

man from Falmouth, Kentucky, who has shown a tremendous appreciation for the service of many veterans in Kentucky through his involvement with volunteer activities honoring the Men and Women who served in our Armed Forces.

Edward, or "Eddie"—as his friends call him, is an honorary member of American Legion Post 109 and despite his young age of 15, is actively involved with organizing annual Veterans Day events in Pendleton County.

Eddie often volunteers his time at the Legion Post—performing a variety of services and speaks to children at area schools about his work with veterans.

Being a Member of the American Legion, I thoroughly appreciate Eddie's hard work and commend him on volunteering his time in support of veterans everywhere.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN ZUTAVERN OF ABILENE, KANSAS

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize John Zutavern of Abilene, Kansas and congratulate him for receiving the 2005 Excellence in Local Government award from the League of Kansas Municipalities. I commend him for his excellence in leadership and passion for helping citizens of Abilene and the State of Kansas.

John's love for his community and his home-State is visible to everyone around him. He has been a diligent ambassador for Abilene and promotes the virtues of the city wherever he goes. He always welcomes guests with a warm greeting and hearty handshake. People like John are the ones who give small towns their good name.

John is involved in many community and civic groups, and his influence extends to all areas of the community. John has served the citizens of Abilene as a member of the City Commission since 1991, serving as Mayor on two different occasions. He is responsive to citizens and is known for being unafraid to take on new challenges. Forward thinking and innovativeness are also characteristics that John possesses, both of which help him in his leadership roles.

John's influence also extends to a statewide level. He was appointed Chairman of the Governor's Advisory Committee for Children and Families where he served from 1996 to 2000. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Health Institute. John has also served the League of Kansas Municipalities and is considered "the go-to guy" on the Governing Body. He has served with the League since 1994, taking on the responsibility of Vice President, President, and Chair of the Executive Director search committee.

I am pleased that John's hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed by the people of Kansas. Tonight, I extend my congratulations to John for being the 2005 Excellence in Local Government Award recipient, an honor he well deserves. Thank you for your dedication to serving the people of Abilene and the people of Kansas.

TRIBUTE TO MS. AMALIA V. BETANZOS

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to a woman of great integrity and character. Ms. Amalia V. Betanzos has decided to retire from the Wildcat Service Corporation after 27 years of dedicated leadership. Tonight, she will be honored for her service in the city of New York.

Born and raised in the South Bronx, Amalia is a graduate of New York University and has extensive experience in the public and private not-for-profit sectors. She has served in a variety of positions in the administrations of several New York Mayors. As Commissioner of the Youth Services Agency she helped to shape the destinies of more than half a million New York youth and gained a reputation for being an outstanding administrator with an untiring capacity to meet new challenges. As Executive Secretary to Mayor John Lindsay she was in charge of programs for the poor and the physically and mentally handicapped. As Commissioner of Relocation and Management services in the Housing and Development Administration, Amalia was directly in charge of coordinating relocation services to families in conjunction with the City's Urban Renewal programs and emergency housing.

Amalia's extensive experience in city government provided her with the breadth of knowledge necessary to lead an organization such as Wildcat Service Corporation. Founded in 1972, Wildcat's mission is to bring the chronically unemployed, for example, ex-offenders, public assistance recipients, former alcohol and substance abusers, high school dropouts, youth involved with the criminal justice system and persons with limited English language proficiency, into the regular labor force, thus breaking their cycle of poverty, addiction and crime. Under Amalia's strong leadership Wildcat changed the lives of countless New Yorkers, providing them and their families with a new lease on life.

Mr. Speaker, it is rare to find individuals who are willing to dedicate their entire lives to uplifting others. Amalia V. Betanzos is indeed one of these special people. She has literally improved the lives of thousands of individuals. Her efforts to empower society's most vulnerable citizens will not only change their destinies but also the destinies of generations to come. Surely that is the mark of a great career.

For her unyielding service and untiring spirit, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a dear friend, Ms. Amalia V. Betanzos.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF ALVA "TED" BONDA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Alva "Ted" Bonda, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-

grandfather, brother, WWII Veteran, and dear friend and mentor to many, including me. Mr. Bonda's life was framed by tenacity, integrity and heart, and although he will be greatly missed, he deeply touched the lives of everyone he knew.

