

that assignment, he began his seagoing career as a sailor aboard the PC 1264, one of only two World War II ships with a predominantly African-American crew.

In April 1946 he left active duty, but remained in the Naval Reserve. He returned to his hometown of Richmond, Virginia, and completed his bachelor's degree in history. Soon after obtaining his degree he was recalled to active duty during the Korean war. His service during that time earned him a Legion of Merit Award, Bronze Star, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

In the 1960's, Admiral Gravely became the first African-American to command a navy warship when he was appointed executive officer, and later, acting commanding officer of the destroyer *Theodore E. Chandler*. That momentous milestone was just one of many in Admiral Gravely's career.

Some historic firsts that he has achieved include: the first African-American to command an American warship under combat conditions since the Civil War, USS *Taussig*; the first African-American to command a major naval warship, USS *Jouett*; the first African-American admiral; the first African-American to rise to the rank of vice admiral; and the first African-American to command a U.S. fleet, commander, Third Fleet.

Admiral Gravely belongs to a group of African-American military heroes whose belief in self and country gave them strength to overcome incredible obstacles and reach unprecedented heights. In so doing they have given hope and pride to the generations that have proceeded them.

Known as a quiet and unassuming man, his life exemplified the words of the politician Adlai Stevenson, who once said "Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime." If this is the measure of a patriot, then Admiral Gravely was one of our greatest.

I find it appropriate to end with Admiral Gravely's own words: "Perseverance is the ability to steadfastly proceed to your goal despite all obstacles. It is the ability to overcome." The spirit of Admiral Gravely will always be with us, just as his words will forever ring true.

HONORING DR. TAMMIE LEE DEMLER

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Tammie Lee Demler of Wheatfield, NY, for recently being honored as both a New York State Senate "Woman of Distinction" and the "2004 Pharmacist of the Year."

Since receiving a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy, Dr. Demler has received a number of accolades. She became the President of the Pharmacists' Association of Western New York (PAWNY), and this year was named "2004 Pharmacist of the Year" by the association. Dr. Demler currently serves as the Director of the University's Psychiatric Pharmacy Post Doctoral Residency Program where she mentors graduate students. She has made nu-

merous contributions to both the association and the pharmacology profession.

Dr. Demler received another prestigious award from the New York State Senate this past June, being named a "Woman of Distinction." The award was created to honor women throughout New York that have played an important role in "adding strength, understanding, and inspiration to the diversity and quality of life" in the state; I can think of no one more deserving of this award than Dr. Demler.

Dr. Demler spends much of her free time working for the betterment of the community, such as helping organize the "Taste of Buffalo," a very important annual event. Dr. Demler has made a considerable and lasting contribution to both her profession and our community, and for that she deserves our deepest gratitude.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in congratulating Dr. Tammie Lee Demler for being named as both a "Woman of Distinction" and the "2004 Pharmacist of the Year."

IN HONOR AND IN MEMORY OF LCPL BRAD FAIRCLOTH OF MOBILE, AL

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a young man from the First Congressional District of Alabama who recently made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of freedom abroad.

Lance Corporal Brad Faircloth, a native of Mobile, Alabama, was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In July of this year, Brad's unit was deployed to Iraq in support of ongoing military operations in that country. It was there that, on November 25, 2004, he was killed while he and other members of his unit conducted house-to-house searches in Fallujah, Iraq, looking for members of that country's insurgent movement.

Brad set a standard of excellence and displayed the qualities of discipline, devotion, and dedication to country that are hallmarks of men and women throughout the long and distinguished history of the American military. Following his 2002 graduation from Murphy High School in Mobile, Alabama, and after one year as a student at Delta State University in Mississippi, Brad chose to join the Marine Corps. In recent days, many members of his family said he did so in large part in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, because he felt he should do his part in the fight to protect his country. Brad was an extremely conscientious and dedicated marine, and he was honored recently with the presentation to his family of three Purple Hearts and the Distinguished Service Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I feel certain his many friends in Mobile County and his comrades in the United States Marine Corps, while mourning the loss of this fine young man, are also taking this opportunity to remember his many accomplishments during his brief 20 years, and to recall the fine gift they each received simply from knowing him and having him as an integral part of their lives.

