

Chester Gray was constantly described as "a gentleman", one of a vanishing breed of men who was elegant, articulate and cultured. But he was more, he was compassionate, a friend, a supporter and mentor. He had high standards and expectations. "Chet" or as he liked to refer to himself, "The Silver Fox", had a zest for living. Unaffected by the passage of time he was debonair, worldly, a man of great humor, twinkling eyes and a broad smile. He believed in finding positive solutions and believed in conciliation.

Chester had a Forty-Seven year long love affair with his beloved Frances, who preceded him in death. They were blessed with one son, Chester, Jr. a resident of Philadelphia, Pa. Chester lived life to the fullest: golfing, traveling, dancing, cooking, reading, writing, practicing Tai Chi, sharing time with his wonderful world of diverse friends. He was indeed a "Man for all Seasons". We will miss him, but remember him with love.

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
AUBRIE WASICEK**

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Aubrie Wasicek is an outstanding student and loving daughter; and

Whereas, Aubrie Wasicek has been acknowledged by Adams Elementary School for her outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas, Aubrie Wasicek should be commended for her academic excellence, for her dedication to learning, and for her willingness to obtain and share the knowledge she has gained; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Audra Wasicek for her outstanding accomplishment.

**MOURNING THE LOSS OF SGT.
GERARDO MORENO**

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep sorrow for the loss of a young soldier from my district, Sgt. Gerardo Moreno, 23, of Terrell, Texas. Gerardo, who was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division based in Fort Hood, Texas, died on April 6 in Ashula, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He had been in Iraq since early January and was killed in a grenade attack.

Following graduation from Terrell High School in 1999, Gerardo enlisted in the Army. He was a dedicated soldier and upstanding citizen of Terrell, Texas. In a show of support for the fallen soldier, the residents of Terrell lined Moore Avenue on the morning of his funeral to pay their respects. He was laid to rest in Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Gerardo was also a devoted family man. He is survived by his wife, Teresa Moreno of Terrell and their two children, Dominique and

Marrisol Moreno. Mourning his death are also his mother, Sandra E. Iracheta, and her husband, Noe Iracheta; father, Gerardo Moreno; brother, Jose J. Moreno; step sisters, Yara and Yadira Perez; grandmother, Rita Iracheta of Terrell; grandfather, Israel Iracheta of San Antonio, and other family members.

Mr. Speaker, Gerardo left Texas in defense of our Nation, and he returned to Texas a hero. He made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation, and we are forever indebted to him and to our brave men and women who are serving in our armed forces. As we adjourn today in the House of Representatives, let us do so by joining with the good citizens of Terrell in honoring this American hero, Sgt. Gerardo Moreno, and extending our deepest condolences to his family and friends. May God bless them and bring them comfort in their time of sorrow.

**CONGRATULATING INDUCTEES
AND MEMBERS OF THE NA-
TIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY
OF BELL OAKS UPPER ELEMEN-
TARY SCHOOL IN BELLMAWR,
NEW JERSEY**

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize the newest inductees and two-year members of the National Junior Honor Society of Bell Oaks Upper Elementary School in Bellmawr, New Jersey. These students have earned this recognition due to their excellence both inside and outside the classroom, and they should be proud of their accomplishments.

The National Junior Honor Society was established in 1929, 8 years after the establishment of the National Honor Society. Both organizations were established to recognize outstanding students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency not just in their classroom studies, but in school activities and community service as well. Each of the recent inductees and current members of the Bell Oaks National Junior Honor Society is to be commended for their dedication to knowledge and service.

