

combined 56 years of work improved the quality of education in Denton; their excellence in academia influenced lives and molded bright futures.

The loyalty in which both Tony Swafford and Betty Tunnicliff served their students and the Denton Independent School District is a testament to their genuine care for America's youth.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
CONGRESSMAN SHERROD BROWN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Congressman SHERROD BROWN, for his distinctive service to the people of Ohio's Thirteenth Congressional District.

Having served in the House for 13 years, BROWN has continually been an advocate for laborers and manufacturers. He has battled for America's working families by protecting overtime pay, advocating for an increase in the minimum wage, and extending long-term unemployment benefits.

Brown has constantly been a leader in fighting against trade agreements. We have worked together in opposing the Central America Free Trade Agreement. He has shown dedication in opposing this legislation and has made his stance very clear until provisions are added to protect workers, the economy, and the environment. He is persistent on protecting the rights of all workers, not just in northeast Ohio.

Beyond his outstanding service to his constituents, BROWN has formed solid bonds with community leaders and agencies in his district. It is easy to see why BROWN is so popular in Northeast Ohio. He has hosted press conferences covering a range of issues—from prescription drugs and the healthcare bill of rights to unemployment compensation extension. In 2002 my colleague received the Distinguished Public Health Legislator of the Year award from the American Public Health Association, the Nation's largest public health organization.

BROWN's commitment to his constituents is evident in everything he does. He travels to Ohio every weekend to host town hall meetings on social security, attend community events and speak with both college and high school students. He also donated all the proceeds of his latest book, "Myths of Free Trade," to RESULTS and Cleveland Jobs with Justice, two organizations committed to social and economic justice.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of one of Ohio's hardest working and most dedicated Congressmen. His exceptional work on behalf of the people of Northeast Ohio should be an inspiration for all of us. His integrity and expertise has helped him to be a successful Congressman for Ohio's 13th District.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2360) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes:

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to speak about the need to reform our immigration laws to curtail abuse, make Americans safer, and uphold the rule of law. In short, we need an immigration policy that works for America. Although I will vote against the amendment, by drawing attention to this issue, Congressman TOM TANCREDO is performing an important service.

I supported the REAL ID Act which makes it harder for terrorists to take advantage of our immigration laws. And I have cosponsored legislation, H.R. 98, authored by Chairman DAVID DREIER that would make it harder for employers to hire unauthorized workers.

While I agree with the general intent of this amendment, I must reluctantly oppose the amendment because I believe it would have the unintended consequence of making Americans less safe. Our immigration laws need to be enforced. But denying homeland security funds to local governments, which in turn use the money to prevent future terrorist attacks, is something I cannot support.

Mr. Chairman, in the future I hope we will look at other measures that will encourage local authorities to support and enforce federal immigration laws. Such measures must encourage local compensation without endangering the lives of innocent Americans that we are charged to protect.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR NORMAL MUSIAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Mayor Norman Musial, upon his retirement as Mayor of the City of North Olmsted. His years of leadership and public service, first as council member and then mayor, are framed by integrity, vision and concern for every resident within this community.

Born in Toledo into a blue collar family, Mayor Musial cultivated a deep appreciation for family, community and hard work. Reflecting personal values of integrity and public service, Mayor Musial's commitment to the betterment of his community reflects across all levels of government within the City of North Olmsted. As a longtime resident and civic leader in North Olmsted, Mayor Musial has successfully led the effort to improve, uplift, and renew all facets of the community, including vital areas of safety, residential services, recreation, streets and sidewalks, transportation, and senior citizen programs.

Mayor Musial worked his way through the University of Toledo, and graduated with a degree in engineering in 1954. He transferred from NACA to NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, in 1955. While working at NASA, Mayor Musial attended Cleveland-Marshall Law School and graduated with a law degree. Equipped with an innovative mind and energetic spirit, Mayor Musial worked in the NASA Patent Office, and soon became the Chief Patent Counsel. He became an inventor himself, and holds a patent on the Heat Flux Measuring Device.

