

is a time to reflect on what we have lost. Firefighters remind us that heroes are every day people who decide to devote their lives and work to something greater than themselves.

Today we are here to honor Charlie Flowers and his brothers, the 106 nationwide who've sacrificed so much. With the start of a new day, we honor the families and friends they've left behind. Mr. Speaker, our prayers are always with them. Together as a community we say thank you to those who will stand in the place of those who have fallen and will continue to faithfully serve and protect.

IN HONOR OF JOE HOLSINGER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Joe Holsinger who died on September 10, 2004, at the age of 82.

Joe Holsinger was a distinguished public servant with a long record of service to the people of California. He was a brilliant man, a political mentor to me and to many others, and he will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Joe Holsinger was born Galen Wright Holsinger on November 24, 1921, in Bellwood, Pennsylvania. He attended the University of Pittsburgh for two and a half years before enlisting in the U.S. Army and completing his service as an officer. After World War II he settled in California, graduated from U.C. Santa Barbara, and began a career in real estate.

His career in public service began in 1975 when he became Congressman Leo Ryan's Administrative Assistant, in charge of both the Washington, D.C. and San Mateo offices. After Congressman Ryan's tragic assassination in Guyana in November, 1978, Joe unsuccessfully sought the Congressional seat. He returned to his former career for several years in real estate as head of Holsinger Properties, Inc. During this time he met Bill Honig, a school district superintendent from Marin County who was seeking election as California's Superintendent of Public Instruction. He supported Bill Honig in his successful 1982 campaign and then joined his staff as a special consultant on school reform legislation. He became Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1983 and was instrumental in the enactment of the Hughes-Hart School Reform bill (SB 813). He left the Department of Education in 1985 to return to his commercial real estate practice, but returned in late 1988 at the request of Superintendent Honig and resumed his position as Deputy Superintendent for Governmental Policy. Joe Holsinger retired in December 1994, but continued to consult with many legislators in Sacramento until earlier this year.

Joe was a founding member of Americans for Democratic Action (1947), the first president of the Federated Young Democrats of San Francisco (1949) and a founding member and chairman of the Credentials Committee for the first state convention of the California Democratic Council (CDC) in 1953. He was a longstanding member of the California Democratic Party and state executive committee, serving two terms as Chairman of the Rules

Committee and as the Northern California chairman from 1968 to 1970. Joe Holsinger also served as Northern California chairman for the 1968 Eugene McCarthy presidential primary campaign and Jimmy Carter's successful campaign for President in 1976.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of this patriotic American, distinguished public servant, successful private sector leader, father and grandfather.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OLYMPIAN
TERIN HUMPHREY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Olympic gymnast, Terin Humphrey, of Bates City, Missouri, received two silver medals at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Terin was born on August 14, 1986, in St. Joseph, Missouri. After graduating from Odessa High School in the spring of 2004, she now plans to attend the University of Alabama. While at Odessa High School, Terin trained at the Great American Gymnastic Express gym for daily six hour workouts. Terin was coached by Al Fong and his wife, Armine Barutyan-Fong. Terin trained with her Olympic teammate, Courtney McCool.

Terin always has been a strong all around gymnast and has a strong record in the sport. Terin was a member of the 2003 gold medal winning United States World Championships Team. In 2004, at the Visa American Cup, Terin won bronze medals in three events: uneven bars, vault and floor. Terin then placed third in the all around at the 2004 United States Championships. In the summer of 2004, Terin made her Olympic debut at Athens, where she won two silver medals for the team competition and for the uneven bars event.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations to Terin Humphrey for her achievements at the 2004 Summer Olympics.

HONORING HAROLD ZINKIN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Harold Zinkin of Fresno, California posthumously for his service to his community and generous good will. Mr. Zinkin recently passed away on September 22, 2004.

Harold Zinkin was born in San Francisco, California, on May 11, 1922. As the son of proud Russian immigrants, this first-generation American went on to live a life that was nothing short of achieving the American Dream.

