

competing in multiple tournament formats during the weeklong event.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Japanese American National Bowling Association (JANBA) for its courageous beginnings to oppose segregation in the aftermath of World War II and providing a venue for social interaction and friendly competition for fellow Americans.

EDUCATORS HONORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two faculty members of the College of Southern Maryland who have been honored by the Association of Community College Trustees. Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Elaine Ryan, is the recipient of the 2003 Chief Executive Officer Award and Professor Bill Morton is the recipient of the 2003 Faculty Member Award.

Mr. Speaker, the ACCT awards program is very competitive at a national level. This program annually recognizes the contributions made by trustees, chief executives and faculty members. The association is a non-profit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees.

Being selected the recipient of the 2003 Chief Executive Officer award is a great honor and privilege. Dr. Ryan has devoted over thirty years to the College of Southern Maryland and in 1998, was appointed the college's third president. She is the first female to hold such responsibility at this college. Under her leadership, the community college has become a regional institution serving three counties with four campuses. According to the 2003 Maryland Higher Education Commission Report on Retention, Transfer and Graduation Rates, the College of Southern Maryland ranked first in the State for the highest four-year graduation and transfer rates among Maryland community colleges for its first-time, full-time entering freshman class of 1998. This is a significant achievement for the college. Dr. Ryan, as CEO, no doubt has had a very active part in making the college as successful as it is today. She is admired and respected for her administrative ability, intellect, and love of her community. She is very active in her community serving on the Governor's Information Technology Board, the Southern Maryland Workforce Investment Board, the Charles County's Vision in Teamwork and Leadership organization and the Board of Directors for the Maryland Mentoring Partnerships, as well as many other community organizations. She is a role model for many young people in the community and has been nationally recognized for her efforts in education.

No college can be successful without the intelligent and caring men and women who strive everyday to make a difference in the lives of today's youth. Having professors who love to teach students is what makes a college the best that it can be. Professor Bill Morton has been recognized by the ACCT for his innovative instruction in accounting, econom-

ics and management. He is a pioneer in his field, utilizing distance learning through broadcast and video-based telecourses, interactive television, online courses, and cooperative education. He has devoted thirteen years to educating youth at the College of Southern Maryland. He believes that the only way to teach students is to reach students. Morton integrates his own life lessons into his teachings by drawing on his fifteen years of military and private sector experience. In 2000, the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (Region 2) awarded Morton the Teaching Excellence Award. For the past two years, the faculty at CSM selected the professor to receive the Faculty Excellence Award. Morton's expertise in his subject, positive attitude toward his students, and passion for teaching draw admiration from his peers and pupils alike.

On this day, I would like to recognize these individuals for their achievements in the field of education. Teaching is one of the most important professions in our Nation today and it is important to recognize those outstanding teachers for educating our Nation's youth and inspiring them to succeed in life. Dr. Elaine Ryan and Professor Bill Morton have worked hard to achieve this outstanding award presented by the ACCT. Their dedicated service to the College of Southern Maryland, to their profession and to their community has benefited and enriched the lives of so many. Southern Maryland is fortunate to have such committed professionals and we all thank and congratulate them for a job well done.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF LODGE NO. 83 IN LEBANON, MISSOURI

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Laclede Lodge No. 83 of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Lebanon, Missouri. The Freemasons of this lodge have worked diligently and provided many hours of community service in Lebanon and Laclede County.

Lodge No. 83 was chartered in 1854 and the first Master of this lodge was Dr. I.W. Greenstreet. The lodge was first located on Wood Street in "Old Town" Lebanon. Currently the lodge is located at the corner of Second and Madison Streets in Lebanon.

The Laclede Lodge and its members have stood the test of time. From the beginning, the lodge had to survive a Civil War and hardships from local congregations who did not understand the mystic brotherhood. Today the lodge thrives in a wonderful community and gives back to that community at every turn.

Mr. Speaker, the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons can be proud of the 150 year history they have in Lodge No. 83 and with the Lebanon and Laclede County communities. I know the Members of the House will join me in congratulating Lodge No. 83 for 150 years of fine service.

HONORING OUTSTANDING TEACHERS IN THE 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I am privileged to honor some of the most treasured individuals in the Fifth Congressional District of Texas, our public school teachers. As a product of the public school system, from kindergarten to graduate school, I am especially proud to recognize the work of teachers in my district.

