

Mr. Speaker, Louise Scott McNeil and James McNeil have dedicated their lives to each other for an incredible 75 years of matrimony. As such, they are more than worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable couple.

TRIBUTE TO CRANBROOK
EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to pay tribute to the Cranbrook Educational Community, which celebrates its centennial year in 2004.

On January 18, 1904, George and Ellen Booth bought a run-down farm in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, for a vacation site and possible home for their family. In 1922, the Booths and local parents joined together to form a school for neighborhood children that would become one of the world's leading centers for art and education.

Cranbrook grew into that leading center because George and Ellen Booth were committed to personal growth and community service through art, architecture, science, and education. George Booth described this commitment at the dedication of Cranbrook School in 1927 when he said:

"We were unwilling to go through life with our aims centered mainly in the pursuit of wealth and with a devotion wholly to the ordinary opportunity for social satisfaction. We were not willing to leave all of the more enduring joys for our children or the joy of work in so good a cause entirely to our friends after we had passed on; rather did we wish, in our day, to do what we could and give tangible expression now to our other accomplishments by adventures into a still more enduring phase of life. We wished to see our dreams come true while we were, to the best of our ability, helping to carry on the work of creation."

Today, the Booths' dreams live on as the Cranbrook Educational Community thrives as a premier educational and cultural resource for Bloomfield Hills and its surrounding communities.

The community's Institute of Science provides high-quality science education programs to children and families throughout southeast Michigan, while its Academy of art is the only graduate art program in the country devoted solely to fine arts education. Meanwhile, the Cranbrook Schools educate students in all grades while maintaining a reputation as one of the most challenging independent schools in the country.

The Cranbrook Educational Community has been a tremendous asset for 100 years to young and old alike in the pursuit of knowledge and enrichment. Cranbrook is an institution full of treasures and rich history that will allow it to continue to be a leader in education for the next 100 years to come.

It is institutions such as the Cranbrook Educational Community that make this Nation great. I extend to all members of the Cranbrook community my congratulations as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO JEANNINE WOLFE,
29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2004

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. During the month of March, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments of our Nation's most distinguished women. It is my great privilege to recognize outstanding women who are making a difference in my district.

I stand today to recognize an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Jeannine Wolfe. Ms. Wolfe's passion for community service has made our community a better place in which to live.

Born in Kansas in 1929, Jeannine's family moved to Los Angeles, California, in 1932. In 1945, the family relocated to Inyokern, California, where her father was an ordnanceman at the Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS).

After graduating from high school, Jeannine went to work for the U.S. Navy as a civil service employee in the Explosive Department Office of NOTS. Working at NOTS was an exciting experience for Jeannine, who had the opportunity to work with CalTech scientists and engineers, naval officers, and meet young enlisted women and men from all over the Nation. She married her husband, Edward Wolfe, a U.S. Army corporal, in 1948; and they moved to Temple City, California, in 1952. The Wolfes enjoyed 13 years of marriage until Edward's death in 1961. They have three children, Linda, Marilyn, and Wesley; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In 1961, Jeannine worked for NOTS, Pasadena Annex, until her transfer to the Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners for Scientists and Engineers, now the Office of Personnel Management.

After 40 years of service with the Federal Government, Jeannine retired in 1989 and began her volunteer service. She organized and operated a National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) service center, where she assisted retired Federal employees who had Social Security, retirement, or other issues. Although the center closed after 4 years, Jeannine continues to act as the service officer for West San Gabriel Valley NARFE Chapter 556 and helps retired employees. Currently, she serves as NARFE's newsletter editor and legislative officer.

Jeannine has volunteered for Temple City's schools over the years and has served on numerous Temple City Unified School District committees, including the Bond Construction Support Committee. An active member of the Temple City Historical Society, she is also a dedicated volunteer for the Temple City Chamber of Commerce, serving as co-chair of the Legislative Committee and as an ambassador. In addition to her volunteer activities, Jeannine helps to care for a nearby elderly relative.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Jeannine Wolfe. The entire community joins me in thanking Jeannine Wolfe for her continued efforts to make the 29th Congressional District a better place in which to live.

