

His continued support of the law enforcement community has earned Walter many accolades from various groups. The Paterson Police Benevolent Association presented Mr. Porter, a past president of the association, the Lifetime Silver PBA Card. Additionally he is an Honorary Chief of the Passaic County Chiefs Association.

Walter Porter will be deeply missed on the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders. His legacy of integrity, devotion and commitment to his community will carry on in all of the wonderful accomplishments he saw come to fruition during his tenure in public service.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the extraordinary efforts of public servants like Walter Porter. I ask that you join our colleagues, Walter's family and friends, a grateful County of Passaic, New Jersey and me in recognizing Walter W. Porter, Jr. for his long history of leadership and community service.

IN MEMORY OF JACK ROSENBERG

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the lifelong accomplishments of Jack Rosenberg. Mr. Rosenberg died January 11, 2005, at the age of 84.

A graduate of Milwaukee's Riverside High School, Jack Rosenberg went on to serve in the armed forces in WWII before settling into a long and successful business career. He led several corporate entities, and retired in 1995 after overseeing the national franchise of TeleCheck for over 18 years.

Throughout his life Jack maintained a strong commitment to improving life in the City of Milwaukee. He had a great variety of interests and he never hesitated to offer hands-on leadership when needed. His concern for the needs of low income families is evident in his work with the COA Youth and Family Center. He received the Grand Avenue Leadership Award in recognition of his efforts to provide work opportunities and cultural experiences for people with disabilities. Several noted small businesses benefited from a loan fund he endowed with the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation.

His financial contributions to productive non-profit organizations working in the areas of arts, civil liberties, entrepreneurship, and education are too numerous to list.

It saddens me to note the passing of such a committed and distinguished individual. I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize Jack for these profound contributions to so many individuals, as well as the entire Milwaukee community.

CONGRATULATING THE ST. LUKE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the St. Luke

A.M.E. Zion Church of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania on its 160th anniversary.

This past December the church celebrated the anniversary of its foundation in 1844 and stands as the oldest African American church in Lawrence County. St. Luke's is a source of inspiration and symbol of strength for all its members and the Lawrence County community as a whole. In order to mark the special occasion Reverend Kevin Lee, assistant pastor of the Second Baptist Church of New Brighton, spoke at the 11 a.m., Sunday worship. Reverend Robert Lewis Sr., former pastor of St. Luke's and current pastor of St. James of Massillon, Ohio, spoke following a 4 p.m. catered dinner.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the congregation of St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute an enduring institution like St. Luke's.

RECOGNIZING RYAN GARY FRAZER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Gary Frazer, 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 45, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Ryan is currently a senior at Central High School in Saint Joseph, Missouri, and is the son of Gary and Sandy Frazer.

Ryan began his scouting career as a Tiger Cub Scout before advancing to Webelo Scout. After completing Cub Scouts, Ryan rose through the ranks of the Boy Scouts, achieving the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class Scout, First Class Scout, Star Scout, Life Scout, and now Eagle Scout. Ryan served his troop in numerous leadership positions, including Librarian, Historian, Scribe, and Patrol Leader. Along the way, Ryan earned 24 merit badges and several awards including the Arrow of Light Award and the 50 Miler Award on three separate occasions for Adventure Trips to Wyoming, Mississippi, and Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Ryan is also a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, where he holds the name "Ice Badger."

For his Eagle Scout project, Ryan led a team of volunteers that renovated the children's playground area at Ashland United Methodist Church in Saint Joseph. The playground area is an integral part of Church life, as it sits in the center of the Ashland United Methodist's courtyard; the playground is used by children attending numerous church classes and activities. Ryan and his team spent over 100 hours completing this project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan Gary Frazer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

FILIPINO VETERANS' EQUITY ACT INTRODUCTION

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Filipino Veterans Equity Act, bipartisan legislation which would grant full recognition of the service and sacrifices of a key group of veterans and return to them the benefits promised to them by the U.S. government.

On July 26, 1941, President Roosevelt issued a military order, calling members of the Philippine Commonwealth Army into the service of the United States Forces of the Far East, under the command of then Lieutenant General Douglas MacArthur.

