

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and for the gratitude our country feels for his service. Sergeant Salie died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty, on a noble mission to help spread the cause of freedom in Iraq and liberate an oppressed people from tyrannical rule. He was a true American.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL TRUCK EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATION

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a fine organization in my congressional district, the National Truck Equipment Association, NTEA, which is the leading association supporting the commercial truck and transportation equipment industry.

Established in 1964, the NTEA supports the \$86 billion commercial truck and transportation equipment industry. The Association currently represents nearly 1,600 companies that manufacture, distribute, install, sell and repair commercial trucks, truck bodies, truck equipment, trailers and accessories.

The multi-service work trucks produced by NTEA member companies are vitally important to our Nation's economic system and our day-to-day living. Almost all delivery, utility, repair, maintenance, disposal/recycling and emergency services, as well as the construction and agricultural industries, utilize commercial vehicles. These versatile vehicles enable us to deliver goods, construct and repair roads, homes and buildings, transport people, provide emergency fire, medical and rescue services, install and repair utilities, collect trash for disposal and recycling, control snow and ice, and operate farms, among many other services.

At the heart of today's commercial truck and transportation equipment industry are an estimated 4,000 small businesses, many of them family-owned, about 2,000 of which operate as distributorships. In aggregate, the work truck and equipment industry has annual sales of more than \$90 billion and employs more than 75,000 people.

This week, NTEA will host its 41st Annual National Truck Equipment Association Convention and Work Truck Show, one of the largest trade events in the United States. The show, which represents the largest gathering of work trucks and equipment in North America, will bring together manufacturers, distributors, fleet managers, leasing companies, dealers, buyers and users of work trucks in all industries in an environment designed to deliver the newest products, encourage peer interaction and enhance professional development.

In honor of this 41st Annual Convention, I want to commend NTEA and its member companies for their significant contributions to the country. I look forward to working together with NTEA to build upon its achievements to make the association even stronger for the future.

HONORING BERKELEY VICE MAYOR MAUDELLE SHIREK

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of an extraordinary woman and one of my political heroes, Berkeley Vice Mayor Maudelle Shirek. In the nearly four decades Maudelle has spent as an activist, community leader, and elected official in the East Bay, she has exemplified not only what it means to be a true public servant, but through her efforts as a leader and a mentor has inspired countless members of younger generations to become involved in politics and to actively work for positive change within their communities and beyond.

A granddaughter of slaves, Maudelle came to the Bay Area over 60 years ago from Jefferson, Arkansas. Before long she became an activist for fair housing and civil rights for African Americans as well as other disenfranchised populations. She later went on to become an office manager and labor organizer at the Co-Op Credit Union, helping many people get loans to buy their first homes, pay for education or start small businesses, making it possible for many families and individuals in the 9th District to achieve financial stability.

Following her service at the Credit Union, Maudelle went on to found two senior centers. When she worked for the City of Berkeley as Director of the West Berkeley Senior Center, she simultaneously served on the State Executive Board of Service Employees International Union, Local 535, and initiated the first municipal Labor Commission in California. She also founded the New Light Senior Center in 1976, which she still actively oversees. Active in politics throughout this time, she mentored and encouraged others to become active as well. She convinced me, as well as my predecessor in the 9th District, Congressman Ronald Dellums, that to become truly effective in the fight for lasting change, we must become active and directly engaged in politics in our communities.

After decades of service to her community, Maudelle herself became a candidate for public office, and was elected to the Berkeley City Council in District 3 in 1984. Maudelle was the first Berkeley City Councilmember, and one of the first elected officials in the state, to take action against the AIDS pandemic by spearheading efforts to provide educational materials, needle-exchange programs, and housing for AIDS patients. When the county hospital tried to close its facilities serving AIDS patients, she chained herself to the doors to call attention to the plight of AIDS victims. As a result of her efforts, that facility remains open today. Throughout her tenure on the City Council, her dedication to her constituents and commitment to bettering the lives of those in her community earned her the unwavering support of residents within her district, and resulted in seven reelections as well as her election as the Vice Mayor of Berkeley.

