

CONGRATULATING THE JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND FOR WINNING THE COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARD

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, the Jackson High School Band, with nearly 200 members, has for many years been the pride of Jackson County when they perform; and

Whereas, the Jackson High School Band represented Jackson in front of an international audience in Orlando, Florida and performed exceptionally; and

Whereas, Band Director Dick Berry had for 36 years helped to shape boys and girls into young men and women for the betterment of Jackson High School and Jackson County.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating the Jackson High School Band for winning this prestigious award.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF JUDGE
PAUL X. WILLIAMS, JR.

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Judge Paul X. Williams, Jr. Judge Williams passed away after a tragic struggle with cancer on October 3, 2005 in Booneville, Arkansas at the age of 67.

After graduating from the University of Arkansas Law School, Judge Williams moved to Booneville and carried on the legacy of his father, dedicating his life to the law. Shortly after moving to Booneville, he was appointed Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for South Logan County. In 1975, he was elected to his first of two terms as the Prosecuting Attorney for the 15th Judicial District.

In 1979, Judge Williams was named the City Attorney of Booneville and continued to serve in this capacity until 1990, when he was elected to the District Bench, a post he served until his death.

Judge Williams was a member of the First Baptist Church in Booneville, and well known throughout the community as a man deeply dedicated to his family, an avid golfer, and a terrific chef.

My condolences go out to his wife, Dottie; their daughters Jane, Charlotte and Natalie; his mother Elizabeth; his two sisters, two brothers and his grandson, Rane. Judge Williams will be deeply missed in Logan County and throughout Arkansas.

HONORING ERNEST DUNCAN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and commitment of Mr. Er-

nest Duncan of Pilot Point, Texas. Mr. Duncan's zealous and passionate spirit towards community service warrants recognition.

As a 90 year old gentleman, Mr. Duncan dedicates much of his time to those in need, whether near or far away. Since the tragic event of Hurricane Rita, Mr. Duncan has voluntarily made two trips to Beaumont, Texas to help the victims. He and others from the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief helped the effort by serving food, cooking and picking up trash for twelve hours everyday. During their first four-day tour in Beaumont, Mr. Duncan and his colleagues slept on cots and functioned without electricity or water.

In addition to his recent involvement in the Hurricane Rita relief effort, Mr. Duncan is a committed volunteer for the Texas Baptist Men's bricking crew, which travels across the country building churches. This effort helps minimize costs for churches and allows them to use their money towards other expenses and community projects.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I stand here today to recognize Mr. Ernest Duncan, who has dedicated his time to community service, and who has reached out to assist those outside the North Texas area. Mr. Duncan's admirable commitment to helping others is an inspiration to all generations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain how I would have voted on October 17, 2005 during Roll Call votes #521, #522, and #523 during the first session of the 109th Congress. The first vote was for approving the Journal, the second was H. Res. 457—Recognizing the importance and positive contributions of chemistry and supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week, and the third was H. Res. 491—Expressing the sense of the House with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

If present, I would have voted yes on these roll call votes.

RECOGNIZING KYLE JONES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Kyle Jones has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Whereas, Kyle Jones shall be recognized as the first Eagle Scout in the Barnesville Boy Scout Troop 71; and

Whereas, Kyle Jones should be commended for his dedication and perseverance.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Kyle Jones for his outstanding accomplishment.

WORLD FOOD PRIZE DAY

HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, as people around the globe observe World Food Prize Day, I am honored to recognize Norman E. Borlaug, a man who worked wonders to boost agricultural production and helped reverse widespread hunger in many countries.

A former University of Minnesota instructor, Borlaug is also an alumnus, having earned his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. there. Borlaug grew up on a farm, and became impassioned about the prospect of combating a wheat disease called rust late into his studies for his bachelor's degree. After 10 years of research, Borlaug developed a semidwarf variety of wheat that resisted rust and other diseases, was insensitive to light so that it could grow in a variety of climates, and was short and stalky enough to be heavily fertilized.

