

recognize Ocean Mist Farms, the premier grower and shipper of artichokes in the United States. Based in Monterey County, California of my congressional district, Ocean Mist Farms produces over a dozen other vegetables in addition to artichokes on its farms which are located throughout California. On Saturday, August 28, 2004, the people of Ocean Mist Farms celebrated their company's 80th anniversary.

In 1924, Castroville area farmers Daniel Pieri, Amerigo and Angelo Del Chiaro, Alfred Tottino and Louis Bellone combined formed a company to grow, ship, and market artichokes. Their little company persevered through the Great Depression and WWII to transform artichokes from an obscure ethnic specialty to a national delicacy. It took genius and hard work to accomplish this, and these characteristics have assured their success through today. Under the current leadership of the Boutonnet and Bengard families, Ocean Mist Farms employs more than 60 people in sales and administrative positions, more than 160 workers in its packing, shipping and cooling facilities, and nearly 600 individuals in related harvesting and production operations, as well as operating several affiliate operations throughout California and Arizona. It is a company that has helped make the Central Coast of California the most productive agricultural region in the world and it continues to give back to the local communities of the Salinas Valley.

Ocean Mist Farms is also an environmental leader in our region. It has remained in the forefront of innovations in farming methods designed to protect the environment. Using advanced techniques of irrigation and integrated pest and soil management, Ocean Mist Farms has proved itself to be truly invested in the preservation of the beauty and natural resources offered by Monterey County. It also took the lead in developing the world's largest reclaimed wastewater irrigation project.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Ocean Mist Farms on its 80th anniversary. Monterey County has benefited immensely from their commitment to growing outstanding produce and I wish the company and all who work for Ocean Mist Farms the very best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MR. VERNON CUNNINGHAM AND MR. JAMES SHEPARD

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend two of Northwest Indiana's most distinguished citizens, Mr. Vernon Cunningham and Mr. James Shepard of Portage, Indiana. On Saturday, September 11, 2004, they will be honored for their exemplary and dedicated service to the community.

Mr. Vernon Cunningham will be awarded the Portage Township Citizen of the year. Vernon's qualities include a dedication to community causes. Vernon has been a resident of Portage, Indiana for over fifty years. Those who know him best describe Vernon as a kind, fun-loving person, who always wants to help others. His outstanding service and donation of time and money to Gabriel Horn's homeless shelter represents the epitome of

what a dedicated public servant should be. South Haven American Legion Post 502 will be filled Saturday night with friends and family who have been blessed with the opportunity to know and work with Vernon and who wish to celebrate with him as he receives his award. Vernon's work, which has earned him Portage Township Citizen of the Year, has been improving his community and the lives of Porter County residents for many years. Although Vernon has dedicated his time serving the community, he has never neglected to provide support and love to his family. Vernon and his late wife Peggy have three children Scott, Gail, and James.

Mr. James Shepard is being honored as the Portage Township Fireman of the Year. Mr. Shepard was voted by peers as Fireman of the Year for his outstanding service and dedication to the South Haven Volunteer Fire Department. James is a third generation fireman; his father was a volunteer fireman for South Haven and his grandfather was also a fireman. James graduated from the Georgia Fire Academy, the National Fire Academy, and he is also a Certified Fire Instructor. His career as a firefighter began in 1988 when he worked as a firefighter near Savanna, Georgia. In 1993, James became a Certified Emergency Medical Technician. He then moved to Porter County Indiana and has been a full-time fire fighter for the City of Valparaiso for the last eleven years. For the past ten years, he has also served as a volunteer fireman for the South Haven Fire Department. While James has dedicated considerable time and energy to his work and protecting the lives of others, he has never limited the time he gives to his most important interest, his family. He and his wife Stacy have two children, James and Samantha.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Vernon Cunningham and James Shepard for their outstanding contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District. Their commitment to improving the quality of life of the people of Northwest Indiana is truly inspirational and should be recognized and commended.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARJORIE STEIN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and memory of Marjorie Stein of Aspen, Colorado. Marjorie recently passed away at the age of ninety-four, and leaves behind a legacy as an active and generous member of her community. I am honored to join my colleagues in remembering Marjorie's life before this body of Congress and Nation.

Marjorie grew up in Chicago, Illinois and went on to attend Connecticut College where she studied abroad in Paris, France. Marjorie and her husband Henry first fell in love with Aspen in the late 1940's, when they purchased a second home in the small, developing town. Their time spent there inspired them to make Aspen their permanent residence, and for the next half century they made their home on the Mill Iron Ranch.