A TRIBUTE TO MEDGAR EVERS
COLLEGE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Medgar Evers College for adding a Baccalaureate degree program in Social Work to its curriculum. Social Work is an invaluable profession for creative and positive change in our communities, and I commend Medgar Evers for fulfilling this vital social need.

The announcement of this degree program coincides with National Social Work Month. Being a social worker myself, I know the vital role this profession plays in empowering individuals and enhancing social well-being.

Social workers are able to reach the most disaffected members of our communities. People who otherwise would have fallen through the cracks are taught to identify and manage the underlying environmental forces behind their social problems.

There are approximately half a million social workers actively involved in helping individuals with various needs in areas such as health, mental illness, diversity, children, families, aging, poverty, human rights, and social injustice. Despite the far-reaching benefits of social work, it is a profession in need of new members. Nearly three fourths of all social workers were born before 1960, and their median age is 50. Programs like the one being started at Medgar Evers are essential for preparing a new generation of social workers to address the complex problems facing society today.

Social workers are on the front lines, battling the many social problems plaguing our communities. The very nature and goal of social work is to help people. I cannot think of a profession more worthy of praise or more significant in impact.

Medgar Evers College faithfully serves the community by fulfilling its mission of meeting "the educational and social needs of Central Brooklyn through the development and maintenance of high quality, professional career-oriented undergraduate degree programs in the context of liberal education." The creation of a degree in Social Work is another step forward in this fine educational tradition.

I know that my own education in social work has been invaluable in both my personal and professional lives, and I am happy that Medgar Evers is supporting this noble and important profession.

Mr. Speaker, Medgar Evers College is working hard to serve its community through the addition of a Social Work degree to its curriculum. As such, it is worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I urge all of my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable institution.

ROSS PEROT RECEIVES
EISENHOWER AWARD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. H. Ross Perot on his receipt

of the Business Executives for National Security Eisenhower Award. BENS was founded to serve as a nationwide, nonpartisan organization as a primary channel for senior business executives to enhance the Nation's security.

The Eisenhower award is offered only to those unique individuals who contribute their time and energy to making the United States a safe place to live in. In President Eisenhower's farewell address he stated, "alert and knowledgeable citizens" are the foundations for "liberty and security." Mr. Perot meets these criteria.

Born on June 27, 1930, in Texarkana, Texas, H. Texas Ross Perot, Sr. attended Texarkana's Junior College. Upon graduation, he went on to serve his country at the United States Naval Academy. Later, Mr. Perot went to work for IBM's data processing division as a salesman. In 1962 Mr. Perot borrowed \$1,000 from his wife Margot and began his company, Electronic Data Systems (EDS). The new company grew to be a multibillion dollar corporation with more than 50,000 employees.

By 1969, President Nixon's administration asked H. Ross Perot, Sr. to determine what actions might be taken to improve the treatment of United States' prisoners of war in Southeast Asia. His contributions helped to secure the release of the POWs after Vietnam had concluded in 1972. For this action he was awarded the highest honor for a civilian, the Medal for Distinguished Public Service.

Again in 1979, H. Ross Perot Sr. rose to intervene when two of his EDS employees were taken hostage by the Iranian Government. Mr. Perot directed a rescue mission composed of EDS employees and led by Colonel Arthur "Bull" Simons. All of Perot's associates returned to the United States unharmed.

Again in the 1980s he was asked to serve as a member of Ronald Reagan's "President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board," where he participated in the approval process required of all U.S. covert operations internationally. Also, he donated resources to the rescue of U.S. Brigadier General James Dozier, who was kidnapped by the Red Brigade in Italy. This mission led to Mr. Perot's close ties to the Pentagon's Intelligence Support Activity.

In 1995, after donating much of his time and efforts to his new business of Perot Systems, H. Ross Perot Sr. made an energetic bid for the White House in the 1992 Presidential elections. Perot's Reform party and platform popularity was evident with soaring ratings for televised debates and high voter turnout where he captured a staggering 19% of the vote.

On a personal note, I heard Mr. Perot speak in front of the Texas Medical Association in June of 1998 and it was at that meeting that I realized it was time for me to become involved in helping the larger community around me.

