

She is the first of the most powerful and survivable class of destroyers ever put to sea. She possesses the AEGIS Weapons System with multifunction radar, capable of detecting and tracking hundreds of targets simultaneously while conducting multiple engagements.

On March 5, 2004, in Norfolk, Virginia, Commander Charles L. Stuppard became the 9th Commanding Officer of this powerful navy vessel. Commander Stuppard graduated from Cornell University in 1982 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical and aerospace engineering. He worked for 3 years as a Design and Test Engineer for Fairchild Republic Corporation in the A-10A, T-46 and SF-340 Aircraft programs. In 1985 he joined the Navy as an aviation officer candidate. After commissioning and flight training, Commander Stuppard switched to Surface Warfare.

Commander Stuppard served successively on board the following ships, September 1987 to July 1990, as Boilers Officer and Advanced Combat Direction Systems/Computers Officer, USS *Biddle* (CG 34) in Norfolk, Virginia; November 1990 to May 1993, as Electronics Readiness Officer/Combat Systems Officer, USS *Reeves* (CG 24) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; January 1993 to September 1994, as Combat Systems Officer, USS *Sides* (FFG 14) in San Diego, California; April 1995 to September 1997, as commissioning Combat Systems Officer, USS *Gonzalez* (DDG 66) in Bath, Maine and Norfolk, Virginia. From September 1997 to November 1998, Commander Stuppard attended the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island where he earned a Masters degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Afterwards, he served as Executive Officer of USS *Nicholas* (FFG 47) in Norfolk, Virginia.

After a 3-year tour of duty in the Pentagon as an Action Officer and then as an Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director for European Politico-Military Affairs, the Joint Staff Directorate of Strategic Plans and Policy, Commander Stuppard was selected as the Commanding Officer of the USS *Arleigh Burke* (DDG 51). Commander Stuppard's accomplishments and achievements are truly outstanding and serve as an example to all men throughout the country. Commander Stuppard is a fine citizen and an outstanding American. I congratulate Commander Stuppard and the crew of the *Arleigh Burke* for such a superb assignment.

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the spirit of National Police Week to honor the 870,000 law enforcement officers who enforce our laws by risking their lives, and to remember the 145 officers who sacrificed their lives for our defense in 2003.

This week, law enforcement officers will gather with the families of officers killed in the line of duty to honor the commitment of our Nation's police forces and to remember those they have lost. Just as our soldiers are called to protect our interests overseas, we depend

on our police forces to protect our freedoms, secure our communities and keep us safe and free from fear.

In this Chamber, we debate and pass laws to govern our country, to provide for the safety of our citizens. The laws we make are ineffectual without the selfless dedication of our police forces. Throughout history, these men and women have demonstrated strength and valor in protection and service on every level from local to national. From the routine task of guarding our neighborhoods to answering the call from terror on September 11, it is obvious that these men and women are heroes everyday.

It is with sadness that I recognize two heroes from my district. Patrolman First Class David Ezernack and Patrolman Jeremy Carruth were serving a routine search warrant on February 20, 2003, an attempted arrest that wounded three officers and cost Patrolmen Ezernack and Carruth their lives. Their families and friends, and several officers of the Alexandria Police Department, are in Washington this week to participate in the Candlelight Vigil and to see the names of these two officers unveiled at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. We will never adequately express our gratitude, and our sympathies, to the sacrifice of these two officers.

I stand in this Chamber grateful to all law enforcement officers, but also to give special recognition to officers who are especially challenged, serving in our Nation's rural areas. Though violent crime rates are lower in rural areas, these incidences are not decreasing over the years as rapidly as violent crime rates in urban areas. Most of the victims of violent crimes in rural areas are assaulted in their own homes, by people they know—friends, neighbors, family members—a setting more prevalent than in large cities. David Ezernack and Jeremy Carruth served a rural area, and their beat was no less dangerous than a street in a large city.

Congress has continued to afford law enforcement officers with advancements in resources, such as bulletproof vests and enhanced technology. We must continue our commitment to providing our police forces with the best training and protection, and recognize the additional resources that may be necessary for the security of rural areas.

This week, let us extend to these men and women our profound gratitude, for their exhibitions of bravery and the sacrifices they are called to make, and our sympathies to their families. As these noble men and women sacrifice for a pledge to protect and to serve, it is our duty to honor them, past, present and future, to the highest degree.

IN RECOGNITION OF SISTER MARY PAUL JANCHILL, D.S.W.

