

through the regular budget process. Rather than hold top advisers accountable for critical and fundamental lapses in judgment, the President praised, retained and even promoted them.

And the Administration and Congress have both failed to conduct any sort of real oversight of this bungled war effort. Billions of dollars have been passed to companies like Halliburton through no-bid contracts, unnecessarily bilking the American taxpayers, but no one has been held accountable. The incompetence in the Administration surrounding the mismanagement of this war is simply jaw-dropping.

All of us are relieved that Abu Musab al-Zarqawi can no longer lead and carry out attacks against American troops and innocent Iraqi citizens. Yet we cannot ignore the fact that Zarqawi gained support for his violent acts because of the instability in Iraq after Saddam Hussein was removed from power.

We have repeatedly asked the President to tell the American people what, specifically, remains for our troops to accomplish in Iraq. How many Iraqi soldiers, as the President himself might say, need to "stand up before our military stands down?" To what extent must the insurgency be defeated? How many attacks per day or per week will we tolerate? Most importantly, how many more young Americans are to give the ultimate sacrifice for a cause that has yet to be defined?

I am a member of the Out of Iraq Caucus, and a strong supporter of Representative MURTHA's legislation; H.J. Res. 73, which calls for the redeployment of troops from Iraq. Representative MURTHA is one of this body's greatest champions for our fighting men and women. As a veteran, he knows firsthand the dangers of war.

I have the greatest admiration for the Nation's service men and women. We all thank them for their service.

I only wish that we had the opportunity to vote for a resolution that honors the troops but leaves out the political tricks and traps that should not be a part of this debate.

HONORING LULA MORALES

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lula Morales, owner of Lula Morales Realty Inc., on her being selected "2006 Laredo Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Business Person of the Year" by the Laredo Development Foundation's Small Business Development Center, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and the Laredo Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Morales, a native of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, came to Laredo by way of San Antonio where she attended Incarnate Word High School and Incarnate Word College where she met her husband, Richard Morales in 1989. She has pioneered the way for women in the commercial real estate industry by harnessing the bounty of international trade and investing in economic growth in the city of Laredo in the great State of Texas. She first started out by selling properties but she soon discovered her passion for commercial real estate by developing Regency Park.

Ms. Morales is one of the pillars of the real estate industry in Laredo, Texas, and she helped in the unprecedented economic growth of Laredo through her company, Lula Morales Realty, Inc. Her willingness in reaching her goals by helping others achieve their dreams of owning their own homes or businesses, and going the extra mile for her clients have brought her to where she is today as the 2006 Laredo Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Business Person of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to honor Ms. Morales, owner of Lula Morales Realty, Inc., in Laredo, Texas, in recognition of her selection as the 2006 Laredo Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Business Person of the Year.

IN HONOR OF LINDA T. HARDWICK,
PH.D.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Linda T. Hardwick, Ph.D., as we celebrate her exemplary career as an educator, leader and visionary that spans nearly forty years within the Cleveland Public School System.

Dr. Hardwick was born and raised in Cleveland, and is a product of the Cleveland Public Schools. After graduating from John Marshall High School, she enrolled at Central State University and earned an undergraduate degree in just 3 short years. She was awarded a full scholarship to Case Western Reserve University, and completed her Master's Degree in only 18 months. She began her teaching career at Hicks Elementary School, and then was assigned to teach at Harvey Rice Elementary School, where she spent the majority of her teaching career.

Her wisdom, intellect, and obvious joy for teaching gently inspired countless children who were fortunate to have learned from her instruction. Dr. Hardwick set a foundation for students to become lifelong learners by instructing them in various aspects of continuing education, serving as a role model herself. She completed her doctoral studies in education administration at the University of Akron, and soon began serving as assistant principal at Bolton Elementary School. She later became acting principal at Forest Hill Parkway School, where she is currently completing her 15th year as principal. Forest Hill Parkway School was identified by the Ohio Education Trust as one of the highest poverty schools, yet highest performing schools in the State.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Linda T. Hardwick, upon her retirement as a brilliant educator and leader for 37 years within the Cleveland Public School System. Dr. Hardwick's legacy in education is framed by integrity, accomplishment and unwavering dedication to her vocation. The immeasurable impact she's had during her tenure will remain imprinted upon the minds, hearts and lives of her students—especially upon those young minds she has guided down the road of hope by guiding dreams into reality through educational achievement, and her exceptional service will be remembered always.

