plainview Service Clubs, served as Chairman of the Red Cross for Plainview and was the Senior Vice Commander of the Jewish War Veterans in Hicksville. His tireless efforts on behalf of his

community and various groups have earned him the "Man of the Year" award from Yeshiva University and the "Masada" award from the United Jewish Federation.

Solomon is survived by Rita—his wife of 54 years, four children and one granddaughter: Ira, Evan, Jud, Kym and Stacey.

Solomon Newborn was the kind of man who led by his heart and always encouraged other public officials to be true to themselves. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in honoring and thanking Solomon for his service to our nation and to extend to his family our deepest sympathies and condolences.

THANKING THE NATIONAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2003*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), specifically Mary Miller and John Knapp of the La Junta, Co., NRCS Office for all of the wonderful work they do for rural Colorado and many of my constituents in Colorado's Fourth Congressional District.

NRCS has worked diligently to help farmers and ranchers in Eastern Colorado through this time of hardship and drought. Moreover, Mary and John have given special attention to briefing congressional staffers on many of the issues facing these farmers and ranchers. Their service to the agricultural communities of Eastern Colorado is greatly appreciated by my staff and myself.

DR. WILLIE MANLEY:  
AMBASSADOR OF PEACE

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2003*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I am glad to have the opportunity to recognize and congratulate Dr. Willie E. Manley as a recipient of the Ambassador of Peace Award.

I am honored to be presenting this award to Dr. Manley on Tuesday, June 24, 2003. Dr. Manley is one of 100 recipients from around the world. As the award states, it is granted to individuals who have dedicated their lives to promoting "strong family life, interreligious cooperation, international harmony, renewal of the United Nations, a responsible public media, and the establishment of a culture of peace. Transcending racial, national and religious barriers, the Ambassadors for Peace contribute to the fulfillment of the hope of all ages; a unified world of peace wherein the spiritual and material dimensions of life are harmonized." Dr. Manley is certainly deserving of such an award.

Dr. Manley's life has exemplified those very values. At home, he is the loving husband of Vertis, and the dedicated father of seven children. In addition to his work at the Greater Life Baptist Church, he is a community activist: he has traveled as a missionary to South

Africa and West Africa; been a Goodwill Ambassador to Korea; and served as a past President of the NAACP San Diego Chapter. Simply by reading his résumé, one realizes that Dr. Manley is a man who is dedicated in every way to his family, to his community, to his religion and to this world. He has worked at the local level, the national level and the international level; with the government, with non-governmental organizations, and at the grassroots.

His work has focused on peace and understanding among the people of the world. He has worked to improve race relations in the San Diego area. He has also worked to promote inter-denominational and inter-religious relations in San Diego and around the world. Indeed, I can think of no better candidate for the Ambassador of Peace Award than Dr. Willie E. Manley.

THE OCCASION OF THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF MARK MEAKER

**HON. DOUG OSE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2003*

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mark Meaker for his many years of dedicated service to a number of Northern California fire departments, and also to congratulate him on the occasion of his upcoming retirement.

Mark Meaker began his fire service career in 1971 as a volunteer firefighter with the Arcade Fire District. After a year with Arcade, he went to work with the Citrus Heights Fire District in 1972 and worked his way up through the ranks. Chief Meaker spent eight years as a company officer, six as a battalion chief and five years as an Operations assistant chief for the Sacramento County Fire Protection District. In that period, he played a key role in the development of their ambulance program and was incident commander on many large-scale emergency operations.

Mr. Meaker became Fire Chief of the Elk Grove Community Services District Fire Department in July of 1997. Since becoming Fire Chief, the department has completed construction of three new fire stations, and is scheduled to begin construction on a \$2.7 million fire training facility this spring.