Marjorie took great pride in her good works for the community. Her great passion for music and entertainment inspired her to get involved with the Aspen Music Festival in the 1950s. She also had a desire to help people that led to her co-founding of the 'Blue Ladies', a group of volunteers at Aspen Valley Hospital in 1960. The 'Blue Ladies' of Aspen Valley Hospital took their name from a Red Cross group with the same name that Marjorie worked with during World War II. Both groups performed similar duties, providing their services to the hospital wherever it was needed. Outside her volunteering efforts, she also enjoyed tennis and skiing Colorado's slopes.

Mr. Speaker, Marjorie Stein was a selfless contributor to the Aspen, Colorado community. She passionately pursued her interests, and in doing so made Aspen a better place. In this difficult time of bereavement, I wish to offer Marjorie's family and friends my heartfelt condolences.

HONORING BRIG. GEN. DONALD POLK, M.D.

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, today I want to take a moment and thank a leader who has served not only his community in Tennessee, but also our Nation. After a lifetime of service as an officer in the United States military and as a physician, Brig. Gen. Donald H. Polk, M.D. is retiring.

In 1976, my friend Dr. Polk began working with the Tennessee Army National Guard. As Deputy Commander, State Area Command, Tennessee Army National Guard, General Polk has been responsible for supervising and training 3,000 combat service support soldiers of the Tennessee Army National Guard. Over the years Tennesseans have come to know and respect his leadership abilities.

And as a family physician in Wayne County, Dr. Polk has cared for thousands of people across our community. Again, his leadership abilities shone through as Medical Director of Emergency Service at Wayne Medical Center.

We are grateful for Dr. Polk's dedication and today I am pleased to honor and recognize his many years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF DR. HUGH LANGDON ELSBREE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Hugh Langdon Elsbree, who died on August 30, 2004. Dr. Elsbree served as the Director of the Legislative Reference Service (LRS), now the Congressional Research Service, from 1958 to 1966. He was a noted political scientist, academician, and dedicated public servant who led the Legislative Reference Service (LRS) in providing research to the Congress.

Dr. Elsbree joined LRS as a research counsel in 1945 and became a Senior Specialist in

American Government and Public Administration in 1946. From 1954–55 he served temporarily as the Deputy Director of the Commission on Inter-Governmental Relations and then served as LRS's Deputy Director from October 1955 until March 1957 when he left LRS to become chairman of the Political Science Department at Wayne State University. He returned to LRS in September 1958 as the Director and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1966.

Dr. Elsbree received A.B., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University in 1925, 1927, and 1930, respectively. In 1927–28 he was a Sheldon Traveling Fellow in Paris and Geneva, then began his teaching career at Harvard as an instructor in government from 1928–1933. He then served as assistant professor (1933–37) and professor (1937–43) of political science and as chairman of the Department of Political Science (1937–41) at Dartmouth College. For a brief period in 1934 he worked as a research specialist for the Federal Power Commission. In 1943 he joined the Office of Price Administration as principal business economist then the Bureau of the Budget (1945) as administrative analyst. For several years, Elsbree served as the book review editor and member of the editorial board of the American Political Science Review and from 1952–56 as its managing editor.

Upon his retirement, L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress, presented Dr. Elsbree with a Distinguished Service Award. In the accompanying letter, Mumford noted “. . . your ability to discover, attract, and develop talent, your personal integrity, your standards of excellence, your sound judgment, your profound understanding of the requirements of the Congress, your skill in public administration, and your fine qualities as a human being have not only maintained an admirable esprit de corps but have enabled the Legislative Reference Service to fulfill its highest duty—to be responsive to the needs of the Congress.”

Dr. Elsbree's leadership of the Legislative Reference Service contributed significantly to Congress' action in 1970 to expand the scope of the Legislative Reference Service and create the Congressional Research Service. His intimate knowledge of political science provided insight into how Congress' research needs were changing and how the Service could adjust to meet those needs.

To his son, Hugh L. Elsbree, Jr. and his family, friends, and former colleagues, I extend our deepest sympathies.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SAM MAYNES

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to mourn the passing of my close friend Sam Maynes of Durango, Colorado. Sam passed away recently at the age of 70 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was a humorous, kind-hearted man who was a bastion of goodwill and stability for his friends, family and community. Sam dedicated his life to the betterment of those less fortunate than himself, and I am honored today to stand before this body of Congress and this nation to recognize his many contributions to the State of Colorado.

