

forgotten as Americans and freedom loving people all over the world remain indebted to their service.

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

COMMENDING RICHARD MALIS,
DAVID WHITE, AND TONI'S
DANCE ACADEMY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend a few dedicated individuals who have made significant contributions to Northwest Indiana. Richard Malis, David White, and Toni's Dance Academy, will be recognized by the Greater Portage Chamber of Commerce at the Annual Fall Dinner/Dance and Recognition Ceremony awards, on Saturday, November 20, 2004.

These loyal and dedicated individuals will share this prestigious honor. Each one of these individuals has played a key role in enriching the quality of life in Northwest Indiana. These individuals are being honored for their tireless efforts and dedication to the Portage community.

Richard Malis will be honored with the Humanitarian of the Year Award. Richard actively promotes and provides humanitarian services to the Portage community without regard to monetary gain. His outstanding service and donation of time represents the epitome of what a dedicated public servant should be.

David White will be honored with the Outstanding Public Citizen Award. David is recognized for his commitment to the Portage community. He is a well respected individual who volunteers his time and abilities to improve the quality of life for the residents in Portage. David has given his time and efforts selflessly to his community to enhance the image of Portage.

Further, Toni's Dance Academy will be recognized with the Putting Portage on the Map Award. This award recognizes those individuals, teams, or organizations whose achievements bring state or national recognition to the Portage community. Toni's Dance Academy has achieved success in inspiring and enabling individuals to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these individuals for their outstanding contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District. Their commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana is truly inspirational and should be recognized and commended.

RECOGNIZING UNIVISIÓN'S SALUD
ES VIDA...¡ENTÉRATE! CAMPAIGN

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize and applaud the efforts of Univisión Communications Inc. for their successful health initiative campaign, "Salud es Vida...¡Entérate!" As the leading Spanish-language media company in the United States, Univisión's health education initiative was launched on November 19, 2003, to raise awareness, increase knowledge and encourage positive decision-making concerning health care issues in the Latino community.

The groundbreaking health initiative has successfully promoted wellness among U.S. Latinos through news programs, public service announcements, literature and an on-line campaign. The Entérate! campaign has featured nationally recognized Latino celebrities and medical experts who educate Univisión's audience on health issues and promote habits of healthy living, access to care and disease-specific prevention and treatment.

The interactive website, Univisión.com, provides information on nutrition, exercise, stress, and alcohol use, empowering users to take control of their health. These programs have proven to be a critical health resource in helping Latinos break health access barriers and change attitudes for healthy living.

Univisión's Entérate! campaign has reached millions of Latinos, improving overall knowledge and understanding of diseases such as diabetes, cancer, heart disease, asthma, and HIV/AIDS which disproportionately impact Latino communities. I am particularly impressed with the campaign's inclusion of dental health—an issue that is too often overlooked in our community, where more than 40 percent of Latino children have untreated dental decay.

Univisión's health initiative is testament to the genuine dedication of the company to improving the well-being of its audience. I applaud the efforts of Univisión and look forward to the continued success of "Salud es Vida...¡Entérate!"

BRING PAUL KLEBNIKOV'S
KILLERS TO JUSTICE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I want to call the attention of my colleagues to the death of journalist Paul Klebnikov, who was murdered on July 9 of this year outside his Moscow office. An American citizen of Russian lineage, Mr. Klebnikov was editor of the Russian edition of Forbes magazine. According to the Committee to Protect Journalists, he was the 11th journalist killed in Russia in a contract-style murder in the past four and a half years.

Mr. Klebnikov had achieved prominence as a result of his investigative journalism which often focused on the connections between business, politics and crime in Russia. Mr.

Klebnikov's investigations resulted in his writing two books, both devoted to exposing corruption within Russia's business and political sectors. Clearly, he made powerful enemies. There has been speculation that his murder was connected to a Forbes article that focused on Moscow's 100 wealthiest people. Someone, goes the theory, did not care for the publicity. Another suggestion is that Mr. Klebnikov's book *Conversation with a Barbarian: Interview with a Chechen Field Commander on Banditry and Islam* may have sparked a motive for the murder.