On May 24 at 7 p.m. Bell Oaks Upper Elementary School inducted the following 7th Graders: Caitlin Concannon, Charles Dyer, David Funk, Breelynn Hammerle, Jake Huffner, John Ippolite, Maryam Jamil, Erica Lopez, Jacob McGranaghan, Stephen Miles, Joseph Newsham, Priyanka Patel, Charles Robinson, Mark Unger, Judith Wallen, Brett Walren, and Lidia Wilczynska. The 8th Graders inducted were Justin Borrelli, Bryan Cheeseman, Donovan Ortiz, Ashley Parker, Steven Sheehan, and Christopher Todd. The National Junior Honor Society Two Year Members are as follows: Michael Anthony, Hinnah Aslam, Lorin Barry, Joshua Bloomquist, Laura Buonpastore, Lauren Burmylo, Anthony DiLolle, Edward DiMatta, Nicholas Fishman, Danielle Landis, Brittany Magnin, Michael Malason, Meghan Mitchell, Sean O'Donnell, Stephen Paul, Brittney Rehrig, Amanda Roop, Blair Rundsmom, Matthew Salvano, Jessie Sibiski, Thomas Teschko, and Britney Yocum.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating each of these students on their dedication to scholarship and commitment to community service. Their enthusiasm for learning and helping others is admirable, and I am certain that they will continue to excel in these areas and remain leaders in their community.

**TRIBUTE TO MS. DORCAS R.
HARDY**

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Dorcas R. Hardy, who, among her many noteworthy accomplishments, served as the Chairman of the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Task Force.

In May 2003, VA Secretary Anthony Principi established the Task Force to give the VR&E program "an unvarnished, top-to-bottom independent examination, evaluation, and analysis." Chairman Hardy fulfilled the challenge with an extensive testimony before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the operations, findings, and recommendations to improve the VR&E program.

Included among the Task Force's 100-plus recommendations is a new, five-track employment process aimed at assisting veterans with finding and retaining employment. The report also includes recommendations focusing on four categories: programs, organizations, work processes, and integrating capacities. Ms. Hardy summarized the recommendations best by saying that they are necessary for the program "to be effective in the 21st Century" and they will help "to communicate to veterans and partners that the purpose of the program is employment." Indeed, long-term sustained employment should be the goal of every vocational rehabilitation participant.

Ms. Hardy received her B.A. from Connecticut College, her M.B.A. from Pepperdine University, and completed the Executive Program in Health Policy and Financial Management at Harvard University.

Ms. Hardy is also the President of Dorcas R. Hardy & Associates, a government relations and public policy firm serving a diverse portfolio of clients in the health services, insurance, financial and associated industries. She has a distinguished record of public service culminating with her appointment in 1986 by the late President Ronald Reagan as the Commissioner of Social Security.

With Ms. Hardy's continued dedication to public service, America and her veterans benefit. For this, I pay her tribute.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO MAILE
KELLER**

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Maile Keller of Glenwood Springs, Colorado for her ability to overcome obstacles

placed before her and excel in her endeavors. Diagnosed with a hearing impairment before the age of three, MailLe has excelled as a student-athlete at Glenwood Springs High School.

This spirit of perseverance is thematic in her life. MailLe has learned to communicate in different ways to overcome her hearing loss, including learning to read lips. Determined to receive an athletic letter at Glenwood Springs High School, MailLe took up golf during her sophomore year. After many hours of practice with a swing coach, she found a love and appreciation for the game. As a testament to her dedication to the sport, success soon followed as MailLe took second place at the Demon Invitational golf tournament.

Her hard work is not exclusive to golf; she is also a very dedicated student and has the grades to prove it. Her plans for the future include attending the University of Northern Colorado to study visual arts with the help of a scholarship from the Western Colorado Golf Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize MailLe Keller for her accomplishments on the green and in her life. She has overcome the obstacles that have been laid in her path, and I congratulate her on her success and wish her the best of luck in future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO ARCHBISHOP
WILBERT S. MCKINLEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley in recognition of his spiritual leadership in the community.

Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley is the senior pastor of The Elim International Fellowship.

The doors of the church were opened for ministry on July 26, 1964. As the founding pastor, Archbishop McKinley has served the church faithfully for forty years.

Archbishop McKinley has an overwhelming passion to introduce people, especially men, to the Church and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Archbishop McKinley believes that these teachings hold the key to every door. He is especially called to reach black men with the message of hope through Jesus Christ and with the necessity of embracing one's spiritual, national and racial identity.

Archbishop McKinley has been a gift to the Church. In addition to his pastoral duties, he is a leader who is committed to sharing his time and talent with others.

Mr. Speaker, Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley has been a spiritual leader in his community for more than forty years. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

DANNY CAMERON

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Danny Cameron of Cleveland, Ohio.

