

Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and nearly a dozen other illustrious awards and badges. LTC Lauzon has also earned two Master's degrees: one in Military Operational Art and Science from the U.S. Air Force and another in construction management from Colorado State University.

While serving as the Commander in the Detroit District, LTC Lauzon's inspired leadership guided others through the quickly shifting business environment as well as towards a more organized and efficient Lakes and Rivers Division. The numerous successful projects he oversaw are a tremendous credit to his skill as an engineer and his abilities as a manager. LTC Lauzon has been a big player in the ongoing efforts to expand the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge—a project that is near and dear to my heart.

In retirement, I know LTC Lauzon will have more time to improve his golf game and spend more time hand making golf clubs. But most importantly LTC Lauzon will be able to spend quality time with his wife Kathleen and his two children Lauren and Zachary.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask you and all of my colleagues to join me as we honor the retirement of LTC Lauzon from the Army and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Detroit District. Though his leadership will be sorely missed, his past efforts and his foresight will be appreciated long into the future.

A TRIBUTE TO METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Metropolitan Baptist Church in Altadena, California. Metropolitan Baptist Church is one of the oldest congregations in the Altadena/Pasadena area and will celebrate 100 years of dedicated service to the community this month.

Founded on June 6, 1906 by Reverend J.D. Bushnell and 13 members, the church was located at 134 Waverly Drive in Pasadena. In 1911, the cornerstone was laid and articles of incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State. For many years, the church was located in Pasadena on Waverly and Bellevue Drive and then on Mentone and Claremont Streets. About 40 years ago, Metropolitan Baptist Church built their current church on N. Fair Oaks Avenue in Altadena.

Some of the programs that the church established over the last century include Music Ministry, Home Mission Society, Young People's Union, Mother's Board, Day Nursery, a Boy Scout Troop, Young Adult Choir, Bible Study, Children's Church, Prayer Warriors, Prayer Line, Hospitality Ministry, Senior Citizen Luncheon, and Health Fair.

In 1990, Reverend Tyrone Skinner began his tenure with Metropolitan Baptist Church. Reverend Skinner has been instrumental in establishing many new ministries, such as Praise Team, Praise Dancers, Petals Ministry, 40 Stomp Team, and Mass Choir within the church, as well as establishing the Metropolitan Community Action Services Corporation. The church also serves the community by feeding and clothing the homeless at Union

Station, and the Pantry and Covered Dish Ministries.

Metropolitan Baptist Church is a place where the community at large is warmly welcomed. Many local religious, educational, and civic groups, such as the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the NAACP, and the Pasadena Association of African American Educators use the facilities. In addition, the Young African American Male Conference and numerous community events honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. are held at Metropolitan Baptist Church.

It is my great honor to recognize Metropolitan Baptist Church upon its 100 years of ministry to the people of Altadena and Pasadena. I ask all Members to join me in wishing Metropolitan Baptist Church many more fruitful years of service to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOYLE MOONEYHAM

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest pleasure that I rise today to honor Mr. Doyle Mooneyham upon his retirement from the United States Postal Service after nearly 50 years of dedicated service.

In 1958, Doyle began his impressive career with the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier in Merced, California. Just a few years later, in 1961, Doyle was transferred to the Winton Post Office, in Winton, California where he has remained for the last 45 years. Throughout his extraordinary career, Doyle's work has clearly remained his priority. During his tenure with the Winton Post Office, Doyle has exemplified the unofficial U.S. Postal Service's motto as "neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." Throughout his nearly 50 years of service, Doyle never used a sick day until he underwent hip replacement surgery in 2005. Even after taking a year off of work to recuperate, Doyle still has 2,926 hours of sick leave, the equivalent to a year and a half of work. This is quite a remarkable accomplishment that very few individuals achieve in their lifetime. It is truly reflective of Doyle's commitment to his work, the community and the United States Postal Service.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to join Doyle Mooneyham's family, co-workers and friends in recognizing his lifetime of service to our community, and to congratulate him on his retirement from the U.S. Postal Service. Our community benefits greatly from the splendid example that he has set throughout his career. It is with the greatest sincerity and respect that I ask my colleagues to join me in offering Mr. Doyle Mooneyham best wishes for continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4939, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY, 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2006

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, it is a disservice to the American people that the toughest challenges to our Nation at home and abroad are not addressed in a straightforward manner.

