

he was a 4-year starter for the football team, a center for the basketball team, and competed in discus and the shot-put on the track team. When he wasn't competing or studying, he worked to help support his family. After high school, he went on to play for Kilgore Junior College and the University of Utah.

Thomas will be remembered as a hard worker and someone who lived his life to the fullest. He always had a bright personality that made everyone laugh, and he had passion for life and infused this zeal into everything he did. His ultimate dream, after finishing his NFL career, was to return home to Fort Worth and help his community. Thomas wanted to get his teaching degree and coach football. First in his heart was his mother—he wanted to always be there for her and planned to her the house of her dreams.

I extend my condolences to the family and friends of Thomas Herrion. His legacy will serve as an inspiration those who strive to achieve their dreams and live life to the fullest.

RECOGNIZING GREGORY ALLAN POLITTE FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Gregory Allan Politte of Kansas City, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Gregory will receive his Eagle at a Court of Honor on September 18 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Gregory has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Gregory has been involved with scouting; he has earned numerous merit badges and has served in leadership positions within his troop.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Gregory Allan Politte for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout. It is an honor to represent Eagle Scout Politte in the United States Congress.

CONGRATULATING THE ADULT LITERACY LAWRENCE COUNTY ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Adult Literacy Lawrence County (ALLC), on the 25th anniversary of its founding.

Over the past 25 years the ALLC has worked diligently to provide support services to adults that struggle to read. This organization was launched when New Castle Public Library's director, Ms. Roux, heard Al Bennett of the U.S. Dept. of Education speak about li-

braries taking responsibility for developing literacy programs. Securing non-profit status in 1996, the ALLC officially became a community-based organization.

This non-profit organization has worked tirelessly to create a positive environment to meet the changing needs of the community. The agency offers tutoring, ABE and GED, family literacy, and computer literacy components. From July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 more than 240 adults participated in one or more ALLC program components. Additionally 1,048 children read more than 5,000 books as they competed for a ride in the Summer Reading Kickoff Parade. It is with great pleasure that I recognize the ALLC for all of their hard work and dedication to continued education and literacy competence of its community members.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the 25th anniversary of the ALLC. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a principled organization as the Adult Literacy Lawrence County.

TRIBUTE TO J. ROBERTS DAILEY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, the State of Indiana lost a pillar of the political community last month. On Saturday, August 13, J. Roberts Dailey passed away at Westminster Village, a retirement home in Muncie, Indiana.

J. Roberts Dailey was a leader of unparalleled reputation in public service. His tenure in the Indiana General Assembly where he served as Speaker of the House was marked by the consistent pursuit of principle and the interests of the people of Indiana.

Bob Dailey entered politics in 1952, serving 2 years on the Delaware County Council. He was a precinct committeeman between 1958 and 1978 and was Delaware County's GOP finance chairman between 1963 and 1978. He had been a delegate to every Republican state convention since 1954.

Dailey, a real estate agent, was first elected to the Legislature in 1976 before being elevated to Speaker in 1980.

In 1992, Dailey received one of Ball State University's highest honors, the Medal of Distinction for leadership and service to the state and university.

Six years later, he was named chairman of the Christian Coalition of Indiana, a state affiliate of the national organization that was a trailblazer in conservative Christian politics.

As he was to an entire generation of aspiring Hoosier leaders, Bob Dailey was my friend, a mentor and a true role model. He will be missed by our community and our state, but his example of integrity, faith and conservative leadership will continue to challenge and inspire future leaders for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire State of Indiana, I extend heartfelt sympathies over the loss of J. Roberts Dailey.

Indiana will never forget Speaker Dailey.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BURLINGTON ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the city of Burlington Electric Department. What an incredible achievement!

One of the great experiences I had as Mayor was seeing, close up, how much it mattered to Burlington's citizens that we had public power, and not a for-profit corporation, delivering the electricity our city's households and businesses need. The results are clear. Burlington today has some of the lowest electric bills in the state. And that is no small matter when families are hard pressed by increasing gasoline and fuel oil prices, and the difficult economy that is faced by so many.

When the goal of a department is to provide the best quality service at the lowest possible cost, rather than huge profits and big CEO compensation packages, amazing things can happen. Through innovative and creative management and by utilizing aggressive energy efficiency measures, electricity use in Burlington is 1 percent below what it was in 1989—saving Burlington customers some \$6.7 million a year. Burlington is using less power at a time of economic growth—a remarkable achievement. Since 1995 average rates have decreased by 17 percent. Clearly there is something very right about the Burlington Electric Department which the rest of Vermont and America can learn from.

Several years ago I brought a number of the most innovative electric departments in the country together for a meeting in Washington. I was very proud that the BED showed itself to be one of the very best in the nation. Given the major energy crisis that our country now faces, I am confident that BED will continue to come forward with bold and innovative ideas to protect our rate-payers and our environment.

Whether it is in the normal operation of business, or dealing with power outages from an ice storm or a blizzard, the employees of Burlington Electric serve the people of Burlington with real dedication. Whatever the job is, they get it done.

