

When we noticed a connection between cheesecake and Little League victories, she made a cheesecake each time I pitched. When I cut my finger playing with a razor blade, she calmly picked me up, took me to the doctor, and didn't say she told me so. She took three of us, ages 6, 4, and 3 months, unassisted, 3000 miles to go to our Uncle Ken's wedding on the east coast. She forgave us for pouring water on her cigarettes.

My mother's illness came on slowly and strong in the end. She didn't want people to know at first. To the end, she wanted to be with her family and love them. I feel like I did not pay her back for her love in the way that she deserved. When I told her I don't think she could hear me.

My mother expressed strong ideas about our country's approach to curing and managing diseases. Some people express religious objections to a scientific approach to these problems. I think my mother would say to them, "God helps those who help themselves." If the religious zealots who oppose such research followed my mother's moral and ethical compass, we would be better off. Her care and love had nothing to do with shouting and theorizing, and all to do with doing.—John F. Barrett, MD.

Mom was unhappy for the last few years of her life. She could no longer do the things she loved to do, such as ride horses or play tennis. She could no longer do things without assistance, like dressing or getting up from a chair. Travel was extremely difficult—so she didn't see her children or grandchildren as often as she would have liked. She lost her independence, and with it, her passion for living.

Despite her pain and steady decline, Mom held on tight to those she loved. Even when her life was closing around her, she always wanted to know about our lives and loves and dreams and disappointments.

At times the pain of the last few years has threatened to overwhelm my happier memories of Mom, but I'm determined to keep them alive in my heart, since they are all I have in the end. I will always remember her beauty and vitality and sense of fun. She was always there to protect us, watching as we swam in the huge waves at Redondo Beach, picking us up from school. She was always there to praise us for good grades or performances in school plays. She was a wonderful, warm, loving mother.

All she really wanted was for her children to be happy and to find love for ourselves. When we weren't happy, she felt our pain. I'd like to think that she is happy now, knowing that her children have found their way. All three of us are challenged by our jobs and busy lives. John is married with a beautiful wife and two children, Anna is recently married (one of Mom's last joys was attending the wedding of Anna and Kevin), and I am happy and in love. The thought that—at the end—she knew of my happiness gives me great comfort.

I will miss her forever.—Jennifer Hollister Barrett.

"I am part of all that I have met."—Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Carol Ann Thomae Barrett is a part of everyone and everything she touched, and the impact she made on her family, friends, and community is everlasting. If I am half the mother, daughter, wife, friend, and community volunteer that she was, my life will be fulfilled and I will owe it all to her. A Native American proverb says "They are not dead who live in the hearts they leave behind." My heart aches too much right now for this to bring me comfort, but I know it will in time. Mom lives in more hearts than I can count.—Anna Larson Barrett Loewen.

HONORING PEGGY HEINKEL-WOLFE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize the achievement of Mrs. Peggy Heinkel-Wolfe. Mrs. Heinkel-Wolfe has been awarded a contract from the University of North Texas to publish her book detailing the first four years of her son's life before he was diagnosed with autism.

After attending the University of North Texas, also my alma-mater, Peggy Heinkel-Wolfe worked with UNT as a research and development specialist and wrote for various publications including the Denton Record Chronicle. She has returned to UNT and is now a web marketing specialist for the university relations office.

Mrs. Heinkel-Wolfe's manuscript was chosen from among 34 entries by a panel of literary professionals at the Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Writers Conference of the Southwest. The book will provide insight for millions of individuals across the country who can relate to her son, Sam. The simple yet significant milestones she describes will allow readers a chance to place themselves "in her house" and "in her shoes."

Peggy Heinkel-Wolfe has captured the incredible compassion in her home and skillfully transposed those feelings into a novel. The compassion her family displays is an attribute every household should strive to instill.

I look forward to the completion of her story, and I applaud her for providing insight and advice to all who have the opportunity to read it.

UPON RETIREMENT OF JACK KATZ

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement, I would like to thank Jack Katz for his outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives over the past 28 years.

