

David Pollock has served on Moorpark's board of education since 1994 and was board president in 1998–1999. He also served as president of the Ventura County School Boards Association from 1999–2002. He represented Region 11 as a member of the California School Boards Association's Delegate Assembly and served as a member and chair of the California School Boards Association's Nominating Committee from 1999–2002.

He has also served on the Legislative Committee, the Federal Issues Council, the Collective Bargaining Task Force and as a governmental relations chair and Golden Bell onsite validator. As president-elect, David Pollock served as chair of the Legislative Committee, a board member of the CCS Partnership and a delegate to the National School Boards Association.

David Pollock completed his undergraduate work at Pepperdine University and earned a master's in business administration from the University of California, Los Angeles. He holds a commercial pilot's license and is the manager of market planning for Rocketdyne, a business unit of The Boeing Company.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will thank David Pollock for his service to the Moorpark, Ventura County and California school board associations and congratulate him for his year as president of the California School Boards Association.

CONGRATULATING KIT CARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate Kit Carson R-1 Elementary School in Kit Carson, Colorado for being chosen as a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School of 2004. The Blue Ribbon Schools program honors public and private K-12 schools that are academically superior in their states or have demonstrated dramatic gains in student achievement.

Schools chosen for the Blue Ribbon are meeting the mission of ensuring every child is learning and achieving. Blue Ribbon recipients are national models of excellence from which other schools can learn. I am proud of Kit Carson R-1 Elementary School for serving as a model in the great state of Colorado, and throughout the entire nation.

The Blue Ribbon Schools program requires schools to meet specific assessment criteria. It recognizes schools that have at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student performance in accordance with state assessment systems. The program also rewards schools that score in the top 10 percent on state assessments.

Kit Carson's 37 students scored in the top 10 percent nationwide in math and reading. Additionally, Kit Carson Elementary is only one of 27 rural schools in the nation that received the Blue Ribbon title.

It is an honor to announce this award and it is a testament to the exceptional students of rural Colorado. It proves that a quality education is obtainable when teachers, parents, and students strive for achievement. Com-

pared to other elementary schools around the nation, Kit Carson may be small in size, but it is prominent in its standing.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to offer my warmest congratulations to Kit Carson Elementary for this achievement.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY OF CESAR HERNANDEZ

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Cesar Hernandez.

Cesar died on July 5th of this year at age 61. His contribution to New Mexico lives on. Cesar was publisher of the Spanish language newspaper, *La Razon*.

With a circulation of 17,000 copies, Cesar's newspaper is a major source of news and information for the substantial Spanish-speaking population of New Mexico.

This newspaper's importance to the population it serves is difficult to over-emphasize. We live in an era of news up-to-the minute and always available, but to a person who reads or understands primarily Spanish, the sources of information are often rare or incomplete. *La Razon* fills that gap and offers its readers valuable, practical information for their day-to-day lives.

Cesar's family will never forget the day they became New Mexicans, because it was September 11, 2001. Cesar started his newspaper one week later. Cesar logged decades of experience in radio and newspaper, and got his start in Chicago, Illinois. Today, his work goes on in New Mexico under the direction of his wife, Antoinette, and his family.

In three years, Cesar contributed much to his adopted state, New Mexico. As his daughter Leslie put it, "My father loved the newspaper." We're proud to recognize Cesar Hernandez, and we honor his memory and contribution to New Mexico.

TRIBUTE TO ORANGE "BUDDY" HAYS

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I rise to inform my colleagues of the passing of Orange "Buddy" Hays, one of Miami-Dade County's most quietly effective and dignified patriarchs and a community leader and mentor who had the ability to transform the lives of everyone he met.

Mr. Hays death on Sunday, September 12, 2004, has cast a veil of deep sadness over our community. The funeral services to celebrate his life were held Saturday, September 18, at Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church in Miami, Florida.

Buddy Hays was a good and decent man who contributed greatly to our community, professionally, as a City of Miami police officer and as the District Manager of HUD for more than 30 years. But I knew him, much more

closely and at a young age, as someone who was wise, and strong, and fair—a great role model.

