

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to State Representative Rob Fairbanks for his selfless efforts of public service in the Colorado General Assembly. Rob is not afraid to stand up for what he believes in, and he works tirelessly to better his Jefferson County community and the State of Colorado. I would like to extend my congratulations on Rob's retirement and wish him and his wife Mary Ann the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT  
GREGORY L. MILLER

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Gregory L. Miller of the Boyertown Police Department for being honored by the Boyertown Area Times and the Boyertown Jaycees as the Boyertown Police Department's Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Sergeant Gregory Miller began his career with the Boyertown Police Department March 3, 1982 as a part-time officer. He eventually became a full-time officer with the Department in 1984.

During Sergeant Miller's 22 years of service, he has made a great impact on the Boyertown community. In 2001, he was recognized for his involvement in the prevention of a suicide. A year later, in 2002, Sergeant Miller was named the Police Liaison Officer of the Year for his work with the Berks County Youth Aid Program. In 2003, he was recognized for his bravery in an incident involving a knife-wielding man. Sergeant Miller was also the driving force behind starting up the new bike patrol in Boyertown.

Aside from his service in the Boyertown Police Department, Sergeant Miller is also an active member of his community. He has been a member of the Friendship Hook and Ladder Fire Company since he was 16 and he volunteers with the Boyertown Lions Community Ambulance Company.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Sergeant Gregory Miller for his many years of exemplary service to the Boyertown community.

IN MEMORY OF LEE TOLER

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lee Toler, a great man who passed away on February 4th, 2004. Lee was a shining example of the power one man can have in so many peoples' lives, and without him the world is a little dimmer. I offer Velma, his wife, and the rest of Lee's family my sincerest condolences.

Lee came from humble beginnings, as all great men do, but his spirit was richer than all the wealth in the world. His life was devoted to helping kids in our community and in California avoid the dangerous and detrimental effects of drugs and crime. He worked for the

benefit of individuals and our community, and he did much of it as a volunteer.

During the 1960s Lee was a school custodian in Seaside, at Portola Junior High School, later renamed King Middle School after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. He became well known for his willingness to counsel students who came to him, and began to seek ways to help others. His ability as a counselor convinced then Governor Reagan to allow him into state prisons to work with inmates. He was also a key figure in championing the cause of drug treatment as an alternative to imprisonment.

In 1966 Lee founded Young Adults for Action to offer activities and alternatives to drugs, and in 1974 created Young Adults for Action Manufacturing Co. This organization recognized that good jobs could play a crucial role in discouraging drug use among teens, and he worked with local employers to offer jobs to youth and parolees. When these non-profits ended Lee continued his mission with Jobs Not Drugs in 1979, a successful program that continues to this day.

Lee's extraordinary work has not gone unrecognized. He's been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Governor's Award for Creative Citizenship, presented by Governor Reagan in 1968. The only other person to receive this award during Reagan's administration was Bob Hope for his work with soldiers overseas. I also had the opportunity to honor Lee twice, once in 1995 and once in 2000, with the Congressional Recognition Award.

Mr. Speaker, I rise once more to applaud Lee Toler's many accomplishments. Lee was blessed with the ability to see the goodness that existed in everyone, and his life's work was devoted to bringing that out in people. While some merely condemn, Lee sought to understand. My only regret is that Lee could not be in every school, courtroom, and prison in our country, because our society grew greater and stronger with every person he touched. He was a remarkable figure in our community, and his memory will live on in the many people whose lives he has touched. I join the communities of the Monterey Bay, and friends and family in honoring this truly admirable man and all of his lifelong achievements.

TRIBUTE TO 25TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of China (ROC) on Taiwan in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act. I am proud that Taiwan and the United States have enjoyed such a strong and durable relationship over the last quarter century in part due to our shared democratic values.

The Taiwan Relations Act has been instrumental in maintaining peace, security and stability in the Taiwan Straits and the Western Pacific since its enactment in 1979. Today Taiwan is truly an economic success story and I am confident that the Bush Administration and our allies in the region will remain committed to playing an appropriate supporting

role in reducing tensions across the straits. I am also hopeful that expanded confidence-building exchanges between Beijing and Taipei will lessen the likelihood of any potential conflict in the region.

