

by unanimous consent. Dr. Martin is the first librarian to lead IMLS, formed in 1996.

Under Dr. Martin's leadership, IMLS launched a new grant program to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians. The program, announced by Mrs. Bush in January 2002, seeks to off-set a pending national shortage of librarians due to retirements. Dr. Martin acted as co-host to Mrs. Bush for two seminal White House conferences, one on school libraries and the other on libraries, museums, and lifelong learning. In 2004, Dr. Martin will make the inaugural grants for "Museums for America," to sustain heritage, support lifelong learning, and provide centers for community engagement.

A librarian, archivist, educator, and administrator, Dr. Martin was Professor and Interim Director of the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Women's University prior to his appointment at IMLS. From 1995 to 1999, he was Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

From 1985 until 1995, Dr. Martin was Associate Dean of Libraries for Special Collections at Louisiana State University. Before that, he worked in the archives and special collections at the University of Texas at Arlington and the University of Texas at Austin. He also taught at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

He has authored and co-authored several scholarly treatises including two best-selling books, *Maps of Texas and the Southwest, 1513-1900* (1984, 1999) and *Contours of Discovery: Printed Maps Delineating the Texas and Southwestern Chapters of the Cartographic History of North America, 1513-1930* (1982). The books reflect another area of Dr. Martin's research interests and expertise: the history of the American southwest.

Dr. Martin has a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a Masters of Library Science from the University of North Texas, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Rice University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Dr. Robert Martin. Our Nation is served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Dr. Martin, who care about their well being and stability. We wish Dr. Martin well as he inaugurates the Hayes Presidential Center's first annual "Hayes Lecture on Leadership."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, due to an event in my Congressional District I was unable to vote on the following two bills:

Rollcall vote No. 151—H. Con. Res. 326, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the arbitrary detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China and urging his immediate release; and Rollcall vote No. 152—H. Con. Res. 398, expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons.

I support each of these resolutions and would have voted "Yea" for both had I been

present. I ask unanimous consent that my statement be inserted into the RECORD at the appropriate place.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, due to weather related flight delays, I was absent for votes on Tuesday, May 11, 2004. As a result, I was not recorded for rollcall votes Nos. 153, 154 and 155. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 153, "aye" on No. 154 and "aye" on No. 155.

TRIBUTE TO WEST POINT'S SERVICE AMERICA PROGRAM

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, recently I had the honor of visiting with the Corps of Cadets, faculty, and staff at the United States Military Academy. I am very grateful to Lieutenant General William Lennox, Jr., Superintendent; Colonel Russell Howard, Social Sciences Department Head; Colonel Robert Gordon III, Director, American Politics Program; and, of course, to the Cadets for having me.

In addition to being able to visit with cadets and their world-class faculty, I had the opportunity to learn of West Point's Service America Program. Serving one's nation can take many forms. I found it especially inspiring that as the West Point cadets, America's sons and daughters, are preparing to defend our freedoms, they have created still another way to serve our great nation.

Under the leadership of Colonel Gordon and many others, since 1997, cadets have been serving young people during the summer months through the Academy's Service America Program in Bremerton and Spokane, Washington; Chicago, Illinois; and Austin, Texas. The cadets have partnered with state and local AmeriCorps programs, America's Promise, the National Civilian Community Corps, and private foundations.

In the past six years, 161 cadets have participated in West Point's Service America Program. The cadets have spent almost 8,000 hours teaching children in the classroom and have tutored or mentored over 1,000 youngsters. Their total community service exceeds 20,000 volunteer hours. Cadets say Service America helps prepare them to become better officers. Cadets are refining their leadership skills through positions of authority in community projects, are working cooperatively with AmeriCorps volunteers in solving problems, and are mentoring young persons from diverse backgrounds and ages.

Mr. Speaker, I commend West Point and the cadets for their selfless service to our country, both on and off the battlefield. I knew that West Point was a national treasure long before I visited there. Now more than ever, I know why.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NATALIE PHILLIPS ON HER APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Natalie Phillips of Northwood, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, Natalie's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Air Force Academy with the incoming cadet class of 2008. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education, and demands the very best that these young women and men have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Natalie brings a special mix of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force Academy cadets. While attending Northwood High School, Natalie has attained a grade point average of 3.94, which ranks 2nd out of the 80 students in her class. During her time at Northwood High School, Natalie has received several commendations for her superior scholastic efforts. During her first year, Natalie was named to the High Honor Roll and received the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award. Her second year was again marked by her being named to the High Honor Roll along with being named a "Who's Who Among American High School Students." Natalie has maintained this high level of achievement throughout her tenure at Northwood High School.

Outside the classroom, Natalie has distinguished herself as an excellent student-athlete and dedicated citizen of Northwood, Ohio. Natalie has been very active on the Northwood High School Varsity golf team. She has served as team captain and has lettered multiple times. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, Natalie is an active member in her community by participating in the Spanish Club, Key Club and Student Council.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Natalie Phillips. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Natalie will do very well during her career at the Air Force Academy and I wish her the very best in all of her future endeavors.

IN TRIBUTE TO JACK BROOME
AND JOHN W. BORCHARD, JR.

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Jack Broome and John W. Borchard, Jr., the first recipients of the Catherine McAuley Lifetime Achievement Award presented by St. John's Regional Medical Center

in Oxnard, California, and St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital in Camarillo, California.

Catherine McAuley founded Sisters of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland, in the early 1800s, serving those who suffered from poverty, illness and a lack of education. In 1912, a small band of Sisters of Mercy began caring for the sick and suffering in Ventura County, California.