In response to the attack on Pearl Harbor, Harold enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was ready to serve his country in any capacity. While serving, he found his talent was in physical therapy. His zeal for health and wellness continued to follow him after his military service. Mr. Zinkin became a champion

bodybuilder and was one of the patriarchs of California's fitness movement that rose out of the famed "Muscle Beach." In addition, Harold's vision for the future of health and wellness came to fruition through his creation of revolutionary fitness equipment, the "Universal Gym Machine." As an established pioneer of the fitness movement, Mr. Zinkin helped many achieve bodybuilding success, and lead many more toward making positive lifestyle changes centered on physical fitness.

Regarded by business colleagues as a successful businessman with an extraordinary business outlook towards future successful ventures, Mr. Zinkin was instrumental in creating one of the most dynamic and successful shopping/entertainment complexes throughout California's Central Valley.

Harold Zinkin was perhaps most renowned for the quality of his character and tremendous good will.

He is survived by his wife Betty, son DeWayne and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Harold Zinkin for his tremendous service to his community. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring him for his commitment to excellence, good will, and for touching lives in the Central Valley and worldwide.

HONORING MARGIE DINGELDEIN

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Margie Dingeldein, a remarkable individual and outstanding athlete who as a member of the U.S. Olympic women's water polo team won the bronze medal at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

Ms. Dingeldein was born and raised in Merced, California. Her talent and love for the water was recognized early when by age 3, she could swim across a 25 yard pool without coming up for a single breathe of air. Her energy and endurance continued throughout her career, placing her among the best female athletes to come out of the San Joaquin Valley.

Ms. Dingeldein attended Merced High School where she was determined to maintain a well-rounded life. While competing in year-round sports, she remained committed to community service, and her studies, graduating as the valedictorian of the class of 1998. She completed her high school swimming career setting Central California Conference swim records in the 100 and 200 freestyle events, confirming that she was ready for her transition to Stanford University.

While at Stanford, Ms. Dingeldein received three All-American honors, and helped the Cardinal appear in two consecutive NCAA Championships. She continued a family legacy of Stanford graduates, earning a pre-med degree in human biology in 2002. Her endurance and determination culminated with her Olympic appearance after 20 years of competition.

Ms. Dingeldein's bronze medal has made her more than an Olympic medalist. Her international success made her a local hero, as she is among the first Olympic medalists from Merced County. As a role model for our youth, she serves as a superlative example that will inspire and encourage our young athletes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Margie Dingeldein for her accomplishments. It is an honor to recognize all of her accomplishments and thank her for being such a fine role model to our community, and our country.

RECOGNIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA CIVIC EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, while many institutions help to develop Americans' knowledge and skills and shape their civic character and commitments, our nation's schools bear a special and historic responsibility to provide our students an adequate civic education.

On September 20–22, 2003, the first annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education was launched. The conference was sponsored by the Alliance for Representative Democracy and co-hosted by the four leaders of the U.S. Congress. One of the very positive outcomes of the Congressional Conference was the establishment of state delegations that would return to the state to enact specific policies designed to restore the civic mission of our schools.

I would like to recognize the North Carolina Civic Education Consortium at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, facilitator of our state's delegation, for helping the delegation design a strong action plan to improve civic education. This action plan and related efforts have led to the following accomplishments: hosting a successful statewide policy summit on the civic mission of schools for state and local policymakers; securing grant funds to pilot model practices and policies in two school systems that could have statewide implications; developing a new resource guide for schools to help them implement new civic education legislation; and gaining visibility and support from the State Board of Education.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to North Carolina's continued leadership in civic education reform and their participation in the second annual Congressional Conference on Civic Education, which will be held on December 4–6, 2004.

HONORING WILSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S AMERICAN SPIRIT TOWARD THE VICTIMS OF THE BESLAN SCHOOL TRAGEDY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to say thank you to one of my hometown schools, Wilshire Elementary School in Euless, Texas. The students of Wilshire enthusiastically participated in a card giving program for the victims of the Beslan school tragedy.

