

Vice Admiral Balisle launched a shipyard transformation plan anchored by the "One Shipyard" concept to level-load our nuclear-capable public and private yards, mobilize and share resources, develop common business practices and stabilize the country's entire ship repair industry as a vital national asset.

He significantly changed the business model for NAVSEA's warfare centers that had been in place for decades, shifting from decentralized independent geographically focused business sectors to a corporate national warfare center enterprise. This included the establishment of nationally focused product area directors, along with work assignment executives and a retooled teaming structure that eliminates geographic boundaries and better enables mission execution and resource sharing across an integrated NAVSEA Warfare Center enterprise. Through these unprecedented corporate realignments, NAVSEA positioned itself to be an agile, responsive organization to meet the unpredictable demands of a long and challenging Global War Against Terror while supporting the development and construction of a transformed 21st Century Navy.

Concurrent and complementary to this organization and business process reshaping, Vice Admiral Balisle introduced to NAVSEA a reinvigorated, disciplined program to establish, preserve and revitalize the workforce and work assignment to support Technical Authority execution, the cornerstone responsibilities of the government to operate safely and as a responsive peer of industry. He significantly changed the Navy's contracting approach and vehicles for services and ship maintenance with the introduction of a nationwide Seaport services contract and Multi-ship, Multi-option contracts for ship class maintenance availabilities.

Central to all these initiatives, Vice Admiral Balisle established NAVSEA's Task Force Lean to put in place and accelerate the implementation and expansion of Lean and Six Sigma business processes across the NAVSEA enterprise, achieving dramatic improvements in operating efficiency and process execution.

Vice Admiral Balisle has been a foremost architect in helping to shape the 21st Century Navy to meet the needs of our nation in executing the Global War Against Terrorism and building and equipping tomorrow's fleet.

He is an individual of uncommon character and his professionalism will be sincerely missed. I am proud, Mr. Speaker, to thank him for his honorable service in the United States Navy, and to wish him "fair winds and following seas" as he closes his distinguished military career.

PROTECTING THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND FROM THE ANTIDEFICIENCY ACT

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, last fall, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) concluded that some components of the Universal Service Fund (USF) are subject to the Antideficiency Act, even though USF dollars are not paid out of the U.S. Treasury. This un-

expected interpretation disrupted an important component of the universal service program for nearly 6 months and resulted in the Universal Service Administrative Company losing millions of dollars in investments that would otherwise have been used to support communications services in rural and high cost areas, as well as the E-Rate program for school districts and libraries.

Congress intervened late last year by temporarily exempting the USF from the Antideficiency Act until December 31, 2005. That exemption will be expiring soon, and many believe the Antideficiency Act also threatens to disrupt the much larger High Cost and Low Income USF programs. It is vital that Congress address this issue as soon as possible to permanently eliminate the uncertainty hanging over the entire USF.

That's why I am introducing legislation, along with Representative GONZALES, to permanently exempt the USF from the Antideficiency Act. This is a necessary step to ensure that consumers will continue to have access to quality telecommunications services and our schools and libraries will have Internet connectivity, all at affordable rates.

This is a bipartisan initiative that enjoys support from a broad coalition of stakeholders in the telecommunications, high-tech, educational arenas, as well as local governments and public interest organizations. This is a companion measure to a bill introduced in the other body, which also has broad bipartisan support. Fixing the situation is a time-sensitive matter and Representative GONZALES and I urge our colleagues to support this measure and help us work toward prompt passage.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF HOWARD W. BROADBENT

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 remembrance of Howard W. Broadbent, dedicated family man, friend and mentor to many, talented attorney and United States veteran.

Mr. Broadbent was born in Cleveland and graduated from Cleveland Heights High School. His studies at Ohio State University were interrupted for the call to duty during WWII, where he served as a Lieutenant and Amphibious Boat Officer in the United States Navy. After the war, he completed his studies at OSU, and ultimately earned a law degree with honors from Case Western Reserve University Law School.

