

HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE
ARMED FORCES

HON. CATHY McMORRIS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

Miss McMORRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, and for those service members who throughout the course of our country's history have given their lives in the line of duty. The men and women we honor on this day have dutifully carried out their service to our country and it is in great respect that we remember their bravery and unselfish character.

This day is of a marked importance in commemorating the great sacrifices that so many Americans have made in the defense of our Nation and in upholding the ideals of freedom at home and abroad. In Washington State there are over 500,000 veterans and thousands more who came before them. Motivated by a love of their country and instilled with strong morals, these men and women have demonstrated courage and resiliency that has followed them throughout their deployments all over the globe. The gallantry and valor that has guided their actions is the cornerstone of our military's power and prestige.

Wars and conflicts have tested the will of our Nation and the principles on which our Nation was built. These wars have helped defined American history, as well as the lives of those directly involved. These conflicts have enveloped the lives of service members, their families, and loved ones. Despite all hardship, the proven strength and character of those who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces have ensured that our Nation remains strong, free and proud. We owe them an irreplaceable debt.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor all veterans for their sacrifice and unselfish concern for the security of our Nation. On this Memorial Day, many Americans will remember someone close to them who has served in the Armed Forces with gratitude and admiration. As Americans we recognize each day that we owe many of our comforts and liberties to the fortitude demonstrated by those in the Armed Forces.

IN HONOR OF THE CITY OF EADS,
CO

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the fine city of Eads, CO.

The Economic Developers' Council of Colorado (EDCC) recently presented their annual achievement awards at the organization's Annual Awards Luncheon held in conjunction with the Spring Conference in Burlington, Colorado. The "EDIE Awards" recognize outstanding achievement in economic development by honoring individuals, businesses, and communities throughout the State of Colorado.

The award for Small Community of the Year is presented to a community under 20,000 in population that demonstrates support for eco-

nomical development through an organized economic development program and strong leadership. The community must also illustrate long-term planning and investment in the development of the community through infrastructure planning, permanent economic development funding and strategies. Realization of a special project or development is also a criterion.

The 2004 Small Community of the Year is the Town of Eads, located in Kiowa County. The Town of Eads epitomizes the criteria for this award. Eads has been actively working with the Arkansas Valley Marketing Coalition (a five county organization) to establish itself as a community in search of expansion for its citizens. The town was awarded a \$22,000 scholarship by "Your Town" for the recreation of their downtown. They are near completion of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, and are working actively with surrounding counties on a coalition tourism project. The Town of Eads is also actively involved with CRDC and Action 22 on tourism and economic development efforts.

In addition, the acquisition of the 800-acre Jackson Property is, and will continue to create, great economic opportunities for Eads and Kiowa County. Efforts to comprehensively plan how the property might best be utilized have included many areas and groups within the community and county. Working with all elected officials, businesses and most impressively, the youth have established a human capacity and formula for success that would be difficult to top anywhere.

Congratulations to the Town of Eads, the 2004 Economic Developers' Council of Colorado's Achievement Award recipient for Small Community of the Year. It is an honor to represent this community in the United States House of Representatives.

NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK
AND DR. ROBERT ADMIRE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to clearly state the necessity of men's health awareness. This week is National Men's Health Week, and it comes at an important time as we pause to honor our Fathers. As a practicing physician for over 20 years and now having the pleasure of sitting on the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, I wholeheartedly understand the importance of regular health screenings.

On May 10 of this year, I introduced the Medicare Osteoporosis Measurement Act to address the issue of male osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is a degenerative bone condition that can make bones fragile and can gradually erode quality of life for our seniors. But contrary to popular belief, osteoporosis is a serious health problem for men, as well as women. Two million American men suffer under this debilitating illness, and 12 million more are at risk for developing the disease.

It is crucial that men everywhere seek out regular health check-ups. Routine medical examinations are key to detecting—and preventing—serious men's health concerns like high cholesterol and blood pressure, prostate

cancer, cardiovascular disease, and osteoporosis. In addition, men should strive to equip themselves with the knowledge and information necessary for personal health awareness. They need to know about important illnesses facing men and at what age specific screenings are needed.