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize the achievements of Sister Mary Paul Janchill, D.S.W., a tireless advocate for the rights of children and families, and one of the cofounders of the Center for Family Life in Sunset Park, Brooklyn.

For more than 50 years, Sister Mary Paul has been a pioneer and influential leader in child welfare. Sunset Park is a diverse, low-income neighborhood in Brooklyn, and almost a third of the population there is under the age of 18. Sister Mary Paul, a long-time advocate and leader in the fight for the rights of children and families, took her passion and strength, and cofounded the Center for Family Life.

Over the past 25 years, Sister Mary Paul has continued her work and dedication to meeting the needs of families that live in the financially distressed area of Sunset Park through her work at the center. She has continued the fight for low-income children and teenagers, especially those who are at risk of being swept into the social welfare system. The Center for Family Life offers services and advocacy to its clients, and already has two films, one of which received a 2003 Academy Award, that are based on its dedication and commitment to the community.

Sister Mary Paul, among her endless positive contributions, helped to modify the evaluation processes used by child welfare agencies and the family court system. She encourages people to view troubled teens as works in progress. Sister Mary Paul truly changes lives—individuals who have completed their programs later find themselves in leadership positions throughout the community. Her work is priceless, and is constantly felt by the significant number of youth, and families, that she reaches out to each and everyday.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Mary Paul Janchill, and join with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize her extraordinary work in helping New York City's less privileged children and families.

ATTACHÉ SHOW CHOIR OF CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend and congratulate the Clinton High School Attaché Show Choir upon completing its outstanding 2004 competition season.

The Clinton High School Attaché Show Choir was formed in September 1980, by Winona Costello. Since 1992, Attaché has been led and directed by David and Mary Fehr; the instrumental pit under the direction of Robert Allen; the crew under the direction of Wesley Quick.

Attaché was named Grand Champion of the Benton Community High School "Touch of Class" competition held in Van Home, Iowa on February 14, 2004. Attaché also received the Best Vocals, Best Choreography, Most Creative Show, and Best Male (Trey Finch) and Female (Jan Jefcoat) Soloist awards. Dexter Bishop was named the outstanding performer from Attaché.

Attaché was named Grand Champion of the Homewood High School "South Central Classic" competition held in Homewood, Alabama on February 21, 2004. Attaché also received the Best Vocals, Best Choreography, and Best Overall Effect awards. Attaché was named Grand Champion of the Mixed Show Choir at

the MIC Choral Competition held at North Central High School in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 20, 2004. Attaché also received the Best Vocals and Best Choreography awards.

Attaché was honored to be selected as the host choir for the Show Choir Nationals Competition held March 27, 2004, at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee. The 2004 Senior Class of Attaché is undefeated, having earned Grand Champion honors at every competition at which they competed during their three years of performing.

It is with great pride that we recognize the contributions of this national and internationally known musical group which has brought honor and acclaim to Clinton High School, the Clinton community, and to the State of Mississippi.

TRIBUTE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE'S
"WE THE PEOPLE: THE CITIZEN
AND THE CONSTITUTION"
AWARD WINNING TEAM

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a group of students and their teacher from Nashua High School South. After months of studying and hard fought competitions, this group proudly represented New Hampshire in the national finals of the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" competition.

The students demonstrated their understanding of the Constitution before simulated congressional committees made up of constitutional scholars, lawyers, journalists, and government leaders. Their comprehension and knowledge of the founding principals our country is established upon earned the team a Unit Award for expertise in the "Extension of the Bill of Rights."

I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing these exceptional students from New Hampshire along with the more than 1,250 other high school students that also participated in the national finals. I proudly submit the members of the team for listing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Daniel Aldrich, Rhiannon Campbell, Byron Chicklis, Aaron Chillelli, Keith Crouse, Nathan Domingues, Charles Dowdell, Amanda A. Duquette, Timothy E. Gilpatrick, Tara Goulet, Melissa Hodges, Eileen Hynes, James Kaklamanos, and Erik Kiser.

Cassandra Loftus, Gregory M. McDonald, Christie McHugh, Peter McNamee, Caitlin Meagher, Catherine Ngo, Michelle Potter, Adam Rheault, Michael Snelgrove, Philip Trzcinski, Matthew Van Wagner, Erin Lynne Walford, and Tarin LaFrance, Teacher.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM I. "IRVIN"
WARREN

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of North Carolina's leading citizens, Mr. William I. "Irvin" Warren of the Harnett County community of Dunn.