I urge my colleagues to take a moment and pay tribute to Lance Corporal Brad Faircloth and his selfless devotion to not only our country and the freedoms we enjoy, but to a people who are but now in the infancy of a new life—a new freedom—in their own land.

We should also remember his mother, Kathleen Faircloth-Smith; his stepfather, Paul Smith; his grandparents, Dewey and Helen Faircloth; his uncle, Tim Faircloth; and his other family members and many friends. Our prayer is that God will give them all the strength and courage that only He can provide to sustain them during the difficult days ahead.

It was Joseph Campbell who said, "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." Make no mistake, young Brad Faircloth was not only a dedicated marine who made the ultimate sacrifice serving in the uniform of his country, but he was also a true American hero.

TRIBUTE TO LA HABRA HIGH SCHOOL AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to La Habra High School in La Habra, California as they celebrate their Golden Anniversary.

For the past 50 years, La Habra High School has been more than just an institution for learning; it has become the pride and joy of a community. The teachers and administration work together to inspire students to become life long learners. The school boasts alumni that are not only productive members of society, but have paved a path for future generations to follow. Most importantly, the students of La Habra High School understand the importance of learning and the value of a proper education. Over the years the school has earned many distinctions including the coveted Blue Ribbon Award by the U.S. Department of Education.

Mr. Speaker, La Habra High School has proven to be a first rate educational institution that fosters a positive learning environment for the future of our children. I ask my fellow colleagues in Congress to join me in congratulating the teachers, administrators, alumni, students and parents as they celebrate the school's 50th Anniversary.

IN HONOR OF HENRY MELLO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO, Congresswoman LOIS CAPPAS, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congressman GEORGE MILLER, Congressman MICHAEL HONDA, Congressman JOE BACA, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, Congressman TOM LANTOS, Congressman PETE STARK, Congressman BOB FILNER, Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN, Congresswoman DIANE WATSON, Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, Congressman HOWARD BERMAN and Congresswoman

MAXINE WATERS join me as I rise in honor of a good friend and outstanding public servant, former California State Senator Henry Mello. Henry passed away on September 4, 2004, but will always be remembered for his dedication to the communities of the Central Coast. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends, but his legacy will live on in many ways.

The son of Portuguese immigrants, Henry was born in 1924 in the rural community of Watsonville, where his mother's family had been farming apples since 1874. He had an eye for business and left Hartnell College after one year to work with his family on the apple farms. At the age of 29, Henry founded John C. Mello and Sons Cold Storage and ran it for 20 years before selling it to Del Mar Food Products in 1973. By this time Henry had found his true calling: public service.

In 1966 Henry officially began his political career with his election to the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. He was not afraid of politically charged issues, and in 1972 composed a motion disapproving the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War. Because of his dedication to his constituents and his commitment to the Monterey Bay area, he was elected to the California State Assembly, serving from 1976 to 1980. Henry was then elected to the State Senate, rising quickly to prominent positions, including the majority whip from 1981 to 1992 and the majority leader from 1992 until he left the legislature in 1996.

While in the legislature, Senator Mello was an ardent supporter of many vital segments of our population, especially senior citizens. Senator Mello authored legislation to enact the first programs focusing on Alzheimer's-Respite Care, Adult Day Health Care and the Multipurpose Senior Services Programs. He founded the Senior Legislature and passed legislation to combat elder abuse. In the 20 years that Senator Mello served in the legislature, he authored more than 120 bills on aging and long-term care that have become the law of the land in California.

However, Henry's service and advocacy extended far beyond just one subject. He was also a strong supporter of our ocean's health, authoring legislation to protect fisheries, working to keep off-shore oil away from California's coastline, and petitioning for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. He has created many lasting legacies on the Central Coast, including Wilder Ranch and Grey Whale State Parks, which are enjoyed by thousands of people each year. He also supported the creation of the Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems at the University of California, Santa Cruz, which has made tremendous strides in organic and sustainable farming practices worldwide.