More than 1,000 days after the war in Iraq began, we continue to fund it on an emergency basis deceiving the American taxpayer of the true cost of this war through a budgetary maneuver that simply pushes the enormous cost onto the next generation. It is no longer appropriate for Congress to approve this funding as an emergency. We must account for this through the normal budget process to ensure that taxpayer money is spent responsibly and with accountability.

As for our response to protecting Americans at home from disasters, 75 percent of the American public is at risk from one or more natural disasters, such as floods, fires, or earthquakes—yet the Federal Government continues to pour money into disaster-prone areas without any forward thinking plans. Instead of funding upfront mitigation, planning, and preparedness for disaster-prone communities, we spend even more money in emergency supplemental for things that we should know by now to expect. Our bizarre budget rules make it cheaper to appropriate billions after the fact than to invest millions in proven prevention programs.

This emergency supplemental demonstrates Congress's complacency in dealing with tough choices and avoids fiscal responsibility.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I was participating in a very important briefing by the Army Corps of Engineers on flood protection in my district on Monday, June 12, 2006 and missed 5 votes. Please note in the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that had I been present, I would have voted as noted below:

Rollcall vote 255: "nay"; rollcall vote 254: "yea"; rollcall vote 253: "yea"; rollcall vote 252: "yea"; rollcall vote 251: "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, today I was unavoidably absent and

missed rollcall votes Nos. 251 through 255. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yes" on rollcall No. 251, H. Res. 794—Recognizing the 17th anniversary of the massacre in Tiananmen Square, Beijing, in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes;

"Yes" on rollcall No. 252, H. Res. 804—Condemning the unauthorized, inappropriate, and coerced ordination of Catholic bishops by the People's Republic of China;

"Yes" on rollcall No. 253, H. Res. 608—Condemning the escalating levels of religious persecution in the People's Republic of China;

"Yes" on rollcall No. 254, H. Con. Res. 338—Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the activities of Islamist terrorist organizations in the Western Hemisphere, and

"No" on rollcall No. 255.

ON HATRED AND VIOLENCE RELATED TO IMMIGRATION

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to express concern about the sharp rise in hate crimes and racial intolerance, and to urge acceptance in our Nation.

A recent report from the Southern Poverty Law Center stated that there were 803 hate groups in the USA last year. This is up from 762 in 2004 and is a 33 percent increase since 2000. The center's report stated the national debate that has focused on immigration has been "the single most important factor" in spurring activity among hate groups and has given them "an issue with real resonance."

Hundreds of thousands of people marched peacefully throughout the Nation to give a voice for immigrants in this country. Half a million in Los Angeles, 300,000 people in Chicago, 40,000 in Washington, DC, and 20,000 in Milwaukee and Phoenix marched to defend the hopes and dreams of immigrant families. Nearly 40,000 students across Southern California, including students at several schools in my district, marched for the rights of immigrants.

Those who marched did so peacefully. I encourage everyone to remember the great history of change driven by nonviolent action, which is such a vibrant part of our Nation's fabric. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but I urge that such expression be done in a peaceful and nonthreatening manner.

OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, the following high school students from the First Congressional District of New Mexico have been awarded the Congressional Certificate of Merit. These are exceptional students that serve the community and participate actively in school and civic activities. It is my

pleasure to be able to recognize these outstanding students for their accomplishments. Their parents, their teachers, their classmates, the people of New Mexico, and I are proud of them.

