

Councilwoman Audrey J. King, an accomplished professional and tireless community activist, who died Friday, September 30, 2005.

A longtime community leader and an integral part of the incorporation movement for the City of Miami Gardens, Councilwoman King was elected as the first representative of City Council Seat 3 in July 2003 and served in that capacity until her passing. Prior to the incorporation of the City, Councilwoman King was twice elected to the Miami-Dade County Community Council 3, where she served as chairwoman and vice-chairwoman from 1996 to 2002. She also served as vice-chair of the North Dade Community Development Task Force, volunteered in numerous charity activities and was honored throughout her career for her dedication to the people of our community.

She was a life member of the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP, serving for several years as the Political Action Chair. Councilwoman King was also a devoted member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; the First Baptist Church of Bunche Park; and a founding member of UP-PAC, Unrepresented Peoples Positive Action Council.

She leaves behind a legacy of achievement and inspiration, for she was an example of what genuine caring and unrelenting commitment can accomplish. Councilwoman King gave tirelessly of herself for the benefit of those around her and will be sorely missed. Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, October 8th at First Baptist Church of Bunche Park.

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HONORING TWO NAVY VETERANS  
FROM COLORADO

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two veterans I know personally from my hometown of Fort Morgan, Colorado. Bob "Pete" Hobbs and Dominick Cardoza. I admire these two gentlemen for their service in the Navy, and their devotion to their families and community.

For 2 years, from 1954 to 1956, Pete and Dominick served together in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS *Badoeng Strait*, CVE 116. Both were assigned to the Second Division. Pete was on the deck and Dominick was in the Captain's Gig. It was during this time their friendship was forged, spending time at sea and taking part in a variety of military exercises.

They were also assigned to a gun crew that carried the responsibility of frequent firing exercises on a 40 mm gun. Because of these drills Dominick and Pete both suffer from tinnitus.

The most noteworthy of drills took place in 1956 while the *Badoeng Strait* operated around the Marshall Islands in the South Pacific during Operation Redwing. During these operations, Pete and Dominick were part of the crew that remained on the ship's deck during "Test Series of Atomic Weapons Devices." In the distance, H-bombs were exploded and this ship and the crew were subjected to the long range effects of the blasts, on numerous occasions.

The sailors were simply told not to look at the blast and to turn their backs. They were exposed to ionizing radiation. Afterwards the crew was checked for radiation and required to take a salt water bath. They were required to remove their clothes before entering the lower decks of the boat, and their garments were destroyed because of the radiation. The ship itself was scrubbed with Tide detergent.

They were told that the worst possible effect of the radiation was sterilization, nothing else!

In 1957, the *Badoeng Strait* was put out of commission in Bremerton, Washington. During the decommissioning process, Dominick and Pete were assigned to the lower deck for maintenance. They used air hammers to chip the paint from the decks and bulkheads. They were given no ear protection and, as a result, they both suffer from hearing loss. They were also exposed to asbestos, which covered much of the ship.

Afterwards, Dominick Cardoza was assigned to the USS *Lexington*, CVA 16, an aircraft carrier. Pete Hobbs was assigned to the USS *Vega*, AF 59, a supply ship.

I am touched by the story of Pete's and Dominick's service and sacrifice. As a direct result of the elements they were exposed to, both men are suffering from serious health complications. Pete has thyroid cancer and Dominick has other personal health problems.

Despite their enormous personal challenges, I find these men to be very uplifting and encouraging. They remain good friends today and live in Fort Morgan, Colorado. In addition, their wives Chris Hobbs and Sue Cardoza deserve respect and admiration for supporting their husbands.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor these two veterans who served our country with such distinctions. They are heroes that walk among us. I ask my colleagues in Congress to recognize their work and their sacrifices on behalf of our Nation, as well as the joy for life they have to this day.

May God bless all of our precious veterans and may he continue to bless this great Nation.

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HONORING RICHARD E. GUERIN,  
PRINCIPAL OF SAINT BEDE THE  
VENERABLE

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard Guerin, Principal of Saint Bede the Venerable and recipient of the 2005 National Distinguished Principal Award.