Tomorrow evening, I will have the honor of presenting to Irvin the Distinguished Service Award from the Occoneechee Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The award is to be presented in recognition of his "Exemplary Public Service and Lifelong Fidelity to the Scouting Creed of Service to the Community." As a longtime leader of the Occoneechee Council, I can think of no individual more deserving of this award.

William I. Warren was born on June 2, 1942 in Sampson County, North Carolina, and like me, worked on his family tobacco farm growing up. He graduated from the Sampson County public schools and East Carolina University where he earned his bachelor's degree in education in 1964. He went on to get his master's degree at North Carolina State University, in my Congressional District, where he taught for 6 years.

In 1975, Mr. Warren took his life savings of \$14,000 and founded Warren Oil Company, Inc., where he sold motor oils packaged in his name. Mr. Warren is now Chief Operating Officer of Warren Oil, having led the company for 29 years. The company, which formerly was housed in 5,000 feet of rental space, now owns and occupies more than one million square feet of warehouse space, storing more than fifty million gallons of oil. Currently, Warren Oil Company has locations in North Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Texas and employs more than four hundred and fifty workers. Throughout the course of his career, Mr. Warren has increased the size of this local business from a small community business to the largest independent oil company in North America. Warren Oil Company, Inc. currently owns twenty U.S. registered trademarks and exports to more than twenty countries worldwide.

Throughout his successful career in business, William Warren has served our community in numerous capacities. He has served on the boards of the Betsey Johnson Regional Hospital, Dunn Area Chamber of Commerce, Standard Bank & Trust Company, Harnett County Industrial Development and the New Century Bank. He has been a member of the Masonic Lodge and Shrine Club for more than 30 years and is past Chairman of the Board of Directors for Divine Street United Methodist Church. As a community activist myself for more than thirty years, I know that whenever a good cause needs support, the first thought on folks' minds is, "Call Irv."

A proud family man, William I. Warren has two children, Wendy and Bill, five grandchildren, Reed, Colby, Jaimmy Warren, Morgan Spell and Benjamin Spell. The Warren Oil Company is truly a family business. Finally, Mr. Speaker, as the father of an Eagle Scout, it gives me great pleasure to present Boy Scouts of America's Distinguished Service Award to William I. "Irvin" Warren. And on behalf of the Congress of the United States and the people of North Carolina, let me offer my friend our heartfelt gratitude.

IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS

HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reaffirm my support for the best-trained, best-

skilled, and most courageous men and women on the face of the earth as they risk everything for the cause of freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Tragically, the brutality and depravity of a small handful of soldiers toward Iraqi prisoners threatens to soil the incredible humanity that our military has displayed during the war and its aftermath. At risk to their own safety, nearly all of our troops have striven to protect Iraqi lives to the greatest extent possible.

While we must harshly and unambiguously condemn the sickening abuse perpetrated by a miniscule number of individuals as criminal and un-American, we must not permit the heinous acts of a few to taint the selfless and honorable service of so many.

Their heroic efforts have unquestionably made America safer. They have liberated nearly 50 million people from the oppression and despair that breeds terrorists, and they are fighting valiantly to create the freedom and hope that defeats terrorists.

God bless our troops and God bless the United States of America.

HONORING THE CENTER FOR
COUNSELING AT GARDEN CITY
HOSPITAL

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Garden City Hospital's Center for Counseling upon the center's 30th anniversary.

In 1974, the vision of former Garden City Hospital President and CEO Allan Breakie led to the development of counseling services which responded to an identified community need and also served as a resource for the medical staff of the hospital. Initially, the focus was on providing treatment for the chemically dependent patient in an inpatient setting.

Under the leadership of Dr. Phil O'Dwyer, the Center expanded into the treatment of eating disorders and a broader range of mental health issues. The Center received national attention when its Patient-Treatment matching system was described as a "model for the nation" in the 1990 Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report to Congress.

In recent years, services for children and adolescents were added, in response to the growing national concern with teen problems. In 2002, the Michigan Health and Hospital Association awarded the Center for Counseling its prestigious Patric Ludwig award for innovative community programming for adolescents.

Today, the Center has an experienced staff which includes a Board Certified psychiatrist, doctoral and masters level psychologists, clinical social workers and professional counselors.

Over the past 30 years, more than 8,000 patients and their families have benefited from the treatment services of the Center for Counseling. Countless numbers have benefited from the prevention and education efforts undertaken through seminars, public presentations, and TV and radio appearances.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Congress, the 8,000 patients, and family members, I would like to thank the Center for Counseling at the