Beyond his roles as public servant and beyond a profession that extended from the sciences to law, Mayor Musial continues to hold his family and community closest to his heart. In 1953, he married his wife, Patricia. Together they raised four children: Mark, Jon, Lisa and Todd. Besides inventor, lawyer and elected official, Mayor Musial can list Boy Scout Leader, Indian Guide Leader and Webelos Leader as titles of supreme importance, reflecting the caring and dedication he has for his family.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in offering my good friend, Mayor Norman Musial, our appreciation and admiration on his significant accomplishments within the City of North Olmsted. Moreover, his kind nature and compassion for others has allowed the true spirit of community to flourish within the city limits and beyond its borders. I wish Mayor Musial, his wife Patricia and their children and grandchildren, blessing of peace, strength and happiness, today and throughout the coming years.

SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF
SPYWARE LEGISLATION

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 744 and H.R. 29. Both will help eliminate the monitoring of and tampering with computers across America. I thank Representatives BOB GOODLATTE and MARY BONO for bringing this legislation before us today.

I support the goals of both the "Internet Spyware Prevention Act" and the "Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act." Computer users currently lose personal information to the purveyors of malicious computer software that has come to be known as spyware. These bills establish jail terms and severe monetary penalties for various types of invasive actions. Individuals, under the veil of business activity or otherwise, will no longer be able to remotely take control of computers, nor change their settings without.

We have come to depend upon computers in almost every aspect of our lives. An unimaginable amount of personal information sits on computers that must remain secure.

Again, I applaud the efforts of the House Committees on Judiciary and Energy & Commerce.

IN HONOR OF GARY M. KLINGLER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Air Traffic Manager, Gary M. Klingler, upon the occasion of his retirement after nearly forty years of outstanding federal service with the Cleveland Air Route Traffic Control Center.

In 1970, Mr. Klingler began his career as an air traffic controller at the Youngstown, Ohio Control Tower. He also served as a Navy flight instructor at the Advanced Jet Training Command. Mr. Klingler's federal service is framed by expertise, integrity and unwavering focus on safety, and has improved standards and procedures in all areas of flight operations in many Airport Control Towers throughout our country, including Flint, Michigan; Jackson, Michigan; Springfield, Ohio; Washington, DC and here in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Klingler is the recipient of numerous commendations and awards from the FAA, including the "Manager of the Year" award, "Above and Beyond" award, and the "Wings of Excellence" award. His efforts in enhancing the overall safety at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport were recognized by the White House with a "Hammer Award." Beyond his professional excellence, Mr. Klingler is an exemplary role model, citizen and friend. His many years of community involvement has enhanced the foundations of our Cleveland community, as well as the communities of Detroit and Saline, Michigan. He has served on many civic boards and organizations, including the Far West Detroit Civic Association and the Cleveland Federal Executive Board, and continues to lend his assistance to others in need.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in offering my friend, Gary M. Klingler, our appreciation and admiration on his significant service and accomplishments with the FAA—an exemplary career that spans nearly forty years. His vision, expertise and focus on air safety has served to enhance the security in our travels across the skies above Cleveland, Ohio, and across the country. Additionally, his concern for the people of his community continues to have a positive impact within many levels of our society. I wish Mr. Klingler and his entire family many blessings of peace, health and happiness, today and throughout the coming years.

TRIBUTE TO JAY VAN DEN BERG

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jay Van Den Berg, a distinguished community leader in Southwest Michigan for the past 30 years. Today, leaders from throughout the community are gathering at Michigan Works, to honor Jay's accomplishments and pay homage to a job well done as he is retiring from his numerous leadership posts.

Jay started his career as a teacher, selflessly giving all he had to each of his stu-

dents, before moving on to a long, industrious career as an executive with the Whirlpool Corporation. Although he was working in the private sector, Jay utilized his leadership to promote academic achievement and excellence in our schools across the region, netting him more than a dozen state and national education awards.

Jay was a tireless advocate for bringing business and education together to create a stronger community. He could always be seen serving in leadership positions throughout Southwest Michigan whether it was with the Business Roundtable, Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence, The Michigan Works Workforce Development Board and many many others.