I want to thank Mr. Cameron for all he has done during his 36-year career with National City Bank to give quality service to the citizens of the 11th Congressional District. As President of the National City Development Corporation he served our community for the past 22, assisting customers make their dreams a reality. For too long, many deserving people were denied an opportunity to build businesses and futures because of the lack of availability of a helping hand. Danny has used his position with the Development Corporation to say "yes" rather than "no," to offer hope rather than despair to the people of Greater Cleveland. I thank him for making our community a better place.

I am very happy that he has reached this wonderful time, being young enough to retire and start a new life. I am sorry, however, that he and his wife, Dorothy, are leaving Cleveland for new beginnings in Georgia.

On behalf of the citizens of the 11th Congressional District, Ohio, I extend our gratitude to Danny Cameron for his many years of service, not only as a banker but also as an involved community citizen. He has brightened many lives. On a personal note, I also want to thank him for his years of friendship and support. He has always been there for me.

I wish Danny, Dottie and their family many years of health and happiness. May they fulfill many of their dreams and also find many new adventures. We'll miss you.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
WORKING WARDROBES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Working Wardrobes is a dedicated and tireless organization worthy of merit and recognition; and

Whereas, Working Wardrobes has been acknowledged for its philanthropic service; and

Whereas, Working Wardrobes should be commended for its excellence in service and for its unwavering dedication to helping individuals obtain the necessary skills to obtain employment; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Working Wardrobes for its outstanding accomplishment.

CONGRATULATING THE "TREASURES OF THE TEXAS COAST"
CHILDREN'S ART CONTEST 2004
WINNERS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize Sammy Clegg, Chelsea Schneider and Daniel Sagrero as the 2004 winners of the Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest.

As part of the Texas Adopt-A-Beach program, the "Treasures of the Texas Coast" art contest is open to Texas students grade K-6.

Hosted annually by the Texas General Land Office, the core objectives of the contest are to encourage young artists while promoting the cause to keep Texas beaches clean. This year's winners, Chelsea Schneider and Daniel Sagrero of Lee Intermediate School in Gainsville, Texas, and Sammy Clegg of Rowlett Elementary School in Rowlett, Texas, masterfully demonstrated those objectives.

Each young artist beautifully displayed the concept of keeping Texas beaches clean by using an elaborate and colorful palette. The winning artwork was displayed in the Capitol Building in Austin, Texas, as well as compiled into a statewide calendar for all to see. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend congratulations to these outstanding students.

WAR WITH IRAQ

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address some dangerous and potentially harmful conjectures that have been made by some of our colleagues in Congress regarding the reasons for going to war with Iraq.

Our decision to go to war with Iraq and remove Saddam Hussein from power was the right decision. The record shows that at various times the defeated Iraqi regime of Saddam Hussein possessed biological and chemical weapons and desired to possess nuclear weapons. Failure to oust Saddam Hussein would have put the American people at a grave risk.

Some have questioned the quality of intelligence that U.S. policy makers received prior to the start of the war in Iraq. I agree that this is a matter of grave importance that requires a complete and full public evaluation. Any faulty intelligence on such grave matters is a serious problem. If we are relying on the same potentially faulty intelligence to protect the lives of our troops still serving in Iraq, or to consider military action elsewhere in the world, that is a dangerous risk to our security and a grave flaw in our foreign policy decision making processes. While these matters are investigated, however, it is crucial that we do not recklessly suggest alternate reasons that the war was pursued.

Some Members of Congress have made statements claiming that the true reason for this war was to move along the Administration's plan to secure a peaceful Israel. These statements are baseless, and quite divisive. While Israel, like the rest of the World, will surely benefit from a stable, democratic Iraq, this war was not entered into for Israel's benefit. Granted, a democratic force in the region will be welcome by the Israeli government, but a stable Iraq will be no means ensure an end to the dangers faced by our allies in Israel. Suggesting that the United States waged this war solely to advance its Middle East policies will only serve to increase the anti-Semitism that already permeates the area, and potentially increase the violence that the Israeli citizens have been forced to endure for years. It is true that, prior to the commencement of the War with Iraq, President Bush stated, "A new regime in Iraq would serve as a dramatic and inspiring example of freedom for other nations