

sabotaging the canal in an effort to rob the state treasury. History and mystery fans should enjoy this well-told tale."

Again, I would like to thank Michael Doyle for his continued service to the Central Valley of California and the general public through his work in journalism and his latest example of literary excellence in *The Forestport Breaks: A Nineteenth-Century Conspiracy* along the Black Forest Canal, enlightening us to some of the history that marks the only time New York state officials have charged men with conspiring to destroy canal property and detailing the evolution of this important transportation waterway.

HONORING SMALL BUSINESSES

HON. ANÍBAL ACEVEDO-VILÁ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. ANÍBAL ACEVEDO-VILÁ Mr Speaker, I rise today to honor small businesses, especially, the small businesses in Puerto Rico. Small businesses represent the foundation of the economies of the United States and Puerto Rico. Their success both depends on and supports a successful economy. Since arriving in Washington, I have had the pleasure and honor of sitting on the Small Business Committee. Through this committee and the leadership of our ranking member, NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ, we have fought for the success of small businesses, particularly minority owned businesses.

The Small Business Committee recently sent a joint bi-partisan letter to the Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee requesting \$79 million for the Small Business Administration's 7(a) loan guarantee program in FY 2005. I hope that my colleagues will understand how severe the situation would be without this fundamental program. The 7(a) program is highly utilized in Puerto Rico. I join my Ranking Democratic Member, NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ, and the committee Chairman, DONALD M. MANZULLO, in urging the Chairman, Congressman FRANK WOLF, and the Ranking Democratic Member, Congressman JOSE SERRANO, to provide the necessary funds to continue this highly successful and highly utilized program.

I would like to close by honoring one small business owner from my district, Evaristo Freiria-Villamil. He was chosen as the 2004 Small Business Person of the Year from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. I applaud his work as a small business owner and wish him continued success.

Lastly, I wish to applaud the efforts of all small business owners in Puerto Rico. Through their hard work and dedication, we will build a stronger economy for Puerto Rico.

CONGRATULATING UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Pennsylvania as it celebrates its 50th anniversary on Monday at Genetti's in Dickson City, Pennsylvania.

United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Pennsylvania is an agency that exists solely to serve people with disabilities.

UCP was founded in 1953 by a group of people, including parents of teenagers and young adults with cerebral palsy. For the first few years, the agency consisted of volunteers who developed recreational activities for those disabled by cerebral palsy. The organization received funding from the community contributions and special events conducted by various groups.

After becoming a member agency of the United Fund, the precursor to the United Way, and through several cooperative agreements with other local organizations, UCP began providing professional services. Government funding began in 1970, and made possible the extension of the area that the agency serves.

Government funding also expanded services and increased the eligibility for services of persons with disabilities other than cerebral palsy. In fact, while the agency specializes in serving children and adults who have cerebral palsy, more than 75 percent of its clients have other related disabilities.

The growth of the agency over these past five decades mirrors the changes that have come about in society for persons with disabilities. However, the commitment of this agency to people with disabilities is something that has not and will not change. There is no higher calling than being part of an organization that served those less fortunate, and I want to take this opportunity to thank Executive Director Sarah Drob, Director of Operations Timothy McHugh, Coordinator of Residential Services Karen Himchak, Coordinator of Children's Services Cheryl Astolfi, Coordinator of Adult Services Faith Smith, Accountant Ruta Labutis, Coordinator of Communications and Development Barbara Siarkiewicz and Administrative Assistant Tessie Bauer.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege to represent this fine organization that has shown its commitment to the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Today I ask you and my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT E. EBERLY, SR.

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of an extraordinary individual, Mr. Robert Eberly Sr., of Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

As with all great humanitarians, it is impossible to fully assess the impact Robert Eberly's life has had on his community and our country. A true gentleman and tireless philanthropist, known for his grace and humility as well as his passion for bettering the lives of others, Robert Eberly's generosity is legendary not only in Pennsylvania but across the country.

Bob often said that others worked just as hard as he did, but were not as fortunate because of circumstances beyond their control. Guided by this basic belief, he donated tens of millions of dollars to support education and economic development.

