

His plane was shot down over the Adriatic Sea, and an American Hero was lost. Sergeant Fales was only twenty years old.

I had the honor of presenting his family with medals Joseph Fales earned during his service to our nation. They included the World War II Victory Medal, the Honorable Service Lapel Button, the European Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one bronze star, the Good Conduct Medal, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart, the oldest military decoration in the world more than fifty years overdue.

I am humbled by the courage and sacrifice of Joseph Fales. I am thankful for the gift of freedom that he fought to protect. We must never forget Joseph Fales and those soldiers who paid the ultimate price on our behalf.

IN HONOR OF DR. HOWARD PARISH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Howard Parish for his contributions to higher education and outstanding community service. He is being honored today, September 21, 2004, with the Louis T. Scialli Memorial Award by the Jersey City Education Association at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, New Jersey.

For 40 years, Dr. Parish shared his passion for science in the classroom before retiring in 2002. He spent 37 years at the New Jersey City University, where he was a professor and chair of the Department of Geosciences. He also served as the director of International Studies. Dr. Parish played an integral part in establishing the Office of Grant Development, and was able to secure numerous grants for New Jersey City University.

Throughout the past 15 years, Dr. Parish has displayed a strong commitment to his community by participating in both local and national non-profit organizations, where he frequently dedicates his time to fundraising.

Dr. Parish has demonstrated his leadership skills by holding advisory positions for nearly a dozen organizations. He spent 10 years on the Board of Directors for the National Education Association and was chair of the National Education Association's Higher Education Caucus. He continues to be involved as the legislative liaison for educators in District 32 and serves as a consultant for the New Jersey Education Association.

Dr. Parish received his bachelor's degree in physical science from Jersey City State College and his master's degree in geological science from Rutgers University. He also holds a doctorate in geosciences from Columbia University.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Howard Parish for his years of dedicated service, both in the classroom and the community.

IN HONOR OF THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF NANCY GREEN TO THE DELAWARE FIREFIGHTER COMMUNITY

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, during my service as a Member of the House of Representatives, it has been my honor and privilege to rise and pay tribute to organizations and people who really make a difference in the Delaware community. Today, I rise to recognize Nancy Green, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (LADVFA).

Nancy Green joined the Harrington Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary in 1964. She is a Life Member of the Harrington Ladies Auxiliary, and has served as Vice President and President. Nancy also served as President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Kent County Firemen's Association.

Nancy's record of service to Delaware is exemplary. While a teacher in the public school system for 30 years, Nancy volunteered as a Delaware State Fire School instructor—teaching public fire safety education programs. Nancy is also a Library Commissioner at the Harrington Public Library, President of the Century Club, and the Newsletter Editor of her high school alumni association. With out a doubt, Nancy has proven her dedication to improving her community and our state.

The Ladies Auxiliaries are a very important element of the volunteer fire service. These organizations assist the firefighters by providing meals and beverages at the emergency scene. Auxiliaries also serve public dinners and conduct other fund-raising events to provide the fire companies with. Nancy's service included these important missions, and as President of the LADVFA all Delaware's Auxiliaries when she was elected as President.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association has been served well by President Nancy Green. She is an exemplary model of commitment and excellence and a valuable member of the Delaware community. I salute Nancy Green for her efforts to keep the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association a strong and vital part of Delaware.

HONORING LEE VICTORY'S LEGACY TO CHILDREN

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my friend, Lee Victory. It is only fitting that a year after his passing, his beloved hometown of Smyrna, TN, would name its recreation park after him.

I was there 20 years ago when the park first opened, largely due to Lee's efforts. Lee loved his family, and he loved Smyrna. He worked very hard to make the community a better place to live and was a leader in the development of its recreational parks.

Lee was involved with area youth long before Smyrna had a park. He was instrumental

in starting Little League and Babe Ruth baseball and youth football leagues. I'm sure his five sons—Kenneth "Coon," Billy, Eddie, E.A., and Carl David—had something to do with Lee's involvement in youth programs. Team sports, he probably knew, would help make his boys more responsible and keep them out of trouble, at least during practices and games.