Throughout the years, Jack has made significant contributions to the financial management of the U.S. House of Representatives' accounts and the processing and oversight of the staff payroll. Jack began his career with the House on March 25, 1977 and has served this great institution in financial counseling and payroll positions within the offices of both the Clerk of the House and the Chief Administrative Officer. He has held the positions of Auditor, Accounts Clerk and Financial Management Counselor in the Office of Finance, and currently holds the position of Payroll Counselor in the Office of Human Resources. During the past 28 years, Jack has provided financial and payroll guidance to every entity of the House, assuring that House staff is paid accurately and on time each month. His payroll and financial acumen has enabled House entities to make critical decisions related to financial and staff payroll issues. He has also provided many years of financial and payroll support and guidance to the countless House staff members who have worked in this great institution throughout the years.

On behalf of the entire House community, I would like to extend my congratulations to Jack Katz for his many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the House staff payroll function. I wish Jack and his wife Melissa many wonderful years in fulfilling their retirement dreams.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF LUCILLE "LUCY" BRIGGS TEMPLE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, I am happy to congratulate Rachel and Adam Temple of Columbia, South Carolina, on the birth of their beautiful baby girl. Lucille Briggs Temple was born on April 19, 2005 at 6:30 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measuring 21 inches long.

Lucy has been born into a loving home, where she will be raised by parents who are devoted to her well-being and bright future. Her birth is a blessing. Adam is doing a wonderful job as Deputy Communications Director for U.S. Senator JIM DEMINT, and I appreciate the friendship of both Mr. and Mrs. Temple.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-CENTRAL AMERICA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 3045, the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, DR-CAFTA. Deciding how to vote on this has not been easy, but ultimately I believe that the bad in the agreement outweighs the good.

I definitely believe free trade brings benefits, but in this case I question who would get those benefits. I agree that open markets have helped lift up the lives of people in many countries of the world. But I am also alarmed about the growing economic inequality within and between countries. Unless free trade is also fair trade, we risk lifting up the few to the detriment of the many.

I think that an improved commercial relationship with the Dominican Republic and the five Central American countries could benefit our economy and U.S. farmers, workers, and manufacturers. But I am concerned about a number of provisions of DR-CAFTA. The agreement will help some U.S. agricultural industries, services markets, and high technology, chemical, medical and scientific equipment companies, among others. But it will harm other agricultural markets, and could have a detrimental impact on small Central American farmers as well. We ought to be encouraging rural economic development in this part of the world, not undercutting it.

The most problematic aspect of DR-CAFTA is that the administration failed to incorporate internationally recognized labor standards. Nor does the agreement clearly require any country to maintain and enforce a set of basic environmental regulations. America's interests are

not simply about the bottom line. The U.S. should also be concerned about maintaining and enhancing the high mark set by American workers. While expanded trade is important to this country and the world, it will only be beneficial to a broad range of people in our Nation and abroad if it is carefully shaped to include basic standards and adequately protect the rights of workers and the environment. This agreement does not meet that test.

DR-CAFTA would also allow foreign investors to challenge our laws and regulations before international tribunals, bypassing domestic courts, if they believe U.S. laws on labor, environmental protections, and public health and safety reduce the value of their investments. The U.S. has already spent millions defending our laws from NAFTA, which includes a similar provision. Foreign companies have sued the U.S. over California's ban of MTBE, a California law regulating harmful gold mining practices, and the Agriculture Department's decision to close the border to Canadian beef due to concerns about mad cow disease.

DR-CAFTA also creates a challenge to the safety of the American food supply because it is silent on the issue of imported goods meeting the rigorous food safety and sanitary rules of the United States Department of Agriculture. This agreement takes a step backward in our efforts to provide the American consumer with the safest food possible.

Finally, the agreement includes a provision precluding generic pharmaceutical products from obtaining regulatory marketing approval for a 5–8 year period if approval has been granted for a brand name drug in that market. Especially since low-cost generics are already available in the DR-CAFTA countries, this provision will only serve to make drugs unavailable and unaffordable for most Central Americans, who are suffering in great numbers from HIV/AIDS and untreated diabetes, among other maladies. While market access for U.S. goods is important, we shouldn't be in the business of potentially undermining a country's ability to provide prescription drugs to its citizens.

As part of a long-term strategy to strengthen the American economy, I have supported a number of agreements to expand access to foreign markets for exports from our nation's farmers and businesses. But DR-CAFTA is one I cannot support.

