

entertain prospective business clients at a moment's notice.

Mrs. Elam is an active member of the First Christian Church of Union City. An avid gardener, she served as a member of the City Beautiful Committee for Union City. Her husband, Tom, died in 1998. During his life, Tom was a prominent supporter of the University of Tennessee. He served as a Trustee for the University as well as chairman of the Athletic Committee. After his death, Mrs. Elam continued his legacy of support to the University by serving on the UT Development Council and various other committees. Both she and her husband recognized the importance to West Tennessee of the University's campus at Martin and have made generous donations particularly in the area of capital improvements.

Mrs. Elam also supports St. Jude Children's Hospital, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, Freed Hardeman University, Lexington Theological Seminary, the Masquerade Theatre of Union City and the Union City High School. As you can see, her philanthropic endeavors know no bounds.

One of her latest endeavors has been, along with Bill and Carol Latimer of Union City, to provide the building funds for a spectacular new library for Obion County.

While beset with health problems and confined to a wheelchair for the last few years, Kathleen Elam is still very much involved in her business endeavors and farming interests and can be seen almost on a daily basis surveying her concerns. A product of her rural roots and the great depression, Kathleen Elam is best known for her quick wit, grace, charm and unpretentious nature. She is definitely a shining example of the Greatest Generation, and a true asset to her community, her state and her country.

HONORING EDWARD L. WAYTULA

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a heroic veteran of World War II, Mr. Edward L. Waytula, who at age 82 still devotes his time and continues to serve our country, most recently by participating in the Chicago World War II Veterans Anthology.

Technical Sergeant Edward L. Waytula served in the U.S. Army's Signal Corps with exceptional ingenuity, bravery and resolve. His diligence in the field helped keep supply lines open in the European theatre and throughout France.

Supplies were delivered to the general depot where Sergeant Waytula was stationed but without any precision or method of organization that could be easily or quickly extracted, as was so often needed to save American and Allied lives in the haste of war.

Among the many supplies that arrived at the depot were urgently needed components of mobile communications equipment. Under fire and tremendous pressure to meet time sensitive demands, Sergeant Waytula quickly sifted through the innumerable supplies.

Relying on sound instincts and a little good luck, he swiftly assembled this equipment vital to gathering and analysis of strategic intelligence under chain of command of General George S. Patton.

This is one story that Sergeant Waytula has shared with the Chicago World War II Veterans Anthology and the United States Library of Congress. Like so many members of "the greatest generation," Sergeant Waytula has rarely spoken of his memories of the war. I am therefore particularly grateful that he agreed to recount those experiences and for his efforts to encourage his fellow veterans to also share their recollections for the World War II Veterans Anthology.

As Memorial Day approaches, Mr. Speaker, and as we prepare to dedicate the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, I am privileged to pay tribute to retired Technical Sergeant Edward L. Waytula of the United States Army, one of our Nation's surviving World War II heroes and honored veterans. On behalf of a grateful Nation, we thank him for his contributions to the Chicago World War II Veterans Anthology, and more important, for his service and commitment to our Nation and the liberty we enjoy today.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARLINGTON COMMITTEE OF 100

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Arlington Committee of 100 on its 50th anniversary this year. With its monthly forums on citizen education and discussion of local and regional public affairs, the committee has helped keep the citizens of Arlington County informed of the issues confronting their community.

In 1954 the Arlington Committee of 100 was formed to help counteract the polarization that developed throughout the county between the new arrivals and the established business and professional people in the community after World War II. The founders hoped to improve the quality and level of communication that existed between Arlington County's diverse communities and neighborhoods. In the past, poor communication had often led to animosity and misinformation between neighbors. Seeking to turn conflict into constructive discussions, the Arlington Committee of 100 brought residents together in an atmosphere conducive for them to get to know each other as people with similar concerns, thoughts and ideas for Arlington County.

For the past 50 years, the Arlington Committee of 100 has brought these groups together for a dinner-forum session preceded by a social hour to create the right atmosphere and achieve the goal of thoughtful discussions of community concerns. The committee has come together to discuss issues such as the Arlington County budget, the environment, affordable housing, community safety, public education, transportation, economic development, the death penalty, and the arts. As a citizen education group, these discussions allow for the free exchange of ideas and discussion among its members without the committee ever taking an official position.

