

1989. Now she lives with Rosalyn in Riverdale, GA where she continues to make beautiful quilts when her health permits. She is blessed to have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and Maggie's family in wishing her a happy 100th birthday.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL BOB LARGENT'S AND COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JACK STEED'S SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, recently, Colonel Bob Largent, United States Air Force (retired) was elected President of the Air Force Association (AFA). Mr. Largent will be responsible for expressing the concerns of the Association, to Congress and other entities on a national level. He has dedicated his life to serving our country, and now he will lead the Air Forces premiere service organization with distinction. I would like to express enthusiasm about Mr. Largent's newly elected position and wish him Godspeed.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to enter in to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the election of another able bodied Georgian, Command Chief Master Sergeant Jack Steed, United States Air Force retired as a regional president of the Air Force Association (AFA). Command Master Chief Steed will serve over a region covering three states—Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. He is eminently well qualified to serve in this position. He has a passion for service to our airmen and their families. The Air Force Association and the United States Air Force will benefit immeasurably from his leadership.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the leaders and members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Parma, Ohio, as they celebrate one hundred years of faith, guidance and support, embracing generations of citizens within our Parma community and beyond.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church was established at the turn of the century to serve the spiritual needs of farming families of German heritage, who settled in the Parma area. On November 13, 2004, the official name of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church was adopted and celebrated at the original church at State and Pleasant Valley Roads. Since that time, Bethlehem Lutheran Church has evolved into a multifaceted congregation that continues to provide an array of services.

Along with the rich tradition of faith and family, the leaders and members of Bethlehem

Lutheran Church have consistently planned to meet the present and future needs of the congregation. In 1967, a new, contemporary church was built on fourteen acres along State Road. Over the years, the Extended Family Daycare Center was opened, along with many additions, including an Educational Room and the Garden of Prayer.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of every past and present leader and member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Parma, Ohio, as they celebrate one hundred years of fostering faith and hope for generations of families within our western Cleveland community. The services and guidance offered here continue to strengthen the lives of countless families and individuals, and thereby serve to strengthen our entire community.

RECOGNIZING KURTIS R. MORRISON FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kurtis R. Morris of Parkville, Missouri, 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 260, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. On November 6, Kurtis will receive his Eagle Scout Award at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Kurtis has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kurtis has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kurtis R. Morrison for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. AND MRS. WHITE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Bill and Mona White were united in marriage November 19, 1954, and are celebrating 50 years of marriage; and

Whereas, Bill and Mona have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Bill and Mona must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family and friends; and

Whereas, Bill and Mona have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples.

Therefore, I join with their family, friends, the residents of Sugar Grove, and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Bill and Mona White as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

RECOGNITION OF LANCE CORPORAL AARON PICKERING

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Lance Corporal Aaron Clayton Pickering, who was recently killed during combat operations in the Al Anbar Province.

Lance Cpl. Pickering was a 20 year old native of Marion, Illinois. He died Nov. 10 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Lance Cpl. Pickering was a 2003 graduate of Harrisburg High School, in Harrisburg, Illinois. He also lived several years in Marion Illinois. Not enough can be said about the great sacrifice this man made for his country, he made the ultimate sacrifice. He is survived by his father and stepmother, Carl and Teresa Pickering and his mother and stepfather, Sam and Lisa Short. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones.

Lance Cpl. Pickering gave his life in an effort to improve the lives of others. This sacrifice should never be forgotten. Pickering, along with so many other brave men and women, put their lives on the line day in and day out. My sincere thanks goes out to them all. God bless them, and may God continue to bless America.

HONORING THE KERITE COMPANY AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce and the entire Valley community in extending my sincere congratulations to the Kerite Company of Seymour, Connecticut as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary. One of the oldest wire and cable companies in the United States, this is a remarkable milestone for this company which has become a true community landmark.

Founded in 1854 by Austin Goodyear Day, Kerite has long been a leader in the development and production of utility transmission and distribution power cables as well as industrial power cables. The innovations credited to Kerite have marked unparalleled technological advancements—with each new technology bringing the dawn of a new era, not only in the industry but in our society as well. The 1865 invention of the crosshead extruder by A.G. DeWolfe Kerite resulted in the first insulated telegraph wire. Kerite introduced the signal cable for railroads and was responsible for the first submarine power cable as well as for cable supplied to the Panama Canal. As the needs of industry changed, Kerite has adapted itself to provide quality products to its consumers. In modern history, the Kerite Company introduced the first 69 kilovolt and the

first 138 kilovolt power cables and are responsible for the longest and deepest submarine power cable project in North America.

I had the opportunity to visit the Kerite Company in August of last year. Nestled in the Seymour community, the company has preserved much of its history in an onsite museum. While touring the facility, I was also able to develop a better understanding of the technology they are employing today. Through their continued commitment to providing quality and superior performance, the Kerite Company has developed an international reputation for service and value. It is this dedication that has allowed them to withstand the toughest test of all—the test of time.