Certificate of Merit Award Winners 2005: Juanita Martinez, Albuquerque High School; Robert Cardwell, Monzano High School; Britten Smith, Highland High School; Gary R. Stinnett, La Cueva High School; Robert Sanchez, Rio Grande High School; Cameron Banes, Creative Education Preparatory Institute; David Gullett, Temple Baptist Academy; Ashley Martin, West Mesa High School; Leanne Raskob, St. Pius X High School; Jane Yein Song, Sandia High School; Dorothy Billau, Cornerstone Christian School; Jordan Spence, Evangel Christian Academy; Makenzi Williamson, Hope Christian Schools; Aaron Sims, Menaul High School; Emily Wildsmith, Southwest Secondary Learning; Nicholas Trumbley, Albuquerque Evening School; Karl Nieman, Career Enriched Center; Takesha Haynes, New Future High School; Suzia Van Swol, East Mountain High School; Erika Anaya, Moriarty High School; Samuel Lujan, Charter Vocational High School; Jessica R. Siegel, Sandia Preparatory School; Felicia Fuentes, South Valley Academy; Maggie Elizabeth Crank, Albuquerque; Danielle Threadgill, Bernalillo High School; Ruth Ann Huning, Los Lunas High School; Marie Jiron, Career Academy; Jesse Rafael Torres, Mountainair High School.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN L. "JACK" ASHER

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John L. "Jack" Asher, who has played a vital role in the development of Asher's Chocolates, in Lewistown and Souderton, Pennsylvania, over the last 51 years. Started by his grandfather in 1892, Jack has led the company since 1966.

With over 1,000 molds, Asher's can be respected as one of the largest candy molding companies, and one of the oldest family owned and operated candy manufacturers in America. The time-tested recipe for success is epitomized in the daily operation of one of the foremost confectioners in the country. I owned a small business for years and I understand, along with many others across Pennsylvania, the day-in and day-out work it takes to succeed. I applaud Jack for his commitment to his community and his business.

In early April, Jack was bestowed with the national honor of induction into the Candy Hall of Fame. This award recognizes Jack for his life's achievements and dedication to the company, as his contributions to the business and the confectionery industry are immeasurable.

As our economy continues to move in the right direction, our small businesses are the driving force. These businesses make up our communities, neighborhoods and towns. The Pennsylvanians who have benefited from the efforts of Asher's Chocolates—as employees, chocolate lovers and more—would certainly join me in thanking Jack for his contributions to the community and the economy, as well as

serving as an inspiration for the spirit of familial virtue.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on June 12, 2006, I was speaking to a group of professionals in New York City about my work in Congress and, therefore, missed five recorded votes.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously, and had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on recorded vote No. 251, "yes" on recorded vote 252, "yes" on recorded vote 253, "yes" on recorded vote 254, and "yes" on recorded vote 255.

HONORING QUEBECOR WORLD PUBLICATIONS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Quebecor World Publications as they mark the publication of the one billionth copy of Highlights magazine.

Few things in this world are as consistent and positive as Highlights magazine has been for the past 60 years. Since 1946, Highlights magazine has kept parents and kids smiling. As a parent, I remember sharing time with my two children, Mary Morgan and Chad, while reading this wonderful magazine. Countless Americans have enjoyed decades of good memories thanks to Highlights.

In an era when we have to guard our kids' access to information like never before, it's nice to know that America can still depend on Quebecor and Highlights magazine not only to entertain but to teach the morals and values we hold dear.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHARLES HAUGHEY

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the passing of Mr. Charles Haughey, former Taoiseach of the Republic of Ireland, and to offer my deepest condolences today to the Irish nation and to Mr. Haughey's family and loved ones, including especially his wife Maureen, his daughter Eimear and his sons Conor, Cian and Sean.

Mr. Haughey served both his constituency and the Irish nation with distinction and honor over his 35-year career in Dail Eireann. He will be most remembered for his key roles in laying the foundations for Ireland's economic rebirth, and in promoting and furthering progress towards a lasting peace in Northern Ireland.