

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Lizzy Ratner as she celebrates her 30th Birthday.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PAIGE COLLIER HEMPHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the many accomplishments of Paige Collier, Hemphill Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Paige Collier did not always know she would be a schoolteacher. She took a personality test at the age of seventeen that told her that her ideal career would be as a motivational speaker. She doubted this was right for her, but, at the assurance of her friends, she realized she did possess an ability to inspire others.

Paige has since used this ability to be an outstanding elementary school teacher. She cites several elements that contribute to her teaching ability: a passion to love and serve people, a devotion to putting children first, and the desire to continuously learn and grow.

Paige contributes to her school community in many ways. She organizes an annual Storybook Festival and mentors her fellow teachers, caring for their students as if they were her own. Yet her greatest accomplishment remains the connections she establishes within her own classroom.

I am honored to recognize Paige Collier as the Hemphill Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Her dedication to her students and her passion to serve her community are a shining example to all teachers.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO J. RUSSELL KEITH IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE TO OHIO'S STATE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to a friend and ally of the public employers and employees of the State of Ohio. Since 1994, J. Russell Keith has served as General Counsel for the State Employment Relations Board. As he prepares to depart the Board after nearly eleven years of dedicated service, the many state employers and employees of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District offer our thanks.

As General Counsel, J. Russell Keith has provided legal direction to SERB as its members work to protect the rights of the public sector, which includes nearly 365,000 public employees under Ohio Revised Code 4117. For more than a decade, Russ has worked tirelessly to craft thoughtful and fair labor law for Ohio's public sector. As an accomplished attorney, Russ has been a determined advocate for the people of Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, the General Counsel to SERB has many responsibilities. One must provide legal support for the Board, draft and issue unfair labor practice complaints, oversee the Investigations Section, supervise the Hearings and Representation Sections, and assist Board members in the preparation of opinions and orders. Under his leadership, decisions were seldom appealed and rarely reversed. In addition to serving as General Counsel, on two occasions J. Russell Keith also lent his formidable management skills as Acting Executive Director of SERB. While his responsibilities have been substantial, Russ has performed superbly and served the people of the State of Ohio admirably.

Throughout Russ's accomplished career, he has enjoyed a broad range of legal experiences. After graduating from Capital University Law School, Russ served as an Attorney/Law Clerk for Ohio's Fourth District Court of Appeals. Later, Russ quickly became Chief Legal Counsel to the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services where he directed a legal program affecting nearly 230,000 Ohio employers.

The consummate professionalism with which J. Russell Keith has served the people of the State of Ohio by crafting evolving state labor decisions, primarily on issues of bargaining, deserves the highest commendation. His proficiency as General Counsel, leadership as Acting Executive Director, and compassion as a friend of all Ohioans will be sorely missed upon his departure from the State Employment Relations Board.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to J. Russell Keith in recognition of his superlative administrative service to Ohio's State Employment Relations Board. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize his many accomplishments. We wish Russ and his family all the best as we salute one of Ohio's finest citizens.

REMARKS ON WILLIAM CLAY FORD, SR'S RETIREMENT FROM FORD MOTOR COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William Clay Ford, Sr. for 57 years of dedicated service as a member of Ford Motor Company's Board of Directors. He has served on the Board with distinction for over half of Ford Motor Company's history of almost 102 years. As the only surviving grandson of the late Henry Ford and father of the current chairman, he uniquely links Ford's past and future.

Mr. Ford has had a long and distinguished career of service to Ford Motor Company. He was elected to the Board in 1948, a year before his graduation from Yale University. When the Design Committee of Ford's Policy and Strategy Committee was formed in 1957, Mr. Ford became its first chairman, a post he held until 1989.

In 1978, Mr. Ford was elected chairman of the Executive Committee and appointed a member of the Office of the Chief Executive. From 1980 until 1989, he served as vice chair-

man of the Board. From 1987 until 1995, he served as chairman of the Finance Committee, one of the most vital positions on the Board.