It was Mr. Klebnikov's love of Russia and his belief that reforms were advancing the nation toward a greater transparency in business and politics that motivated him to launch the Russian edition of Forbes magazine in April 2004. Mr. Klebnikov was committed to exposing and confronting corruption in the hope that such work would contribute to a brighter future for the people of Russia. He believed that accountability was an essential element to achieve lasting reforms.

Unfortunately, this hope for a better future in Russia has been dealt a serious blow by the murder of Paul Klebnikov. As I and ten other Members of the Helsinki Commission wrote to President Putin on October 5th of this year, much more is at stake than determining who killed Paul Klebnikov. The fear and self-censorship arising from the murders of journalists in Russia only serves to add to the corruption of government officials and businessmen. A cowed press cannot be the effective instrument for building the free and prosperous society that Mr. Putin purports to seek.

Mr. Speaker, according to the Russian news agency ITAR-TASS, on the occasion of "Militia Day," November 10, President Vladimir Putin told police officials that protecting the economy from crime and fighting corruption is a priority task in Russia. I would urge Mr. Putin to back up these words with action. Russian authorities should investigate to the fullest extent possible the murder of Mr. Klebnikov, no matter where the trail leads.

Only through rule of law and accountability can Russia achieve the safe, free and comfortable future that Mr. Klebnikov believed was possible.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KRIS
GARDNER

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Kris Gardner, a skillful business manager and dedicated member of her Glenwood Springs, Colorado community. Kris has devoted over thirty years to Alpine Bank and I am proud to stand here with my colleagues before this body of Congress and this Nation today to recognize her many years of service.

The first female bank president of Alpine Bank, Kris' talent and dedication has made much of Alpine Bank's success possible through the years. Over the course of her career she has been named Businesswoman of the Year and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Glenwood Springs Chamber of Commerce from 1980 through 1983. She has served on the Glenwood Springs

Chamber of Commerce, is the past director of the Colorado Bankers Association, and is an appointee of Colorado Governor Bill Owens as a member of the Fire and Police Pension Association. Kris is a strong role model for her peers and colleagues, leading by example in her community.

Mr. Speaker, Kris Gardner has persistently worked to better her community through service and hard work for over 30 years with Alpine Bank. I am honored to recognize her contributions to the town of Glenwood Springs before this body of Congress and this nation. Thanks for all your hard work, Kris, and I wish you and your family all the best in your future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the town of Minturn, Colorado.

Minturn is a small town on the Western Slope of Colorado, with a population of a little over 1,000. Despite its size, Minturn holds an important place within Colorado's history. It began in 1887 as a railroad crew-changing station and was named in honor of Robert B. Minturn, who helped secure funds to build the Denver & Rio Grande westward down the Eagle and Colorado Rivers. The town quickly grew as more people began to make Colorado their home. Some established homesteads to farm in this area at the confluence of Gore Creek and the Eagle River, while others sought riches mining for silver in the mountains high above the town site.

On November 15, 1904, the first Town Council met and Minturn officially became an incorporated part of Colorado. This date became synonymous with the town's birth and was therefore marked as a day of celebration. In the years to come, Minturn became especially indicative of the Colorado experience.

After its vital infrastructures were in place, Minturn attracted people from all walks of life. Historic hotels that still exist today were erected to accommodate the influx of travelers passing through Colorado. And even the military became interested in Minturn, constructing a temporary training camp there for the 10th Mountain Division in 1942—a division that helped train soldiers to fight in high alpine conditions.

As the years passed, Minturn became a favorite stop amongst snow sports enthusiasts, due to its close location to some of Colorado's largest ski resorts, Vail and Beaver Creek. Recently, the town's beauty was on display in movies such as Walt Disney's "Tall Tales", and during the Winter Olympics of 2002, when the Olympic torch passed through the town en route to Salt Lake City, Utah.