In time, he would become known as the Father of the Green Revolution.

By taking his wheat variety to Mexico in 1944, the country became self-sufficient in wheat production by 1956. By 1963, more than 95% of Mexico's wheat lands grew Borlaug's variety.

He took his success to other countries, notably India and Pakistan, reversing food shortages and helping to feed millions of people. He went on to train agronomists from every part of the world.

Borlaug was often warned that small farmers would never accept new technology. But he did not accept that judgment and worked tirelessly in the fields to earn trust, make doubters into believers, and change agricultural practices.

Borlaug also clearly understood that small peasant farmers needed more than improved farming production to be successful. Helpful economic policy had to exist to support the new technology, make the needed products available, and ensure fair grain prices. He has focused much time and energy to improve food distribution within countries, as well.

"If you don't do anything, you'll never have critics," Borlaug was known to have said. Although people questioned his technology or criticized it, it is believed that he saved more lives than any other person who has ever lived. He has also been called a "peaceful revolutionary" and a "consultant to governments of every political ideology."

Borlaug won the esteemed Nobel Peace Prize in 1970. In 2002, he received the National Academy of Science's highest honor, the Public Welfare Medal, for his work to fight hunger. He is the recipient of more than 49 honorary doctoral degree and many scientific and civic awards from around the globe. Because there was no similar award recognizing advancement in food production, Borlaug helped found the World Food Prize, celebrated yearly in October.

Mr. Speaker, as my home state celebrates Norman Borlaug Day and World Food Prize Day on October 16, I wish to extend my most humble gratitude and congratulations to this tireless and dedicated public servant. Norman Borlaug saw an opportunity to better lives, and he fought for it. He has spent a lifetime working to help countries adapt practices and policies to help them feed their people.

Thank you, Norman Borlaug. This nation—and many nations—thank you.

TRIBUTE TO THE MASSEY
AGENCY—30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to acknowledge the Massey Agency as this Newark firm celebrates its 30th anniversary. With Emma and Ramelle Massey at the helm of this woman/minority-owned insurance and brokerage firm, they offer services that are important to residents and businesses in the area.

Fortunately, for the City of Newark, the Massey Agency has always been committed to the needs of the community. Beginning with the late Raymond J. Massey who opened the agency's doors and continuing with his wife, Emma and daughter, Ramelle, the Massey Agency has been providing job opportunities and internship programs for local residents. In addition to the employment opportunities the Massey Agency has offered, they have also contributed financially to local community organizations which have assisted many young people and programs to achieve success for themselves and others in the community. Along the way, the agency has earned a standing as one of the predominant Minority Business Enterprise/Women's Business Enterprise in the Northeast. The agency has also received proclamations from the Mayor of Newark and the Independent Insurance Agents of New Jersey, which recognized the agency's longevity, dedication to the City of Newark and the quality of its insurance products and services.

Educated in some of the finest schools and universities, the Massey women are true professionals and exemplary role models. They are both multiple licensed insurance brokers offering a wide array of services. One of their goals is to expand their reach beyond the local community. With the tenacity, energy, intelligence and willpower of Emma and Ramelle, there is no doubt they will meet this self imposed challenge.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues agree that the Massey Agency and the Newark community have every right to be proud of the lasting contributions the agency has made to the Greater Newark Community. I am pleased to congratulate Emma and Ramelle Massey along with their employees on their 30th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING SUE MAXWELL

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Sue Maxwell has been named as the 2005 Vinton County Southeastern Ohio Regional Council Person of the Year; and

Whereas, Sue Maxwell has been acknowledged for her success in operating Ravenwood Castle; and

Whereas, Sue Maxwell should be commended for her business savvy and her dedication to Hocking Hills and Vinton County.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Sue Maxwell for her outstanding accomplishment.

THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
GRAND OLE OPRY, NASHVILLE, TN

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN. As one of the most renowned traditions in American music and broadcasting, the Grand Ole Opry continues to entertain and delight music lovers around the globe every week. Broadcast live from the Opry stage every Friday and Saturday night, the Grand Ole Opry is the Nation's longest-running radio show and the beloved home of our Nation's most celebrated music.

The show's original host, George D. Hay, introduced the first performance in 1925: 77-year-old Uncle Jimmy Thompson, who could "fiddle the taters off the vine," played "Tennessee Waggoner." Since then its audience has grown from a group of local Nashville listeners to the millions of music fans who tune in through satellite radio, television, and the internet.

The Ryman Auditorium's original well-worn oak wood Opry stage has moved with the show's changing venues through the years and has hosted some of America's most legendary country musicians—Patsy Cline, Roy Acuff, the Carter Family, Willie Nelson, Loretta Lynn, Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, and Bill Monroe. For many generations of Americans, Minnie Pearl's cheerful shout of "How-dee! I'm just so proud to be here!" will forever signify the start of another memorable and captivating Grand Ole Opry show.

My own personal connection to the Grand Ole Opry began when I met the legendary Opry duo Earl Scruggs and Lester Flatt during my father's 1950s political campaigns throughout Tennessee. Like so many others, I tuned in every week to listen to the gifted musicianship of the performers. And in a visit I shared with Earl Scruggs not too long ago, he told me that growing up in Shelby, North Carolina, he would walk across the hollow to a neighbor's house just to listen to the show every week because his family didn't have a radio. Both accomplished musicians and fans alike continue to hold the Grand Ole Opry in the highest esteem among America's musical traditions.

While the Opry has always stayed true to the musical roots upon which it was founded, it continues to evolve with the latest country sounds. The Grand Ole Opry's elite membership now includes accomplished artists like Martina McBride, Garth Brooks, Alan Jackson, Vince Gill, Brad Paisley, Patty Loveless, and Dierks Bentley who continue to entertain fans on the same oak wood stage every week.

In its 80 years, the Grand Ole Opry has come to mean something more than a weekly country show. In addition to extending Nashville and America's musical traditions through-

out the country and world, it is a way to connect with and pay tribute to America's musical influences and heritage. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of this beloved American musical institution and to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Grand Ole Opry.

CONGRATULATING IRON CITY PIPE
AND SUPPLY FOR WINNING THE
ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR
AWARD

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, owners Ray Brewer, Rick Smith and Eric Massie in true entrepreneurial spirit recognized a market opening in southern Ohio and capitalized on it; and

Whereas, Iron City Pipe and Supply has been able to adapt and grow and now serves the needs of businesses in a tri-state area; and

Whereas, Iron City Pipe and Supply is looking forward to continued growth and diversification to further benefit the Jackson area.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Iron City Pipe and Supply for winning this prestigious award.

BETTY LEE STRECKFUSS, DELEGATE
TO THE 2005 WHITE HOUSE
CONFERENCE ON AGING

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, during the second week of December, the 2005 White House Conference on Aging will take place in Washington, D.C. This is a once in a decade event where delegates from across the United States gather to make policy recommendations to the President and Congress on issues of importance to aging generations.

I had the privilege of nominating Betty Lee Streckfuss, RN, as a delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging, and I am proud to say that she will be in attendance as the delegate from the Second Congressional District of Texas.

Betty has a long and distinguished background in healthcare. A former Head Nurse of the Acute Care Pediatric Unit at Ben Taub Hospital in Houston, TX, Betty is currently serving as founder and associate partner of Streckfuss and Associates, a Texas based medical consulting endeavor specializing in clinical policies, procedures and regulatory issues. She is also secretary of the Houston/Harris County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council and a member of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature.

I commend Betty's commitment to healthcare. I have no doubt that her experience, insight, and sincere desire to advocate on behalf of our aging Americans will serve our community well at the 2005 White House Conference on Aging.