I don't want this country to miss out on economic opportunities, but the problems with this agreement are real, and I don't believe this agreement will create the opportunities its proponents have touted. In the end, our progress together has to be about raising, and not lowering wages, reducing and not adding to the world's poverty, making more "haves" and fewer "have-nots."

I do believe in actively shaping globalization, not passively closing our doors. Although I cannot support DR-CAFTA today, I remain committed to this activist course and hope the Administration will present us with an agreement that deserves our support.

IN MEMORY OF BURL JACK AKINS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to Burl Jack Akins for his lifelong contributions to his community, family, and country. Mr. Akins passed away at his home in Mesa, Arkansas with his wife Gail, by his side.

Born in rural Crawford County, Arkansas to Gene and Bonnie Akins, he was the youngest of three children. In 1947, Mr. Akins joined the United States Air Force and served as an aircraft mechanic for B52's and F111's until 1959. It is worth noting that he was intent on serving his country, so much so, that at the ripe, young age of 16, he lied about his age so he could be admitted into the armed services.

Mr. Akins continued as a civilian employee working for LTV Steel and General Dynamics until medically retired in 1971. He and his first wife Barbara, who preceded him in death after 45 years of marriage, had 7 children, 20 grandchildren and 17 great-grand children.

It was my honor to know Burl Jack Akins. I extend my sympathies to his family and friends. May the example of this man, whose contributions made richer the fabric of our American culture, be inspiration to all who seek their dreams to serve their fellow man.

UPON RETIREMENT OF JEWELL DEESE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement, I would like to thank Jewell Deese for her outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives over the past 28 years.

Throughout the years, Jewell has made significant contributions to the financial management of U.S. House of Representatives' accounts and the processing and oversight of the staff payroll. She began her career with the House on July 5, 1977 and has served this great institution in financial, benefits, and payroll positions within the offices of both the Clerk of the House and the Chief Administrative Officer. She has held the positions of General Clerk in the Office of Finance, processing the daily receipts for the House Restaurant system, and has held various positions in the Office of Personnel and Benefits. She will retire from her current position of Payroll Counselor in the Office of Human Resources. During the past 26 years as an Office of Human Resources Payroll Counselor she has provided financial and payroll guidance to every entity of the House, assuring that all House staff is paid accurately and on time each month. Her payroll and financial acumen have enabled House entities to make critical decisions related to staff payroll issues. She has also provided many years of benefits and payroll support and guidance to the countless House staff members who have worked in this great institution throughout the years.

On behalf of the entire House community, I would like to extend my congratulations to Jewell Deese for her many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the House staff payroll function. I wish Jewell and her husband Gregory many wonderful years in fulfilling their retirement dreams.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF AIRMEN JOHN LAYLAGIAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I am happy to congratulate Janelle and Leon Laylagian of Hopkinton, New Hampshire, on the birth of their son. Airmen John Laylagian was born on June 4, 2005 at 5:58 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. Airmen has been born into a loving home, where he will be raised by parents who are devoted to his well-being and bright future. His birth is a blessing. I appreciate the friendship I share with both Mr. and Mrs. Laylagian.

HONORING SEVERAL SCHOOLS IN TENNESSEE'S 7TH DISTRICT

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring several schools in Tennessee's 7th Congressional District that have been ranked among the best in the Nation.

Both Brentwood High School and Franklin High School were found to be exemplary by Newsweek magazine.

Brentwood High School, home of the Bruins, lives up to its mission statement of "Excellence through teaching and learning."

Few communities are fortunate enough to have one school noted for distinction, but we have been blessed with two.

Franklin High School, home of the Rebels, was also credited by Newsweek for providing a quality education and giving our kids a great start.

Mr. Speaker, these schools deserve our congratulations for their commitment to our community, and for planting the seeds of knowledge that will help make these students lifelong learners.

All of us should offer our thanks to Principal Kevin Keidel of Brentwood High School and Principal Willie Dickerson of Franklin High School for their hard work and dedication.

SEEKING TRANSPARENCY AT THE UNITED NATIONS' WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, the United States has been a party to "The Convention Concerning Protection of the World Cultural and