When Fort Ord was slated to be closed by the U.S. Army, Senator Mello introduced legislation to create the Fort Ord Reuse Authority to help the state and the region handle the largest base closure in U.S. history. He was also proactive in transferring this area into civilian use, and helped create the California State University, Monterey Bay on the former base. He was a co-author of the Mello-Roos Act of 1982, which provided funding for education and other public projects through tax-exempt bonds. Following the Loma Prieta earthquake, Henry secured a temporary sales tax increase to help the devastated commu-

nities of the Central Coast, a measure which proved to be invaluable to the local governments in their efforts to rebuild. In his hometown, he is perhaps best known to the general public for helping to raise funds to rebuild the performing arts center in Watsonville after it was destroyed in the earthquake. It was opened in 1994 as the Henry J. Mello Center for the Performing Arts, which was particularly fitting because Senator Mello was known for contributing his musical talents on the piano for many state and local functions.

Mr. Speaker, Henry Mello was the consummate public servant and master of the art of compromise. His legacy to the State of California is felt through the landmark legislation that he passed as well as through those whose lives he touched personally. Many of us in the California Congressional Delegation worked closely with Henry throughout our public service careers, and we all wish to extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, Helen, and his sons Stephen, John, Michael and Timothy.

RECOGNIZING KYLE MARCOLLA

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Marcolla, 2004 graduate of Chillicothe High School. Kyle accepted a golf scholarship at the University of Missouri—Columbia where he is currently a member of the Men's Golf Team.

Kyle is an outstanding golfer, and I know the University of Missouri is excited about his commitment to the fine golf program in Columbia. I also suspect that Chillicothe High School's Golf Coach John Musser wishes that Kyle could remain on his team for many more years, as he has proven time and again that he belongs to an elite class of high school golfers. Kyle was named a Midland Empire All Conference golfer in 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004; his entire career at Chillicothe High School. He was a 3A State Qualifier in 2001, District Champion in 2002 and 2004, and 3A All State Top 15 in 2002, 2003, and 2004. In 2003, Kyle won a grueling competition to become Missouri State Champion. The St. Joseph News-Press named him Golfer of the Year in 2003 and 2004. In addition to these accolades, Kyle is the holder of several state golfing records.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating Kyle Marcolla and wishing him continued success. Kyle is a great role model for aspiring golfers in our state, and I am proud to serve him in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF JUDGE ANNE KILBANE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Judge Anne Kilbane of the 8th Ohio District Court of Ap-

peals—fearless sponsor of justice, inspiring role model, and friend and mentor to many. Her untimely passing marks a great loss for her family, friends and colleagues, and for the people of our Cleveland community whom she served with the highest level of commitment, integrity and honor.

Judge Kilbane's unwavering reliability and strong work ethic were gifts from her parents, the late Thomas B. Kilbane and Nora Kilbane, who emigrated from Ireland to Cleveland. She worked at the Cleveland Health Department, then began her studies at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, where she graduated in 1976.

Elected to the bench in 1988, Judge Kilbane's unequalled work ethic and uncompromising professional integrity quickly garnered the respect of most, and ruffled the feathers of some. Armed with a sharp legal mind and even sharper focus on the public she served, Judge Kilbane shattered the status quo by fighting for transparency in and out of the courtroom.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Judge Anne Kilbane. The courage, vision and integrity that defined her life will be greatly missed along the halls and in the courtrooms of the 8th District Court of Appeals—and will be greatly missed within the hearts of her many friends, including my own. I extend my deepest condolences to her friends and family members, especially her brothers and sisters: Patrick, Mary, Judith, Kathleen and the memory of Thomas, Bryan and Bridget.

Judge Anne Kilbane's life was lived with joy, energy and in unwavering service to others. Her eternal faith in humanity and in the power of justice will continue to serve as an unyielding example and unending force of truth within our legal system, and within the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved her well. Her journey as a first-generation American from the old neighborhoods of Cleveland, to the 8th Ohio District Court of Appeals, reflects all that she was, and all that she gave to us—the possibility to achieve one's dreams; working in service to others; the courage to stand up for what is right; and the integrity to never back down. And Judge Anne Kilbane will forever inspire us all.

STATE OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE AND OVERREPRESENTATION IN AMERICA'S PRISON SYSTEMS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I, like many members of the Congressional Black Caucus, am moved to speak about the state of the African American male and their alarming overrepresentation in the American penal system.

Sweeping changes in crime control and the drastic modifications of sentencing policies have led to a staggering increase in prison populations. Ironically, although the country is experiencing a decrease in crime rates, the inmate population is increasing. According to the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics, the increase in inmate population is