Currently, the Arlington Committee of 100 has more than 300 members and is constantly seeking to broaden its membership to reflect the ever increasing diversity found in Arlington

County. Through the committee's forums people are able to share the concerns of their friends and neighbors and help the county achieve so many great things due to this diversity. The Arlington Committee of 100 has successfully built bridges across divisive issues and strengthened a community that stands ready to deal with the challenges of today and tomorrow.

I am very pleased to congratulate and commend the Arlington Committee of 100 for its 50 years of outstanding service in providing an educational forum for Arlington's residents to learn about and discuss the local and regional affairs of their community. I wish the Committee of 100 many more years of success and serve to Arlington's diverse and vibrant community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday May 13, 2004, I was unable to be present for the final two votes of the week, rollcall vote No. 175 on House Concurrent Resolution 414 and rollcall vote No. 176 on House Joint Resolution 91.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both rollcall No. 175 and No. 176.

I strongly support House Concurrent Resolution 414, which expresses the sense of Congress that all Americans are encouraged to observe the anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education with a commitment to continuing and building on the legacy of Brown.

I also strongly support House Joint Resolution 91, which recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, legislation which has been of great benefit to the Nation's men and women of the Armed Forces.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer a personal explanation. On May 20, I was en route to my congressional district for official business during rollcall votes 208 and 209. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 208 and "no" on rollcall vote 209.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BROWN FAMILY FARM IN ORLEANS COUNTY, NY

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Brown Family Farm in Waterport, NY, now known as Orchard Dale Fruit Farms and

Brown's Berry Patch. The survival of this family farm over two centuries is a remarkable store of passion and hard work.

In 1804, Elijah and Bathshua Brown bought a 100-acre farm along the Oak Orchard River, just south of Lake Ontario, in what is now Waterport, NY. While moving his family to their new home, Elijah died, and Bathshua was left to settle her five sons and seven daughters in the unbroken wilderness of Upstate New York. Elijah Jr., planted the first apple trees in the county, and thus the Brown Family Farm began.

Bathshua began to build what would become one of the most historic and celebrated farms in Upstate New York. Years before, during the Revolutionary War, the British pillaged and burned the Browns' first farm on Fisher Island, CT. During the War of 1812, British war ships again threatened the Brown family as they patrolled the shores of Lake Ontario. In a remarkable coincidence, the very same captain who had burned the Brown's first farm was captured on the shores of Oak Orchard River and brought to Bathshua, the area's matriarch, for judgment. She let him go with a warning never to return.

Leadership of the Brown Family Farm passed from generation to generation. In 1895, Brown descendants Harry and Pearl began growing fruit on the farm. At one point, the family was said to have the largest quince orchard in the world. In the 1940's, the family transitioned out of growing fresh fruit, and began selling apples, quince, cherries, pears and plums for processing. Around 1980, Robert Brown II and his wife Deborah again transitioned the farm back into one that produced fresh fruit for consumption. They planted strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries for people to come pick themselves.

Today, under the leadership of Robert II and Deborah Brown, and Eric and Margy Brown, Brown's Berry Patch is one of the most popular agritourist destinations in Western New York, and a highly successful direct marketer of fresh produce. In 2003, the North American Farmers Direct Marketing Association Conference chose Brown's Berry Patch as a Farm Direct Marketer of the Year Finalist.

Visitors to Brown's Berry Patch come away not only with fresh, nutritious produce, but with memories that will last a lifetime. In an age when so many family farms struggle to survive, it is gratifying to know that Brown's Berry Patch is thriving, continuing to provide Western New York with fresh fruit and a greater understanding of traditional American agriculture. I congratulate Brown's Berry Patch on their 200th anniversary, and for their dedication to promoting tourism and agriculture in Western New York.

RECOGNIZING LEONARD PITTS, JR.
FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2004
PULITZER PRIZE IN JOURNALISM FOR COMMENTARY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Leonard Pitts, Jr. of The Miami Herald, winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize in Journalism for Commentary.

As a long-time fan of Mr. Pitts' work, I am delighted that he has been honored with this very prestigious award.