From 1941 to 1945, over 100,000 Filipinos of the Philippine Commonwealth Army fought alongside the allies to reclaim the Philippine Islands from Japan. A second group of Filipino veterans, the New Philippine Scouts (or "Special Philippine Scouts") enlisted under U.S. Armed Forces command after October 6, 1945. Regrettably, instead of fulfilling promises made and providing equal benefits in return for their service, Congress enacted the Rescission Act of 1946. The Rescission Act limited Filipino veterans' eligibility for service-connected disability pensions, death benefits, and other benefits provided to U.S. Armed Forces veterans.

Correcting this inequity is long overdue. There are less than 50,000 survivors of the total estimated 300,000 Filipino veterans who served during World War II. Approximately 20,000 of these survivors are not receiving the full benefits they earned. By 2010, the VA estimates there will only be a total of 20,000 World War II Filipino veterans in all categories. I urge my colleagues to join me in moving this legislation forward in the 109th Congress, and working with me to provide these deserving veterans the benefits they deserve.

HONORING DONALD A. SPENCER, SR. AS A GREAT LIVING CIN- CINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald A. Spencer, Sr., an educator, real estate broker, community activist, musician and composer, who will be formally honored as a Great Living Cincinnatian on February 24, 2005 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. Recipients of this prestigious annual award are chosen on the basis of professional achievement; leadership; vision; and community service. Past honorees have included Neil Armstrong; Dr. Albert Sabin and Charles Scripps—and Mr. Spencer's energetic wife of 64 years, Marian, a former vice mayor of Cincinnati and longtime community activist. In fact, Mr. Spencer is the first recipient of the award to be married to a Great Living Cincinnatian.

Born in Cincinnati, Mr. Spencer graduated from Walnut Hills High School and earned

bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Cincinnati before embarking upon an eighteen year teaching career at Douglas Elementary and Stowe and Bloom Junior High Schools.

He enjoyed teaching, but became interested in selling real estate in 1944 after he and Marian purchased their first home. He opened a real estate office while he continued teaching for six years. Eventually, Donald A. Spencer and Associates grew to 23 employees in two offices, and flourished for thirty years. In 1986, Mr. Spencer was the first African American member of the Cincinnati Board of Realtors, and served on its statewide legislative committee. Later, he was named President of the Cincinnati Association of Real Estate Brokers, and was active with the National Association of Real Estate Brokers.

Mr. Spencer has remained active in education. He co-chaired the Cincinnati Public Schools' successful 2001 school levy campaign, and in 2003, he co-chaired the Cincinnati's Active in the Support of Education, which helped pass a \$485 million school levy to build 35 new schools and renovate the remaining ones.

A lifetime member of the NAACP, Mr. Spencer has also served on the boards of Ohio University; Family Housing Developers; Friends of Cincinnati Parks; Walnut Hills High School Foundation; and Ohio Valley Goodwill. Among his many awards are the Ohio University Board of Trustees' Founders Citation and the Cincinnati Charter Committee's Charles P. Taft Civic Gumption Award.

The Spencers have two sons and two grandsons.

All of us in Cincinnati congratulate Donald Spencer on being named a Great Living Cincinnati.

HONORING JUDY HART, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ROSIE THE RIVETER/WORLD WAR II HOME FRONT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK UPON HER RETIREMENT

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to recognize Judy Hart who is retiring after a twenty-seven year career with the National Park Service.

Judy Hart has served as the first superintendent of the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, California. My legislation creating the new national park was signed into law by President Clinton on October 24, 2000, and Ms. Hart began as Superintendent on January 15, 2001.

Prior to becoming Superintendent, Judy coordinated the study for the new park. She has devoted the last four years of her career to laying the foundation for this national park. The Rosie Park recognizes the City of Richmond and its unique heritage as the epicenter of a national effort to memorialize and interpret the contribution of the Home Front. Many of the experiences that began in Richmond not only helped to win World War II but also changed the way the nation thought about civil rights, child care, health care and labor rights.

The challenges Judy has faced, and the obstacles she has overcome, are even more remarkable because, as a "partnership park," all of the land and buildings are owned by entities other than the National Park Service. In addition, the federal funds available for start-up are limited. Working with a number of grants, volunteers and her public and private donors, Judy will turn over to her successor a sound structure on which to build. She made an incomparable contribution to moving the RRNP from concept to reality.