The National Distinguished Principals Program was established in 1984 as an annual event to honor exemplary elementary school principals who set the pace, character, and quality of the education children receive during their early school years. One principal is chosen from each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia, and this year Richard Guerin has been selected as a National Distinguished Principal.

St. Bede the Venerable is a Catholic School that serves the parish community and is both an expression of and a witness to the faith of its people. The school's main responsibility is in the area of Catholic education—preschool through eighth grade.

Believing that a child's development best occurs within the framework of a positive and structured environment, St. Bede School offers innovative educational programs of high quality. The aim of these programs is to challenge each student while teaching basic skills, within a Christian atmosphere where mutual respect, order, and values are a high priority. The core of our curriculum is religious education, both content and practice. Christian attitudes and values are the foundation of this developmental process.

Richard Guerin has been serving and teaching in the Archdiocese of Chicago for 34 years, 28 of those spent as principal of St. Bede. Before coming to St. Bede, he taught at Worth Junior High and Christ the King School. However, he fell in love with the job and the people at St. Bede where he has touched countless lives and been influenced by many lives in the community.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Richard Guerin who serves as an example of one of the best in PreK-8 school leadership and helps to foster a greater understanding of the principal's key role in meeting the challenging responsibility of educating children.

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IN TRIBUTE TO THE GREATER  
MILWAUKEE CHAPTER OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION  
FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO COMBAT  
GLOBAL POVERTY

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud an alliance of dedicated residents of the Fourth Congressional District for their passionate pursuit of peace and justice. On October 8, members of the Greater Milwaukee Chapter of the United Nations Association, together with an array of partner organizations, will host a Call to Action and Celebration of the Global Campaign to Make Poverty History.

This effort is extremely timely. Poverty has a devastating effect on the lives of those in developing countries, and creates structural problems for the global economy that ultimately harm our own economic well-being. The U.N.'s Millennium Development Goals call for progress in eight key sectors, including education, healthcare, environmental sustainability and gender equity. Taken together, these goals comprise a comprehensive strategy for reducing poverty and hunger.

In reality, addressing global poverty requires us to confront the impact of debt on developing countries' ability to invest in the infrastructure and social services needed to improve the quality of their citizens' lives. The weight of the international debt that many developing countries carry poses an enormous obstacle to real progress toward eradicating poverty. Debt payments to international creditors inhibit many countries' efforts to recover from natural disasters, or establish healthcare, education and clean water programs. Impoverished countries in Africa pay on average \$14 per person in debt service payments to international financial institutions, but spend only \$5 per person on healthcare.

In recognition of this fact, I cosponsored the JUBILEE Act, which directs the Secretary of

the Treasury to immediately begin working with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the G8 to cancel the debts owed by the world's 50 most impoverished nations.

I want to thank my constituents for their participation in this effort. I am proud of my community's commitment to pursue justice, dignity, and economic self-sufficiency for all of the world's citizens. I urge my colleagues to join me in championing this global initiative that will help secure a better, more prosperous and peaceful world for generations to come.

HONORING COACH PHIL DANAHER

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an outstanding citizen, teacher and coach from Corpus Christi, Texas: Phil Danaher. Coach Danaher reached an historical milestone on September 9, 2005, by achieving his 300th high school football victory and becoming a member of an elite group of coaches who have amassed such a record.

Coach Danaher is currently serving as the athletic director and head football coach at Calallen Independent School District and is in his 35th year of coaching. He is the winningest active coach in football and is surpassed by only three other coaches in number of victories.

Coach Danaher played high school football for Harlingen High School in Harlingen, Texas, where he was two-time All-District, and two-time All-Valley as quarterback. He continued his love for the game by playing college football at Angelo State University.

Mr. Danaher has proudly served as head coach for Calallen High School for the past 22 years, after beginning his career at San Antonio Edison as an assistant head coach. He later served as head coach for Dilley and Hamshire-Fannett high schools from 1974 to 1983 before arriving at Calallen in 1984.

