

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.

HONORING RALPH THEODORE BROWN, SR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate Detective Ralph Theodore Brown, Sr. as he retires after twenty-seven years of dedicated service to the Police Department of the City of West Haven, Connecticut. Through his professional career and volunteer service, Teddy has shown a unique commitment to his community.

Returning to West Haven in 1962 from four years of service as a Special Services Airman in the United States Air Force, Teddy settled with this wife, Carroll to raise their three sons. Joining the West Haven Police Department as a patrol officer in 1977, Teddy quickly moved through the ranks and was named Detective just three years later. During his career with the Department, Teddy has worked in the Youth Division and served with the Statewide Narcotics Task Force as an undercover agent. Too often, we overlook the incredible work of our local law enforcement officers. These are the men and women who dedicate themselves to protecting our families and neighborhoods. Teddy's own career has been recognized with a myriad of commendations and awards including the Medal of Merit. The West Haven community has certainly been fortunate to have such a dedicated individual working diligently on their behalf.

In addition to his professional contributions, Teddy has long been an avid volunteer in his community. From coaching "Biddy Basketball" to serving as a Commissioner for the West Haven Parks & Recreation Department, he has been a friend and mentor to hundreds of our young people. Teddy, who has served as a Deacon for over fifteen years, has also been an active member of the Dixwell Congregational United Church of Christ for over three decades. In addition to these activities, Teddy is also a founding Member of the West Haven Black Coalition, member of the West Haven Race Relations Committee, and a member of the NAACP—three organizations which have worked to build on the diversity of West Haven and create a stronger community.

Through all of his good work, Teddy has touched the lives of many. His dedicated service and unparalleled commitment to enriching his community has left an indelible mark which will serve as an inspiration to others. For his many contributions—both professional and volunteer—to our community, I am proud to stand today and join his wife, Carroll; sons, Teddy, Jr., Erik, and Shawn; grandchildren, Shane and Camryn; as well as the many family, friends and colleagues who have gathered to congratulate and extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ralph Theodore Brown, Sr. as he celebrates his retirement. My very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING THE SYRACUSE ALL-STAR BABE RUTH BASEBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the Syracuse All-Star Babe Ruth baseball team. On August 21, the team won the Babe Ruth baseball 16-year-old World Series in Loudoun County, Virginia, for the second consecutive season.

As Middle Atlantic Regional Champions, the Syracuse All-Stars competed against the best Babe Ruth players from around the country in the World Series tournament. Their victory is a testament to their hard work, determination, and competitive spirit throughout the entire season. It is also a continuation of the Central New York tradition for producing some of the best young baseball talent in the country, and the teams own winning tradition.

I congratulate the members of the Syracuse All-Star Team, their coaches, their parents, families and friends. They have earned the pride and admiration of all of Central New York not only through their victories but also through their demonstration of hard work, good sportsmanship, and fair play. The team's continuing success and their impressive back-to-back Babe Ruth World Series championships deserve the recognition of this House and the nation at large. I am proud that such a talented group of young athletes come from my Congressional District, and again I offer them my sincerest congratulations.

RECOGNIZING JACOB STAVES FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob Staves, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Jake currently attends Liberty High School and Chandler Baptist Church, and will receive his Eagle Scout Award on September 12, 2004.

Jake has been very active with his troop by participating in many Scout activities, earning numerous merit badges, and serving in a variety of leadership positions. He has held such positions as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, as well as Troop Guide. He has earned the World Conservation Award and is BSA Lifeguard Certified. In addition to these accomplishments, Jake is a member of both honor camping programs, Order of the Arrow and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. For his Eagle Scout project, Jake once again displayed his dedication to service by leading a group of Boy Scouts to build and install a sign for Chandler Cemetery.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jacob Staves for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for

his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

REPLIES TO TOBACCO INDUSTRY MAILINGS

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, the tobacco industry distributes millions of coupons, surveys, and offers in the mail to its prospective customers. Sometimes, these customers or their loved ones write back. For years, these letters have been buried in secret industry files. As a result of tobacco litigation, they are now available to read on the internet.

Here are a few examples:

One New Jersey wife wrote, "Please do not send anything about smoking. My husband . . . does not smoke any more. He has emphysema as a direct result of smoking. He is terminally ill. He will not get better and will eventually die from a lack of oxygen. . . . [he] is only 57 years old."

An Arizona husband wrote, "My wife of 28 years has been diagnosed with terminal lung cancer, caused by use of your product. . . . She is unable to go to the mailbox, much less read your self-serving propaganda."

A son or daughter in New York wrote, "This is to let you know that you can never get to know my father any better—he died from emphysema because of smoking most of his life. My mother, who passed away four months prior to my Dad, and never smoked, had the lungs of a smoker because of living with him all her life. Don't ever send literature like this to me again. . . . You have my permission to use this in your advertising program."

A mother in Texas wrote, "I will be delighted to tell you about my daughter. . . . She lost her life to lung cancer at the age of 40. Caused from smoking. . . . Hope you think again before you send out such a letter. You don't know how you hurt someone who has lost a loved one. A grieving mother."

I urge all my colleagues to read these letters. You can find many of them on a new web site run by nurses called www.nightingalesnurses.org, and you can also search for more at <http://legacy.library.ucsf.edu/index.html>.

TRIBUTE TO ST. JOHN AME CHURCH

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the members of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jersey City, New Jersey. On Sunday, September 26, 2004, they will be celebrating 60 years of community ministry with a re-dedication ceremony.

St. John AME Church was founded in May 1944 and its members have served the people of Jersey City through their outreach to children, families, and seniors; their involvement in neighborhood initiatives; and their dedication to meeting the needs of the community in which they live.