

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

**HONORING SANDRA G. SANDERSON
RECIPIENT OF THE COMMON-
WEALTH'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

and legacy of dedication, hard work, and service will remain.

Mr. Mathwin began his career at Montgomery Blair as an English teacher, but found a more satisfying calling as a journalism instructor. Eventually he became the faculty advisor for Blair's student newspaper Silver Chips.

Under Mathwin's guidance, the student staffers of Silver Chips enjoyed tremendous success. During his tenure, Silver Chips earned countless awards at the local, state, and national level, including the Pacemaker Award as the nation's top newspaper.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the students, parents, faculty, and administration of Montgomery Blair High School, I say to Mr. John Mathwin: thank you for your service to our community and our children. You will be missed!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED STRICKLAND

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, Thursday, May 19, 2005 I was in Mingo Junction, Ohio and missed rollcall votes No. 190–199. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall votes No. 191, 194, 196, 198 and 199. I would have voted “no” on rollcall votes No. 190, 192, 193, 195 and 197.

BYRNE GRANT FUNDING

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues from Nebraska and

around the country on a most important matter—Byrne Grant funding. I appreciate the leadership of Mr. TERRY and Chairman SOUDER on this issue as well as the work done by my fellow members of the House Meth Caucus to ensure that the needs of state and local communities are being met.

Byrne grants provide necessary federal resources that make possible enforcement and treatment programs undertaken by state and local governments to combat the illegal drug epidemic that is rampant throughout the nation, a plague that I've seen firsthand in communities throughout eastern, central and southern Oregon. Nowhere is the need for federal anti-drug resources more pronounced than in rural areas like Oregon's Second Congressional District, where entire communities struggle to cope with the proliferation of illegal substances and their devastating effects on families and communities.

According to an assessment conducted earlier this year by the Oregon HIDTA office, reducing funding for these programs would reduce interagency cooperation and intelligence sharing between local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The assessment also found that operations by local taskforces on the front lines in the fight against illegal drugs would decrease by 25 to 75 percent. Without the federal funds received many local drug taskforces in Oregon would have to severely curtail operations, reduce staffing levels or even cease operations completely. Given the threat posed to children, families and communities by illegal drugs, these efforts to control the drug problem must continue.

I want to again state my belief that Byrne Grant funding should be maintained at its current level as the House Appropriations Committee prepares to allocate funds to this and other critical anti-drug programs in the coming year.

The state of Oregon has historically received over \$6 million in Byrne grants, a significant portion of which has been allocated to programs and projects in the Second District.

Local task forces like the Klamath Interagency Narcotics Team, the Mid-Columbia Interagency Narcotics Task Force, the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement team, the Jackson County Narcotics Enforcement Team, and the Blue Mountain Narcotics Enforcement Team, which receives about one-third of its budget from Byrne Grants, would be devastated without continued support from federal anti-drug programs.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this year I conducted a series of seven town hall forums focused on production, distribution and abuse of illegal drugs, particularly the runaway problem of methamphetamine. While traveling throughout the Second District I heard again and again about the importance of federal resources to the outstanding efforts being conducted by state and local enforcement agencies and treatment and prevention providers. While I realize that we are in a time of strict budget constraint I strongly support these efforts and I will continue to do all I can to ensure that the federal government honors its commitment to fight the scourge of illegal drugs in our communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2005

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, on May 19, 2005, during consideration of H.R. 2361, I was absent during rollcall number 196. Unfortunately, the vote occurred earlier in the evening than was expected and I was unable to make it to the floor in time to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” for the Rahall-Whitfield amendment.