A TRIBUTE TO SANG SU YI

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sang Su Yi, a distinguished member of the business and civic communities. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

Sang Su Yi was born in Kobe, Japan, in 1933 and returned to South Korea right after World War II in 1946. During the Korean civil war, he served at the supply base in the U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters Division. At the end of the Korean civil war, Sang Su Yi returned to high school.

Sang Su Yi started his career as a reporter after receiving his bachelor's degree at the University of Han Yang. In 1963, he also served in Seventh Division of the U.S. infantry in Korea. In 1973, when he was offered a job from the Carnival Cruise Line in Miami, Florida, Sang Su Yi decided to enter the new world of the United States of America. In 1976, he came to New York City and started his small business. In 1984, Sang Sui Yi's wife and children immigrated from Seoul, Korea, and joined him in New York City. Since coming to New York City, Sang Su Yi has enhanced his spiritual life. He attends Full Gospel New York Church and has served in various positions. He completed the Bible College with his wife and he is serving the Lord as a deacon in the Church. Currently, Sang Su Yi is the president of the World Mission of Korean Folk Praise. His Folk Praise team, which includes his wife, traveled to many countries to help missionaries to build schools and hospitals in Central and South America.

Additionally, Sang Su Yi is the chairperson of the board of trustees of the Korean Traditional Music Institute of New York. The Korean Traditional Music team has performed more than 1,800 times over last 20 years. They have performed in Washington, DC, Long Island University, Lincoln Center, at the U.N., World Hunger events, museums, local schools, nursing homes, prisons, and almost every parade and major event in New York and New Jersey. Sang Su Yi has received numerous awards including from the chairperson of New York Korean Association, the president of the Long Island Korean Association, a mayor from Guatemala City, a couple of outstanding performance awards from Seoul, Korea, and a leadership award from Full Gospel New York Church.

Sang Su Yi, his wife and his praise team stand ready to travel beyond the United States to support the missionaries around the world wherever help and encouragement are needed.

Sang Su Yi has been married for 48 years; he and his wife have four children and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Sang Su Yi, as he offers his talents and services for the betterment of our local and global communities.

Mr. Speaker, Sang Su Yi's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

HONORING BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Butler High School in Butler, New Jersey, a vibrant community I am proud to represent. The students and alumni/ae of Butler High School are celebrating the graduation of the 100th senior class on Wednesday, June 21, 2006.

Butler High School graduated its first class in 1907, making the senior class of 2006 the 100th class to graduate from the school. Until 1903, graduates of the Butler Grammar School attended Paterson High School. In the early years, Butler High School was a "regional" high school in the extreme sense of the word. Originally the school encompassed a territory of more than 200 square miles, providing secondary education to students from Bloomingdale, Jefferson, Kinnelon, Pequannock, Ringwood, Riverdale Wanaque and West Milford. Over the years the sending districts, with the exception of Bloomingdale, withdrew from Butler High School as municipalities built their own high schools or regional districts were created.

There are not many high schools in the State of New Jersey that have celebrated a 100th anniversary graduation. Butler High School is planning to celebrate this milestone in the graduation ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, June 21. The day will begin with walking tours of the high school followed by the centennial graduation and a reception for graduates, their families, alumni and faculty. The commencement speaker will be Wendy Larry, Butler High School graduate and the Head Women's Basketball Coach at Old Dominion University.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Butler High School, the faculty, staff, alumni and Senior Class on the occasion of the 100th graduation ceremony of one of New Jersey's finest high schools.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the employees, volunteers, and medical staff of St. John West Shore Hospital, as members and leaders celebrate 25 years of physical healing, community involvement, and compassionate care throughout Cleveland's west side.