Before departing for my mission to Russia, I asked several local schools if they would like

to create, draw, color or write greeting cards to the survivors and grieving families. The response was overwhelming. I was honored to be able to present hundreds of colorful cards to patients and families.

During my time in Russia, I had the opportunity to visit survivors recuperating at two hospitals. The visits were moving and tearful, but you could see the hearts of American students truly shining in the eyes of the Russian children. I was truly privileged to represent the United States, and especially grateful to be able to share wonderful cards full of encouragement and joy.

Again, thank you, the students of Wilshire Elementary School for your kindheartedness and thoughtfulness. Your words strongly conveyed the spirit of the American people and our commitment to build relations with countries dedicated to combating global terrorism.

TRIBUTE TO FRANKLYN G. BROYLES, JR. FOR RECEIVING THE 2004 ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION HUMANITARIAN AWARD

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

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Reverend Franklyn G. Broyles, Jr. of Huntsville for receiving the 2004 Arthritis Foundation Humanitarian Award. This award is given annually to a person in the Huntsville community who has displayed exemplary community leadership.

Reverend Broyles was born and raised in Huntsville, Alabama and after graduating from Vanderbilt Divinity School, Reverend Broyles returned to North Alabama and currently serves as the Minister of Church and Community with the Faith Presbyterian Church. He also serves as the Executive Minister of the Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care and Program Director of the Huntsville area chapter of the National Conference for Community and Justice.

Reverend Broyles has also vigorously given his time to the community. He was the first Administrative Director of Hospice of Huntsville and he served as the Director of the Campus Ministry Association at the University of Alabama in Huntsville for fifteen years. Reverend Broyles has also volunteered his leadership to numerous community organizations.

Additionally, Reverend Broyles is known for his strong commitment to worldwide and interfaith understanding. His service in interagency, worldwide, and interfaith work has earned him close to thirty awards.

Mr. Speaker, Frank's ability to bring people together and provide a positive influence on the entire community is something that we all should strive to do. On behalf of the people of North Alabama, I would like to congratulate Frank Broyles for being named the 2004 Arthritis Foundation Humanitarian Award winner.

HONORING WILLIAM OSTASH

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of the Michigan State Polka Music Hall of Fame to honor the late Mr. William Ostash of Bay City, Michigan for his contributions to the Polka Music Industry. On October 3, 2004 the Michigan State Polka Music Industry will honor Mr. William Ostash by inducting him into the Polka Music Hall of Fame.

William Ostash was born in Saskatchewan, Canada on December 11, 1915 to Michael and Anna Ostash. In December of 1926, William and his family moved to Bay City, Michigan. At a young age William along with his siblings learned the value of music from their father, who was a well-known violinist in his native country of Ukraine. William who was a self-taught accordion player, performed with the family Orchestra for many years. The Ostash Orchestra music was so popular that it gained airtime on radio station WBCM. History has it that William was one of the first to incorporate the accordion into polka music. Another note worthy of mentioning is that William was also a master at performing the march called "Under the Double Eagle", and according to his family audiences were always amazed at how he could play this tune using his left hand, the bass side, with 120 buttons.

Aside from his musical career, William was a devoted husband to his lovely wife Julie, whom he married on May 3, 1941. To this union were born two sons, James and Ronald. On April 8, 2002 Julie Ostash passed away, and William passed on July 20, 2002. William was a legend and true contributor to the Polka Musical Industry. His contributions will be forever cherished.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. William Ostash who devoted many years to Polka Music Industry. May he rest in peace.

HONORING CALHOUN MIDDLE SCHOOL'S AMERICAN SPIRIT TOWARD THE VICTIMS OF THE BESLAN SCHOOL TRAGEDY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to say thank you to one of my hometown schools, Calhoun Middle School in Denton, Texas. The students of Calhoun Middle School enthusiastically participated in a card giving program for the victims of the Beslan school tragedy.

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