

by the State of Texas. He was appointed to the Texas State Board of Morticians by Governors Price Daniels, John Connally, Preston Smith and Dolph Briscoe.

Charlie knew Aransas Pass was a great place to live and that the area would flourish if it had a solid educational hub. So in May 1959, he ran and was elected to the school board. This position enabled him to use his ability to inspire, attract and engage students and parents to work together to support academic excellence, and enhance pride in their community. Mr. Marshall continues today to visit the school campuses and talk to the students. He attends the Panther Sports events and supports many school activities that provide young people a chance to represent their school and community.

In addition to his exemplary service to his profession and the local educational community, Charlie has also served in civic, charitable and social organizations which propel the community and its citizens to prosperity.

These organizations include the Veterans of Foreign Wars, where he received the Good Citizenship Award, and the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce, where he has served for many years as an officer. He is credited as the founder and early organizer of the Shrimpooree Festival, which continues to benefit San Patricio County. He was a distinguished director of the Overbid Property Trust, whose proceeds built the Aransas Pass Public Library. He was awarded the Aransas Pass Citizen of the Year Award 1972, and the coveted Murl Smith Award in 1981. Mr. Marshall was one of the founders of the Aransas Pass Associated Charities, which later grew into the Christian Service Center, serving thousands of needy families and children.

The citizens of Aransas Pass honored Mr. Marshall by naming an elementary school in recognition of his many community and educational contributions. It is my pleasure to pay homage to Charlie Marshall on the House Floor for his tireless efforts and 45 years of stellar leadership in education. I must also commend Charlie's late wife Gayle, his daughter, Marty, and son, Bill, who not only supported his service to Aransas Pass, but have shared his compassion and commitment.

I ask my Congressional Colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Charles Marshall for his exceptional career and contributions to the great State of Texas and our Nation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INTELLIGENCE TRANSFORMATION ACT OF 2004

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, today my colleagues and I on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence are initiating a call to action.

The problems plaguing American intelligence are too grave, and the potential damage to U.S. national security, force protection in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere, too important to justify delay.

These problems require urgent attention from the President—who has the power to fix some identified problems with our intelligence

now—and from Congress, which built our Intelligence Community five decades ago to fight an enemy that no longer exists.

But those of us in Congress must also do our part.

That is why we are introducing a major legislative proposal—the Intelligence Transformation Act of 2004 (H.R. 4104)—a set of critical and urgent reforms for the Intelligence Community.

The highlight of this proposal is the creation of a Director of National Intelligence (a “DNI”), who has budgetary and statutory authority over the entire Intelligence Community. This is not a new idea. And it is not a Democratic idea. It was one of reforms recommended by the bipartisan, bicameral 9/11 Joint Congressional Inquiry.

But our legislation does more. We are also proposing “jointness” in collection, analysis and dissemination of intelligence. We believe that one of the major deficiencies in our Intelligence Community is the fact that there are fifteen intelligence agencies—operating with different rules, cultures, and databases—that do not work as one, integrated Intelligence Community.

We also believe that our Intelligence Community must leverage the power of information technology to help our intelligence professionals share data in real-time. The United States has the best IT capabilities in the world, but we have scarcely touched that potential to help the IC do its job.

Finally, the Act would create a new WMD Proliferation Threat Integration Center (PROTIC) to provide integrated tasking of collection and analysis on the WMD proliferation threat.

At a time when much of Washington is fingerpointing, we hope this legislation today will add some light to the heat surrounding the subject of intelligence failures.

We had hoped to produce a bipartisan bill—and we believe that it will ultimately be a bipartisan bill because it is good policy and because of its bipartisan parentage. We shared our legislative ideas with the majority on our Committee, but we did not want the legislative year to pass while awaiting their response.

The terrorists and the enemies of the United States will not wait until after November to plot their attacks—nor will they check our party registration before they launch those attacks against us. We cannot afford to wait. This task is urgent. We must act now.

HONORING LARRY LATTMAN,
NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Larry Lattman. Mr. Lattman's outstanding contributions and dedication to our country are truly appreciated.

A highly regarded member of the community, Larry Lattman was born in Los Angeles, California. After graduating from high school he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he served with tremendous honor and valiance in the Korean War.

