

In 1965, one year after its establishment, the town experienced major growth and development, becoming home to more than 500 residents in its first year. A civic center, recreational facilities, schools, stores, and restaurants quickly followed. This expansion continued during subsequent decades, and today Crofton is a thriving community with more than 30,000 residents.

Crofton prides itself on the fact that it has experienced economic growth while retaining its safe, family-oriented, and close-knit roots. Residents today still enjoy the amenities that originally attracted them—tree-lined streets, suburban environment and convenience to two major cities.

Crofton's 40th anniversary celebration features children's activities, concerts, athletic events, banquets, and parades. The events began in April and will continue through the end of November. Local businesses, sports teams, armed forces, and firemen are all participating in these events.

I hope my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in commemorating this milestone in Crofton history, as we celebrate 40 years of this dynamic Maryland community.

HONORING MR. JEFFERY J. DAAR

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join in saluting Mr. Jeffery J. Daar, Chair of the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley, who is being honored on August 14 by the Sherman Oaks Democratic Club. Jeffery is a remarkable man with many accomplishments in both politics and law.

Since founding his own professional law firm 22 years ago, Jeffery has handled cases that are both highly complex and in the public interest. As a specialist in complex litigation, he represented California municipalities in 5 years of insurance insolvency court proceedings, resulting in a legislative amendment to the California Insurance Code. He has led important consumer class action cases that have reached the highest courts in California, and has authored several influential publications covering varied topics from the insurance industry to election law. He is a leader in his field.

Jeffery was born and raised in Los Angeles. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Claremont Men's College and his Juris Doctorate in 1982 from University of California Davis. His strong interest in politics was first evident during his college years when he served as President of the Student Democratic Coalition, a statewide organization of more than 20 college Democratic Clubs.

Jeffery has taken an active part in his community's school system, serving as an elected member of the managing councils of both Dearborn Elementary School and Holmes Middle School. He also serves as a Member of the Board of Directors of The Zacarias Foundation, a nonprofit education foundation. In addition, he helps promote our community through his work as a Member of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

Jeffery is married and has four children.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in saluting Jeffery J. Daar for his impressive career and dedication to the people of California and to congratulate him on earning the Democratic Volunteer of the Year Award.

A TRIBUTE TO BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF NORTH ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an important group of individuals whose hard work and dedication has made a tremendous impact on the lives of numerous children throughout North Alabama.

For over twenty years, the Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Alabama has provided hundreds of children with a positive influence and a strong foundation to help guide them through adolescence. Every volunteer does a great deal to improve the quality of life of these children and to help them develop goals and aspirations of their own. For its hard work and continued commitment, Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Alabama is recognized nationally for its performance as one of the best agencies in the country.

Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 100th year of the national Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and on August 14th, a reunion and centennial picnic was held in Huntsville. This picnic was an opportunity for everyone involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters to come together, trade success stories, and relive the times each volunteer and child has had together.

Mr. Speaker, I've always believed that our children should have an opportunity to succeed and be an active participant in our communities. I'm pleased that there are a large number of individuals who are committed to helping less fortunate children in our area. I rise today to commend each and every person who is involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters and join in their centennial celebration.

SUPPORTING GOALS OF NATIONAL MARINA DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 647, which expresses Congress's support of the goals of National Marina Day.

I would also like to recognize Mr. Marshall Funk of Marinas International for his work with Pier 121 Marina on Lake Lewisville, Scott's Landing Marina and Silver Lake Marina in Grapevine, and Twin Coves Marina in Flower Mound, located in my Congressional District.

National Marina Day will be celebrated this year on August 14. This annual celebration promotes the United States' marinas and recognizes the importance of marinas across the country. National Marina Day focuses on two

central themes: the important role that marinas play as family-friendly and environmentally friendly gateways to the water.

There are more than 12,000 marinas nationwide, which employ over 140,000 people. Marinas provide the public with a safe way to enjoy outdoor activities like sailing, cruising, and fishing.

I've spent many enjoyable hours boating with my family and, as a member of the Congressional Boating Caucus, I am glad to support House Resolution 647.