Lee would later become the head of maintenance for the Smyrna Parks and Recreation Department. He also was well known for his annual fish fry, but his biggest legacy is to Smyrna's young people. This Saturday morning, in a fitting tribute to my friend just before the start of a ball game, Mayor Bob Spivey, "Coon" Victory and representatives from the soccer, girls' softball, Little League baseball and youth football teams will unveil a monument dedicating the Lee Victory Recreation Park.

This monument will be a reminder to all residents of Smyrna that Lee's contributions and efforts improved the quality of life for all, especially the children. I congratulate the town for honoring someone who gave so much of his time and energy ensuring that children had the opportunity to play sports and learn valuable skills.

CONGRATULATING THE CATHERINE MCAULEY CENTER ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the Catherine McAuley Center in Dallas, PA, on the occasion of its 20 years of service to homeless mothers and children in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties.

Since 1984, the center has provided emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, food, furniture, and support services to thousands of women and children in my district.

The Catherine McAuley Center is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy and is named after their founder. Catherine McAuley devoted her life to serving others. Even on her deathbed, she is said to have told those around her to "be sure to have a comfortable cup of tea for them when I am gone."

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to represent an organization whose mission is helping women in need. Please join me in congratulating the selfless staff, volunteers, and friends of the Catherine McAuley Center on 20 years of service to the women and children of Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties.

HONORING FRANK AND ROSSIE BUCHTEL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Frank and Rossie Buchtel of Princeton, MO. It's been 40 years since the

Buchtels retired from teaching, and they're still going strong. Frank turned 100 on July 2, and he and Rossie celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on August 26. In light of these important milestones, the Rotary Club in Princeton is renaming its scholarship in honor of Frank. Additionally, Mercer County, MO, has designated September 28, 2004, as a day to honor both Frank and Rossie Buchtel.

Rossie's family had long been established in the area when Frank accepted a teaching and coaching position in Princeton in 1927. Rossie's parents were long-time Princeton residents, and her grandparents were pioneer citizens of Mercer County. Frank had an immediate impact on Princeton though, as he coached the Princeton football Tigers to an undefeated season in 1928. After that unbelievable season, Frank probably thought that life couldn't get much better, but he soon fell in love with Rossie; they were married in 1929. Shortly after their wedding, the Buchtels set out for Scottsbluff, NE, where Frank had accepted a coaching job at the junior college. Every summer, the Buchtels would venture to Evanston, IL, where Frank earned his master's degree at Northwestern University. In 1930, their daughter Barbara was born.

In 1936 Frank was appointed athletic director at Aurora College in Illinois. During the 5 years that Frank served as athletic director, Rossie completed her AB degree. Rossie's passion for library science, which she developed in Aurora, later led her to a graduate degree in the field at the University of Chicago.

In the fall of 1941, Frank, Rossie, and Barbara moved to Chicago Heights, IL. Frank served as coach and athletic director Bloom Township High School for the next 27 years, while Rossie was a librarian at a nearby school. Barbara graduated from Bloom and then DePauw University during these years. Barbara later married Elmer Duerst, and Frank and Rossie became proud grandparents of Dan and Debra, Barbara and Elmer's two children. In 1964, Frank and Rossie retired from their respective careers to settle in Princeton.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Frank and Rossie Buchtel, two remarkable citizens of Northwest Missouri who so exemplify the qualities of dedication and service. I am honored to call Frank and Rossie Buchtel constituents of Missouri's Sixth District.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO STAN SCHEER

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to announce that this year's Kiwanis Club of Littleton Valor Award was given to Stan Scheer, the superintendent of Littleton Public Schools. He has done an excellent job in his position, working to meet the needs of the community.

Superintendent Scheer began working for Littleton Public Schools 6 years ago, and has been well received in the community for his dedication to improving the quality of education in Littleton.

The Kiwanis Club honors individuals with the Valor Award every 2 years. The proceeds

from the Valor Award reception go to provide assistance to nonprofit organizations chosen by the recipient. This year, Superintendent Scheer has asked that the proceeds be donated to the Littleton Public Schools Foundation and the Kids in Need of Dentistry.