Larry Lattman is a member of the Marine Corps League, AMVETS, Jewish War Vet-

erans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars; he has a seat on the California Veterans Board and is a member of the National Legislative Committee of the American Legion. He served two terms with distinction as Chairperson of the Allied Council of the Veterans Home in Yountville. As Chair of the Allied Council Mr. Lattman appeared before California State Senate and Assembly Committees, speaking on the behalf of veterans more than 100 times.

Mr. Lattman's many trips to the legislature helped the Home receive needed funds for projects such as construction of new water and electric systems, improving the recreation building, cemetery renovations, and the purchase of a new x-ray machine as well as a whole host of other improvements.

In spite of severe physical limitations and major disabilities, he has distinguished himself as a selfless crusader on behalf of other veterans. He has demonstrated with distinction the creed, “Veterans Helping Veterans.”

Larry Lattman is being recognized this year for his outstanding contributions as a veteran's advocate by the Veterans Home during Yountville's Founders Day Celebration. He is being inducted into the Yountville Veteran Home's hall of fame, their highest honor.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Larry Lattman for his contributions and service to the people of our country.

A TRIBUTE TO SOUTH MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to proudly pay tribute to South Mountain High School, in Phoenix, Arizona, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

This distinguished school in the Phoenix Unified High School District first opened its doors in February of 1954. For the last five decades it has proudly served the educational needs of the students in south Phoenix and has become one of the most dynamic schools in the district, offering five magnet programs: aviation and aerospace education, law-related studies, performing arts (drama, music, and dance), visual arts (drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, computer art and photography), and communication art (print, radio, television and film).

From its student body to its administrative team, SMHS's history of success is lengthy. Accommodating up to 3,000 students at times, the school has been able to maintain one of the highest graduation and attendance rates in the district. In addition, throughout the years students at SMHS have consistently improved their test scores in every category.

The administrative staff at SMHS is also a reason to boast. Of the seven National Board Certified Teachers in the district, four teach at South Mountain. The school has produced the District Teacher of the Year for the past two years, and Assistant Principal Robert Estrada was named 2002 Arizona Class 5—A Athletic Director of the Year. Furthermore, the Administrative team at South Mountain has the longest tenure of any team in the district. Patricia Tobin, in her sixth year, has the second longest tenure as a current principle at a Phoenix Union school.

South Mountain High School's mission is "to create a community of learners." I am proud to say that SMHS has more than accomplished this mission and continues to produce tomorrow's leaders who proudly represent the home of the Jaguars.

Mr. Speaker, as you can surmise, South Mountain is a landmark in Phoenix with a successful past and a promising future that has served the needs of its diverse, dynamic and growing community. It has improved student achievement as well as effectively used human and fiscal resources. It continues to raise academic achievement and serves as a model high school for the nation. Therefore, I am pleased to pay tribute to South Mountain High School in Phoenix, Arizona, and I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating the student body, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni.

TRIBUTE TO HAZARD BULLDOGS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the players and coaches of the 2004 Hazard Bulldogs basketball team.

On February 8, 2004, the Hazard High School Bulldogs defeated Bishop Brossart High School by a score of 43–38 to win the Kentucky All "A" State Tournament. Under the leadership of Coach Kevin Spurlock, the Bulldogs finished the season with a record of 20–4. This is a remarkable accomplishment that merits recognition.

With 49 years since their last championship title, the Bulldogs' recent victory has been a long time in coming, and one that was attained through hard work and determination. During the entire championship game the Bulldogs fought ferociously, tying at the half and gaining a four-point lead after the third quarter. Smart, calculated plays during the final minutes pushed the Bulldogs over Bishop Brossart and secured a safe five-point win.

In Kentucky, basketball is something of an institution. It embodies a tremendous spirit of teamwork and dedication, and the Bulldogs have shown that they possess both characteristics. The Bluegrass State is widely known for producing great basketball teams, and the Hazard Bulldogs are no exception. Winning the state tournament marks a tremendous milestone in their journey for excellence, and I am proud of their accomplishment.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Bulldogs for their tremendous success, not only in tournament play but also throughout the entire season. Through their hard work, determination, and skill they have made Eastern Kentucky very proud. I ask each of my colleagues to join me in honoring Hazard High School, Coach Kevin Spurlock, all of the assistant coaches, and each and every talented player on the 2004 Championship Bulldog team: Hank Gabbard, Stephen Sizemore, Parker Carter, Eric Mullins, Robert Lyttle, J.J. Hously, Lamar Williams, Jon Francis, Chase Patrick, Durell Olinger, Justin Wallace, Chuckie Osteen, Jon Walker, Tyler Bailey, and Justin Hicks.