Leonard Pitts is a hugely talented writer with a sharp eye and a sharp wit. Newspaper readers in Miami and around the country who are fortunate to read his column would surely agree. Mr. Pitts' work is an important contribution to the social and political debate in America, and I am immensely grateful for his dedication to upholding the highest standard of his craft.

Formerly a pop music critic, Leonard Pitts was hired by The Miami Herald in 1991. By 1994 he was writing about race and current affairs in his own column. Syndicated nationally, Leonard Pitts 1999 book *Becoming Dad: Black Men and the Journey to Fatherhood* was a bestseller.

After the September 11 attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., Pitts' Herald column headlined "We'll Go Forward From This Moment" was widely circulated on the Internet and frequently quoted in the press. In the column, Pitts bluntly expressed his anger, defiance and resolve to an unnamed evil terrorist. He wrote, "You monster. You beast. You unspeakable bastard." These words, which I remember reading the first time, expressed what so many of us were feeling at the moment and still feel today.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to share this moment with Leonard Pitts, Jr. and his family. On behalf of this body, I express my congratulations to him and wish him well.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF ST. PAUL'S HOUSE

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the veterans of World War II who now make their home at St. Paul's House and Health Center in Chicago.

Their wartime experiences are as varied as the paths they took following the war, but all remain united to defend the values that shape our identity as a nation: love of freedom and respect for human dignity.

Few members of "greatest generation" spoke about their wartime experiences without evoking painful physical and emotional recollections of the horrors of their experiences in World War II.

Still, in their seventies and eighties, the veterans of St. Paul's House are again demonstrating their heroism and commitment to this country by recounting these memories for the Chicago World War II Veterans Anthology and the United States Library of Congress.

As Memorial Day approaches and we prepare to dedicate the National World War II Memorial in our nation's capital, it is my honor and privilege to pay tribute to the each of St. Paul's World War II veterans—and their families—who proudly wore the uniform of their country, endured the rigors of the war, and fought for our liberty and the freedom of future generations of Americans:

Betty Barouski, Lawrence Bunge, Betty Bunge, Edward Bylica, Loraine Bylica, Milton Cohen, Leslie Cousins, Hilda Cousins, spouse, Harry DeCourres, Mildred Eiman,

Margret Ehmann, Sima Eckma, Henry Faeth, Alice Faeth, Henry Grantschnig, Henry Kaster, John Lasser, Heinze Ledtje, Vladan Markovic, John Persson, William Prielozny, Fred Schubert, Frank Sontowski, Bruno Solback, Lydia Sollberger, Charles Tennent, George Wahl, Albert Wood, Lucille Wolf.

A TRIBUTE TO AMERICHoice

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of AmeriChoice for its ten years of quality health care services to the many residents of Brooklyn.

AmeriChoice began serving residents of Brooklyn in January 1994 as Managed Healthcare Systems (MHS), and today, it is a premier health plan available to beneficiaries of Medicaid, Medicare, the Child Health Plus Program and the State's Family Health Plus program.

AmeriChoice is one of the few for-profit companies that has long been and continues to remain committed to the vital public sector segment of the health care market. Currently, it serves more than 100,000 members with a staff of 170 dedicated employees.

In spite of its growing members, AmeriChoice has maintained a personalized focus to members' health care needs using the innovative Personal Care Model which extends beyond the traditional borders of health care to involve families, community organizations and government agencies in developing practical solutions which maintain the highest possible functional health status for members.

AmeriChoice has received a national HERA Award from the American Association of Health Plans which recognizes the significant work this health plan has done to increase the number of children receiving five or more comprehensive well-child visits with a physician during the first 15 months of life.

Mr. Speaker, AmeriChoice has been a valued organization of the Brooklyn community for ten years, serving as a premier health plan available to beneficiaries of Medicaid, Medicare, the Child Health Plus Program and the State's Family Health Plus program. As such, it is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable organization.

RECOGNIZING THE MARLA BENNETT ISRAEL DISCOVERY CENTER AND GARDEN

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Marla Bennett Israel Discovery Center and Garden at the Shalom Institute Camp and Conference Center, home of Camp JCA Shalom, located in the beautiful Malibu mountains.

The Center will be dedicated on June 6, 2004 in honor of Marla Bennett, a remarkable