

active in Lee County at the time. After being searched for weapons and a camera, Horner was allowed to enter the area where the Klan was preparing for a cross burning. He furiously scribbled notes about what he saw, and when it was all over with, he headed back to his car. "I got stopped by one of the Klan's security guards on the way out," he'd later say. "They searched me again and found my notebook. They wanted to see what I had written, so I showed it to them—but I handed them my notebook upside down. One of the guards looked at it for awhile—nobody could read my handwriting except me—and gave it back and said, 'OK, you can go.' I came back and wrote the story."

Horner gradually assumed a greater role in the management of the newspaper, especially upon W.E. Horner's "retirement" in 1966 at the age of 65. The elder Horner never really left the business, keeping an office and writing the "Good Afternoon" column nearly every day until the mid-1980s. But he did leave the major decisions about the business to his successor. The son eventually succeeded the father as publisher in 1991 and retired on April 1, 1998, when the newspaper was sold to Paxton Media Group, a family-owned company based in Paducah, Ky.

"Bill was very kind and supportive to me over the years, and I always considered him more of a friend than as my boss," said R.V. Hight, who began work at The Herald in 1979 as sports editor and now serves as special projects editor. "I shall forever be indebted to Bill for hiring me and for the encouragement he gave me over the years. He loved this newspaper and was a strong leader as both general manager and publisher."

"I am grateful to have known Bill and I shall miss him."

Robert Stone worked at The Herald for 44 years, retiring in 1996.

"He understood that a local newspaper is all about local news," Stone said of Horner. "And I think, really and truly, he understood better that the employees were the important part of the organization."

Charlie Welborn, a partner with the accounting firm of Davenport, Marvin, Joyce & Co., was a best friend of Bill Horner III and eventually became the newspaper's accountant—and a close friend of Bill Jr.'s as well.

"Bill was a very successful businessman who carried on the tradition of The Herald that was founded by his father," Welborn said. "I enjoyed the business relationship that we had, but more importantly he was a very good friend. I visited him often at the beach and he was always interested in the news from Sanford/Lee County. He would reminisce about his career, family and friends. I will miss him greatly and feel that I am a better person for having known him."

A former member of the Kiwanis Club of Sanford and the Rotary Club of Sanford, Horner was a lifelong member of the General Alumni Association of UNC and was also active on the boards of directors of several local organizations, including Southern National (and later BB&T) Bank.

He served a term as a director for the North Carolina Press Association—an organization for which both his father (in 1939) and son (in 2002) both served as president—and was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church.

Horner moved to Sunset Beach a few months after his retirement and became active as a member of the board of directors of the Providence Home Family Emergency Teen Shelter in Southport, and played a key role in the organization's fund-raising efforts.

He enjoyed sailing and for many years held a private pilot's license and built and flew his own remote-control airplanes. He was an experienced gardener and ham radio oper-

ator, and once talked to explorer and adventurer Thor Hyerdahl during one of Hyerdahl's ocean-crossing raft trips, as well as to King and Queen Hussein of Jordan. He enjoyed reading and classical music and was a keen observer of current events and world politics.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested friends consider making donations or memorials to the Lower Cape Fear Hospice & LifeCareCenter, 10 Doctors Circle, Suite 4, Supply, N.C., 28432, or to the charity of their choice.

Arrangements are by Brunswick Funeral Services in Shallotte and Rogers-Pickard Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the memorial service at the home of Bill Horner III.

[From the Dunn Daily Record]
STATE LOSES RESPECTED NEWSMAN

Please allow us to note the passing of a friend and colleague in North Carolina's newspaper community. Bill Horner Jr., former publisher of The Sanford Herald in neighboring Lee County, died Thursday after a three-year battle with cancer.

At just 67, Mr. Horner died in Sunset Beach, where he had moved after his retirement seven years ago.

Having grown up in a newspaper family, Mr. Horner stayed close to the business during his college years, working one summer as a reporter for The Raleigh Times, the now-defunct sister newspaper of The News & Observer, and another selling subscriptions door-to-door in rural Kentucky for The (Louisville) Courier-Journal.

After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1959, Mr. Horner—who was part of the Reserve Officer Training Corps during his college years—was commissioned as an ensign and called up for a two-year hitch with the Navy. He spent most of that time aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Forrestal as chief disbursement officer on the ship's supply officer staff.

After his military service, he returned to The Herald at the behest of his father, Herald founder W.E. Horner, who told his son he would start as a printer's devil.

He worked in the newspaper's print shop and then moved on to other parts of the newspaper, including the newsroom. He gradually assumed a greater role in the management of the newspaper, taking over major decisions about the business upon his father's semi-retirement in 1966 at the age of 65.

Having worked in every department of the paper, Mr. Horner took over as publisher in 1991. He retired on April 1, 1998, when the newspaper was sold to Paxton Media Group, a family-owned company based in Paducah, Ky. His son, Bill Horner III, is the current publisher.