Mr. Ford served the Company as an employee from 1949 until 1989. He held a variety of executive positions including vice president and general manager of the Continental Division. In 1956, Mr. Ford assumed responsibility for corporate product planning and design. Throughout his career, he oversaw the design and development of a number of classic vehicles, including the Continental Mark II, a worthy successor to the Continentals designed by his father, Edsel Ford. The Mark II is considered by many to be one of the most beautiful personal luxury cars ever built.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. William Clay Ford, Sr. as he retires from the Ford Motor Company Board of Directors and in wishing him the best of luck as he becomes Director Emeritus.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SHERRY FRANCE, BARTON MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Sherry France, Barton Middle School Teacher of the Year.

Sherry France was inspired to teach by her grandmother, who taught grades one through twelve in a one-room school house in rural Virginia. A high school art teacher sparked her interest in teaching art, and after attending Radford College, she began her career.

Some of Sherry's fondest memories come from former students who have since become architects, designers, and artists. Sherry has set up a website that is updated regularly with samples of her class projects. The site offers students a chance to have their work available for their families and friends to see.

Sherry France strives to teach her students how to see what is beyond the surface. She believes that if you expect the highest quality, your students will surprise you.

It is my privilege to acknowledge Sherry France, Barton Middle School Teacher of the Year. Her passion and love of teaching have been a blessing to her community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 4 CONSTABLE DEPUTY FRANK "SCOTT" CLABORN

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Harris County Precinct 4 Constable Deputy Frank "Scott" Claborn who was killed by a drunk driver while escorting a road construction truck in Harris County, Texas on February 19, 2004. Claborn and his family reside in Magnolia, Texas in the Eighth Congressional District.

Deputy Claborn and 13 other Texas Law Enforcement Officers will be honored at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, on May 15, 2005.

Deputy Claborn's wife of 16 years, Paula Claborn and her 11-year-old son Tanner will remember a husband and father whose devotion and love of family was unsurpassed.

Paula's father, David Hill, the highly respected and loved constable for Montgomery County Precinct 5, told a reporter in the days following the accident that, "He (Scott) was one of the best fathers I have ever seen. I could not have handpicked a better son-in-law."

Praise for Claborn also came from his fellow officers and colleagues, some of whom he had worked with for 14 years. One remarked that he was very kind, never complained, and always had a smile on his face.

Like many law enforcement officers Claborn worked extra jobs to supplement his regular income. His son, Tanner has juvenile diabetes. The extra work, like escorting the construction vehicle the night he was killed, helped augment the cost of the \$6,000 insulin pump Tanner needed. Tanner, bright and popular young man, was released from the hospital just 3 days before his father lost his life. The drunk driver had a blood alcohol level three times over the legal limit.

Deputy Claborn's sacrifice touched many lives in the Houston region. The 100 Club of Houston pledged \$10,000 as a college scholarship for Tanner. The Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's Victims Assistance Unit set up a memorial fund to help pay for medical bills and other expenses. The Magnolia Community has rallied to the family's side.

The Claborn family and hundreds of others will gather in our Nation's Capital to honor the lives and memories of the men and women who devoted their careers and laid down their lives to make our communities safer.

It is so fitting that a memorial to these officers, like Scott Claborn, who patrolled neighborhoods and safeguarded communities from across the country be located in Washington. It is because of their faithful duty that American citizens enjoy the liberties and freedoms others are left only to dream about.

Mr. Speaker, I know this family. They are wonderful people who love their family, their God and their Country. I ask you to join me in saluting the thousands of law enforcement officers on patrol every day on our streets and consider the sacrifice they and their families routinely render.

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF LATE CONGRESSMAN PETER W. RODINO, JR.**

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express our heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Congressman Peter W. Rodino Jr. of New Jersey and my sorrow on his passing.

A man of integrity and humility, Congressman Peter Rodino was a great American who served our nation with great dignity and honor. He was truly a historic figure and consequen-

tial leader who changed the course of our history for the better.