Dr. Robert Admire, founder of Denton Urology in 1997, has been a leader in the field of men's health for 30 years. He sits as a diplomat for the American Board of Urologists and was Chief of Staff for Denton Community Hospital for over a decade. In addition to his work at Denton Community Hospital, he also works at Presbyterian Hospital of Denton and Denton Regional Medical Center.

A graduate of U.T. Southwestern Medical School, Dr. Admire completed his residency at Parkland Hospital just a few years behind me. Today, I am honored to represent Dr. Admire in Congress. He is an upstanding member of the medical community as well as the community at large currently serving on the board of trustees for Liberty Christian School in his hometown of Argyle.

The fight for better men's health is a partnership. It is a partnership between men and their physicians. For this reason, I honor Dr. Admire, his staff and National Men's Health Week.

THANKING WILLIAM DELLAR FOR
HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement in June 2005, we rise to thank Mr. William Dellar for over 30 years of outstanding service to the United States government, most recently here in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Bill began his career with four years of military service in the United States Marine Corps. He continued his government service starting in 1979 at the United States Department of Energy. He followed that with service at the Naval Sea Systems Command, the Naval Air Test Center, and the United States Coast Guard, honing his procurement skills throughout this time. Bill brought his expertise to the House in 1999 as Associate Administrator of Procurement. His passionate customer service, organizational knowledge and resourcefulness, and his leadership on numerous initiatives have benefited countless Members and staff over the years.

Among his many other achievements, Bill was instrumental in leading the merger of the Office of Finance and the Office of Procurement into a single business unit, resulting in resource savings, process efficiencies, and enhanced customer service capabilities. Bill has also established the framework for the implementation of a Center of Excellence concept geared toward providing streamlined enterprise system solutions to all CAO customers and stakeholders. Over the past 6 years, Bill has been instrumental in managing the award of contracts for numerous customer-focused requirements, such as the House Fitness Center, the Modular Furniture Program, Postal Operations and a 21st century state-of-the-art enterprise resource planning system.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Bill for his many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish Bill many wonderful years in fulfilling his retirement dreams.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES W.
SIMMONS, PH.D.

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Charles W. Simmons, Ph.D., founder and president of Sojourner-Douglass College, Maryland's only independent institution of higher learning specifically focused on educating African Americans.

Like Sojourner Truth and Frederick Douglass, for whom the college is named, Dr. Simmons has devoted his life to helping others obtain the education and skills necessary to succeed both professionally and personally. Through his efforts, Sojourner-Douglass College has helped thousands of working adults become confident, self-reliant community leaders and decision-makers.

Dr. Simmons served in the U.S. Marine Corps and graduated from Antioch College. After graduating from college, he dedicated his life to empowering African Americans through education. In 1972, he established the Home-stead-Montebello Center of Antioch College with just 13 students in donated space in east Baltimore. In 1980, the school was accredited under a new name, Sojourner-Douglass College. Today, it serves more than 2,000 students in locations throughout Maryland, as well as in Nassau, Bahamas.

Because of Dr. Simmons' vision, many more African American adults have obtained the skills necessary to improve not only their own lives, but the communities in which they live.

I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the achievements of Charles W. Simmons, Ph.D. His vision and commitment to the education and self-determination of African Americans is an inspiration to all who want to ensure that others have the opportunity to fulfill their potential.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

Mr. Speaker, on rollcalls Nos. 241 and 242, I was delayed due to weather related issues. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF JERRY
CLINTON

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the outstanding citizens of my District.

Jerry Clinton is a native St. Louisan who is Chairman and CEO of Grey Eagle Distributors. Grey Eagle employs more than 175 people in St. Louis and has been recognized as one of America's premier Anheuser-Busch wholesalers.