Maudelle recently completed her eighth and final term on the Berkeley City Council, but her devotion to her community remains steadfast. At the New Light Senior Center, she continues to work to promote healthy eating hab-

its and lifestyles for all residents, and still does all the shopping for lunches at the Center every Tuesday. She continues to be a role model and a tireless worker for civil and human rights, peace, and justice and persists in the fight to reorder our national priorities. She is a mentor, a friend, and a woman who I look to for advice and care.

On Saturday, February 26, 2005, Vice Mayor Maudelle Shirek will be honored in Berkeley, California for her extraordinary life and accomplishments. Though we recognize and honor the truly incomparable contributions Maudelle has made to our community, we have barely begun to realize the true profundity of her social and political legacy. Maudelle's uncompromising fidelity to her ideals and compassion for people will never cease to be a source of hope, purpose, and conviction for those seeking to continue her work for peace, equality, and justice. Maudelle's vision for a better and more peaceful world is one that transcends time and place, and the lasting effects of the work inspired by that vision will shape the lives of countless individuals for generations to come. On this very special day, I salute, congratulate, and thank Maudelle Shirek for what she has given her community, our country, and the entire world.

TRIBUTE TO ANNIE SELLERS AS SHE CELEBRATES HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DELAUR

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Ms. DELAUR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many family and friends who have gathered to celebrate the 100th birthday of one of our community's most outstanding citizens and my dear friend, Annie Sellers. Since she came to New Haven in 1958, Annie has been an active member of the community—especially with our senior citizens.

Our communities would not be the same without the efforts of those who volunteer their time and energies to make a difference. Advocate, champion, and friend—Annie has always been there to assist those in need. I have been fortunate enough to know Annie for many years and have always been proud to work with her. Her friendship, to both myself and my mother, has meant more to us than words could ever express.

As the founder and director of the Farnum Senior Center, Annie's contributions to the New Haven community have been invaluable. Our seniors face so many challenges which is why organizations like the Farnum Senior Center are so important. Annie recognized this need within her own community and created a place where the seniors of Farnum Courts could gather together—a place where they could discuss issues of importance to them, receive information on the programs and services that are available to them, and where they would always find an advocate ready to meet their needs. It is because of people like Annie—true leaders—that the voices of our seniors never go unheard.

In addition to her work within the Farnum Courts community, Annie has also been an

active member of the National Council of Senior Citizens, the National Association of Mature People, and the National Tenants Organization. A member of the Faith Missionary Baptist Church in West Haven for nearly fifty years, she has held various leadership positions within the congregation as well. All of this, and Annie still found the time to raise twelve children of her own and act as a foster mother to numerous other children. Through her compassion, love, and generosity, Annie has quietly touched the lives of many and left an indelible mark on our community.

Through all of her good work, Annie brings a very special gift to our community—that of hope and inspiration. That is why I am proud to stand today to join her twelve children; thirty grandchildren, fifty-nine great-grandchildren; and thirty-five great-great-grandchildren; family, friends, and the New Haven community in marking this remarkable milestone—the 100th birthday of Annie Sellers. Marking a century of life, this very special occasion reflects her extraordinary resilience and strength of spirit. She is a true community treasure—Happy Birthday, Annie!

CONGRATULATING OFFICERS AND
MEMBERS OF EMSWORTH BOR-
OUGH VOLUNTEER FIRE DE-
PARTMENT

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the officers and members of the Emsworth Borough Volunteer Fire Department on the occasion of the Department's 100th Anniversary. The members of the Fire Department have unselfishly served the citizens of Emsworth for the greater part of the past century and now look forward to continuing their brave service in the 21st century.

The community of Emsworth cites the Volunteer Fire Department as "an organization that has become the backbone of the community." From its inception in 1905, the department has served as a valuable resource to the community. In 1995, the department expanded into providing service for Glenfield Borough, proving that its commitment to service includes not only its citizens, but its local neighbors as well.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Volunteer Fire Department of Emsworth. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute citizens such as the Emsworth Volunteer Firefighters who truly embody the spirit of public service and the meaning of bravery.

A VERMONT FILMMAKER OF NOTE

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to inform this body that Eugene

Jarecki, a filmmaker in Waitsfield, Vermont, has been awarded the Grand Jury Prize at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival. Mr. Jarecki won this prestigious award for his documentary, *Why We Fight*.