Mr. Bonda will forever be remembered as a true renaissance man who possessed a high intellect, love for education and keen business savvy. He was born and raised in Cleveland and graduated from Glenville High School. He worked as a shoe store clerk and parking lot attendant before serving in the U.S. Army during WWII. Following the war, Mr. Bonda teamed up with childhood friend, Senator Howard Metzenbaum, to form their joint venture, APCOA Inc., which evolved into the world's largest parking lot company.

Though an extremely successful businessman, Mr. Bonda's unwavering dedication remained focused on his family and the Cleveland community. Together, Mr. Bonda and the late Marie C. Bonda raised their three children, Penny, Joel and Tom. Mr. Bonda's faith in the City of Cleveland and love for its people was just as steadfast. When it was largely feared that the Cleveland Indians could be whisked away to another town, Mr. Bonda stepped up to the plate and convinced more than 50 Cleveland business owners to purchase the team. As the Team President, he consistently dismissed out-of-towners looking to buy the team because they would not promise to keep the club in Cleveland. Most significantly, Mr. Bonda contributed to sports history and civil rights history by hiring Frank Robinson as the first African American Manager in the Major Leagues.

After retiring from business, Mr. Bonda renewed his commitment as a proponent of education. As a member of the Cleveland School Board during the 1980s, Mr. Bonda led the successful effort in persuading voters to support the first operating levy in many years. In 1984, he was appointed by then Governor Richard Celeste to the Ohio Board of Regents, where he served as Chairman from 1998 to 1991. Mr. Bonda was also a trustee with Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. In 1995, Cleveland State University's College of Urban Affairs awarded Mr. Bonda an honorary Doctorate degree.

A staunch and active Democrat, Mr. Bonda's wisdom and advice was consistently sought after by political hopefuls. His leadership infused significant energy and results into the momentum of numerous local and national campaigns, including those of President Jimmy Carter, presidential candidate George McGovern, Senator Howard Metzenbaum, Ohio Governor Richard Celeste, and my own congressional campaigns.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Alva "Ted" Bonda. I offer my deepest condolences to his daughter Penny, sons Joel and Tom, daughter-in-law, Jodi; his grandchildren; great grandchildren; extended family and many friends.

Mr. Bonda left this world with a legacy that will forever shine hope and light upon his family, friends and upon our entire Cleveland community. His joy for life, caring heart and concern for the people of Cleveland defined his life and resounds every spring with the first at bat; and will live on in the hearts of all he who knew and loved well, today, and for all time.

**SALUTE TO HURRICANE
VOLUNTEERS AT DFW AIRPORT**

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the States along the gulf coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank the DFW Airport and their donation during Hurricane Katrina. Jeffrey Fegan, the CEO of DFW, and Ken Capps, the Vice President of Public Affairs, sent six DFW firefighters to relieve others at the New Orleans Airport. These firefighters were Adrian Garcia, Darren Himes, Jacob Evens, Terry Cole, Dan White and Sullivan McNulty.

I stand here today to sincerely thank the DFW Airport for their hard work and help during the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. It is people like them that I am proud to call fellow Texans. Through their contribution, they not only stand as devoted and giving American citizens, but they serve as an inspiration to others.

**PROTECTION OF LAWFUL
COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT**

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I voted against S. 397, the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. After careful consideration off the bill and its impact on the citizens of North Carolina and the United States, I determined that it would unacceptably infringe on their constitutional right to legal redress in our Nation's courts, as well as subvert North Carolina law, which already prohibits frivolous lawsuits against the firearms industry.

Although I voted in favor of similar legislation in the 108th Congress, S. 397 is a much different bill. This bill extends unprecedented immunity to many groups beyond federally licensed firearms dealers and manufacturers, and it sets the bar of proof so high as to prohibit meritorious suits against unscrupulous dealers and manufacturers. This bill allows the firearms industry to put profits ahead of safety; under this bill manufacturers do not have to ensure that the dealers and wholesalers to whom they sell weapons are acting in good faith and within the parameters of the law. Law-abiding gun owners do not want more gun control laws. What we need is more vigorous enforcement of the gun laws that are already on the books.

As a lifelong gun owner, I take seriously my commitment to upholding the Constitution and our Second Amendment right to bear arms. I am also committed to the right of individuals to freedom and safety, as well as their day in court, and this bill would subvert those rights.