I also have great pride in stating that one of my district offices is located in Minturn. Because of this connection—as well as the town's respect for its western rural roots—I have developed an affinity with this town and appreciate the friendliness and communal spir-

it of its residents. This community has welcomed me to their town in a manner that greatly reflects the essence of Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in commemorating the historic 100th anniversary of Minturn, Colorado. I believe that by honoring Minturn and all the other historic small towns of this vast Nation, we keep the great tradition of the American spirit alive for future generations. We must not forget about the many places that molded this nation into what it is today. Centennial celebrations are few and far between, and Minturn's is deserving of our recognition.

HONORING BENNY STRICKLAND FOR HIS SERVICE AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF SUMTER COUNTY

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Benny Strickland for his service as a County Commissioner of Sumter County in the Fifth Congressional District of Florida.

On behalf of the residents of Sumter County, I applaud Mr. Strickland for his years of dedication as a public servant. Since 1994, he has worked tirelessly to provide the residents of Sumter County with excellent leadership and vision. His presence on the board will be dearly missed. Benny's devotion to the residents of Sumter County is a testament to the virtue and selflessness that a public official should aspire to attain.

Sumter County is truly saddened by Mr. Strickland's departure; nevertheless, we are immensely grateful for all his years of commitment and hard work. I wish Mr. Strickland the best in the future and hope he enjoys the pleasures of retirement.

THE CALUMET COMMUNITY HERO AWARD

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend five dedicated individuals who have made significant contributions to Northwest Indiana. These loyal and dedicated individuals, Rosa Vega, Valeta Brannon, John Bakota, Daniel Lowery, and Leonard Tomaszewski, will be honored for their dedication to justice and to the people of Northwest Indiana by the Calumet Project at an awards luncheon at the Social Hall of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Hammond, Indiana on Friday, November 19, 2004.

The Calumet Community Hero Award is being presented to three individuals for their tireless efforts in promoting justice in Northwest Indiana. This year's first honoree is Rosa Vega, a graduate of Gary West Side High School. She has been a member of the executive board of SEIU Local 73 Division 208 since 1979 and has been employed by the Gary School Corporation since 1971. Rosa is

also very active in the Cub Scouts and is a past recipient of the George Meany Scouting Award.

Also receiving a Calumet Community Hero Award is the youngest of this year's award recipients, Valeta Brannon. Valeta is a 1999 graduate of Bishop Noll Institute, where she organized the Black History Club, and a 2004 graduate of Purdue University Calumet, where she earned her B.A. in Psychology. She is employed by the Family & Youth Services Bureau as a Residential Counselor and with Porter-Starke Children Services as a Behavioral Specialist. Her future plans include pursuing an MSW and continuing to fight for social justice for the people of Northwest Indiana.

The third Calumet Community Hero Award is being presented to John Bakota. John is a graduate of East Chicago Roosevelt High School and is a veteran of the United States Army. John spent 38 years as a millwright at LTV Steel, and he has always been extremely active in promoting the enrichment of his community. John is a compassionate activist with the Coalition for a Clean Environment, and he is being honored for his ongoing quest to see to it that justice prevails.

This year's Unity Award is being presented to Daniel Lowery, Ph.D. Dr. Lowery is a graduate of Valparaiso University, holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Indiana University Northwest, and received a Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2001. He is currently Executive Director of the Northwest Indiana Quality of Life Council and has received numerous awards for his outstanding performance throughout his career.

The final award, the Lifetime Achievement Award, is being presented to Leonard Tomaszewski for his outstanding service to the Northwest Indiana Community. Leonard is a graduate of Emerson High School and a veteran of the Korean War. Prior to his retirement in 1996, Leonard was employed by U.S. Steel and Gary Works Sheet and Tin for over 46 years. Since his retirement, Leonard has been an active member of the Steelworkers Organization Active Retirees (SOAR). He has led the fight on behalf of retirees for healthcare, prescription drugs, social security, and other issues of concern to retirees. Leonard's lifetime of service continues as he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Indiana Community Action Corporation, whose mission is to change lives and build communities. For his lifetime of commitment to fairness and justice, Leonard Tomaszewski is being commended with this prestigious award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending these individuals for their outstanding contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District. Their commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana is truly inspirational and should be recognized and commended.

TRIBUTE TO MS. TAMMY CARNRIKE

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the appointment of Ms. Tammy