H. Ross Perot Sr. has dedicated his life to making this the land of American dreams. With his humble beginning in Texarkana, Texas, he has managed to create thousands of jobs and better our Nation's citizenry. He has served our country's defense in all angles, and for that he is without a doubt beyond worth of the BENS Eisenhower Award. Congratulations, Mr. Perot.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF BERT
A. TISSIER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Californian and distinguished American, Bert A. Tissier. Mr. Tissier was the loving husband of Mary Tissier and the dear father of Jerry Tissier of Arizona, Bradley Tissier, M.D. of Illinois and Adrienne Tissier, of Daly City, California. He was a proud and doting grandfather to Deborah, Todd, Troy, Michael and Carrie.

Bert Tissier attended Polytechnic High School in San Francisco. At San Jose State University he was a member of Alpha Eta Rho International Aviation Fraternity and he went on to serve our country as a Major in the Army Air Force during World War II. He retired from the John Hancock Insurance Company's Special Activities Department after working for the company for 35 years.

One of Bert Tissier's great sources of pride was his daughter Adrienne's public service career, seeing her elected to the Daly City Council, serving as Mayor, and in March of this year, seeing her elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. I am exceedingly proud to have her as my colleague and friend and I respect and admire Adrienne for all she's accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bert Tissier for his service to his community and his country, and in extending our deepest sympathy to his entire family.

CELEBRATING JEWISH FAMILY
SERVICES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge, honor and celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, Michigan. In just 10 years, this organization has grown tremendously and has successfully established itself to provide an array of important social services to the Jewish community in Washtenaw.

Jewish Family Services was founded in October of 1993 by the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County in response to a serious need in our community: refugee resettlement. Largely working with the increasing number of immigrants from the former Soviet Union, Jewish Family Services volunteers engaged in services such as case management, housing and career services, language education, and mental health assistance providing services to numerous individuals and families as they arrived in the United States.

Today, Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County has grown tremendously from when it began with humble roots 10 years ago and the service it provides has touched the lives of over 900 individuals last year alone, including 24 newly arrived resettlement patrons.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in honoring the 10th Anniversary of Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, and the volunteers and staff that selflessly dedicate their time to serving others. This organization and its rapid growth and excellent service are an inspiration to the community of Washtenaw County and I commend them on their noble work.

MAYOR RAY GLOWACKI EARNS A
WELL DESERVED RETIREMENT

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to honor my friend and outstanding public servant, Mayor Raymond S. Glowacki, as he celebrates 26 years of serving the citizens of Cudahy, Wisconsin.

Mayor Glowacki has long been an enthusiastic leader, visionary supporter and promoter of Cudahy, the community he loves. As mayor he has been committed to improving the quality of life for all of the people of Cudahy. Under his tenure there have been tremendous changes and a transformation of the city that has resulted from the remodeling of Packard Plaza, the construction of Crosswinds condominiums and the Creekside residential development. The ongoing development at Mitchell International Business Park, a new library and the ice arena are due in large part to the innovative approaches the mayor has taken in creating a dynamic and vital community.

Born and raised in Cudahy, Ray has a unique historical perspective of his beloved, nearly 100-year-old city. He has witnessed dramatic changes, from the industrial boom of the 1940s and 50s to the new economy and information society. Ray graduated from Marquette University in 1954 with a degree in sociology and political science, subsequently he taught social studies at St. Augustine Catholic School in Milwaukee from 1957 through 1971.

Mayor Glowacki continued his interest and commitment to education by serving as a member of the Cudahy School Board for two terms. Ray with his wife Mary operated the Pulaski Inn of Cudahy from 1956 through 1998, which was founded by his parents in 1927. Other major positions that he has held over the years include the President of the Milwaukee County Licensed Beverage Association, and the Vice President of the Wisconsin Tavern Keepers Association.

Ray and Mary have been married for 48 years and they have six children, five sons and one daughter. A committed family man, he is known for his compassion, good humor, self-effacing manner and generous spirit.

Mayor Glowacki's retirement is certainly well deserved, but his leadership and passion for serving the people of Cudahy will be truly missed. Congratulations and best wishes, my dear friend.