St. John's Regional Medical Center and St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital are the modern-day manifestations of those early seeds.

The Catherine McAuley Lifetime Achievement Award pays tribute to members of the community for their contributions and volunteerism, commitment to society, and espousal of the charisma and values exemplified by Catherine McAuley.

Jack Broome and John W. Borchard, Jr., epitomize that charisma and those values.

Jack Broome was born in Chicago, but came to California early in his adult life to pursue farming opportunities in Ventura, Kern and Monterey counties. He is one of the key founders of Casa Pacifica and continues as a director. Jack currently serves on the University Board at Pepperdine University and the Board of Trustees of the House Ear Institute. He is chairman of the Ventura County Harbor Commission and the Pleasant Valley County Water District.

Jack's service to St. John's includes chairmanship of St. John's Regional Medical Center Foundation, director of the hospital board and longtime membership in The Humanitarians. He and his wife, Patricia, have three children and eight grandchildren.

John W. Borchard, Jr., was born at St. John's Hospital and raised on an Oxnard farm owned by his family in the 1860s. He left Ventura County long enough to graduate from the University of Notre Dame and serve a short stint at Eastman Kodak in New York before returning to his roots. John has had leadership roles on boards and committees of no less than 25 organizations. He served the Oxnard Elementary and High Schools, the City of Oxnard, the Oxnard Elks, lima bean and citrus cooperatives, and for 20 years served as a director on the Ventura County Farm Bureau. After 16 years, he recently retired his post as chairman of the Saticoy Lemon Association. During that time he also served on the Sunkist Growers, Inc., board, including 9 years on its executive board.

John has also served on the boards of St. John's Seminary and Seminary College in Camarillo.

John's service to St. John's began early, knocking on doors with his parents to raise money for the building. In 1968 he became a Humanitarian and served 7 years as chairman. He served as a trustee of St. John's Regional Medical Center Foundation through two building campaigns.

John and his wife, Nancy, have six children and 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Jack Broome and John W. Borchard, Jr., for earning this prestigious distinction and join the Foundations of St. John's Regional Medical Center and St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital in honoring them for a lifetime of service to their community.

CONGRATULATING TOM KEATING ON BEING NAMED THE MINNESOTA TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2004

HON. MARK. R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Tom Keating on being named the Minnesota Teacher of the Year for 2004. He received this award at a ceremony on Sunday, May 2, 2004, in front of his wife, Mary Sue, also a teacher, their four children and his friends and colleagues. This year, there were a record 150 nominees for the award, and Keating was selected from among 10 finalists.

Born in Minneapolis, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical education from St. Cloud State University. He began his teaching career at Foley High School in 1971. In 1982, he joined the Monticello public schools teaching a variety of subjects. He has also developed his own programs, including S.U.P.E.R. (Students Using Peers to Educate Responsibly) and the school's youth service program. In 1990, he went back to school himself and received his M.A. in curriculum and instruction from the University of St. Thomas. He is now a multi-subject teacher at the Turning Point Alternative School in Monticello.

Mr. Speaker, it is teachers like Tom Keating that embody the commitment to students that all teachers strive to possess. His hard work and dedication to his students and his support for children that, in his words, are in danger of falling away, are just two of the reasons he deserved this important honor. I join his colleagues, friends, students, and all Minnesotans in congratulating him on his achievements.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF ROBERT PRUITTE

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Robert Pruitte, a good friend who always gave me useful advice. The Wilson County, Tennessee, resident was a pillar of strength in his community and an admired activist in the Democratic Party.

In honor of Robert and all he did for his community, the Wilson County Democratic Party is instituting an annual event in his memory called the "Robert Pruitte Democratic Celebration." The event will be used to raise funds for a scholarship in his name and to promote the Democratic Party. Robert would have been proud to know his name was associated with giving deserving children an opportunity to excel in higher education.

Robert worked four decades for TRW and was an international representative for the United Auto Workers. He worked hard for his company, the union he represented and the family he loved. And he was always willing to give time of himself to promote worthy causes in his community.

Robert was an honorable man with impeccable character and a thirst for life. He is sorely missed by all those who knew him. But his legacy will live on through this newly created event that aims to help children get a quality education and allow others to share in his political philosophy. Robert was truly the epitome of decency and dedication.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
CRAIG BAER ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Craig Baer of Middle Point, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Mr. Speaker, Craig's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point with the incoming cadet class of 2008. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Craig brings a special mix of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of West Point cadets. While attending Lincolnview High School, Craig has attained a weighted grade point average of 4.021, which ranks 9th out of the 61 students in his class. During his time at Lincolnview High School, Craig has received several commendations for his superior scholastic efforts. During his first year, Craig was named to the Gold Honor Roll and received the World History GPA Award. His second year was again marked by his being named to the Gold Honor Roll along with being named a Northwest Conference Scholar athlete. Craig has maintained this high level of achievement throughout his tenure at Lincolnview High School.

Outside the classroom, Craig has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete and dedicated citizen of Middle Point, Ohio. On the fields of friendly strife, Craig has participated in Cross Country, Track and Basketball. He was Captain of the Basketball team as a freshman and has lettered in Track and Cross Country. In addition to his athletic accomplishments, Craig is an active member in his community by participating in Spanish Club, Student Council, was elected Junior Class President, and was named to the National Honor Society.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Craig Baer. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Craig will do very well during his career at West Point and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.