

educational program, Joyce also focused on the importance of positive development of not only our children's intellect, but their character development as well. She has placed great emphasis on the importance of team work, providing a productive environment, and has been an outstanding role model. For the last five years, she has been an ESOL teacher at Hillhouse High School, working with high school students in grades nine through twelve. Although Joyce has enjoyed working with students at all grade levels, she has a special place in her heart for high school students. I know she will be sorely missed by her students, friends and colleagues at Hillhouse High School.

Public education is the cornerstone of the American dream—leveling the playing field and providing every child with the opportunity to make the most of his or her talents. This is what Joyce has dedicated her life to doing for the past thirty-seven years. It is talented professionals like Joyce who truly shape the leaders of tomorrow.

In addition to her outstanding teaching career, Joyce has raised an exceptional son Danny, whom I adore. She is certainly more than a friend—she is family. Words cannot begin to express my appreciation and gratitude for the tireless support she has shown to me and my family over the years.

And so, it is with deep admiration and affection that I stand today to join her son Danny, her family, friends and colleagues in extending my sincere congratulations to Joyce Romanow as she celebrates her retirement. Joyce is a remarkable woman whose generosity and compassion has left an indelible mark on so many children whose lives she has transformed. Though she will be enjoying her retirement years, I am certain that Joyce will continue to keep a hand in teaching—her extraordinary dedication and kind heart making all the difference. I am happy to extend my very best wishes to her for many more years of health and happiness.

IN HONOR OF JOHN J. ROBOTTI

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a tremendous public servant. Mr. John J. Robotti will retire this month after 65 years of service to our nation. Beginning with his enlistment as a soldier in 1941 until his retirement as a civilian in 2006, John has made public service his life's work. I must say that it is truly remarkable to find a person retiring at age 85. I am proud to note that most of those productive years were spent in my Central California District.

John was selected for Officer Candidate School in 1943. His tours of duty included Europe, Asia, and the United States. In 1950 he met his wife, Marion, in Paris, France. They were married in Palo Alto, California in 1953, and now reside in Carmel. In 1960, he was the Executive Officer for the Squaw Valley Olympic Games, which are still remembered as one of the most successful games ever held. The following year he retired with the rank of Major from 20 years of active duty while stationed at Fort Ord, California. He

served as Chief of the Consolidated Supply Section of G4 at that time.

John began his civilian career immediately as the G4 Logistical Services Officer at Fort Ord. He went on to act as Administrative Officer, Chief of Maintenance, and Housing Manager at Fort Ord. He retires as Director of Logistics at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, the premier language training institution in the world. In all, his civilian career spanned 45 years.

During his civil service years, John received exceptional evaluation ratings and numerous recognitions. He received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1991, the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service in 1994, the Exceptional Service Award in 1995, and in 1996 he was given a 55 Year Award for Federal Service.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to applaud John J. Robotti, a person who has served his country with great distinction for so many years. I join with all his friends and family in honoring this talented man and his many achievements.

HONORING DR. JARRELL JACKMAN
FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Jarrell Jackman upon his retirement from his position as Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation.

Dr. Jackman has been a leader of the Trust for Historic Preservation for twenty-five years, as Historic Projects Administrator and, since 1987, Executive Director. In a unique partnership with the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, the Trust operates El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park that attracts 50,000 visitors annually from Santa Barbara and around the world.

Under Dr. Jackman's leadership, the Trust bought and maintains the Mission Santa Inez Mills, preserving significant remains of mission-period grist and fulling mills. In addition to acquiring and maintaining historic sites, the Trust preserves the diverse cultural heritage of Santa Barbara through its research, interpretation, educational programs, archeological work, historic restoration and preservation efforts. They work cooperatively with local jurisdictions and with dozens of State agencies, museums, private foundations, schools, and businesses to ensure that the rich cultural history of the central coast not only lives on for future generations, but is accessible today.

The Trust has completed major construction projects for El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park: the Chapel, the Comandancia, the Northeast Corner and (the soon to be completed) Northwest Corner, making El Presidio the most fully restored Presidio in the United States. The restored Casa de la Guerra and El Presidio have become significant museums, hosting many lectures, performances, visiting exhibits and celebrations, due in large part to the dedication and expertise of Dr. Jackman.

