

exceptional individual, Mr. Thomas Infusino. Thomas was honored at the Wakefern Food Corporation's annual meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2005.

Over the past thirty-four years, Thomas Infusino has worked tirelessly on behalf of his investors, employees, and clients. His commitment to his business, the food distribution industry, and the community at large has left an indelible mark on the lives of many, demonstrating the difference one dedicated person can make. It is only fitting that we honor Thomas Infusino, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on Earth.

Thomas served in the United States military during World War II, primarily stationed in Italy and Africa. Upon his return he quickly became a part of the Northern New Jersey community and has raised a family in our wonderful state. Thomas has truly made a name for himself as an innovative entrepreneur with a propensity for giving back to the community.

Tom has been chairman and CEO of Wakefern Food Corporation, a retailer-owned cooperative of the wholesale merchandising and distribution arm for ShopRite supermarkets, since 1971. He is also the owner and president of the Nutley Park ShopRite located in Nutley, NJ.

Mr. Infusino's philanthropic spirit has been recognized by an array of organizations. Tom was honored by the Cooley's Anemia Foundation and subsequently given the Lifeline Award for his efforts. Additionally, Tom continues to work closely with the Lautenberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology, which sponsors the annual Thomas Infusino Prize. He also serves on the Board of Governors for the National Conference for Community and Justice as well as retaining a seat on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Food Council.

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Thomas Infusino.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the members of the Infusino family, and myself in recognizing Thomas Infusino for his outstanding service.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN JERRY KLECZKA FOR HIS LEGACY TO PUBLIC SERVICE EDUCATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Congressman Jerry Kleczka, an esteemed Member of this body who represented Wisconsin's 4th Congressional District for over 20 years. More specifically, today I want to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments for which he is being honored in Milwaukee this coming weekend.

My colleagues listening here on the floor today know Congressman Kleczka, my predecessor, as a champion of the causes of working men and women. A spirited and tenacious advocate, he fought for so many reforms, from legislation to protect senior citizens in public housing, to affordable and accessible healthcare and a strong Medicare program, to the rights of workers, and the rights of citizens to privacy in a digital age, just to name a few.

When he decided to leave Federal elective office in 2004, Congressman Kleczka left behind an additional legacy that will endure for many years to come. In 1984, he independently offered to host an individual intern in his Congressional office. From that single internship grew an entire program which, over the last twenty years, has developed into a remarkable center for public service education, Marquette University's Les Aspin Center for Government in Washington, D.C. As a result, over 700 students with an interest in public service have interned in nearly 100 congressional offices and in multiple federal agencies.

Jerry was there for the Center's internship program from the very start as its stalwart champion, advocate, and host of so many of its interns. Of the countless students to which he offered the opportunity for congressional experience, many have gone on to fine careers in public service and two have even won elective office, Wisconsin State Assemblyman Pedro Colon and Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic. He was awarded the Center's Founders Award in 1999 and has served on its Board of Visitors since 1996.

In addition to all his prior work on its behalf, last year Congressman Kleczka made a remarkably generous donation to Marquette's Les Aspin Center which has made possible the establishment of an entirely new program through which students will study state and local government in Milwaukee starting this summer. With this selfless act he has permanently endowed the cause of public service learning throughout Milwaukee and at Marquette and created a legacy that will last for years to come.

This weekend, Congressman Kleczka's efforts will be properly recognized. On Sunday, May 22, Marquette University will award him an honorary doctorate of laws to acknowledge him as a champion of the D.C. intern center and the benefactor of a new Milwaukee institution that will foster the desire for public service among our best and brightest closer to home. I ask my colleagues to join in congratulating Jerry on receiving this well-deserved honor.

HONORING RICHARD F. CORDELL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding gentleman, Mr. Richard F. Cordell of Flushing, MI. This Friday, members of the Rotary Club of Flint will pay tribute to Mr. Cordell, as he celebrates 42 years of service as a Rotarian, and 25 years as Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Club.

Born and raised in Toledo, Ohio, Dick Cordell began his long history of service to others by serving his country in World War II following his graduation from the University of Toledo. Dick piloted a B-26 as a member of the U.S. Air Force, earning the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After the war, Dick worked as a salesman for IBM. During this time, he met and married Ruth, his wife of 58 years. When Symplex purchased Dick's division at IBM, he was transferred to Flint where he was appointed District Manager.