For a century and a half, Kerite has been a pioneer in its industry and with its distinguished reputation has been a source of pride for the Seymour and Valley communities. Today, as the Kerite Company celebrates its past and looks ahead to the future, I am proud to stand and congratulate them on their 150th Anniversary and extend my very best wishes to them for many more years of success.

HONORING CANTOR PAMELA
SAWYER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions of Cantor Pamela Sawyer of Berkeley, California for ten years of dedicated service as Hazzan at Temple Israel of Alameda.

Cantor Sawyer has been a resident of California since early childhood, and the study and performance of music has been a central component of her life since that time. After completing undergraduate and graduate studies in performance and composition, Cantor Sawyer began performing professionally in the Bay Area in local orchestras, pop, jazz, and salsa groups, and was a member of the Oakland Symphony Chorus. In addition, she has appeared on numerous pop and classical music recordings, and currently performs with her own ensemble, the Bay Area Women's Quartet.

Cantor Sawyer began serious Jewish and Hebrew studies in 1992. After studying under various local cantors, she began serving Temple Israel as its Cantorial Soloist. In the years that followed, she went on not only to become the Temple's Cantor, but also to lead the Temple's B'nei Mitvah training as well as its religious studies for seventh graders. In addition to her role as an educator and mentor at Temple Israel, Cantor Sawyer has served as an educator at Congregation Netivot Shalom in Berkeley, B'nei Torah in Antioch, Kol Shofar in Tiburon, and at various other Bay Area congregations. Furthermore, she is currently a member of the Guild of Temple Musicians, the Cantors' Assembly, the Women Cantor's Network, the Northern California Board of Cantors, the National Association of Jewish Chaplaincy and the Alameda Ministerial Association. Finally, in addition to her service to congregations within the United States, Cantor Sawyer has worked with various congregations and presented at scholarly conferences in Germany, where she continues to give

workshops and consult with clergy from various communities.

On November 13, 2004, Cantor Sawyer will be honored in Oakland, California for her ten years of outstanding service to Temple Israel. I would like to take this opportunity to commend her for her exceptional contributions not only to the Jewish community, but also for her role as a leader and mentor in the areas of musical education and community service. By remaining active in and dedicated to these important areas, Cantor Sawyer has contributed immeasurably to Alameda County and the East Bay. The 9th Congressional District salutes and congratulates her for her many years of invaluable service.

IN HONOR OF THE CUYAHOGA
VALLEY CAREER CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC), as students, instructors, administrators and members of the community gather today to dedicate the expansion of the new building addition at the Center—the largest expansion in the thirty-two year history of the Career Center.

Although CVCC's structure has evolved, the core mission has remained constant for more than three decades—to prepare all students, regardless of their age, to achieve their professional goals and dreams. In order to successfully navigate through the changing tides of today's society and economy, the CVCC is a critical resource and guide for students either choosing the the path that leads to a career, or students on the path to higher education.

The services, instruction and guidance offered by the CVCC is multi-layered and varied. Since its inception thirty-two years ago, the CVCC has assisted thousands of high school and adult students advance and succeed in numerous business, technical, civic, service and trades careers. The School-to-Career program provided by the CVCC has offered more than 24, 000 students, grades K through 12, the opportunity to acquire first-hand knowledge regarding future career choices.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of the Dedication Ceremony for the newly completed expansion of the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. As in the past, the Center promises to continue the vital work of preparing our students for professional achievement within today's workforce. We honor the leadership and vision of the CVCC administrators. And moreover, we honor the dedicated work of every teacher, counselor, and every staff member of the CVCC, whose day-to-day impact, guidance, encouragement and instruction gives every student the power to embrace and capture their dreams, and thereby strengthening the hope and promise of our entire community.

RECOGNIZING MACKENZIE T. GLAZER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize MacKenzie T. Glazer, 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 260, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. On November 6, MacKenzie will receive his Eagle Scout Award at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Kansas City, Missouri.

MacKenzie has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years MacKenzie has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending MacKenzie T. Glazer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE OF ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO, COMMISSIONER ELAINE T. VALENTE

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my appreciation for the many years of dedicated service that Commissioner Elaine T. Valente has provided to the residents of Adams County, CO. Her many years of service as a County Commissioner have truly made an impact on Adams County.

Commissioner Valente, a Colorado native, served on many boards and commissions before running for public office. She was elected to the Adams County Board of Commissioners in 1988 and is the first and only female commissioner elected during the first 100 years of Adams County's existence. Commissioner Valente was re-elected to the board for three additional terms.

Noted for her steel-trap mind, her leadership was instrumental in improving the financial stability of the county. Many qualities distinguish her service to the county, but in particular her commitment to open space and protecting the county's interests are notable. Leading by example, she worked tirelessly to improve the reputation and credibility of the county.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Elaine for her distinguished service on behalf of the citizens of Adams County and wish her all the best on her future endeavors.