**IN TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
BROTHER DELOCH**

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Mr. Brother Deloch, a constituent of mine and well-beloved and respected husband of 75 years, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle. I was saddened to recently learn of his passing on Friday evening, October 14, at the age of 97.

Mr. Deloch was born January 20, 1908 in Macon, Mississippi to the late Mr. Israel and Mrs. Cora (Grey) Deloch. After the death of his father, Brother Deloch, along with his mother and siblings, moved to Kinloch, Missouri. During the late 1920's Brother Deloch met Emma Lou Dailey and on January 22, 1930 they were joined in holy matrimony. He remained faithfully married his whole life; Brother and Emma Lou had nine children together. Brother and Emma Lou were together as husband and wife for 75 years, Mr. Speaker.

Soon after getting married and making it through the great depression, Brother Deloch worked for several years installing and repairing motors as an employee of the French, Gerleman Electric Company. From there, he became a clerk for the Missouri Kansas Texas (MKT, Katy) Railroad Company and later for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. He retired in 1973 and moved to Mulberry Grove, Illinois where he played a vital role in developing the infrastructure of the Royal Lakes Sub-Division. A little over a decade and a half later he returned to St. Louis where he served the pastor and the church family of Bostick Temple Church of God in Christ. He also worked in the Church Pantry and kept up his active and faithful service to the church and his community until his health began to fail earlier this year.

Brother Deloch leaves behind Emma Lou, his lovely wife of 75 years, four sons and three daughters: Marvell Aaron; Mozell Jr; Frederick Douglas; Walter James; Anetta Bernice Carter; and Annabelle Ireland of Flint, Michigan, and Anita Louise Hyshaw of St. Louis. He also leaves behind fourteen marvelous grandchildren, and twenty-four wonderful great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask those assembled here today to pay tribute to Brother Deloch and celebrate his long life, his faithful and loving marriage of seven and half decades, and the family and friends who remember him with great affection.

**IN HONOR OF MORRIS HABITAT
FOR HUMANITY OF NEW JERSEY**

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Morris Habitat for Humanity of New Jersey, a vibrant organization I am proud to represent. On October 29, 2005 the Board of Directors celebrates its Twentieth Anniversary.

Through both volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Morris Habitat for Humanity builds and rehabilitates houses in partnership with families in need. Hundreds of volunteers and partner families have allowed Morris Habitat for Humanity to provide affordable homeownership opportunities to low income families. There is no profit added to the sale price of the home and mortgage payments are returned to a revolving fund that is used to build more houses.

Morris Habitat for Humanity was formed in 1985 when a group of local residents traveled to New York City to hear former President Jimmy Carter and Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity International, speak at the first Jimmy Carter Work Project. The group returned and incorporated Morris Habitat for Humanity as a charitable nonprofit that same year, attaining, affiliate status in 1986.

Since its formation, Morris Habitat for Humanity has completed 26 homes in seven municipalities throughout the 11th Congressional District. The hard work and efforts donated by private corporations, non-profit organizations, local governing officials, schools, and citizens with whom Morris Habitat has built partnerships have contributed to the benefit of more than 110 individuals of which 70 are children.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of Morris Habitat for Humanity on the celebration of its 20 years of service to the Morris County area. Special praise is due to their dedicated staff and active volunteers who work cooperatively to provide affordable housing to families in need.

**IN HONOR OF DR. I. KING JORDAN
ON HIS RETIREMENT**

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. I. King Jordan upon his retirement as president of Gallaudet University on December 31, 2006. Dr. Jordan is an accomplished, respected leader and someone I consider a personal friend.

Dr. Jordan became the Nation's first deaf university president when appointed in 1988 and the first deaf president to preside over Gallaudet University. During his tenure there he has proven to be an able, caring leader propelling the university forward as well as becoming a strong advocate for deaf students on the Federal level.

Among his accomplishments, he led the university's first ever capital campaign, raising nearly \$40 million, which supported the construction of the state-of-the-art Student Academic Center and contributed to the extraordinary increase in the university's endowment, which paved the way for an increase in scholarships and more academic programs. He also established a fellows program to provide support for deaf college graduates to complete their terminal degrees and become faculty members.

Dr. Jordan was not only a strong advocate for the Gallaudet community, but for individuals with disabilities across this Nation. Another proud accomplishment of Dr. Jordan's is the work he did to assist with the passage of