He was like a father and mentor to me, and I've been blessed and inspired by the good words and magnificent examples of this ordinary human being who went about quietly helping youngsters in our community, simply because of his great goodness and the fact that there were youngsters out there who needed his help. My friend, State Rep. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall described Mr. Hays as someone who "... will be missed by so many. He was steadfast and relentless in his mission to make this community a better place, and he did."

Buddy Hays was a delicately drawn character of quiet demeanor and dignified commitment to the well-being and growth of the neediest and most vulnerable in our community. He projected a vision of service and faith. His passing is a terrible loss, but the legacy of his caring and love lives on, and I am part of that legacy.

The world is a better place because of Orange "Buddy" Hays. It would be a high goal for anyone to set to follow the path that he blazed.

RECOGNIZING REPRESENTATIVE JAMES T. SEIGFREID

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, Missouri State Representative James T. Seigfreid, a dedicated public servant, will be leaving the Missouri House of Representatives. He is retiring after eight years of serving the people of the 26th district.

After graduating from Warrensburg High School in 1963, he attended Central Missouri State University where he received Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1972. He served in the United States Navy from 1968 to 1974.

During his tenure, Mr. Seigfreid had many legislative accomplishments, one of which was the passage of an election reform bill. He also worked tirelessly for the improvement of Missouri's state roads.

In addition to his dedication to public service, Jim is a member of the First Christian Church of Marshall, the State Corn Husking Committee, Marshall Chamber of Commerce, Optimist Club, and Saline County Unit, American Cancer Society.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Seigfreid has served the people of the 26th District for eight years. As he prepares for the next stage in his life, I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing him all the best.

HONORING DR. ARIE HALACHMI, PROFESSOR AT TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable achievements of Dr.

Arie Halachmi, who has earned a global reputation for his work at Tennessee State University's Institute of Government.

Over the last three decades, Dr. Halachmi has become one of the world's leading experts on public sector performance and productivity—an expertise that I know here in Congress cannot be valued too highly. During his distinguished career, Dr. Halachmi has served as a consultant to government agencies in more than a dozen countries around the world. Among the many nations that the worldwide demand for his services has taken him to are the Netherlands, China, Korea, Israel, Germany and Greece. He has received numerous national and international awards, including the Don Stone, Donato Pugliese, and Harold Lasswell awards, and is on the editorial board of nine different academic journals.

Dr. Halachmi was recently honored by his colleagues when he received a Faculty Showcase Award from TSU for his outstanding service to his institution and community. He has also received a "Goodwill Ambassador Award" from the governor of my State, Tennessee. I am proud to add my voice to the many others who have recognized the importance of Dr. Halachmi's work.

The worldwide reputation of scholars such as Dr. Halachmi is testament to the strength of Tennessee State University and to the strength of our Nation's academic institutions. We in Congress have an obligation to ensure that universities such as TSU remain adequately funded, and that our country's colleges and universities continue to lead the world in scholarship and expertise. My State is fortunate to have a wealth of leading academic institutions, including TSU, and I am proud to say that I am committed to maintaining their excellence.

On behalf of the citizens of the Fifth District of Tennessee, I congratulate Dr. Halachmi on his many contributions to American scholarship.

CELEBRATING CONSTITUTION WEEK AND CIVIC EDUCATION

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, this November millions of young people will take part in one of our most cherished American traditions, a cornerstone of citizenship, when they exercise their right to vote. As we celebrate Constitution Week, I'd like to encourage the members of this body, and teachers and parents everywhere to promote quality civic education. I am particularly encouraged by one national effort that seeks to promote that very goal in our schools.

Around this time last year, the first annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education was launched, sponsored by the Alliance for Representative Democracy and co-hosted by the four leaders of this and the other body.

The conference established delegations that returned to their states to enact specific policies to restore the oft-overlooked civic mission of our schools. I commend Russell Sage College Professor Stephen Schechter, and the other members of the New York State delegation, for their leadership to improve civic education in our state.