Dr. Jackman served honorably on the Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory

Commission and has consistently been a forceful voice for the preservation of county historical structures. Among Dr. Jackman's honors are the prestigious Norman Neuerburg Award from the California Mission Studies Association in February 2001 and the 2006 California League of Park Associations' Dewitt Award for outstanding partnership.

I have seen firsthand many of the great programs and preservation efforts of the Trust. We, as a community, have benefited greatly from the skill and leadership of Dr. Jackman. I am pleased to commend Dr. Jarrell Jackman for his dedicated service to the Trust for Historic Preservation and to the Central Coast.

HONORING JAMES D. DAUGHERTY
OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor James D. Daugherty, a brave firefighter from Brooksville, Florida who is retiring after more than thirty years of service to our community.

Chief Daugherty was born in Kentucky on October 10, 1947 to Lilburn and Irene Daugherty. Serving in active duty in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1969, James was stationed in Vietnam during the war. Later he joined the Florida National Guard and served there with distinction for seventeen years.

While stationed at Fort Stewart, Georgia, James came with a fellow soldier to Brooksville, Florida. He met his wife Juanita on a blind date and they were married on July 3, 1969. James and Juanita have one son, Jeff, and two grandchildren.

While Chief Daugherty has had a long and distinguished career, one specific incident with the Brooksville Fire Department in January 1978 had a lasting effect on him. Responding to an emergency call at a ditch cave-in while off duty, James dug in the dirt to help rescue the trapped men. Caught in the second cave-in, the one thing that stayed with him was the fact that they were communicating with the man that died when the second cave-in caught him in its wake. They were so close to saving him when the unthinkable second cave-in happened.

Promoted to Chief in 1999, James has had a long and distinguished firefighting career. In addition to his basic fire training, James has gone out of his way to advance his knowledge of life-saving techniques and procedures. He has an Associates Degree in Fire Science from St. Petersburg Junior College, is certified as an EMT, has attended Florida Smoke Divers School, is a Certified Wildland Firefighter, and has trained extensively in Emergency Management, Disaster Response, WMD, and in Hazardous Materials Response through the National Fire Academy and the Department of Homeland Security.

The dedication James has shown to the Fire Department is truly outstanding. Following open heart surgery in October 2002, Chief Daugherty went back to work as soon as his doctor would release him. He was determined that this surgery would not keep him down.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his years of responding to accidents and fighting fires,

James has shown his compassion and caring for the families who lost loved ones and cherished friends. It is that caring that Chief Daugherty will be remembered for by the entire Hernando County community.

CONGRATULATING MARY ERWINE
ON THE OCCASION OF HER RECEIVING THE LEADERSHIP
WILKES-BARRE DISTINGUISHED
ALUMNI AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my distinguished colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Mary Erwine, president of Erwine Home Health and Hospice, Inc., who is the 2006 recipient of Leadership Wilkes-Barre's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Ms. Erwine will be honored at the 25th annual Leadership Wilkes-Barre dinner to be held on Thursday, June 8. She was chosen for this award because of her commitment and dedication to the community and her ongoing support of Leadership Wilkes-Barre and its programs.

Ms. Erwine founded Erwine's Home Care in 1993 and expanded with the addition of Erwine's Private Health Care in 1995.

Under her leadership and professional training, the company has grown from three employees to more than 100. Her company serves patients in five Pennsylvania counties.

In 2005, she added a hospice division to afford patients continuity of care.

Her community involvement includes participating in organizations such as the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, the greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind, St. Vincent De Paul Kitchen, F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, Osterhout Library, Circle 200, Pennsylvania Council on Aging, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Fundraising, Executive Women's Council, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, National Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, National Association of Millennium Circle Fund of the Luzerne Foundation, College Misericordia Advisory Council, PNC Bank Northeast Region Advisory Board, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania Corporate Board, Leadership Wilkes-Barre and the Greater Wyoming Valley Leadership Forum.

Ms. Erwine has also been the recipient of several awards including the Athena Award from the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce; Quality of Life Advocacy Award from the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter Arthritis Foundation; Benefactor Award from the Greater Wilkes-Barre Association for the Blind; Distinguished Career in Nursing Administration Alumni Award from College Misericordia; Community Leaders of the Year Spirit of Business and Industry Award from the Arthritis Foundation and the 25th Anniversary Star Award from Leadership Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mary Erwine on this auspicious occasion. Her entrepreneurial spirit and her devo-

tion to community service have helped to improve the quality of life in the entire region.