RECOGNIZING MR. BILL GARRETT OF EL CAJON, CA

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bill Garrett of El Cajon, CA and his commitment and accomplishments for his community, his family and his country. He began by preparing himself with the finest education by earning a Masters Degree in Public Administration with specialty in personnel and labor relations from California State University, Fullerton. He also earned a Masters in Science in Urban Planning from the University of Arizona and a Bachelors Degree in Political Science from the University of Washington.

Bill has a history of public service that began with his commitment to his country when he joined the United States Army. After his military commitment, Bill worked as an urban planning consultant in Arizona and California before becoming City Manager of the City of Corona. In 1996, Bill became the City Manager of El Cajon and brought a "can do" attitude to every department.

For the past eight years, Bill Garrett has played an integral role in the shaping of El Cajon and the surrounding communities. His efforts with the downtown corridor, the expansion of housing rehabilitation and his role in assisting first time home buyers are well-known. His strong belief that the employees of El Cajon are its greatest resource has caused the city to excel far beyond expectations. His obedience to the dictates of his council and the elected mayor has created a team effort second to none.

Bill Garrett is highly respected by his peers from around the nation but his greatest satisfaction comes from the accolade and respect from his fellow employees for the City of El Cajon. He has nurtured, trained, educated, and assisted his fellow employees through the good and tough times. He has also shared his insight and knowledge with the California City Management Foundation, the International City Management Association, the San Diego City-County Managers Association and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

In addition, Bill is a vital player as President of the Cuyamaca College Foundation Board, a member and past President of the El Cajon Rotary Club, Secretary of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca College District Auxiliary, founding member of El Cajon Sister Cities Committee and President of the El Cajon Historical Society.

Bill Garrett has allowed his experience to lead him into great service for his community,

his country and his family. His great partner in life, Judy Garrett, is a great public servant in her own right and has many accomplishments to her credit. The couple live in Fletcher Hills in El Cajon. Bill has decided to retire and to spend his time with family traveling and doing those things retired people do. He has received great praise from every sector of the community for his unselfish commitment to his profession and the people he represents.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in thanking Bill for his public service and wishing him the very best future possible.

DAVE AND MARY COSTIGAN'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dave and Mary Costigan on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on August 21, 2004. They have five children and nine grandchildren and have lived in Quincy, Illinois for most of their marriage.

Dave and Mary were both born and raised in Bloomington, Illinois. Mary Ensenberger graduated from Fontbonne College in St. Louis and majored in Physical Education. David Costigan graduated from Notre Dame University and received his Masters and PhD in History from Illinois State University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953–1955 and was honorably discharged.

Since 1957 David Costigan has taught history at Quincy University. He has held the Aaron M. Pemberton Chair in History and is now Professor Emeritus at the University. After many years and many awards for outstanding teaching, Dave continues to lecture and teach particularly in his areas of interest which include local Quincy history, the Civil War, and U.S. foreign policy.

Throughout her life, Mary Costigan has been an extraordinary teacher in her own right. Upon graduation from college, she taught Physical Education at my alma mater, Alleman High School in Rock Island. For many years, she also served as a tennis instructor in the Quincy area. Mary won many area tennis titles in Quincy as well as throughout the tri-state area of Illinois, Iowa and Missouri during her years on the courts.

Both Mary and Dave have contributed their time and energy to a variety of community and civic projects during the past 50 years. They have been very active in their church and local schools and regularly attend church services at St. Francis Solanus Church. Through their church they helped sponsor a family from Laos, bringing a Laotian family to Quincy to escape war and poverty in Southeast Asia.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. Costigan on this joyous occasion. I wish them all the best as they celebrate the life they have created and as they enjoy their many years to come.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF LORENZO CHAVEZ

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, last month my home state of New Mexico lost a great man. Lorenzo Armijo Chavez, who spent his entire life in the Land of Enchantment, died at the age of 90. Born and raised in Magdalena, Lorenzo rose from modest beginnings to become a celebrated attorney, state legislator, and father of Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez. He was a legend in his own time, and he leaves a long and unique legacy.