Under the framework of the Taiwan Relations Act, the Republic of China has become a shining example of economic prosperity. Taiwan has become the eighth largest U.S. trading partner with total Taiwanese exports of US\$ 32.2 Billion and imports of US\$ 18.4 Billion. Taiwan is currently the world's twentieth largest economy with a GDP of US\$ 219 Billion. I believe the United States should continue to expand trade opportunities with Taiwan like the recently signed letters of intent for Taiwan to increase purchases of Indiana's agricultural products.

I stand today in strong support of Taiwan's membership in international organizations such as the World Health Organization and the United Nations. Taiwan is deserving because of its commitment to our shared values of freedom, democracy, human rights, peace and prosperity.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, on the historically significant occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, I rise to pay tribute to America's relationship with Taiwan, and I call upon this body to recommit ourselves to the prospect of peace, freedom and democracy in Taiwan for the next twenty-five years and beyond.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE  
HON. MARY FRANCES STEWART

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, Baldwin County and indeed the entire First Congressional District of Alabama will say goodbye tomorrow to a dear friend, a wonderful lady and a truly outstanding public servant. Today, however, I rise with a heavy heart to honor the life—and mourn the death—of that special friend, Baldwin County Commissioner Mary Frances Stewart, who was killed in a tragic car wreck early Saturday morning.

Without a doubt, Commissioner Stewart was the epitome of a true Southern lady. Both gentle and genteel, Mary Frances somehow found a way in almost everything she did to make people feel good about themselves and good about their government.

Moreover, she had that rare knack for being equally devoted to her family and her constituency in Baldwin County. It goes without saying but her death leaves a void both in the life of the county she so dearly loved and in the wide circle of her family and many friends—a void that quite frankly will be nearly impossible to fill.

A native of rural Georgiana, in Butler County, Mary Frances was a graduate of Georgiana High School and received both her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education from the University of South Alabama.

She began what would become a distinguished 23-year career in teaching in the Alabama public school system, spending 13 years with the Mobile County school system. Commissioner Stewart spent the last ten years of her teaching career at Foley High School in

Baldwin County where she specialized in American and Alabama history.

During her years in the classroom, Mary Frances spent untold hours in an effort to stir her students with a passion for and ownership of their government. Whether taking her students on field trips to Montgomery or Washington, D.C., she always challenged her students to learn about the past as they prepared for their future. To say her career in education was a success would be a major understatement; few people can lay claim to being awarded both "Mobile County Teacher of the Year" and "Baldwin County Teacher of the Year" honors, awards that bespeak the tremendous recognition and respect she enjoyed from her peers.

Following her retirement from teaching, Mary Frances became active in local politics and eventually ran for a seat on the Baldwin County Commission. She was elected to a four-year term representing the residents of Commission District Four in the south-central part of the county and had served with admiration and distinction since that time. As a member of the commission, she served as Chairperson of the Road and Bridge Committee and as Vice Chairperson of the Environmental Resources Committee.

In addition to the many demands of her elective office, Commissioner Stewart also served on numerous boards and foundations whose goals are to advocate the special interests and needs of the residents of Baldwin County. During the past several years, she served as a member of the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, the South Baldwin Regional Medical Center Foundation Board, the Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation Board, the Junior Achievement of Mobile/Baldwin Board, the Community Health Hospital Board, and the Department of Human Resources Quality Assurance Committee.

Commissioner Stewart was selected by former Alabama Governor Fob James to serve on the State of Alabama Aeronautics Board. She also served on the Board of Trustees of Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church in Bon Secour, Alabama, where she was an active member.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated public servant, a long-time advocate for Baldwin County and a true friend to one and all. Commissioner Mary Frances Stewart will be deeply missed by her family—her son, Ed Stanford, her daughters, Tammy Stanford-Henley, Jo Stanford, and Fran Kollins, and her five grandchildren—as well as the countless friends she leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM  
(BILL) SINCLAIR**

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to an American patriot and dedicated public servant. William "Bill" Sinclair will be retiring after serving the citizens of Colorado Springs, Colorado, from the Colorado State House of Representa-

tives for eight years. As Bill celebrates his retirement, let it be known that he leaves behind an outstanding legacy of commitment to the people of Colorado and Colorado General Assembly.