By conducting the Watergate impeachment hearings with fairness, Peter Rodino ensured that the rule of law prevailed during one of the gravest Constitutional crises in our history.

As the Washington Post noted, he spoke before this House when the Watergate impeachment hearings began and said: "Whatever the result, whatever we learn or conclude, let us now proceed with such care and decency and thoroughness and honor that the vast majority of the American people, and their children after them, will say: 'That was the right course. There was no other way.'"

He did all that and more. His contribution was inestimable.

Americans will be forever grateful for his courage and for his defense of the Constitution.

Though most renowned for the service he rendered during the Watergate impeachment hearings, Peter Rodino also left a lasting imprint as a distinguished Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and author of significant legislation, ranging from civil rights to immigration reform to protecting consumers.

He was a main sponsor of the Civil Rights Act of 1966 and authored the extension to the Voting Rights Act in 1982. He reformed immigration quotas and promoted fair housing laws. And he was one of the authors of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act that protects consumers by preventing anticompetitive mergers.

He was a legislative and legal giant whose work continues to have a profound impact on the lives of Americans.

Peter Rodino's 4 decades of service in Congress can be exemplified by the words of the Constitution that he did so much to protect and defend: "to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice . . . and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

Peter Rodino's passing is a personal loss to me. I was honored to have served with him, and he was always very kind to me.

He was a great source of pride and inspiration to all of us in the Italian-American community.

I hope his wife Joy and his children take comfort in the prayers and thoughts of the many whom he inspired and served. We will miss him greatly.

**HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LISA DELAND, TOBIAS INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the many accomplishments of Lisa DeLand, Tobias International Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Lisa DeLand became a teacher nine years ago, after obtaining a Bachelor of Science and Associates Degree in foreign language at the University of Texas at Austin. To this day, she says she still considers it "going to school" instead of "going to work."

Throughout her tenure, Lisa has worked on several district and campus committees, served as liaison between campus and super-

intendent's office, been a member of the campus leadership team, and acted as PTA representative.

Lisa works with a wide variety of students: some average learners, some gifted students, and some with special needs. This has compelled her to find a common thread with which to tie together the learning process in her classroom. Her own curiosity and love of learning have enabled her to bring a level of fun to the classroom that allows all of her students to participate in the learning process.

I am honored to recognize Lisa DeLand as the Tobias International Elementary School Teacher of the year. Her love of learning and dedication to her students are a true asset to both the school and the community.

**IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIR CURRENCY PRACTICES ACT OF 2005**

**HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, a country that manipulates its currency for the purposes of gaining an advantage in foreign markets violates many of the basic rules of the international monetary system established after World War II. However, despite repeated evidence that numerous countries are not letting market forces determine the value of their currency, our nation's laws set an extremely high threshold for us to take any effective action against other nations that intervene heavily in currency markets. The main purpose of the Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 is to give our government agencies the tools they need to effectively combat illegal foreign government intervention in the global currency markets, particularly those efforts that are specifically designed to boost their local economy at the expense of the workers of the United States.

The Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 has three key provisions. The first would alter the criteria by which the Treasury Department is required to enter into negotiations with foreign countries that it labels as currency manipulators. The second would further clarify the working definition of manipulation under the Exchange Rates and International Economic Policy Coordination Act of 1998. Finally, the Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 would instruct the U.S. Treasury Department to undertake an extensive examination of China's trade surplus, with particular attention paid to China's suspect trade data, and report on its findings.

Current law requires that Treasury regularly make a determination of whether countries are manipulating the rate of exchange between their currency and the U.S. dollar for purposes of preventing effective balance of payments adjustments or gaining an unfair competitive advantage in international trade. If The Secretary of Treasury considers that such manipulation is occurring with respect to countries that (1) have material global current account surpluses and (2) have significant bilateral trade surpluses with the United States, the Secretary is required to take action to initiate negotiations with such foreign countries on an expedited basis. The Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 amends the 1988 Omnibus Trade