Robert Eberly was a man of incomparable energy and was actively involved in many of the projects he funded. Though he could have resided anywhere in the world, his heart and home remained in Fayette County, Pennsylvania where his father, a coal miner, raised him on the importance of education. His desire to help the economically depressed region in the wake of the downsizing of the steel and coal industry led him to found Fay-Penn Economic Development Council to support economic development in his home county.

He believed that education is a key to economic development—that the two are intertwined. He therefore donated heavily to colleges and universities throughout Pennsylvania as well as across the United States to promote education in the sciences and to make education accessible to those who could least afford it.

Robert Eberly passed away yesterday at the age of 85. He will be remembered for the example of true character he set for everyone who knew him as well as for the profound legacy of his work. His was a life well spent in the effort to help others. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched—and we will never know all of them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 182, I was not present in the House due to a medical consultation at the Howard University hospital. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

MEMORIALIZING ROBERT MASAHIRO YOSHIKAWA

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and contributions of Mr. Robert Masahiro Yoshikawa who recently passed away. He was a pillar of the community and a personal friend of mine. Mr. Yoshikawa made an immeasurable impact on all those around him through his career, his volunteer work, and his devotion to family. His tireless efforts improved the lives of countless people in his community.

I met Robert Yoshikawa many years ago when we were both students at San Jose

State University. From that moment on he continually amazed me with his unwavering selflessness and his extraordinary dedication to the community. Throughout his life, he consistently put others before himself through volunteering and his active involvement with his church, his family activities, and his neighborhood.

For those who are unfamiliar with Mr. Yoshikawa's life, I would like to take a moment to highlight some of his extraordinary contributions. In addition to serving as President of the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, Bob served on the board of directors of both the SJBC and Fuji Towers and played an integral part on many committees. Mr. Yoshikawa was also a past chairman of church ministerial affairs and Obon committees, as well as a charter member and current president of Young Japanese Adults. In 2002, Robert was presented with the Volunteer Recognition Award by the Junior League of San Jose.

In addition to his extensive volunteer work, Mr. Yoshikawa was a wonderful husband to his wife Phyllis and father to his sons, Mark and Scott. He served as an ideal role model for his sons, teaching them right from wrong, imparting to them a spirit of service, and making time to involve himself in their lives and activities. He could often be seen videotaping his sons' football games or driving them to various Boy Scouts, sporting or church activities in his Chevy Suburban. He would constantly guide his sons with sage advice from his experience and the experiences of his own father. He was a man of strong conviction, who stood behind his decisions without wavering.

Robert Yoshikawa, a second generation American, was born in Newcastle, California in 1940. Upon graduating from high school, he attended Sierra Junior College before matriculating on to San Jose State where he received a degree in mechanical engineering and met his future wife, Phyllis Osaki. The couple first lived in an apartment in Sunnyvale, but spent the past 37 years in the house in San Jose that they watched being built. It was there they raised their two boys. Robert worked at Lockheed Martin until his retirement in 2003. At Lockheed, Robert's robust engineering skills and attention to detail were instrumental in the success of several important projects. He was praised for being accurate and efficient, and his remarkable patience and experience made him a valuable mentor to the younger engineers at Lockheed.

Upon retiring from his job at Lockheed Martin after 40 years, Mr. Yoshikawa embarked on yet another chapter in his full life. Though he and Phyllis had already traveled the globe, he had even more trips planned and was enjoying his return to improving his golf game with other retired friends. Always wanting to be useful, he also agreed to volunteer at the Japanese American Museum of San Jose as just one more in his myriad of community services. It was on March 24, while volunteering at the museum, that Mr. Yoshikawa died of a heart attack. Since he was in apparent excellent health, his passing came as quite a shock to all who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of a friend and a role model. I knew Robert for 40 years and he was as inspirational to me the last time I saw him, as he was when we first met. I know that the people of the Bay

Area appreciate everything that this wonderful man has done for them and I feel privileged for having known him.

FRED ELLIOT ROBB, USN RET.,
WORLD WAR I VETERAN AND
OLDEST LIVING MARINE

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the few remaining World War I veterans living among us. Fred Elliot Robb is an American of exceptional character, having served in our Armed Services during three major conflicts of the twentieth century.