Public school teachers are unsung heroes who labor tirelessly in the classrooms and on the playing fields. They are the backbone of our education system in Texas and truly worthy of high praise in this chamber.

While you will never find a teacher on a Fortune 500 list, teachers train and educate the men and women who become leaders in our nation's economy, government, and houses of worship. Teachers push our children to learn and make a contribution to our communities, and all too often they do so without the thanks that they so richly deserve. Public school teachers are some of our communities' most valued leaders.

Many school districts in the Fifth District of Texas honor their Teachers of the Year, and today I am pleased to showcase several individuals whose care, dedication and hard work have earned them that special recognition. They include: Nancy Bagwell—Dallas ISD; Paula Conditt—Malakoff ISD; Jason Cunningham—Malakoff ISD; Lisa Cunningham—Richardson ISD; Shannon Hansel—Palestine ISD; Joy Hounsel—Sunnyvale ISD; Betty Mendoilea—Elkhart ISD; Nancy Northcutt—Palestine ISD; Jennifer Pugh—Malakoff ISD; Cindy Smith—Malakoff ISD; Rick Urbanczyk—Richardson ISD; Ann Wilson—Mabank ISD.

Mr. Speaker, these teachers have gone above and beyond the call of duty. I thank them for their service to our children and our future.

UNITED STATES-CHILE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to express my concerns regarding both the Chile Free Trade Agreement and the Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

While, I support free trade with Chile and Singapore in principle, this agreement is a serious erosion of the noble position we stood up for in prior agreements in regards to upholding labor rights. I recognize that free trade has the potential to provide an opportunity to expand markets for U.S. goods and services. However, if we do not first guarantee fair trade; we do not have free trade.

Fair trade agreements are an important way to maintain the United States' leadership in

upholding fundamental human rights. By entering into free trade agreement with countries that already abide by labor standards equivalent to our own, we can prevent the exploitation of the weak, the uneducated, the poor, and others. Children should not be working 60 hour weeks in unsafe factories for pennies a day. Not one person in this Congress wants that to happen, but unfair trade agreements mitigate these abuses to occur by ignoring the opportunity to set minimum standards.

This is not to say that either Chile or Singapore do not abide by the five core, internationally-recognized, labor rights. However, the so-called "enforce your own labor protections" provisions in the Chile and Singapore Agreements are dangerous templates for future negotiations. The maintenance of minimal labor standards must be insured through explicit requirements outlining our expectations for workers' protection. Not only have we not defined labor standards in these current agreements, we have also not given ourselves a means to address any violation of labor rights in the future. This is simply unacceptable.

The negotiation of the U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement sought this explicit protection for workers. The Chile and Singapore Free Trade Agreements are a definite step in the wrong direction in regards to labor rights. As a nation, we have continuously stood up for the rights and protection of all workers. We cannot sacrifice workers and their protection to save a buck on a pair of shoes simply because they are somewhere around the world. We must factor in the cost of abdicating our responsibility to protect both our workers and workers the world over. Without explicit protection for laborers it is not free trade because there is no price for human dignity.

Mr. Speaker, it is unfortunate that I come here to oppose these agreements. Congress gave away its ability to amend trade agreements last year and, therefore, the only option I have to express my opposition to the labor rights provisions is to vote against the trade agreements in whole. Therefore, I will oppose these agreements and urge my colleagues to vote them down.

HONORING SAM HALPERT AND
JOHN DEEGAN

HON. PETER DEUTSCH
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pleasure to honor Mr. Sam Halpert and Mr. John Deegan of Pembroke Pines, FL, distinguished civil servants, contemporary American heroes, and great Floridians.

Now more than ever, our nation needs strong leaders—leaders who can be relied upon to protect the public from a growing number of natural disasters, the spread of terrorism, and crime in our city streets. Mr. Halpert and Mr. Deegan exemplify the types of heroes that describe a quarter century of service to local communities and to our country. Through hard work and effort, they have protected the South Florida community and its citizens for over a combined total of 50 years. Mr. Halpert, who began his career fighting fires as a volunteer in the 1970s, has most recently served as the city's fire marshal. Mr.

Deegan began his service to South Floridians as a paramedic, and now he is to be commended upon his retirement as the division chief in charge of emergency medical services.