Bill Horner Jr. was a respected newspaper man who built on the success of his father. Under Bill Horner Jr., the newspaper made strides in technology and in its community service, consistently winning awards from the North Carolina Press Association.

"Bill was very kind and supportive to me over the years, and I always considered him more of a friend than as my boss," said R.V. Hight, who began work at The Herald in 1979 as sports editor and now serves as special projects editor. "He loved this newspaper and was a strong leader as both general manager and publisher. I am grateful to have known Bill and I shall miss him."

Another longtime Herald staffer, Robert Stone, worked at the newspaper for 44 years, retiring in 1996.

"He understood that a local newspaper is all about local news," Mr. Stone said. "And I think, really and truly, he understood bet-

ter that the employees were the important part of the organization.

With his passing, the Sanford community—and that state's newspaper community—has lost a dear and respected friend.

CONGRESSMAN KILDEE RECOGNIZES AMERICAN RED CROSS EVERYDAY HEROES

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today on behalf of one of our country's most honored and respected organizations, the American Red Cross. Each year, the Genesee-Lapeer Chapter of the Red Cross acknowledges individuals who have shown tremendous courage, kindness, and selflessness through acts of goodwill and heroism. Twenty-five such people will be honored May 13, at the 2005 Salute to Everyday Heroes.

Everyday Heroes are chosen by the Red Cross from several categories: Fire, Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Response, Community Good Samaritan, Youth Good Samaritan, Adult Good Samaritan, and Workplace Good Samaritan. Nominees are selected for acts of bravery related to fire, rescue, and lifesaving, and are awarded to those who live in Genesee or Lapeer Counties, or if the rescue occurred in one of the two counties.

Deputy Lawrence Fields is this year's Law Enforcement Everyday Hero, and Lieutenant John Speck is the Emergency Medical Response Hero.

Good Samaritan Awards will be given to: The Honorable Judge Duncan Beagle (Community), Robert Duffy (Workplace), Deputy Dave McDonald, Christopher Tanner, Jerry Scheddel, and Raymond Hile (Adult), and Matthew Harris (Youth).

Those receiving the Fire Everyday Hero Award include: Tony Windham, Chad McBride, Jim Bennett, Jasen Stevens, Firefighters Edward Reynolds, Jeffery George, Jeremy Gilbert, Michael Gist, Robert Parrish, Michael Rose, Tony Terry, and Robert Winford, Lieutenants Yaskuo Hall and Martin Juarez, and Captain Raymond Barton.

A special Spirit of Heroism award will be given posthumously to Ms. Cherica McLemore of Flint. Ms. McLemore's life was tragically cut short last January, as a car struck her after she stopped to help victims of another crash.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud these courageous men, and the life of this caring young woman, for all they have done for others. Through their actions, they gave a priceless gift—a second chance at life. Their contributions are deserving of the highest respect, and I ask my colleagues in the 109th Congress to please join me in recognizing them for who they truly are—heroes.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT "BOB" BURGER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize longtime community resident Robert

"Bob" Burger for his leadership, determination and dedication as a community leader in Toledo, Ohio.

Bob Burger, "Mr. Neighborhood," who recently turned 80 years old, has given unselfishly of his time and ability to help rebuild and revitalize our city, particularly the East Toledo neighborhoods. Beginning in his home community of East Toledo and then extending his reach for community betterment city wide, he started this quest back in 1972 when he founded River East Associates and served as its first president. Mr. Burger also played a major part in the creation of River East Revitalization Corporation in 1974; that organization helped create a comprehensive plan for redevelopment of East Toledo's main business district along Main Street, Front Street and Starr Avenue.

Mr. Burger is particularly well known in our community as a director of the Neighborhood Improvement Foundation of Toledo, Incorporated (NIIFTI) from 1978 through 1994. He is also well known in our community as a veterans leader. He is currently commander of the Arthur Daly American Legion Post 334 and he previously served as commander of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 2510 in 1974 and 1975.

No one of us can ask more than to be given the years to do good for others. Bob Burger's patriotic dedications have yielded exactly that—and inspired an entire city to take hold of itself and transform it parcel by parcel, block by block into the Toledo for tomorrow. The power of his gentle personality, his kindness, skill, and vision have helped enlarge and build forward a real ethic of community in Toledo. How fortunate we are.

Such are his contributions to our community that Toledo City Council has begun the process of renaming a portion of Starr Avenue as "Bob Burger Avenue," which is only appropriate because it is located in the heart of the River East Main business district that Mr. Burger has done so much to promote and advance. For his part in revitalizing one of our great communities, I wish to recognize the contributions of Robert Burger and congratulate him on having a street renamed in his honor. It is particularly appropriate to name a major arterial in his home community in his honor for surely he has been a lifeline to the citizens of the community.

CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL
NURSES WEEK

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, as I rise today to celebrate National Nurses Week, May 6–12, 2005, I would like to start off by reciting a passage of a poem written for Florence Nightingale—the original nurse who began the revolution that would bring us the health care we know today:

Now God sent this woman to succour the brave
Some thousands she saved from an untimely grave
Her eyes beam with pleasure, she's bounteous and good
The wants of the wounded are by her understood.