Afflicted with polio, Lorenzo received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Mexico in 1941. Attending Georgetown Law School as a full time student, Lorenzo earned his Juris Doctor degree while working 70 hours per week in charge of the Reading Room at the Library of Congress. He was a member of the Georgetown Law Journal Staff for 2 years and co-authored "Insurance-Rate Making," graduating third in his class.

Upon graduation, Lorenzo became a law clerk for Justice Ambrose O'Connell in the Court of Custom & Patent Appeals in Washington, D.C., followed by work for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the District of Columbia, in charge of War Risk Insurance. He then became a special assistant to the Attorney General of the U.S. in charge of land condemnation in New Mexico. In this position, he obtained for the Federal Government the land where Sandia Corporation is now located for \$3.00 per acre.

In 1946, he started his law practice in Albuquerque. During these early years, he was elected to the House of Representatives in the New Mexico Legislature representing Socorro County where the press characterized him as one of the two most effective freshman legislators. Despite pressure from influential and other friends, he refused to run for any other public office; during ensuing years, he refused appointments as a judge in the various courts, preferring to represent the injured workmen whom he felt had been sorely neglected by the courts for years. He helped create new law protecting injured workers. Additionally, he tried the first Federal court case where a Native American served in the jury.

During the Johnson Administration, he served his country for \$1.00 per year as a special advisor on Minority Enterprises to Howard Samuels, head of the Small Business Administration, where he encouraged and promoted loans to Spanish Americans and other minority businessmen throughout the United States. In the 1960s he was a member of Civilian Orientation Corps for the Defense Department.

In 1962, Lorenzo founded and became the first president of the American Savings and Loan Association in Albuquerque, NM. Also in the 1960s, he served on the Board of the prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers, of which he was a member for many years. After the death of U.S. Senator Dennis Chavez, he raised the funds necessary, contributing substantially himself, to have a statue of the Senator cast and placed in Statuary Hall in the Capitol in Washington, D.C. where

it will remain for posterity. He made the presentation himself, along with Senator Hubert Humphrey, Vice President Lyndon Johnson, and other distinguished statesmen, to U.S. Congress.

Lorenzo's love and compassion for the poor and the underdog manifested itself in legal representation, despite lucrative offers from the insurance companies. He handled over 16,000 plaintiffs suits in every county of the state where there was a court, winning over 90 percent of them, and handling 68 cases in the Supreme Court of New Mexico, winning 99 percent of those cases. During his 52 years of law practice, he tried cases in every surrounding state as well as in California and Illinois. He handled some 12 cases in the Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit and handled cases in the Court of Claims in association with eventual U.S. Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas. He handled cases in the New Mexico Federal District Court. His pro-bono cases were numerous. These accomplishments led to him being the first New Mexican accepted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and he was regularly named in America's Best Lawyers.

Lorenzo served as a mentor to many up-and-coming Hispanic lawyers, including former Governor Toney Anaya. He was a founder of the G.I. Forum, a Hispanic veterans' political group. Former Governor David Cargo recalls Lorenzo approaching him in the 1960's and urging broader Hispanic representation on boards of regents throughout the state.

When taxpayers complained about the high income tax they paid, Lorenzo's favorite comment was that he was delighted to pay taxes, that he remembered only too well when he didn't make enough money to pay taxes at all. He had firm principles—and, I believe, right ones. He expounded them clearly, he acted upon them decisively.

Lorenzo is survived by his wife, Sara Chavez, three sons, Larry, Phil and Martin, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. When Martin was running for office and he was asked to name his heroes, his father was always the first person he named.

Mr. Speaker, Lorenzo Chavez lived a long, productive and admirable life. He was a kind and loving husband, father and grandfather and enjoyed his life with family and friends to the fullest extent. His life left an indelible mark in the most significant of ways. He never forgot the foundations of family values, love and concern for others, a good education, and a solid work ethic. A great man is no longer with us, but will always be remembered in the minds and hearts of everyone who knew him. I cannot think of a more honorable legacy than that.

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL MARK E. ENGEL

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret and heartfelt admiration that I rise today to honor a fallen Marine from my district, Lance Corporal Mark E. Engel. Lance Corporal Engel sadly succumbed to injuries he suffered during combat in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. He was on his second deployment.