Under Chief Meaker's leadership the Elk Grove CSD Fire Department has dramatically improved upon the rate at which its crews respond to emergency situations. The department now executes an emergency response time of 5 minutes or less 75 percent of the time the crew is called into action. This is a 35 percent increase, up from 40 percent in the years prior to his service. Mr. Meaker sup-

ported the improved education and motivation of line personnel, implemented an aggressive move-up policy along with restrictions on units leaving their cover areas, and aided in the construction of additional fire stations. These improvements, along with Mr. Meaker's dedication and hard work, are responsible for the dramatic improvement in the Elk Grove CSD Fire Department's emergency response time.

After six years of serving as Fire Chief for the Elk Grove Community Service District Fire Department and more than 30 years of dedicated duty to California's fire service, Mark Meaker is retiring. It is my pleasure to honor him today; his hard work and dedication will be missed.

TRIBUTE TO IRONWOOD AARP CHAPTER #556 IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 35TH YEAR OF SERVICE

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2003*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a group of senior citizens who have kept their Ironwood American Association of Retired Persons Chapter #556 active and healthy for 35 years in Ironwood, Michigan.

Some of the charter members who were there when AARP Chapter #556 was first organized are still active members. Current Chapter President Ray Maurin presides over meetings the first Monday of every month at the Ironwood Senior Center.

Chapter #556 is involved every year in a workshop that brings Upper Peninsula AARP chapter presidents and others from Michigan AARP together, usually in the Ironwood area, to discuss legislative issues. These workshops are open to the public, are always informative and often lead to enthusiastic political discussions.

On an individual level, members of Chapter #556 this year joined forces with Lake Superior AARP Chapter #1791 to improve home safety for 52 homebound senior citizens by providing and installing home smoke detectors. This program was so popular that Grace Nurkkala, Michigan AARP Chapters Specialist, says she has a list of 25 additional seniors who have asked to be included.

Members of Chapters #556 and #1791 have also recently delivered cheerful, bright coffee mugs and live plants to brighten the lives of 52 seniors who receive home meal delivery through the Ironwood Senior Center.

As they stay active and engaged in political activity, reach out to their neighbors and join together for fellowship and action on issues important to senior citizens, the many mem-

bers of Ironwood AARP Chapter #556 can be proud of their 35 year record of accomplishment on behalf of seniors.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that you and the other members of this body will join me in extending our heartiest congratulations to Ironwood AARP Chapter #556 on the 35th anniversary of its organization.

VETERANS LOSE ONE OF THEIR BEST FRIENDS

**HON. LANE EVANS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2003*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, on June 20 the Nation lost a dedicated public servant and its veterans and Armed Forces personnel worldwide a loyal and steadfast champion. Our colleague, former Arizona Congressman Bob Stump, whose legacy is a remarkable record of programs that will benefit active duty service men and women, National Guard and Reserve personnel, and veterans for generations to come, passed away after a lengthy illness.

I consider it a privilege to have had the opportunity to serve in the House of Representatives with this gentleman from 1987 to the day of his departure—some 14 years, the full time for which we both served as members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. In that time, I never encountered a more generous, more courteous, more affable, nor more resolute individual in this body. I am proud to have served as Ranking Democrat under his very capable chairmanship of the Veterans' Affairs Committee and to have worked with someone who so clearly understood and practiced true bipartisanship.

Bob was one of those all-too-rare individuals in elected office—an unassuming, behind-the-scenes workhorse who eschewed self-promotion and who knew his way and how to get there. It didn't take long for one to understand that Bob's kindly manner sometimes belied the firm hand he kept on the helm of leadership in veterans' affairs and armed services, and in the cause of his constituents.

Those who have served in uniform, and those still serving, likely will never know the full measure of what this good man gave them, but they will feel it every day in a broad range of benefits and services that bear his mark. His near half-century of contributions to his country, beginning as a combat medic in the Pacific Theater of World War II, through service in both houses of the Arizona legislature, 26 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and chairmanship of two committees, will forever be held in the same high regard as the man we came to know and appreciate.