

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Partners of the Americas on its work over the past 40 years. Partners embraces the wonderful diversity of the Western Hemisphere and plays a crucial role in building cross-cultural understanding, inspiring hope and creating opportunity. I know others join me in wishing Partners of the Americas continued success in their service to citizens of the Western Hemisphere.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN FEE

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend John Fee, a constituent from Delran, New Jersey, who is currently participating in the Bristol-Myers Squibb Tour of Hope. John was chosen from nearly 1,200 cyclists nationwide to be one of 20 cyclists participating in this awareness-raising tour for cancer research.

The Tour of Hope is a grueling eight-day bike journey across America that is designed to help raise awareness about the need for increased participation in cancer clinical trials. This cross-country tour was designed by Bristol-Myers Squibb and Lance Armstrong, six-time Tour de France winner and cancer survivor, who credits his survival to the many people before him who participated in the clinical trials that ultimately led to the development of the treatment that saved his life.

By participating in the Tour of Hope, which began on October 1st in Los Angeles and will conclude on October 8th here in Washington, DC, John has dedicated himself to being a part of the effort to cure cancer. During his eight-day journey across America, John and his team will be selflessly delivering the Tour's message—the need to support cancer research—to communities across our Nation.

John's commitment to this worthy cause stems from personal, family experiences with cancer, and his bravery and generosity in confronting this issue head-on is commendable. With advocates like John, I am confident that we can ultimately conquer cancer once and for all.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISSOURI SHERIFF OF THE YEAR, SHERIFF KERRICK ALUMBAUGH

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to congratulate Sheriff Kerrick Alumbaugh for being named the Missouri Deputy Sheriffs' Association's 2004 "Sheriff of the Year."

Sheriff Alumbaugh was born on March 19, 1964, in St. Charles, Missouri. He graduated from Lafayette County C1 High School in Higginsville, Missouri. Later, he graduated from the FBI National Law Enforcement Academy.

In September 1985, Sheriff Alumbaugh began his law enforcement career as a patrol-

man for the Higginsville, Missouri, Police Department. Then, in 1993, he became the Chief of Police of Higginsville, Missouri. He became the Sheriff of Lafayette County on January 1, 2001.

During his time as Sheriff, he has had many accomplishments. Sheriff Alumbaugh formed a county-wide crime scene team comprised of local police agencies and trained by the Kansas City Crime Scene Unit, fought to give deputies a living wage, and was instrumental in the passage of the county-wide law enforcement tax and a new jail and court system. Also, he developed an investigation unit within the department, comprised of two detectives, that investigates and solves rural crimes. These two detectives alone filed more Felony cases in 2003 than the whole department did in 2000.

Most importantly, he has instilled pride and professionalism for the deputies that work for the citizens of Lafayette County.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I wish to extend my congratulations to Sheriff Kerrick Alumbaugh. It is with great pride that I honor him for being named the Missouri Deputy Sheriffs' Association's 2004 "Sheriff of the Year."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRUCE HILL

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Bruce Hill, a dedicated public servant and community leader from Grand Junction, Colorado. Bruce is a dedicated leader and a champion of the city, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing his tremendous achievements before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Bruce is a Grand Junction native who has naturally assumed many leadership roles. At Tope Elementary School, he was appointed Safety Leader. Later, while attending West Middle School, Bruce's classmates elected him their student council representative, where he was known to lead by example, setting the standards for his peers to follow. After studying accounting at Mesa Junior College, he began working at Superior Alarm. When Bruce was hired, the owner told him that he would have a chance to own the company one day. Two years later, at the age of 22, he purchased Superior Alarm.

Twenty-three years later Bruce is now the Mayor of Grand Junction. Utilizing his past experience as a customer service representative and the owner of Superior Alarm, he has been a true people's representative. Bruce makes himself available to the people of Grand Junction as much as possible. Holding informal gatherings, he takes a keen interest in listening to each individual's issue, and then uses his knowledge and influence to achieve a resolution. Using this style, Bruce has made a significant impact, despite his short four months in office.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Bruce Hill for his ongoing contributions to the people and city of Grand Junction, and the State of Colorado. His leadership as Mayor is an example to all public servants, and it is with

great pleasure that I recognize him today before this body of Congress and this Nation. Thanks, Bruce, for everything, and I hope you can serve this community for many years to come.