HONORING JET CLEANERS AS
THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the Amore Family as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jet Cleaners—the family owned and operated laundry and dry cleaning business which has become a local landmark in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut. In August of 1956 came the opening of an innovative new laundry service which offered the families of New Haven 1-hour service. Gracing the outside of the new store was a high-tech neon sign and behind the counter customers would find Nicholas, Michael and Vincent ("Jim") Amore—Jet Cleaners, aptly named for the fast service customers would come to know, was open for business.

After operating the Chapel Laundry and Dry Cleaners for twenty-seven years, Nicholas Amore and his two sons opened Jet Cleaners with the vision of bringing fast, efficient service to their customers. Built on the corner of State and Trumbull Streets in downtown New Haven, Jet Cleaners would quickly become known for their dedication and vision. The Amore family were well known for looking to the future, so it was no surprise when they ensured they would be able to expand their business by leasing the adjacent space and purchasing the property across the street from the original plant. In the leased space, the Amores established the largest coin laundry in New Haven with 40 washers and twenty dryers.

As the business continued to expand, Nicholas, Michael, and Vincent looked to build a larger plant in a new location across the street. Though founder Nicholas Amore would not see the opening of the new store, Jet Cleaners moved to its new home in 1966 where it continues to stand today. Family, friends, and customers brought a variety of plants to celebrate the opening of the new store which were placed in the counter area in front of the two large plateglass windows. Over the years, customers have left more and more plants and a large dracaena was even rescued from a local pub. Thriving in the steam-filled environment, their collection of greenery soon became the trademark of Jet Cleaners.

Three generations later, Jet Cleaners is still owned and operated by the Amore family. Michael Amore's sons, Mike, Jr. and Douglas took over operation in 1998 and continue the family's legacy. Customers of Jet Cleaners can experience the small touches each generation has made to the store. Today you still find the same dedication to fast, efficient customer service, the array of beautiful plants still meet customers as they enter the store, and Mike, Jr. and Douglas have continued to expand the business branching out into wholesale markets and becoming the first area dry

cleaner to offer credit and debit card service. They have even opened a satellite store in Cheshire. Perhaps the most special contribution Mike, Jr. and Douglas have made is that which gives back to the community. In 1995, Jet Cleaners joined with WTNH Channel 8 to promote a Holiday Coat Drive which became the catalyst for future coat drives and a number of community service activities.

I have always believed that our small businesses are the backbone of our economies. Jet Cleaners is a shining example of all that our small businesses can contribute—they not only provide a service to their customers, but dedicate themselves to making our community a better place to live and work. Today, as the Amore family and the New Haven community celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jet cleaners, I am proud to stand to congratulate them on this very special occasion and extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to them for all that they have brought to our community.

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN MAGYAR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my close friend Stephen Magyar. Steve passed away in Monterey on March 29 after a long life full of accomplishments and service to his community. He was known as an outgoing and friendly man, the first to greet you on the street and always ready to tell a good story or funny joke.

Steve grew up in Detroit and stayed there until he enlisted in the Army to fight in the Second World War. He left the snow of Detroit to serve in the heat of the Pacific at Christmas Island. After the war he was stationed at Camp Callan north of La Jolla, CA, where, after being pressured to go on a blind date, he met a girl named Peggy. This girl became the love of his life for the next 62 years. His last stop as an active duty member of the U.S. Army was in my district at Fort Ord.

He retired from the Army 20 years later and moved on to his own business, the Stephen G. Magyar Co. The company started out of his garage in 1947 and he was always proud to say that his first customer was Bing Crosby. Steve left his business to work for Mary and Robert Littlefield in building their Monterey Savings and Loan branch office at the former Jefferson Hotel in downtown Salinas. Always a quick thinker and great decision maker, Steve came up with an idea to get some customers in the door. He decided to raffle off an airplane, and the idea worked. He had traffic backed up for blocks in both directions as drivers stopped to look at the plane in the parking lot.

Involved throughout his community, Steve was able to make quite an impact. He also looked into public service through involvement in the State senate, but was defeated by someone I must admit I would have voted for, my father Fred Farr.

Today I extend my condolences to his wife Peggy, his two sons Rodger and Jeff, and cherish the memory of this great man.