

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.

Evan Geroux; Robert and Marie Gray; Walt and Madeleine Grisevich; Barrett Hackney; Christopher Hackney; Nick and Jayne Hasenflü; Ben and Dee Heath; Don and Barb Hehir; Maury and Dorothy Henderson; Fen Holmes; Elsa House; Lewis and Annella Howlett.

Bill and Willeen Hutchins; Les and Mary Jehnke; Mrs. John King; Betty Kostman; Mrs. Robert Larson; Joe and Ruth Laur; Ernie and Lynn Lee; Frank and Helen Lindsay; Rich and Eileen Little; Roy and Barb Manis; Bill and Roman Mathews; Matty and Barb Matthews; Bob Mcowan; Budd and Ginger Melanson; Ski Nalewanski; Keith Neuman; Harry Ozenbaugh; Mike and Elaine Papas; Jake and Viv Plank; Dave Resenthal; Louise Sims; Rabbit and Delna Stefanow; Marge Storing; Doc and Bev Tibbitts; Jude Tonkin; Donna Trotter; Kyle Trotter; Mrs. William Wolfe; Wally and Joan Yandel.

We on Guam know what freedom is because we also know what occupation is. We celebrate Liberation Day on Guam every year as the day of deliverance from enemy occupation and the return of freedom after 32 months of enemy subjugation. We know what it means to thank Marines, Soldiers, Sailors, Coast Guardsmen, and Airmen for their sacrifices because it was not all that long ago that we were an occupied land. On this Memorial Day, 2004, as we gather in the heart of democracy to honor the greatest generation we on Guam, fellow Americans, would like to add our humble gratitude to the veterans of the 5th Field Service Depot who have returned to help us recall the sacrifices of liberation and renew our love of freedom. God Bless America. God Bless Guam. God Bless the United States Marine Corps.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL PALMER'S  
DEDICATION TO THE TEMPLE  
CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 2004*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michael Palmer for over 14 years of dedicated service as a member of the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education.

Mike Palmer is a dedicated supporter of public education. He is recognized and respected by the community for his unique educational vision. From November 28, 1989 through April 22, 2004, he faithfully served as a member of the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education.

Mike Palmer is an admired and integral member of the Temple City community. He is strongly committed to providing a superior educational experience for students in the district. He has been elected by the residents of TCUSD to serve four terms on the Board of Education. His outstanding leadership on the board has helped guide and influence his fellow board members to make the best decisions for students and faculty in the District.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in congratulating Michael Palmer for a truly exemplary public service career, and for his immense commitment to the Temple City Unified School District.

MOUNT VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL SE-  
LECTED FOR NASA EXPLORER  
SCHOOL PROGRAM

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL, II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 2004*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, as far as we can remember, we have dreamed of reaching the stars. Since its inception in 1958, NASA has helped us realize those dreams. They have taken us into space, placed Americans on the moon, and opened our eyes by exceeding feats once deemed unreachable.

Today, I want to congratulate Mount View Middle School, located in Welch, West Virginia, for being selected to participate in the NASA Explorer School Program. As the first school in West Virginia to be chosen for this prestigious and exciting educational adventure, I am pleased that many of our children in Southern West Virginia will have the opportunity to be exposed to the world of science and engineering in a new and exciting way.

We must focus attention on our future astronauts, scientists, and engineers who will take us even farther than we dare to dream today. They are our children and our students, and with them our hope rests. We must nurture them and give them the resources they need to advance their studies; enhancing their learning and expanding their opportunities so that when it is their time to shine not even the darkest day will dim their light.

The NASA Explorer School Program will help train our math and science teachers and school administrators, for it is our teachers that can provide the spark that ignites our passion, and they lay the basic foundations of education necessary for the success of our future expeditions into space. Advancing the knowledge and skills of our teachers will only improve the development of our students.

The benefits of engaging and educating children in the world of science and engineering cannot be overstated. Programs such as the NASA Explorer Schools Program enable our students to explore these important subjects at a level and intensity that they might not otherwise experience. I once again congratulate Mount View Middle School for being selected to participate in this exciting program, and I look forward to hearing about their related successes.

With the impending challenges ahead, not only today but for generations to come, can we afford not to be ready? By ensuring that our students, our future NASA scientists and engineers, are well prepared for the trials ahead, we can ensure that our future in the skies is as bright as the stars above.

The future of NASA is the future of man. And, as we look toward our future we are reminded of the words of William Faulkner when he said, "I believe that man will not merely endure. He will prevail. He is immortal, not because he alone among creatures has an inexhaustible voice, but because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance."

HONORING WILLIS A. (JACK)  
PANGBURN AND WARREN H.  
SWARTZ

**HON. MARK E. SOUDER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 2004*

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize two individuals from my district who have dedicated their lives to making our country safer. Not only have these men served our Country in World War II, but they continue to go beyond their call of duty by providing their services to military funerals and always being available to lend a helping hand for the community.

Willis A. (Jack) Pangburn, was born on September 3, 1918 in Mystic, Iowa. He served in the U.S. Army Infantry in WWII, and was wounded in action. Mr. Pangburn received both the Bronze Star and Purple Heart Medals for his valiant actions. He married Rosemary who passed away in 1985. Together, they had one son, four daughters. Mr. Pangburn is a member of the Disabled American Veterans, and American Legion Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was Post commander (2 years) of the VFW.

Mr. Pangburn is honored as this year's Memorial Day Grand Parade Marshall in Goshen, Indiana for service as Coordinator of the Military Funeral Detail from 1987 to 1997. This unit participates in all military funerals requested by deceased veteran's families in Goshen. Honorary Color Guard, Flag Presentation, Rifle Salute, and TAPS are all included in the service. As many as 12 members participate. He presently serves as a member of this unit. Since 1946 he has helped in placing 4 inch white crosses on deceased VFW Members graves, many of these years he has been in charge of this work at Oakridge Cemetery. He continues to "Ring Bells" (Santa Claus) for the Salvation Army, passes out "Buddy Poppies" on Memorial Day for the VFW, helps purchase and delivers food baskets to the needy at Christmas time, and is still ready to contribute his time and energy at 85 years of age.

Warren H. Swartz, was born on May 7, 1924 in Millersburg, Indiana. He served in the U.S. Navy in WWII as a Gunners Mate in the South Pacific and part-time Diver. He married Gerry in January, 1953. Together they had one daughter. Mr. Swartz is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and Disabled American Veterans, and presently serving as Chaplain of the D.A.V. since 1992.

Mr. Swartz was honored as last year's Memorial Day Grand Parade Marshall in Goshen for his service as Coordinator of the Military Funeral Detail from 1997 to 2003. He still serves as a member and, as Chaplain of the D.A.V., he is called upon to present the American flag to the next of kin frequently.

He is revered by all the men of this detail, which numbers about 45, by his faithful and military presence in the fulfillment of his duties. He is willing to travel anywhere to assist a veteran in need.