Originally enlisting in the United States Marine Corps on July 18th, 1918, Fred served as an orderly to a Captain at Quantico, Virginia. He was discharged in February of 1919 and returned home to Sarcoxie, Missouri to complete high school and to make service his vocation by becoming a Presbyterian minister.

When World War II broke out, Fred Robb once again offered his service to his country. He joined the United States Navy as a chaplain and remained in uniform through the first engagements of the War in Vietnam, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander.

Patriotism runs deep in the Robb family. Fred's brother Jacob, also a veteran of World War I, passed away on February 29th of this year at age 105. At the age of 107, Fred, along with his wife Fern, are independent, contributing citizens of the Great State of Missouri.

Throughout his remarkable life, Fred Elliot Robb has exemplified selfless devotion to duty. When his nation needed him, Fred Robb looked with resolve at the challenges facing our nation and accepted them with bravery, determination, and service. Throughout his life he has continued to live by those ideals.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that Fred Robb calls Springfield, Missouri, his home. As we approach Memorial Day, we honor this oldest living Marine for his sacrifice on behalf of our nation and for the example that he sets for generations of Americans to come.

SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE
BEDROCK OF OUR ECONOMY

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, American small businesses are the bedrock of our economy and the heart and soul of this country. Yet these same businesses are also unfairly burdened by red tape regulations.

As our economy matures and expands, it is important that businesses are given every advantage to compete. The amount of time and money small businesses tie up in red tape compliance is exorbitant. Small business owners account for 80 percent of new jobs created in the U.S. economy—that's 8 out of 10 new jobs for Americans created by small businesses. Yet in 2000, the costs small busi-

nesses paid in annual regulatory burdens were close to two-thirds greater than that paid by large firms. So why is it, these same businesses carry significantly more responsibility for red tape costs? That just doesn't make sense.

I know first hand how father-son family businesses build up their communities and I know first hand how they are penalized for nothing more than their size. Small businesses should be educating their employees and expanding on ideas, not wasting precious man hours pushing pencils and paper trying to find their way through all the red tape.

Mr. Speaker, we need to release small businesses from excessive regulatory costs which hurts their ability to thrive. Reducing the burden on our small businesses is right for our workers, it is right for our businesses, and it is right for our economy.

LIBERATION OF GUAM: HONORING
THE 5TH FIELD MARINES

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, this year is the 60th Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam in 1944 by the U. S. Armed Forces headed by United States Marines. The highlight of Guam's calendar of anniversary activities ever since has been the Liberation Day parade on Marine Drive in downtown Hagåtña, the capital of Guam.

Here in the nation's capital, the anniversary is traditionally observed with the Member of Congress from Guam placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns, accompanied by government officials, civilian and military.

This year, I had the honor of hosting this memorable event which had an added dimension. It was attended by about 100 special guests—Marine veterans of World War II and members of their families. Also present were sons and daughters of Guam living in the region.

As members of the 5th Field Service Depot, these veterans either participated in the liberation of Guam or served Guam during the reconstruction period following liberation. Their pride in their role in the recapture and reconstruction of Guam is a source of great inspiration to us. Their devotion to Guam, as manifested in their establishment of an academic scholarship for a Guamanian student, is one of their touching gestures—from the liberators to the liberated.

On the eve of the dedication of the National World War II Memorial, it is my privilege to enter the names of those Marines and Navy Corpsmen, present here today with their families and friends, in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of this, the House of the people of the United States: Al and Jo Aniello; Sue Barke; Armin and Lois Barth; Bish Bischoff, John and Josie Boertlein; Sandy and Dolores Bompiedi; Art Boston; Lisa Botteri; Bill Buckner; Connie Burrell; Mrs. Frank Carroll; Joe and Terry Ciecierski; Maury Claus; Christna Clausen; Florence Cottone; Cal Dart; Ed and Dot Demm; Frank and Irene Derosé; Ed and Mimi Disch; Chuck Doss; Darrell and Evelyn Doss.

Lee Edwards; Fran Feiner; Lillian Feiner; Ken Freck; Arnie and Helen Gasparetti; Mrs.