Throughout the past quarter century, St. John West Shore has served as a facility that provides regionally and nationally recognized medical care to the community of Westlake. Along with tending to physical ailments, St. John West Shore promotes and nurtures emotional well being, recognizing the interdependence of body and mind.

St. John West Shore opened its doors in 1981 as a community hospital. It has continu-

ously expanded from its original facility, recently adding a Sleep Disorder Clinic and a Pain Management unit. Since 2004, the hospital has renovated and supplemented its Emergency Department and upgraded both the Emergency Department and Nursery. Services have been extended beyond the original hospital to the West Shore Primary Care Center, assisting patients in Avon. St. John West Shore not only cares for its patients, but also its staff, being recognized by the Employers Resource Council as one of the "Top 99 Best Places to Work" in northeast Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of every past and current staff member and volunteer of St. John West Shore Hospital. Through a gentle spirit and state-of-the-art facilities, St. John West Shore Hospital continues to provide a haven of physical and emotional renewal for hundreds of families and individuals, on the west side of Cleveland and far beyond.

A TRIBUTE TO SUNIL ANAND

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sunil Anand, a distinguished member of the business community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

A native of India, Sunil Anand is a successful Certified Public Accountant and entrepreneur performing specialty services to the non-profit sector. He has consulted for numerous Headstart and day care centers, senior citizen programs, mental health programs, homeless prevention programs, AIDS and drug-addiction prevention programs, teenage pregnancy prevention programs, and low-income housing programs.

Mr. Anand is a much sought-after consultant because he is very familiar with Federal, State and city rules and regulations for funding agency financial reporting procedures. He has conducted certified audits including A-133, reviewed and prepared financial statements including cash flow analysis and other related statements for various non-profit government funded organizations.

A full-service accounting professional, Mr. Anand has established internal control systems including budgetary controls, structure policies and procedures with respect to the cycle of the entity's activities (external financial reporting), financial statement captions (cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payables and accrued liabilities), accompanying systems (cash receipts, disbursements, payroll and general ledger) and inventory controls. Additionally, Mr. Anand has provided financial and administrative management to the real estate industry; his service to the industry included purchase and sales of apartment buildings (residential and commercial), multiple dwellings, condominiums, and single-family residences.

In 1968, Mr. Anand graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Delhi University in India. In 1971, he received Pro-

fessional Accounting and Auditing Training (equivalent P.A.) from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. In 1973, he completed an IBM System 360—Programming, System Design and Analysis Internship Program at New York University and in the same year he completed an M.B.A.—C.P.A. Program at Long Island University in New York. In 1984, Mr. Anand became a New York State licensed real estate broker and notary public.

Mr. Anand is a member of several professional organizations including: Association of MBA Executives; National Association of Accountants; National Society of Public Accountants; National Society of Tax Professionals; and the American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Sunil Anand as he offers his talents and philanthropic services for the betterment of our local community.

Mr. Speaker, Sunil Anand's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

IN RECOGNITION OF JACK WAGNER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 19, 2006

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack Wagner, the clerk of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. This week, Jack will retire from a truly distinguished career of public service that spanned over thirty years. As his friends, family and colleagues gather to celebrate his career, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the dedicated service of one of the federal court system's long-time public servants.

Jack began his career of service to the courts in 1972 in Toledo, Ohio, with the Lucas County Common Pleas Court. From there he was named Clerk of the U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and later the Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Los Angeles. In the summer of 1990 the judges of the Eastern District of California selected Jack to join their team as Clerk of the Court.

For 16 years Jack has successfully administered the 6 District Court offices that stretch from Bakersfield to Redding which make up California's Eastern District. During his tenure, he has overseen the construction of two new beautiful courthouses in Sacramento and Fresno. He was deeply involved in the planning, design and construction of each building, both of which now stand tall as proud symbols in the Central Valley's skyline. Jack's work on the Robert T. Matsui U.S. Courthouse won a Design Award from the General Services Administration and Bob surely is proud to have his name on such a beautiful building.

In 1998, Jack was a recipient of the Director's Awards for Outstanding Leadership from Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. The award paid tribute to his efforts in developing the Capital Construction Training Program that he co-created with Bruce Rifkin. This program