Dick began his distinguished career with Rotary International on September 1, 1963.

After memberships on various committees and participation in many projects, Dick was elected President of the Flint Rotary Club from 1974-1976. He also served as District Governor from 1984-1985. Since 1980, he has operated as the Flint Club's Executive Secretary/Treasurer, a position he enjoys due to the constant positive interaction he experiences from his fellow Rotarians. In addition, Dick and Ruth plan to attend this year's Rotary International Convention, which will be their fifteenth.

I am appreciative of Dick Cordell's many years of leadership and for the untold number of individuals he has assisted, both personally and indirectly. He truly personifies the Rotary motto: "Service Above Self," as well as the Rotarian philosophy of truth, fairness, goodwill, and mutual benefit in all professional actions.

Mr. Speaker, as a Rotary Club fellowship beneficiary, I can attest to the unwavering support toward the community exhibited by its members, and I am grateful for people such as Richard Cordell. I ask my colleagues in the 109th to please join me in recognizing his accomplishments, and wishing him the best in all his future endeavors.

HONORING GENE TORRES

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the lifetime achievements of Southwestern golf legend Gene Torres, a resident of the Las Vegas community in my home state of New Mexico. Gene spearheaded the golf program at New Mexico Highlands University while simultaneously winning over 80 professional tournaments and raising a family.

Born in Colorado, Gene was fascinated with golf since he was a youngster and qualified for major tournaments in high school. Early in his career he set the course record of 16 under par for 52 holes at the University of New Mexico-North golf course. Gene interrupted his golf career in 1957 to join the Navy and serve his country aboard the USS *Shangri-La*. After his tour of duty with the Navy concluded, Gene returned home to become the premier amateur golfer in Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico in the early Sixties.

A pillar of the Las Vegas community, Gene has called New Mexico his home since 1962. Well-known and respected, Gene served 42 years as a Professor of Physical Education and manager of the New Mexico Highlands University golf course, which he helped design. Gene instructed thousands of Northern New Mexico students and started the golfteam at Highlands University. In the absence of golf scholarships, Gene often used his own money to pay the team's tournament expenses. Despite financial challenges, Gene's golf teams won over 60% of their matches.

In 1970, Gene joined the PGA where he earned the title "The Rock", for his solid performance. He is said to have consistently hit one of the longest and straightest balls in golf. Gene won the New Mexico Open four years in a row, a feat no one else has accomplished to date, and the PGA Life Time Achievement Award. He was named the Southwest Section

Player of the Year and streets have been named after him in both California and Texas. In addition to his tremendous professional success, Gene made time to be a teacher, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Throughout his professional career Gene was diligent in promoting the University Golf Program at every opportunity. Wherever you saw the name "Gene Torres", you would see New Mexico Highlands University right beside it. As a result, the New Mexico Highlands University golf course has been aptly named after Gene in a ceremony attended by more than 200 people, a testament to his involvement in the Las Vegas community and his contribution to New Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, Gene Torres is a model athlete and educator. He exemplifies the qualities that make New Mexico great: dedication to education, devotion to family and commitment to community. Gene Torres has become a legend for not only his golf ability but his selfless giving in the Las Vegas community. I welcome this opportunity to honor his lifetime achievements and am proud that he calls New Mexico his home.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE LIFE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, more than 86,000 men, women, and children currently await life-saving transplants.

However, due to lost wages and increased medical expenses, the organ donation process is expensive, time consuming, and discouraging for many potential donors. Since so many Americans could benefit from the tremendous generosity of organ donors, I believe Congress should help make it easier for people to donate their organs.

Today, I'm introducing the "Living Organ Donor Tax Credit Act of 2005," which will provide a one time, tax credit up to \$5,000 to help cover non-reimbursable expenses, including lost wages, incurred by living organ donors.

The National Kidney Foundation has endorsed this legislation, and I believe it is an effective way to encourage more Americans to serve as living donors. Today, I'd like to ask my colleagues to join me in providing tax relief to the millions of Americans who unselfishly serve as living organ donors.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11th.