To Mayor Clavelle, Barbara Grimes, BED's General Manager; to the Electric Commission; and the City Council; and most especially to the men and women who not only work for the Electric Department but make it work for all of Burlington:

Congratulations on BED's hundredth anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEGAN ELIZABETH DAY, RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the superior academic performance

of Megan Elizabeth Day, a recipient of this year's Presidential Freedom Scholarship. Thirteen students in the 26th Congressional District are receiving this special recognition.

This award recognizes outstanding service and citizenship initiatives by the students who were nominated, and provides an opportunity to acknowledge their leadership. Administered by Learn and Serve America, the scholarship provides \$500 in Federal funds, matched with \$500 from a community organization or business obtained for the student by their high school or Boys and Girls Club. Winners must have completed at least 100 hours of community service, either through a school-based service-learning program or independently through service at a nonprofit or faith-based organization.

Megan is a recent graduate of Bethesda Christian School. The Whitney Masonic Lodge #355 is matching her \$500 in Federal funds.

Over 38,000 students to date have received this award and I extend my sincere congratulations to Megan Elizabeth Day for being one of them. This student's contribution and services should serve as inspiration to those who wish to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

RECOGNIZING BRENT TRAUGOTT
SAVING FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brent Traugott Saving of Kansas City, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Brent will receive his Eagle at a Court of Honor on September 18 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Brent has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Brent has been involved with scouting he has earned numerous merit badges and has served in leadership positions within his troop.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Brent Traugott Saving for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout. It is an honor to represent Eagle Scout Saving in the United States Congress.

A TRIBUTE TO INTERPRINT, INC.
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF
WILLIAM M. HINES, SR.

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the outstanding community service of Interprint, Inc., which for 20 years, under the direction of William M. Hines, Sr., has continually made social responsibility and commu-

nity involvement a hallmark of the company. Mr. Hines recognizes the importance of building and maintaining a community presence which has become a keystone of Interprint, Inc.'s success as well as the City of Pittsfield.

Recently, Mr. Hines has chaired a number of specialty events for the American Red Cross—Berkshire County Chapter (2003–2004), including the 2004 Fashion Show, which raised \$10,000 to help disaster victims of Berkshire County.

In addition, Interprint, Inc. has always been a pacesetter company for the Berkshire United Way Annual Fund Drive which supports the enhancement of the quality of life in our community through the support of non-profit human service organizations and their programs. Interprint also has supported the American Heart Association as a sponsor for the Heart Ball in 2003 and 2004 and the American Heart Walk in 2004. Mr. Hines was also involved with the Capital Fund Drive for Kid's Place in 1997 raising funds to provide an interdisciplinary, cooperative team approach to address the needs of children subjected to violence. The center provides a safe, caring, home-like atmosphere that coordinates the combined knowledge of law enforcement, social service, medical, prosecutorial, and mental health agencies to ensure an effective response to childhood trauma.

Finally, I commend Interprint, Inc. on its 20th Anniversary, September 15, 2005, for the many years of community service that it has contributed to Berkshire County. I look forward to the many years ahead that Interprint, Inc. will continue to be a productive and contributing member of the surrounding community.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES DELMAR
ELLIS

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to James Delmar Ellis, a marshal for the Brighton Colorado Police Force. While Night Marshal Ellis was making his rounds in downtown Brighton on March 6, 1908 at 2:20 a.m., he encountered three men. When he was ordered to throw up his hands and halt, Ellis refused and one of the three opened fire. Ellis, though hit, gallantly returned fire then made his way to a telephone office for help. In a short time, two local doctors arrived but Marshal Ellis's condition was assessed as grave and was placed on a train to Denver but died en-route at the young age of twenty-five.

The investigation of the event revealed that the three men were attempting to break into the United States Post office located in Brighton.

Marshal James Delmar Ellis died serving the people of Brighton. In May of 2005 his name was added to the Roll Call of Fallen Officers at the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Marshal Ellis and all of our nations' fallen officers by honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our communities.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRIAN ROBERSON, RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the superior academic performance of Brian Roberson, a recipient of this year's Presidential Freedom Scholarship. Thirteen students in the 26th Congressional District are receiving this special recognition.

This award recognizes outstanding service and citizenship initiatives by the students, who were nominated, and provides an opportunity to acknowledge their leadership. Administered by Learn and Serve America, the scholarship provides \$500 in Federal funds, matched with \$500 from a community organization or business obtained for the student by their high school or Boys and Girls Club. Winners must have completed at least 100 hours of community service, either through a school-based service-learning program or independently through service at a nonprofit or faith-based organization.

Brian is a member at the Technology Center Boys and Girls Club. This organization also contributed the matching funds worth \$500.

Over 38,000 students to date have received this award and I extend my sincere congratulations to Brian Roberson for being one of them. This student's contribution and services should serve as inspiration to those who wish to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

RECOGNIZING SHAWN PATRICK
BURT FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK
OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Shawn Patrick Burt of Kansas City, MO, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Shawn will receive his Eagle at a Court of Honor on September 18 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Shawn has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Shawn has been involved with scouting he has earned numerous merit badges and has served in leadership positions within his troop.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Shawn Patrick Burt for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout. It is an honor to represent Eagle Scout Burt in the United States Congress.