Mr. Broadbent began working at the law firm of James M. and John J. Carney, and specialized in zoning and real estate. He eventually formed the Carney & Broadbent Law Firm, specializing again in real estate and corporate matters. As an expert regarding zoning issues, Mr. Broadbent was consistently sought out for his advice and opinion by mayors, council representatives and planning and zoning board members from across the county. He also served as law director for Middleburg Heights, and served as substitute judge for the Rocky River Municipal Court. Additionally, Mr. Broadbent served on the Board of the Cuyahoga County Port Authority.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Howard W. Broadbent. He was married for fifty-five years to his beloved wife, Dorothy, who passed away in 2003. His friendship, commitment to his family, and his dedicated service to our country will be remembered always. I offer my condolences to his daughters, Diane and Kitty, and son Jack; his grandson, Douglas; his brother, John, and his many extended family members and friends.

TRIBUTE TO ROY B. KEPPEY

HON. JAMES A. LEACH

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, this weekend was marked by the passing of Roy B. Keppy.

Roy Keppy was a symbol of Iowa. No family farmer has ever been held in higher esteem. No hog producer has won more honors or been more revered.

Roy's concerns were always for quality. Whether raising hogs, corn, soy beans or children, his work ethic was the same. Every moment of every day he worked to the best of his ability, and then some more.

While Roy's formal education ended at J.B. Young Middle School in Davenport, he earned a Ph.D. in life. He was a leader: on the farm, in his community, for his country. At various points in time, he coaxed more corn and beans per acre from his wonderful Scott County soil than anyone in the state, and he raised hogs which won more state and national blue ribbons than anyone in the history of hog competitions.

At the community level, he led, it seemed, every farm organization; at the national level, he headed Farmers for Ford and played a key agricultural role in the election of two presidents named Bush. As for Congress, there is no individual whose advice I respected more; no one to whom I am more indebted.

Two anecdotes stand out. One was a comment the former Secretary of Agriculture Earle Butz made to me. He said one day that the finest agricultural speech he ever heard was given by Roy Keppy when it was announced he would lead President Ford's agricultural team. What was so impressive about this comment was the fact that Earle Butz was generally considered the best public speaker on agriculture in his generation. But he deferred to Roy Keppy.

The second is about the time Roy manipulated a cord in his barn so that when his guest, George W. Bush, was speaking, gentle pieces of corn would fall on his slightly balding pate. The Secret Service never understood what a mischievous host the candidate they were assigned to protect had.

Roy's passing symbolizes the end of an era in Iowa life.

As we his friends contemplate and, in effect, celebrate, the meaning of his time on earth, we too are obligated to work hard to insure that Roy's death does not mark the end of a breed. Roy will always stand out, but our country will be diminished if he is the last of the hands-on farmers who by second nature serve their community and then by acclamation of their peers, unrelated to gall or personal ambition, are asked to provide leadership to their country.

Roy Keppy will be much missed. Most poignantly by this Member of Congress.

**HONORING SANDRA G. SANDERSON
RECIPIENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S ACADEMY RECOGNITION FOR EDUCATORS AWARD**

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sandra G. Sanderson of Vienna, Virginia, upon receiving the Commonwealth's Academy Recognition for Educators (CARE) Award.

The CARE award honors outstanding educators from New York, Ohio and Virginia who work to enhance the lives of their students. This year's honorees are recognized for their unrelenting work to enhance the lives of the students they serve. It is presented by the Commonwealth Academy located in Alexandria, Virginia, and honors those committed to diverse learning throughout the nation. Sandra Sanderson, a 6th grade teacher at Wolftrap Elementary, is honored for her work in promoting diverse learners in the spirit of the "No Child Left Behind Act."

Ms. Sanderson was born in Fredonia, New York and was raised in Plantation, Florida. She received a Bachelor's of Arts in elementary education from Stetson University, and she received her Master's of Arts in special education from Peabody College. She is a resident of Vienna, Virginia, and has taught in Virginia for fourteen years. Prior to serving in the Commonwealth, Ms. Sanderson enriched students' lives teaching in various locations including in the states of Texas, Colorado and New York.

As a teacher at Wolftrap Elementary she has brought enjoyment to her sixth grade students teaching various subjects and activities including novel groups, math problem solving, writing skills, and photography. In her own words, she tries to bring "enthusiasm, a sense of humor, and a joy in life and learning" to her students and colleagues each day.

Ms. Sanderson has a genuine dedication to ensure that each of her students is given the opportunity to achieve success. Over the past 34 years she has made a lasting impact on thousands of students.

I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Sandra Sanderson and congratulating her on this distinguished achievement.

**RECOGNIZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF THE MOTIVATING YOUTH TO
ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of The Motivating Youth to Achievement (My2A) Program and particularly its leader, John Ryu. Based in New York City, My2A was created to serve the needs of young people of New York who happen to be part of the foster care system.

Young people in the foster care system routinely face challenges as they age and move onto their lives outside of foster care. Fortunately people have come together to encourage these young people to move confidently forward toward their futures, with access to job training, education, and professional employment. Fortunately, for these young people and the communities they serve, we have My2A. My2A has had tremendous success not only in training and encouraging its participants, but in creating well-qualified, thriving employees.

How does such a success story come about? It was through the shared vision of the My2A founder, John Ryu, the Consortium for Worker Education (CWE), the Catholic Home Bureau, and the Central Labor Council. Working together—each with their unique and critical understanding of youth, service, and work—this vision was carried out to fruition. The result is the program that we celebrate here today.

Of course, these results are dependent on the groups and individuals that come together to serve My2A, both through its initial development and through its continual day-to-day efforts. While John Ryu and his partner organizations have been tireless and committed in their efforts, there are other individuals that have also been instrumental. Some of these include Youth Ambassadors of My2A, Sung Eun Baek and Patricia Ji Young Jung, and Kyu Bong Sung, Business Manager of the ACE Printing Company. Overall, the Korean and Korean-American communities have been particularly supportive of My2A. Of course, this program's success is also dependent on the numerous My2A participants who take advantage of this wonderful opportunity that is made possible by inspirational people like John Ryu and those he works with, protecting the strength and goodwill of our community and this nation in countless ways.

**IN MEMORY OF EMERSON
BATDORFF**

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember Emerson Batdorff, a friend and colleague from my early career in journalism at the Cleveland Plain Dealer. "Bat" was a reporter, columnist, and entertainment editor who started the Plain Dealer's Friday magazine.

Fellow Plain Dealer reporter Bill Hickey called him "the ultimate newspaperman." And he was right. Batdorff, who was inducted into the Cleveland Hall of Fame Press Club, covered police, courts, and other city beats before becoming a fixture in the features department. Bat started his career in journalism before serving in World War II. After the war, he started with the Plain Dealer's Akron bureau in 1946 before transferring to the Cleveland newsroom in the 1950s.

Computers came easily to him. He was known for waving a red flag to alert editors and reporters when the system was about to crash so that they could save their work. When he became entertainment editor, he had a lot of young writers working for him. He always made the effort to point out their mis-

takes in a friendly and constructive way. Bat retired from the Plain Dealer in 1984.

Emerson Batdorff served in the Army in World War II where he was a platoon leader with the Third Infantry Division, a liaison officer in the 30th Infantry Regiment, and historian with the XV Corps Headquarters in Europe. He received the Bronze Star Medal for valor and a Purple Heart. Bat remained in the Army Reserve and was recalled for duty as a military historian during the Korean War.

In 1977, while in his late 50s, a would-be robber mistook Bat for an easy mark one late night after work. But Bat, who held a black belt in karate, scared off the attacker with a few deftly executed self defense moves.

Bat was a past president of the local chapter of the Newspaper Guild. He was also a past president of the Mensa Cleveland chapter.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in offering condolence to Bat's wife Judith, his son Lee, his daughter Ilo, his brother, and his grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHAPIN W. COOK

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Chapin W. Cook, who will retire after 33 years of dedicated service to the Genesee County Planning Commission. Friends and family will join civic and community leaders on May 25 to honor his dedication and his many accomplishments.

Chapin Cook joined the Planning Commission in November 1972, operating as Associate Planner. In August 1973, he was promoted to Senior Planner, and in November 1975, he became Principal Planner. Chapin held this position until October 1986, when he was appointed Assistant Director of the Commission, and in July 1990, he became Director, the position he holds to this day.

As Director, Chapin faithfully upheld the Planning Commission's mission statement: "To provide a framework and encourage development that enhances the quality of life in Genesee County through government and community partnerships." He also served as a bridge and guiding force for the Commission's eleven-member board, helping them fulfill their duties efficiently and effectively.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me today in recognizing Chapin W. Cook for his exceptional leadership, and wishing him all the best in retirement and all his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MATHWIN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. John Mathwin, a teacher at Montgomery Blair High School in my Congressional District, who is retiring after a long and distinguished career.

Though Mr. Mathwin will leave Montgomery Blair when this school year closes, his spirit