TRIBUTE TO SIM EDWARDS STOKES

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to tell my colleagues about a proud American

and a beloved Dallas resident: Sim Edward Stokes. As family and friends fondly know him as "Simi," I would like to take a moment to acknowledge his energy and vitality to every undertaking. He is the king of networking, and his unabashed enthusiasm is irresistibly infectious. I do not doubt for a second that, he brings his skills from the NFL Champion Dallas Cowboys where he was part of the 1967-1968 team.

Anyone who has had the pleasure of working with Simi is immediately struck by his passion for education, and his belief that all children should be able to receive a top notch education, regardless of their economic standing. He is Vice Chair of the St. Paul Endowment Fund which provides grants for special programs for children, youth and adults. This fund enables them to grow in their understanding of the Christian faith and have the opportunity to receive scholarships and grants for the purpose of attending college and seminary to prepare for a church related vocation, and for funding for church camping, retreats and leadership conferences.

Mention his family and you'll see Simi burst with pride. He is married to the lovely Elvira Jean Stokes. He is also the father of four young lads, and one "princess" whom is a U.S. Army Major at the Pentagon.

Simi holds a MBA from University of Dallas. He has been member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity since 1965. He was also honorably discharged from the Texas National Guard in 1968.

We, in Dallas, are lucky that Simi left Alabama and adopted Dallas as his home and, in time, adopted each of us and shared his great love for his fellow man. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in extending my appreciation to Simi for over three decades of service to the people of Texas.

NIGERIA'S CONTINUING PRESENCE ON CAMEROON'S BAKASSI PENINSULA

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a continuing threat to the long-standing goal of the United States to diversify our energy sources. Nigeria refuses to return full sovereign control of the oil-rich Bakassi Peninsula to Cameroon. The International Court of Justice has confirmed Cameroon as the rightful owner of this territory. However, President Obasanjo has not withdrawn Nigerian troops from the peninsula, despite having promised to do so by September 2004.

Mr. Speaker, Nigeria's intransigence in Cameroon threatens to jeopardize the United States' energy security. I agree that Nigeria, despite its turbulent history, has been a valuable source of oil for the United States over the years. However, America's interests would be better served by Cameroon becoming another such source—a stable, independent source. Nigeria must return control of the Bakassi Peninsula to Cameroon.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF LOURMINIA CARINO SEN FOR HER OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO HER COMMUNITY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sadness regarding the recent passing of a leader in our community, Lourminia Carino Sen, known to all as "Mimi."

A 37-year resident of Davis, California, Mimi was born and raised in the Philippines where she received a bachelor's degree in food technology from the University of the Philippines. She also earned a bachelor's degree in food science, a master's degree from Oregon State University—where she met her husband, Arun—and a Ph.D. in agricultural chemistry and biochemistry from the University of California, Davis, where she was a National Institutes of Health Pre-doctoral Fellow.

Mimi had an illustrious career conducting research at UC Davis. In 1991 she began her service, working at the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture's Center for Analytical Chemistry. In 1996, CDFA Secretary Ann Veneman presented her with the Outstanding Performance Award for her efficient management of the laboratory. In 2001, Governor Gray Davis appointed Mimi as the Agricultural and Environmental Science Advisor to the California Department of Food and Agriculture; she was the first person to be appointed to this position.

Mimi dedicated her life to her family and the community of Davis. While raising her two daughters, she was active in the Davis School Arts Foundation, serving as president from 1987-88. She was active in Girl Scouts, Davis Ballet, the Davis Art Center and Habitat for Humanity. However, her most extensive volunteer work was on the board of the International House of Davis. Starting in 1986, she chaired the Philippines conference and eventually became vice president in charge of programs. An excellent cook, Mimi initiated the ethnic and Thanksgiving dinners that brought people together from all over the world. During that period she also cochaired a China conference, Japan conference, Sunday brunches and international teas. Over the years the Sen family hosted more than 40 foreign exchange students. Mimi's volunteer work at I-House led to her being honored with the city's Brinley Award for outstanding contributions to an organization.

Mr. Speaker, Mimi's dedication to others inspires us all. In her personal life, her volunteer life and her professional life, Mimi Sen was continually promoting respect and appreciation for all peoples and cultures. It is appropriate that we celebrate and honor her life. Mimi will be missed in our community but her dedication to international relations and her life example will be cherished forever.