HONORING THE LATE REVEREND VICTORIANO F. SANDOVAL

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to the late Reverend Victoriano F. Sandoval. It is with great respect that I pay tribute to Padre Sandoval, who is being honored, In Memoriam, by the Latino American Association of Monmouth County, Inc., as they celebrate their Eleventh Annual Awards Banquet.

Padre Victoriano Fernandez Sandoval was born on December 24, 1933 in the town of Fuentes de los Oteros, in the Castilla Province, Spain. He studied in the Seminary of "los Padres Agustinos" in the Castilla Province. He was ordained as a priest on July 12, 1958.

He worked as a priest for 16 years in Brazil as the Director of the College and Seminary of Braganca Paulista, Sao Paulo. Shortly thereafter, he was the Director of the Educational Faculty at Catholic University and the College of San Agustin in Goiania.

In the United States he worked for 21 years at the Church of the Holy Redemption, Mount Holly, NJ and at Saint John the Baptist Church in Long Branch for 4 years. He served as the Chaplain for Hispanics at the federal prison in Fort Dix and Mid-State Correctional facility. There he ensured that all Hispanic inmates' rights were observed. He made it possible for them to celebrate Christmas with a dinner every year. His rectory door was always open for anyone in need.

Additionally, Padre Sandoval served as the Spiritual Director for marriage retreats in the northeast U.S.A. He also worked with Hispanics at marital retreats in Canada, Puerto Rico, Brazil, and Mexico.

Lamentably, Padre Sandoval died suddenly on June 20, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to Padre Victoriano Fernandez Sandoval, as the Latino American Association of Monmouth County honors him, In Memoriam, for his unfaltering dedication and commitment to the advancement of Latinos.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY GRILLO

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Mary Grillo, the Secretary-Treasurer of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 2028 who is being honored by the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice for

her many years of dedicated service in advocating for worker justice and dignity for employees in work places throughout San Diego County.

Mary started out as a Wellesley College student intern for SEIU in Boston and at an early age saw firsthand the injustice that many workers face. After several years of work with the International Union, Mary came to work as an organizer in San Diego in 1987. At the time, SEIU Local 102 was a 1,600-member union on decline, but after teaming up with Eliseo Medina, Mary helped to transform Local 102 into the second largest union and one of the most powerfully political unions in San Diego County: SEIU, Local 2028.

Since 1996, Mary has served as executive Director of SEIU Local 2028, representing over 14,000 workers in many different jobs—ranging from janitor to librarian, racetrack program seller to registered nurse, housekeeper to code enforcement officer. In addition, she has acted as spokesperson for not only the workers she represents, but also for all working people in San Diego County.

Mary has led the effort to increase wages and benefits for immigrant and low-wage workers, has worked to expand health care coverage to the County's 650,000 uninsured workers, and has helped to create good jobs in the region.

In local 2028, Mary has worked tirelessly to bring together this large and diverse organization based on the principle of justice for all. And as an important mark of all leaders, Mary has found and developed many leaders who lead their co-workers in organizing and building economic strength in their industries.

Congratulations to Mary Grillo for her work in fighting for justice for the workers of San Diego County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of October 6, 2004, I was unable to make two votes. I regret missing them and had I been present, I would have voted: vote No. 497, on passage—H.R. 5107, "yea"; vote No. 498, on agreeing to the Conference Report—H.R. 4850, "yea."

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH HENRY (JOEY) ZORN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last Saturday the life of the late Sheriff Joey Zorn of Barnwell County, South Carolina, was celebrated at a funeral service attended by hundreds of appreciative friends conducted by Dr. Steve Burnette, Dr. Ken Catoe, Rev. Scott Brown, Rev. John Nixon, Rev. Billy Mew, Rev. Eddie Jenkins, Rev. Wilbur Creech, and Rev. Farrell Ray.

In his last month he received the state's highest honor of the Order of the Palmetto in-

spired by the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Mary Cothran of Williston, South Carolina, along with South Carolina State Senator Jake Knotts. In addition to being a champion of law enforcement, he was the first Republican Sheriff ever elected in Barnwell County. The following obituary is from The State newspaper, published October 1, 2004.