His remarkable coaching talent was evident from the start, leading Dilley to the district championship and capturing three more district championships over the next 9 years at Hamshire-Fannett. Prior to Mr. Danaher's arrival, Calallen High School had not been to the playoffs in 29 years. After just one season, Coach Danaher turned the program around and led the school to the playoffs for 20 consecutive seasons.

However, for Coach Danaher, it is not all about the number of victories he accumulates. Mr. Danaher believes the real honor in coaching lies in the fact that the athletic program has made a difference in the lives of countless players who have come and gone over the years.

On the night of his 300th career victory, Coach Danaher graciously thanked the fans and his team for their significant contributions. When history remembers Coach Danaher, his win-loss record will be noted—but his most enduring legacy will be his record for teaching young people how to make the most of their talents and their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Coach Phil Danaher for his outstanding achievements and dedication to our south Texas community.

CONGRATULATING JUDIE DONALDSON

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Judie Donaldson for all of the work she has done for her community.

Ms. Donaldson spent many years working in the academia world before entering the non-profit sector full time. Moving from California, she found herself in Pittsburgh serving as the executive director of Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania, an organization that provides education, networking and other resources to philanthropic organizations.

Her work for this organization earned her the 2005 Athena Award. The award is presented by the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce and the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. Ms. Donaldson was one of six finalists for the award.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Ms. Donaldson for her work and dedication to the community. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a principled people in western Pennsylvania.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING NANCY AND MITCH TOTO ON THEIR 45TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Nancy and Mitch Toto were united in marriage October 1, 1960, and are celebrating 45 years of marriage; and

Whereas, Nancy and Mitch Toto were united in marriage at St. Casimirs in Adena, Ohio; and

Whereas, Nancy and Mitch Toto are the loving parents of two children and five grandchildren.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Nancy and Mitch Toto as they celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

HONORING NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Northwest High School, located in Justin, Texas, which has recently been selected as an Intel and Scholastic School of Distinction.

The Intel and Scholastic School of Distinction award recognizes schools that demonstrate excellence in implementing innovative programs to promote positive educational re-

sults. A total of 60 finalist schools across the nation were selected from 10 distinguished categories. Northwest High School has been selected for the Excellence in Leadership category that commends the influential effort of their dynamic leaders.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Northwest High School and to its principal, Jim Chadwell, for receiving this distinguished award given by the Intel Innovation in Education initiative and Scholastic Inc. Education is one of the most important gifts we can give our children, and Northwest High School has admirably contributed to the future of excellence in education.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR OF LIBERTY CITY ON ITS 47TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. I rise to recognize the Church of the Open Door in Liberty City, Miami on its 47th Anniversary, which was celebrated on Sunday, September 18, 2005.

To celebrate its 47th year, the Church hosted civil rights activist and preacher, Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, a colleague of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rev. Lowery's powerful sermon was heard by many of the Church's founding members who are still active in the congregation.

Open Door is home to many prominent activists in the Liberty City community. Many members participated in the March on Washington and other key events in the civil rights movement, and they continue to be strong voices in the fight for justice and equality.

The Church of the Open Door was built in 1958 at 6001 NW 8th Avenue, and was founded by the family of Marie Faulkner Brown. To celebrate this anniversary the church unveiled portraits of its founding members and pastors, and hosted four days of guest choirs, fellowship, and worship services for its annual revival week.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Open Door's pastor, Rev. Joaquin Willis, and his congregants on this happy occasion.

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to strongly support House Resolution 276. This resolution will help increase awareness about a horrible disease: Pancreatic cancer.

Few Americans may understand that pancreatic cancer is a horrific killer. This year alone, over 32,180 people will be diagnosed with this disease. Because there are no early detection tools for this cancer, 99% of those diagnosed will lose their lives.

Many Americans are not aware that pancreatic cancer has the highest mortality rate of all cancers; most patients only survive 3 to 6