I would like to join the Kiwanis Club in applauding Mr. Scheer's continued success and dedication as the superintendent for Littleton Public Schools, and wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

HONORING ADA KATHERYN LEWIS ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor Ada Katheryn Lewis on her 80th birthday as well as her many years of dedication to the surrounding community.

Ms. Lewis was born September 27, 2004, in Wayne County, NC to Charles and Annie Coor. She then graduated from Atlantic Christian College, cum laude in 1945 and began teaching. Throughout her teaching career, she taught in Johnston, Franklin, Wilson, and Pitt Counties.

In 1962, Ms. Lewis received her MA in Educational Administration with honors from East Carolina University. In 1978, she was appointed assistant superintendent of Pitt County Public Schools, becoming the first-ever woman to hold such a position at that level in North Carolina.

In 1982, Ms. Lewis retired from the Public School System and became the first director of the Rural Education Institute at East Carolina University, ECU. She held this position until 1986 when she retired and became a consultant for the Institute. She holds the title of Professor Emeritus and was appointed "Visiting Lecturer" to the ECU School of Education as well as being named "Distinguished Educator."

Ms. Lewis has been recognized by virtually every appropriate institution for nearly 50 years of dedication to the education of those that were influenced by her teachings.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Ms. Lewis for her years of service to the youth of America and her dedication to the human mind. Her contributions and efforts are much appreciated and will always be remembered. Her service is an exemplary example of an ideal citizen.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE BLAZVICK

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, rise today to honor George Blazvick, a Vietnam veteran who now resides in Dunnellon, Florida, within my Fifth Congressional District.

On August 19, 2004, I had the pleasure of recognizing Mr. Blazvick for his heroism and bravery as a United States soldier who served his country from September 1966 to September 1968.

After completing 10 months of service, Mr. Blazvick was injured in an unfortunate blast when an M-79 grenade exploded in close proximity to his position. He was wounded in his leg and evacuated to a military hospital in Japan. He served the remainder of his tour in Fort Benning, Georgia.

I presented Mr. Blazvick with the Purple Heart, the oldest military decoration in the world, more than 30 years overdue.

Though he earned this honor, he never received it from the Defense Department and I am honored to have had the opportunity to present to him the Purple Heart for his selfless devotion to duty and service to the United States.

IN HONOR OF DR. PATRICIA LORRAINE BURKE MCGEEHAN

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Patricia Lorraine Burke McGeehan for her outstanding leadership and distinguished accomplishments in education. She is being honored today, September 21, 2004, with the Mary T. Norton Memorial Award by the United Way of Hudson County at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Dr. McGeehan began her work as an educator at the Lincoln Community School. In the years that followed, she was principal of the Mary J. Donohoe School, Robinson School, and Midtown Community School. She has been the superintendent for Bayonne Schools since 2000.

Under her leadership, the Bayonne School District has received numerous awards for excellence. Dr. McGeehan has also been instrumental in forming partnerships that have generated grant money for school programs.

She has demonstrated her commitment to education by actively participating in more than a dozen community organizations and holding advisory positions on many of the boards, such as vice-president of both the St. Barnabus Burn Foundation and the Simpson Baber Foundation for the Autistic.

For her efforts, she has been honored by both civic and community organizations. Dr. McGeehan has been presented with more than ten awards for her leadership and achievements, including NAACP's President's Award, the Jersey Journal Woman of the Achievement Award, and the Christopher Columbus Community Service Award, to name a few.

Dr. McGeehan earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the College of St. Elizabeth and received her New Jersey Supervisor/Principal's Certificate, New Jersey Administrator's Certificate and master's in elementary education from Seton Hall University. She also holds a doctorate in education/administration from Seton Hall. Dr. McGeehan is a resident of Bayonne.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Patricia Lorraine Burke McGeehan for her exemplary efforts towards improving the Bayonne City School District in New Jersey and her lifelong commitment to education and helping others.