Our state delegation has joined with the New York State Education Department to convene a series of Civics Summits to identify our most pressing needs in civic education. They have brought together a consortium of over 25 governmental and nongovernmental organizations to determine how best to meet these needs, designed an action plan focusing on the importance of teacher training, and sought out funding from the private sector to begin their important work.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the New York State civic education delegation and wish them continued success when they participate in the Second Annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education in December.

HONORING JOAN LYNCH ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, when I was in fourth grade, my family moved back to Galeton, Colorado. Soon after starting school, I met a little girl named Cynthia Lynch. We quickly became best friends, and I grew to love her family as my own. I have always had a special place in my heart for her dear mother, Joan. Today, with love and gratitude, I honor Joan on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

Joan Lynch was born on October 12, 1924 in Greeley, Colorado, and is the third of five children. There was some confusion about her name. She was raised on the Colorado prairie by William and Kathryn Nelson who farmed northeast of Ault. In the depression and dust-bowl days of the 1930s, her family temporarily left the prairie to find work but did eventually return to the homestead her father had settled in 1915. She has always considered the prairie her home.

She has always had a passion for books and learning, especially history. She speaks of her education in the one-room school at "North Victor" as her favorite school experience. Her sisters and she walked a mile and a half to and from school each day, across an open prairie. She later graduated from Central City Colorado High School in 1942, and attended the Teacher's College in Greeley.

Joan and "Corky" Lynch, were married in 1946 and lived on the East Coast while he was stationed there in the Navy. I've seen pictures of them in those early days. What a goodlooking couple!

They returned to Colorado in 1947 and farmed in the Milliken area before moving in 1956 to the ranch where Joan continues to live today, northeast of Ault, and only a few miles from the homestead where she grew up. As teenagers, Cindy and I would always giggle and be slightly embarrassed when Corky would leave for work and give Joan a big kiss on his way out of the house. Really, though, we loved it.

Corky passed away in 1999 from cancer. He and Joan celebrated 53 years together. I am so thankful I was able to go and see him before he passed away. I told him how much I appreciated all he and Joan had done for me growing up. We both cried. The older he got, the more tender-hearted he became. He was 75 years old when he passed away.

I love Joan and I will never forget what she has done for me. As a young girl, she gave me lunch money when I needed it, and she put up with my frequent visits to spend the night. That love and support helped me get through the tough times and I will always hold that love in my heart. The way she has lived life has been a constant inspiration to me and her Christian example has always been present for all of us to see. May God bless her today as her family and friends celebrate her birthday. I love her dearly and cherish her as a second mother to me. I am pleased to honor a precious lady on this occasion of her 80th birthday.

PROCLAMATION THANKING LIEUTENANT CHARLES L. WILKINS III FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

We hereby offer our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of Lieutenant Charles L. Wilkins III upon the death of this outstanding soldier; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Charles L. Wilkins III was a member of the 216th Engineering Battalion of the Ohio National Guard serving his great nation in the country of Iraq. He was a leader in his unit and is to be commended for the honor and bravery that he displayed while serving our nation in this time of war; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Charles L. Wilkins III will be remembered for his unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. His example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew him.

Therefore, we join with the family, friends and the citizens of our great nation in thanking Lieutenant Charles L. Wilkins III of the United States Army for his service to our country. Your service has made us proud.

COMMENDING CARL G. STOECKLIN

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the attention of the U.S. House of Representatives to Carl G. Stoecklin upon the completion of his term as President of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents (PIA).

Carl Stoecklin is a pillar of the insurance community in the State of Ohio. As President of the Broze Insurance Agency of Cincinnati, he has spent his entire professional career advising consumers about obtaining the best insurance coverage for their needs.

He has been honored as Professional Agent of the year by PIA of Ohio in 1995, and was the recipient of the prestigious Dow Reichley Award from PIA of Ohio in 1985.

Carl has served in many positions of responsibility in PIA for the past quarter century, including as President of the Ohio affiliate of the PIA and for the last year as the President of the national association.