REMEMBERING MELINDA MONTGOMERY STRONG

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, Dr. Barbara Montgomery, noted educator, world traveler and lecturer, and leader in the local, State, and national Democratic Party, suffered the loss of her second child, Melinda Montgomery Strong. Melinda passed away in Watsonville, California on February 4th. Melinda's twin, Melody Montgomery Law, and her father, James Kenneth Montgomery, predeceased her.

As a special tribute, and following a traditional Indian farewell, Chief Tecumseh of the Shawnee Nation was quoted at Melinda's final rites. It is a beautiful and appropriate guideline for all of us—and especially for the beautiful Melinda Montgomery Strong:

So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people. Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide. Always give a word or a sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place. Show respect to all people and grovel to none. When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. Sing your death song and die like a hero going home.

As a longtime friend and admirer of Dr. Montgomery, I ask that Congress adjourn today in memory of this beautiful life—and that we collectively send our condolences and our prayers to Dr. Barbara Montgomery.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MRS. FANNIE BELLE CALLAHAN

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, Mobile County, Alabama, and indeed the entire First Congressional District recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor her and pay tribute to her memory.

Fannie Belle Callahan was a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend to the Mobile community throughout her entire life. At the time of her passing on March 15, 2004, she had devoted 94 years to the care of her children, her family, and her city.

Raised with her three siblings in the small community of Crichton, Alabama, Mrs. Callahan was required at an early age to go to work to help support her family following the death of her father. By the age of 17, she had already worked as a telephone operator, a cashier at Mobile's Saenger Theater, and a night clerk at the Battle House Hotel. Following her marriage to Herbert Callahan, she moved to East St. Louis, Illinois, but returned to Mobile 3 years later when he obtained a job with the GM&O Railroad.

Widowed at the time of her husband's death in 1950, Mrs. Callahan was once again re-

quired to go to work to support her large family of nine children. Although she retired in 1965 after many years of employment with the Mobile District Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, she was not one to sit idly by and watch life go on in the world around her. She became actively involved in the political campaigns of her sons Sonny and George, and following Sonny's election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1984 volunteered her time as the receptionist in his Mobile district office. Mrs. Callahan quickly became the center of her son's office "family," and for the remainder of her life was always referred to affectionately as "Mom Callahan."

Throughout her 94 years, Fannie Belle Callahan taught many valuable lessons to her family and friends, and everyone who came in contact with her took away very fond memories of a charming southern lady who could make anyone to whom she was speaking feel they were the most important person at that time. In an article which appeared in the Mobile Register in 2000, Mrs. Callahan reflected on her long and rewarding life and spoke about how her years of hard work were rewarded with the successes her children enjoyed.

Many of her children were also interviewed and offered their perspectives on the lessons they had learned from the matriarch of a family made up of 94 men, women, and children. Perhaps her son, former Rep. Sonny Callahan, best summed up her long life and what she passed on to her children when he said, "She taught us responsibility. With nine kids, there had to be some degree of responsibility. She taught us to respect people and work hard."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a lovely woman who deeply loved, encouraged, and respected her many family and friends and the entire Mobile community. "Mom Callahan" will be deeply missed by her family—her sons, Sonny Callahan, George Callahan, Charles Callahan, and Terrance Callahan; her daughters, Patsy Dempster, Madeline Martin, Margaret Ann Athey, Mary Jane Emick, and Rose Callahan; and her 32 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren—as well as the countless friends she leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

CONGRATULATING MS. PAULINE MORGAN AND MS. VANESSA DATES

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, is my distinguished honor and privilege to congratulate two residents of Northwest Indiana who have committed their careers to serving the United Steelworkers of America (USWA). Combined, Ms. Pauline Morgan and Ms. Vanessa Dates served the hard-working men and women of Northwest Indiana for over 71 years. Their efforts will be celebrated at a retirement reception on Friday, April 2, 2004.

Pauline Morgan began her career November 1, 1963, as a secretary in the District 31 office in East Chicago, Indiana. In 1973, she