Sam was born in Silverton, Colorado in 1933. After moving with his family to California during World War II, he came back to a Colorado setting in the city of Durango. He worked his way through high school and went on to Colorado College on a football scholarship before going on to study law at the University of Colorado in Boulder. It was there that he met Jacqueline Stahl, his beautiful wife of 45 years, who passed away last February.

Throughout his life, Sam was an engaged, bright individual with a brilliant sense of humor. His acumen and passion for the legal profession served him well throughout his tremendous legal career. At 26, Sam became the youngest lawyer in the Larry McDaniel and Byron Bradford firm in Durango. He soon became one of Colorado's foremost experts in water law. However, Sam's motivation was not money; he spent most of his career working to empower those in need, including the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Sam was a beloved husband, and father. He is survived by his mother Louise Maynes and his four remarkable children; Michele Hurley, Melinda Higgins, Sam W. Maynes and Mark Maynes. He also leaves behind eight beautiful grandchildren whom he loved dearly.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to call attention of this body of Congress to the life of Sam Maynes. His industrious, strong-willed nature made him a resilient force in the Durango community and the State of Colorado is a better place as the result of his many contributions. Sam dedicated his life to helping others, and I am truly honored to have been his friend.

HONORING AUSTIN CUNNINGHAM OF ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow I will join with many other South Carolinians to celebrate the 90th birthday of a Palmetto State legend, Mr. Austin Cunningham. In 1998, my predecessor Congressman Floyd Spence; made the following remarks before Congress describing the life of Austin Cunningham:

As a young man, Austin Cunningham, went to work to help support his family when his father died. He worked during the day and went to both high school and college at night, earning a law degree from the University of Virginia in 1940. During his business career, Mr. Cunningham has been the president of five companies and he has owned two manufacturing plants in South Carolina. President Reagan recognized Mr. Cunningham for his work with the Jobs Tax Credit Program and he has been involved with the administrations of former Governor Carroll Campbell and Governor David Beasley in improving race relations in our State. He has also contributed his time and efforts in the Orangeburg area on behalf of: Crime Watch, Crime Stoppers, the People's Assault on Drugs (PAD), as well as the collaboration between South Carolina State University and the South Carolina Philharmonic, which has resulted in an annual three concert satellite series.

As Congressman Spence rightfully pointed out, Austin Cunningham has been active in

public service and community leadership throughout his life. He continues to make a large impact on South Carolina through his regular newspaper columns that are featured in newspapers such as the Orangeburg Times & Democrat and The State.

I am honored to have been able to call Austin a close friend for many years, and I have learned so much from him. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Austin Cunningham a happy 90th birthday, and thank him for his years of service to others.

HONORING ROGER PALOMINO

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 9, 2004

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Roger Palomino's distinguished career in public service to California's San Joaquin Valley. Through a lifetime of dedication he has led a remarkable career advocating for and empowering low-income families to achieve self-sufficiency in this economically challenged region.

A native of Fresno, California, Mr. Palomino earned a bachelor's degree in Criminology from California State University-Fresno in 1964 and quickly began a 30-year career in the juvenile justice system. During this time he served in almost every capacity of the juvenile justice system including as administrative director of both juvenile institutions and probation services. An expert in the field of juvenile corrections, Mr. Palomino has lent his expertise to countless local, state and federal juvenile justice agencies and task forces dedicated to eradicating juvenile violence and crime.

It was his understanding of the root causes of juvenile delinquency that led Mr. Palomino to join the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, where he has spent the last 10 years working as Executive Director. The Fresno County EOC is one of the largest community action agencies in the United States, providing social services and promoting economic development through a variety of programs. Under his leadership and innovation Fresno County EOC has experienced both growth and programmatic expansion. With a current annual operating budget of more than \$100 million and 1,400 employees, Fresno County EOC continues to function as a critical lifeline for many struggling families in California's Central Valley. The agency provides such critical needs as pre-school, vocational education, preventive health care, and job placement services. Mr. Palomino and the Fresno County EOC have truly undertaken a comprehensive approach to improving the lives of Central Valley families.

Mr. Palomino's distinguished career has made him a highly respected community leader both in Fresno and the entire San Joaquin Valley. His dedication is evident in the number of local community organizations in which he participates in an effort to improve the local economy and create jobs. He is a gifted administrator and a tireless advocate for positive social change and the underserved. Throughout my years in Congress, I have come to respect Mr. Palomino for his passion in helping low-income Valley families.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Roger Palomino in celebration