Through Grey Eagle and his own personal generosity, Jerry Clinton provides financial support to hundreds of philanthropic organizations in the St. Louis area each year. One such organization is The St. Louis Backstoppers, an organization which assists the families of police officers and firefighters who lose their lives in the line of duty. Jerry created and sponsors the Budweiser "Guns 'N' Hoses" annual event that features friendly sports competition between area police and firefighters. The event has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for The St. Louis Backstoppers.

Jerry's vision as a civic leader found its greatest expression in his pivotal role in the construction of one of St. Louis' most significant public buildings, the Edward Jones Dome. St. Louis residents benefit extraordinarily from his dedication and vision for a domed stadium in the downtown area. Not only did the Dome return St. Louis to the ranks of the NFL, but it provides a venue for numerous concerts and cultural events, and has hosted both Pope John Paul II and the Rev. Billy Graham. The Dome sparked the revival of professional sports in St. Louis, as reflected in the Bowl victory and the selection of St. Louis to host the 2005 Final Four NCAA basketball tournament.

In addition to providing a location for world-class sporting and cultural events, the Edward Jones Dome has proven to be an important economic engine, attracting major conventions to St. Louis that would have gone to other cities apart were it not for Mr. Clinton's financial leadership in the development of the Dome.

Having joined Grey Eagle as a dispatcher/cashier when it opened in 1963, Jerry Clinton personifies what is possible in America with hard work and dedication. His generosity and hard work have made St. Louis a better place for all its citizens. I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring this fine American today.

HONORING WEBSTER
ELEMENTARY SCIENCE TEAM

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor four students from Webster Elementary School in Webster, Florida. These gifted and dedicated 6- and 7-year-olds were recently honored as the Southeast Division Elementary School Champions in the 2005 National Toshiba/NSTA Explora Vision Awards Contest.

Each year the National Toshiba/NSTA Explora Vision Awards Contest is held for K-12 students throughout the United States and Canada. This year, the contest received more than 4,000 entries. Webster Elementary's website and research project was selected as the top entry for the entire Southeast Region.

Webster's student team was Dylan Brannen, Erin Tuten, Micah Lanham and Matthew Garrepy. Their coach was Mrs. Lynn Thomas and the team mentor was Mr. Kevin Garrepy.

The national contest required the students to conceive an invention that was both innovative and creative, combining imagination with scientific principles. Once the team was selected as the Southeast Champion, they entered the semifinal round where their challenge was to design five real web pages and a prototype of their invention. They should be commended for their successes.

Each member of the team received a framed certificate and a VCR/DVD player for their winning project. A Toshiba representative presented the students with the certificate and player and gave Webster Elementary a new laptop to use to complete the project.

Mr. Speaker, these students should be applauded for their hard work and innovation. Dylan Brannen, Erin Tuten, Micah Lanham and Matthew Garrepy have shown the ingenuity and hard work that all schoolchildren should strive for.

TRIBUTE TO THE STUDENTS FROM
SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the participation of students from the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio in the National History Day competition. The students are from Shaker Heights High School, and they will be competing this week at the University of Maryland.

National History Day is a year-long education program that engages students in grades 6-12 in the process of discovery and interpretation of historical topics. Students produce dramatic performances, imaginative exhibits, multimedia documentaries and research papers based on research related to an annual theme. These projects are then evaluated at local, state, and national competitions.

Steven Aviram, Katharine O'Gorman, Miriam Mack, Samantha Miller, Rebecca Glazer, Hannah Engel-Rebitzer, Nteni Nlandu, Annie Sivertson, Laura Stern, Michael Stavits Bohl, Emily Krassen, Kelly Jackson, Nate Bixenstine, Tom Chokel, Andrew Wiedemann, Sarah Sy and Carter Wang are the 17 students from Shaker Heights High School that will be representing the State of Ohio at the national competition. I take great pride in the students of my district and it always give me great joy to see them distinguish themselves nationally.

HONORING JOHN L. BURRIS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career and achievements of civil rights attorney John L. Burris of Oakland, California. Throughout his legendary career, John has provided hope and help to people who fall victim to the inequities inherent in our justice system. A leading civil rights advocate for more than 25 years, John has changed the