Bill has always held firm to his beliefs of serving his country and community. He spent a distinguished career serving in the United States Air Force, defending our country in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He logged 6,000 flying hours as a command pilot, retiring in 1975 as a Colonel. Serving as a business manager for several nonprofit organizations in Colorado Springs, Bill became actively involved in numerous civic organizations. He is a past president of the Retired Officers Association and downtown Rotary Club, a former chairman and member of the Pikes Peak Center for Performing Arts, and a past member of the Board of Directors of CHINS-UP of Colorado Springs.

Bill was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1996, and currently serves as chairman on the State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee and is a member of the Transportation & Energy Committee. His outstanding record of public service has garnered Bill numerous honors, including legislator of the year awards in 1998 and 1999 from the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry and in 2001 by the Colorado Sheriffs Association. He has twice been recognized as a Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that State Representative Bill Sinclair is a person who possesses dedication and commitment to his life long pursuit of public service. Bill's selfless dedication to Colorado Springs, the State of Colorado, and the United States has helped ensure a promising future for our great country, and it is my privilege to recognize him today before this body of Congress and this Nation. It is my distinct pleasure to honor Bill here today, and wish him and his wife Barbara all the best in their future endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING MICHAEL J. MAGGIO**

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael J. Maggio for being honored by the Boyertown Area Times and Boyertown Jaycees as the Boyertown Citizen of the Year for his contributions to the greater Boyertown region.

Michael Maggio relocated to the Boyertown area with his wife Sue in 1966. A physicist, he worked for 23 years at Cabot Corporation as a research group leader and a plant technical services manager.

Michael Maggio graduated in 1949 from Welsey Junior College in Dover, Delaware, where he was the captain of the basketball team. He went on to receive his B.S. in physics from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1952. Upon moving into the Boyertown area, Michael became involved in the community and has been an active member of the Boyertown Lions Club for 24 years. He served twice as the president of the Club and he also served eight years as a member and treasurer of the Boyertown Lions

Community Ambulance Board of Directors. In 1997, he was awarded the prestigious Melvin Jones National Award and, in 2001, he was named the Lion of the year.

Michael Maggio also has made an impact in the community outside of his activities in the Lions Club. A member of the St. Columbkil Roman Catholic Church, Michael was a religious instructor and also volunteers as an usher. Michael has served as a catalyst for ongoing service to and support of the Boyertown community by serving as the Emergency Management Coordinator and a member of the Boyertown Board of Health. Further, he is serving as the Co-Chair of the Lions Ambulance Organization's new building fund.

In his spare time, Michael enjoys bicycling, golf and photography. Well-known throughout the community as a family man, Michael has five children, fourteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Michael J. Maggio for his many years of exemplary service to the Boyertown community.

**IN MEMORY OF JOHN STAGNARO**

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Giovanni "John" Stagnaro, a patriarch within the Italian community of Santa Cruz who passed away this past March at the age of 90. Founder of the immensely popular and successful fishing business Stagnaro Brothers, John's legacy as a hard-working and dedicated entrepreneur has made his family name a staple in Santa Cruz County. John is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mamie Stagnaro; their three daughters: Teresa Tera, Jeanie McPherson, and Carol Tuttle; his eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Born in the tiny Italian coastal village of Riva Trigoso, John's life was an archetype of the American Dream. Via Ellis Island, John immigrated to the United States at the age of five, and quickly settled in Santa Cruz. In 1937, after saving several hundred dollars, John purchased part of a fishing company on the Santa Cruz Wharf—and the rest is history. Working alongside his brother, John's fish market and restaurant quickly became a staple of the Wharf. Today, Stagnaro Brothers is the last open-air fish market on the wharf.

John was a devout Catholic and an active member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Santa Cruz. He was also an avid participant in many community-based social organizations including the Sons of Italy, the Santa Cruz Elks Lodge, the Marconi Club, and the Italian Catholic Federation. John will surely be missed by his family and the community as a whole, but his business and his name will be a legacy that will last for generations to come.

**TRIBUTE TO ERICKA DUNLAP**

**HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 2004*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Miss America