Her accomplishments at RRNP include working with many partners to accomplish the following: oversaw the implementation of the General Management Plan process which she also is coordinating with the City of Richmond's general plan amendment; worked with the Port of Richmond to open Shipyard #3 to visitors; none of the historic structures have been torn down even though every structure in the Park legislation has been threatened with demolition; National Register nominations will shortly be completed for all structures but one within the Park; developed Phases one and two for oral histories of home front workers. In addition, over 9,000 Rosies have contacted the Park to share their names and short stories. After connecting with the Park, over 2,000 Rosies have written out the whole story of their home front adventures, up to 55 typed pages from one Rosie. Over 2,000 Rosies have donated their precious mementos, treasured for over 50 years and now delivered to the safekeeping of the Park. Volunteer hours went from 0 in 2003 to over 3,000 hours in 2004.

Judy Hart's career in the Park Service spans 27 years. Prior to moving to California for this new position, Ms. Hart worked for 12 years in the Washington, D.C. headquarters. She was the first National Program Coordinator for the National Heritage Areas which are partnership areas privately owned and managed in cooperation with the NPS. Previous to that Ms. Hart developed the Conservation Study Institute, now operated in partnership with the University of Vermont and the new Marsh Billings National Historical Park in Woodstock, Vermont.

Ms. Hart served in the Washington office of Legislation for 6 years, supporting the creation of Petroglyphs National Monument, Marsh Billings National Historical Park, the Mary McLeod Bethune National Historic Site, and Manzanar National Historic Site, as well as many other park units.

Ms. Hart lived for 6 years in Seneca Falls, NY and was the first superintendent of the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, after suggesting the idea, working on the study and working on the legislation. Prior to that, Ms. Hart worked on park legislation out of the NPS Regional office in Boston, MA.

Prior to her career with the Park Service, Ms. Hart worked for the Boston Redevelopment Authority, City of Boston, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as Director of the Bureau of Relocation. She also worked for the Federal Highway Administration on Environmental Impact Statement reviews.

She began her career in publishing at Little, Brown and Company, and as a company newsletter editor for the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, both in Boston. Her graduate degree is in English Literature from Cornell University, and her graduate degree is a

Master of Arts in law from Goddard College in Vermont.

Mr. Speaker, because of Ms. Hart's many contributions to preserving and interpreting our nation's history, I am delighted to have this opportunity to recognize her unique contributions, especially to the Rosie the Riveter National Park, and to ask all Members of the House to join me in wishing her well in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE SENECA VALLEY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Seneca Valley Girl's Volleyball team, this year's Class AAA WPIAL Champions. Head coach Heather Haff, lead the Seneca Valley Raiders to the WPIAL Championship game, where they defeated the Mount Lebanon Lady Blue Devils. The Lady Raiders ended the season with an impressive 18-1 record.

I am happy to see such spirit, dedication, and teamwork flourishing in the congressional district that I represent. I wish the members of 2004 Seneca Girl's Volleyball team continued success.

I am proud to have such talented young athletes in the 4th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, and I ask that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join with me in recognizing their great achievement.

DISASTER ON THE HORIZON

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I cannot begin to guess how many times throughout my years of service in this institution I have heard my colleagues stand on this floor and pay homage to America's workers. I could probably paper these walls a dozen times over with the copies of speeches delivered here that have praised American working families for their contributions to our economy and our culture.

Patriotism, fairness, loyalty, a belief in hard work—these are just some of the qualities I have heard so accurately ascribed to America's working families. They are certainly traits deserving of public admiration. But I believe that they are also qualities that deserve to be preserved and maintained by Congress, because these are the threads that form the fabric of American life.

Today, the quality of life and the core values of America's working families are under siege, again, and the work of Congress faces unraveling. In particular, I raise the matter of a court decision last fall that knocked loose a core underpinning of the Coal Act.

In horrendous decisions, a federal judge thumbed his nose at Congress, and its work to ensure that the federal promise to America's miners would be kept. In a wrong-headed decision, that court placed in jeopardy the health care of thousands of elderly and ill retired miners and their spouses. The case involved Horizon Natural Resources—the nation's fourth