Mr. Speaker, while this poem was a dedication to the care and ease the "Lady-in-Chief", as Florence Nightingale was called during the Crimean War, brought to the soldiers as they laid in pain, it can easily be applied to the nurses that are thoughtfully attending to the needs of the sick and wounded today.

From a mere ache in the neck, to recovery after surgery, nurses are the ones who are consistently by their patients' side, taking care of their daily needs. By the time a patient leaves, his or her nurse will know not just what the patient needs in order to complete his or her medical treatment, but what makes the patient laugh and what makes the patient cry. A great nurse makes the difference between a tolerable stay in the hospital and endurable pain, or an insufferable wait and excruciating agony.

Today, our country relies on the tender care of 2.4 million nurses, who are truly the silent heroes of our health care system. Their diverse occupation provides comfort to women and men of all ages, illnesses, and professions, beginning from their first day on earth to their very last. Nurses across this country deserve the same support and consideration as they have given to us, and as I stand here today to honor their tireless work and selfless acts.

Mr. Speaker, I also ask my colleagues to join me in giving their undivided attention to the crisis of nurse shortage in our nation.

Mr. Speaker, as health care costs continue to rise, and as the number of uninsured has climbed to its highest number ever of 45 million Americans, nurses across this country are being overstretched and underappreciated. Consequently, the backbone of our health care system is starting to falter, as the number of registered nurses drops to its slowest growth rate since 1980.

Enrollments in nursing schools are not meeting the demands of the population, and job burnout is causing current nurses to leave the profession. According to the June 2001 issue of TrendWatch published by the American Hospital Associations, 75 percent of vacancies in hospitals nationwide are nursing positions.

Mr. Speaker, for the first time in history, the nurses of our country are suffering in a wounded profession. Let us work together to ensure that incentives are provided so that the younger generation considers becoming a part of one of the oldest and most venerable professions again. Let us be at the side of our nurses as they are at our side during our time of need.

It took nurses 29 years before they were able to get a week of recognition for all of the hard work they put into our society year-round. Let us make sure it doesn't take another 29 years before we start tending to the needs of their profession. They need more training, more research and more resources—I hope our budgets begin to reflect these priorities.

Lastly, I want to recognize our colleagues who served as nurses prior to joining us in the House of Representatives—EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, LOIS CAPPS and CAROLYN McCARTHY. I applaud your tireless work in raising nursing issues to a level of national significance, thereby improving our nation's healthcare delivery system.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAURIZIO IZZI, NEW AMERICAN CITIZEN

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mr. Maurizio Izzi of Rome, Italy, and in welcoming him as he becomes a fellow American citizen. On May 11, 2005, Mr. Izzi will take the oath of allegiance at Faneuil Hall in Boston. On Saturday, May 14, family and friends will gather to celebrate this milestone in Mr. Izzi's life.

Mr. Izzi follows in the tradition of his great aunt, Maria Valente, who became a citizen in 1961 and now resides in Arlington, Massachusetts. In the year 2000, Mr. Izzi took his first job in the United States at the Empire State Building as a Configuration Management Consultant. On May 20, 2000, he married his lovely and charming wife, the former April Peloquin. They now reside in Hopedale, Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, we are all fortunate to live in this land of opportunity, and Mr. Izzi embodies the qualities that have made our nation great: a spirit of perseverance, industriousness, devotion to family and love of country. It is a pleasure to welcome him as a fellow American citizen.

IN HONOR OF MR. JOHN PEDRO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of California Highway Patrol Officer John Pedro, an influential member of the Santa Cruz community. On June 3, 2002, Officer Pedro was tragically killed in a traffic collision that occurred while attempting to overtake and initiate an enforcement stop on a vehicle. Officer Pedro is survived by his wife Colleen, daughter Sara, mother, Kay and sisters, Kathy and Tammy.

Officer Pedro was born in Watsonville, CA on June 17, 1965 and graduated from Watsonville High School in 1983. He obtained an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts and Music. Officer Pedro joined the United States Military as an Army Reservist in 1989. He subsequently transferred to the Air Force Reserves in 1991. While playing trombone for the Air Force Band, he met the love of his life, Colleen. Officer Pedro married Colleen on March 27, 1993. They were soon blessed by the birth of their daughter, Sara, on March 19, 2000.

Officer Pedro entered the California Highway Patrol Academy on July 31, 1989 and graduated on December 21, 1989. His first assignment was with the San Jose CHP. He also worked in the Redwood City CHP, Hayward CHP, Coastal Division, Gilroy Inspection Facility, and Santa Cruz CHP. Throughout his career as an officer, Officer Pedro had always expressed a desire to develop his expertise in the field of commercial vehicles, specifically focusing on highway safety and enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, I am joined by Officer Pedro's family and friends to honor his life and contributions to the community. In appreciation for