JOSEPH HENRY (JOEY) ZORN III

BARNWELL.—Joseph H. (Joey) Zorn III, 49, Sheriff of Barnwell County, died Wednesday, September 29, 2004, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Barnwell, S.C., he was the son of Joseph H. Zorn Jr. and Cleo Renew Zorn. He graduated from Barnwell High School and the University of South Carolina with a degree in Criminal Justice, and was a graduate of 70 advanced law enforcement courses. He served as a Special U.S. Deputy Marshal, on the Board of Directors of the Barnwell Co. Helpline, on the Board of Directors of the S.C. Sheriff's Association, president of the Ellenton Agriculture Club.

He was a member and deacon of Friendship Baptist Church, Gideon International, Harmony Masonic Lodge #17, Barnwell Rotary Club, Ellenton Agriculture Club, S.C. Sheriff's Association and Barnwell County TAG Enforcement Association. He had over 30 years of law enforcement experience, was active in the youth baseball program and was voted Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year 2002. He was selected S.C. American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 2004, and Rotarian of the Year 2004. On September 8, 2004, he was presented the Order of the Palmetto by Gov. Mark Sanford.

In 1988 Joey was elected Sheriff of Barnwell County, and this year ran unopposed for his fifth term. Some of his accomplishments are: expanded sheriff's office staff, started the 24 hour patrol, obtained grants that saved taxpayers over 2.8 million dollars, instituted the anti-drug DARE program which graduated over 4,000 5th grade students, was the first sheriff in S.C. to complete DARE school and teach DARE in the schools, placed Resource Officers in all Barnwell County schools, installed an advanced communications system, established an on-going training program for department personnel, established the Reserve Deputy program, the Chaplaincy program, Sheriff's emergency Response Team and a bloodhound tracking team.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 2, 2004, in the Barnwell First Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 200 Jefferson St., Barnwell, SC 29812, Gideon International, P.O. Box 86, Williston, SC 29853 or the Connie Maxwell Children's Home, P.O. Box 1178, Greenwood, SC 29640.

Survivors include: His wife, Pamela Delk Zorn of Barnwell, SC; his parents, Joe and Cleo Zorn of Barnwell, SC; daughter, Jessica Zorn of Barnwell, SC; sons, Josh, Rodney and Russell Zorn of Barnwell, SC; sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Tommy Tyner of Abbeville, SC; mother and father-in-law, Jimmy and Faye Delk of Beech Island, SC; sister-in-law, Theresa Delk of Wrens, GA; four nieces.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN ATTARDO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of John Attardo, a dedicated firefighter from my home State of Colorado who lost his life serving his fellow citizens. As the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation honors these brave men, it is important for us to remember those dedicated firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their fellow Americans.

I know that those who seek the true meaning of duty, honor, and sacrifice will find it in dedicated servants like John Attardo. He was a loving husband and with a huge heart and I know that his wife Tina, his family and his friends take pride in the uniform he wore and the ideals for which he worked. Our Nation will long endure due to the strength and character of the men and women like John who serve our country.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot fully express my deep sense of gratitude for the sacrifice of these young firefighters and their families. Throughout our history, men and women in uniform have performed their duties with distinction and courage. These brave firefighters have made all Americans proud and I know they have the respect and admiration of all of my colleagues here today.

RECOGNITION OF DETECTIVE JUAN H. VASQUEZ

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to Detective Juan H. Vasquez, a distinguished gentleman from my district, who is being honored by the Latino American Association of Monmouth County, Inc., as they celebrate their Eleventh Annual Awards Banquet.

A life long resident of Long Branch, Juan was born at Monmouth Medical Center on November of 1969. In June of 1988, he graduated from Long Branch High School and in September of that same year, began undergraduate studies at Kean College (now Kean University). In January of 1993, Juan graduated from Kean College with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. In April of 1993, he started employment at the Monmouth County Division of Social Services, where he was employed as an Income Maintenance Worker until September of 1997. In October of 1997, he began his law enforcement career when he was hired by the City of Long Branch as a Police Officer. He attended the New Jersey State Police Academy in Sea Girt, NJ, and graduated from the 196th Municipal Class in January of 1998.

After graduating from the Police Academy, he started working in the Patrol Division as a Patrolman. In February of 2000 he was transferred to the Criminal Division of the Detective Bureau where he holds the current title of Detective.