Mr. Jarecki provides a balanced view of what President Eisenhower warned was a danger to democracy: the "military-industrial complex." He interviews, for instance, supporters of the current war in Iraq such as Weekly Standard editor William Kristol and Richard Perle, Chairman of the Defense Policy Board; he also interviews those who warn of dangers which may emerge from the prosecution of that war, talking with Senator JOHN McCAIN, news anchor Dan Rather, and USAF Lt. Col. (Ret.) Karen Kwiatkowski.

Sundance describes his film succinctly and accurately: "Why We Fight is an inside look at the anatomy of the American war machine, examining how a force so potentially counter to the balance of a democratic society influences American life. Amid the upheaval of the Iraq War, the film follows the personal stories of a group of characters in America's military family.

"Why does America fight? Time and again, why does she seem inclined toward war against an ever changing array of enemies? What are the forces—economic, political, ideological—that shape and propel American militarism? Where do they meet? And what role does the individual play?"

Writing in the New York Times this week in honor of the recently deceased Arthur Miller, fellow playwright (and Vermont resident) David Mamet wrote, "Bad drama reinforces our prejudices. It informs us of what we knew when we came into the theater. Good drama survives because it appeals not to the fashion of the moment, but to the problems both universal and eternal, as they are insoluble." Eugene Jarecki makes good films.

The balance in his film, along with the craft and care with which it was made, propelled Jarecki's work to its Sundance Award. As Vermont filmmaker Jay Craven noted, Jarecki's "film emerged as a top Sundance hit precisely because it articulates a view that goes far beyond the seasonal politics of elections to pose larger and enduring questions."

In this era when too often political "spin" substitutes for reasoned analysis and the study of history, Eugene Jarecki has shown us that the media have a vital role to play in educating us about our political and economic past, and about our future. Vermont is as proud of him as the judges at Sundance were; and we are happy that he is once again en route to sharing his cinematic work with the entire nation.

IN HONOR OF MR. GARY GARMANN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Gary Garmann, a local architect that brought the beauty of form to the 17th District. Mr. Garmann passed away on January 24, 2005 at age 62. He is survived by his loving wife, Robin, his son, Rees; daughter Jodi; his parents Dorothy and Fritz Garmann,

of Silverdale, Washington and his brother Ken Garmann of Yelm, Washington.

Gary came to Santa Cruz in 1977, with a goal to expand his professional goals, and he made his presence known ever since. He helped rebuild the downtown region of Santa Cruz after the devastating Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989, by designing such buildings as LuLu Carpenter's and the Borders building downtown. These beautiful buildings now stand as local landmarks, and a testament to Mr. Garmann's talent as an architect.

Mr. Garmann's generosity and commitment to the community extended far beyond his ability to design beautiful architecture. He also selflessly donated his time to the Kuumbwa Jazz Center, where he sat on the board, as well as the Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History. Mr. Garmann additionally assisted in the planning of the Santa Cruz homeless shelter, giving his time and energy to those most deeply in need.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Mr. Garmann's family by celebrating his life and his contribution to society. His beautiful buildings, his generous spirit and his love for others, will stand as a testament to his character long into the future. Mr. Garmann is admired by all for his dedication both to his business and the community and he will be greatly missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JESSE
POOR

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Jesse Poor. Recently Mr. Poor retired as deputy commander of the Anniston Army Depot after 32 years of service. His record speaks for itself, and he is known throughout the community and in the Army for having done an outstanding job throughout his career.

Mr. Poor started at the Anniston Army Depot in 1972 as a trash collector. From those humble beginnings Mr. Poor advanced from factory worker all the way to the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University where he earned his master's degree. He later returned to the Depot to apply his experience and eventually rose to deputy commander.

During Mr. Poor's tenure the Depot exceeded its financial goals and increased its workload. He supported forward-thinking public-private partnerships, and in part because of his leadership the facility has distinguished itself within the Department of Defense as one of the most efficient of its kind.

The entire Calhoun County community owes Jesse Poor a deep sense of gratitude for his service, and I am honored to be able to recognize his achievements in the House today. Our community will remember his service for years to come.