Through Jay's valiant leadership, the HOSTS mentoring program was established in Benton Harbor, and since then hundreds of students improved their reading scores and have been given the opportunity to succeed in school, as well as in life. His tireless work with the career preparation systems in Berrien, Van Buren and Cass Counties have become a national model and have enabled our young students to raise their test scores, allowing them to seek post-secondary education. These are just 2 of the examples of Jay's great work with the young people of our community.

Education plays such an important role in the lives of our young people, and it is because of people like Jay Van Den Berg, that many have had the opportunity to succeed. I stand today, with the folks of the great sixth district of Michigan, to give a heartfelt "thank you" to Jay, and wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

LEGISLATION ON BEHALF OF SC JOHNSON

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation on behalf of SC Johnson, a family-owned and family-managed company headquartered in Racine, Wisconsin. The company is a global manufacturer and marketer of a broad range of well known consumer household brands including WINDEX, RAID, GLADE, PLEDGE, EDGE shaving gel, ZIPLOC and SCRUBBING BUBBLES. SC Johnson has 12,000 employees worldwide and 3,000 employees located in Racine, WI.

We must help manufacturers like SC Johnson remain competitive in the global marketplace so that good, high-paying manufacturing jobs are retained in Wisconsin and throughout the United States. Over the past few years, our State has lost over 77,000 manufacturing jobs. We must bring down the cost of manufacturing at home so that we can stem the job loss and help companies create new jobs for hard-working Americans.

The 2 bills that I am offering today will help accomplish this important objective by suspending duties for multiple components of unique air freshener products that are imported from abroad and incorporated into finished products assembled by SC Johnson in the United States. One of the devices is a continuous-action device that pumps fragrance throughout a room. The other device is

plugged into an electrical outlet and diffuses warmed fragrance throughout an area. No comparable products are produced in this country. Suspending the tariffs will bring down SC Johnson's costs of doing business at home and benefit the SC Johnson employees who live and work at the company's world headquarters in Racine and at other locations throughout the United States.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to pass this legislation.

HONORING VICE ADMIRAL PHILLIP M. BALISLE, UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vice Admiral Phillip M. Balisle, United States Navy, who is retiring after more than 36 years of faithful service to our nation.

A native of Idabel, Oklahoma, Vice Admiral Balisle began his career in 1969 as a Seaman Recruit in the Naval Reserve while attending Oklahoma State University. After attending Officer Candidate School he was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy in 1970.

During the years that followed, Vice Admiral Balisle accrued an impressive operational career highlighted by command of USS KIDD (DDG 993), USS ANZIO (CG 68), Cruiser Destroyer Group THREE and the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group. Ashore he commanded NAVCOMMSTA United Kingdom and served as Director Theater Air Warfare and Director Surface Warfare on the Chief of Naval Operations' staff.

Throughout his career Vice Admiral Balisle has been a visionary. Examples of his initiatives and contributions are the conceptualization for establishment of the Afloat Training Group, the Joint Theater and Air Missile Defense Organization, the Joint Single Integrated Air Picture System Engineer Organization, the Navy's Distributed Engineering Plant, the Distance Support Concept and the Navy Virtual Systems Command. He also was a leader in the development of numerous combat systems programs and initiatives, as well as developing the concept for the Navy's newest shipbuilding program, the Littoral Combatant Ship.

In his most recent assignment as Commander of the Naval Sea Systems Command, Vice Admiral Balisle led unprecedented organizational change amid a historic time of overall Navy transformation.

Initiating a multi-phased approach to continual command transformation, he directed an unprecedented Headquarters realignment, including the establishment of five radically reshaped Program Executive Offices and the creation of a Warfare Systems Engineering Directorate and a Human Systems Integration Directorate. This realignment resulted in a 20 percent personnel downsizing—done without a single RIF. The Human Systems Integration Directorate is fundamentally changing how the Navy engineers its ships around the Sailor, shaping a new Sea Warrior skills based focus. He also established a disciplined Technical Authority process as a vital NAVSEA mission component.