Although Halpert and Deegan pursued different paths, they remained bound by their shared commitment to community welfare. Since 1978, Pembroke Pines has experienced tremendous growth from about 14,000 to 160,000 residents. Surely, with this immense growth in population comes the enormous responsibility of protecting its citizens. Instead of viewing this growth as an obstacle, Halpert and Deegan saw providing care and services to all Pembroke Pines' residents as a challenge, and they ensured the utmost quality in fire protection and emergency medical services.

Upon their retirement, I am pleased to take this opportunity to celebrate their amazing service to Broward County. Clearly, dedicated citizens such as these individuals serve as an example to us all, highlighting the extent to which fellow citizens are actually everyday heroes. Though the Pembroke Pines Fire Department and EMS will surely miss their commitment and service, each man has left an indelible impression on their respective institutions that will last a lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a special occasion for me to honor Mr. Halpert and Mr. Deegan, who have embodied community leadership and strength as upstanding Floridians for over 25 years.

HONORING PETE JIMENEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a courageous and dedicated veteran of our state, Pete Jimenez of Pueblo, Colorado. As a member of the Army's infamous E Company in World War II, Pete gallantly served, protecting our freedoms on the field of battle. Pete is the newest recipient of the Croix de Guerre, a medal given by the President of France for uncommon heroism, valor, and bravery during battle. Pete has also been named a Knight of the Legion of Honor. This is the most prestigious of French military awards, and past recipients include President Ronald Reagan, President George Bush, and Secretary of State Colin Powell. I would like to join my colleagues in congratulating Pete and recognizing his deeds here today.

Pete will receive these commendations for events that took place throughout World War II, but particularly on September 17, 1944. On this day, Pete voluntarily took command of a patrol whose mission was to enter the city and knock out an enemy 20mm embedded cannon that was holding up the Allied advance. They were also told to investigate a vast underground structure that was possibly holding an American prisoner of war. In the destruction of the 20mm cannon, Pete single handedly killed two German soldiers while exposed to enemy fire. As Pete approached the underground structure, his squad encountered a number of enemy soldiers. After a significant struggle, they accepted the surrender of a 200 man

fighting force positioned inside the structure. Due to the ferocity of Pete's squad, the enemy believed they were under attack from a much larger force and threw down their weapons.

This is just one of the many heroic events that Pete Jimenez participated in during World War II. As the war ended, Pete was decorated with several medals, representing the valor and courage he displayed. He would go on to receive the World War II Victory Medal, four Bronze Stars for participation in the Normandy, Northern France, Central Europe, and Rhineland campaigns and two Bronze Stars for heroism and valor. Pete would also receive the Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart, as Pete was wounded five times in battle.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues here today in congratulating Pete and in recognizing this prestigious honor. This recognition to Pete for the work he did for our country is long overdue, and I am proud to bring his achievements to the attention of this body of Congress today. Congratulations and thanks again, Pete, for your many years of hard work on behalf of the United States.

DR. DONALD M. TOPPING

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the late Dr. Donald M. Topping of Huntington, West Virginia, who passed away at the age of 73 on June 29, 2003. He will be remembered for his contributions in preserving the Chamorro culture, especially his work with the Chamorro language of Guam and the Northern Marianas.

Dr. Topping leaves behind his wife, Priscilla Topping, and his children Miles and Lee Minh Topping, Jason Kesolei, Dee Johnson and Leslie Jensen. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Dr. Topping was Professor Emeritus of Linguistics at the University of Hawaii. He was also a founding member of the department. Dr. Topping was also responsible for co-founding the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii in 1993. He served as its president until 2003 and received the Ho'omaluhia, or Peacemaker award, for advocating drug policy reforms on Hawaii. Dr. Topping was also the director of the Pacific and Asian Linguistics Institute from 1969–1974 and director of the Social Science Research Institute from 1974–1996.

Dr. Donald Topping was considered a modern pioneer of the Chamorro language and was the main voice for modernizing the Chamorro language through his work on the reference grammar and the orthography. As an English professor at the former Territorial College of Guam, Dr. Topping taught himself the Chamorro language with the help of friends and neighbors in an effort to help his students learn English. He went on to author the books, *Spoken Chamorro*, in 1969; *Chamorro Reference Grammar*, in 1973; and the *Chamorro-English Dictionary*, with Pedro Ogo and Bernadita Dungca, in 1975, which put the Chamorro language into written form.

Dr. Topping's work demonstrated that the Chamorro language had very unique features that could be best understood as an Austronesian Language rather than the popular misconception of Spanish origins. His