

in the Township of Denville, Morris County, New Jersey, a patriotic community that I am proud to represent. On June 27, 2006, the good citizens of Denville will begin commemorating the 80th anniversary of their esteemed fire company with the Fire Department's Annual 5 day Carnival.

In 1926, members of the Denville Athletic Club convened to discuss the growing need for fire-protection service for the town's 1200 residents. On June 26, 1926, the Denville Fire Department's first division—the Main Street Company—was officially born, led by inaugural chief Benjamin Kinsey. The Department began with more than 20 men, starting an all-volunteer tradition that continues to this day. Among the fledgling department's first purchases was a gleaming 1926 American La France pumping engine, which today remains one of the department's most treasured heirlooms.

The Denville Fire Department responded to its first distress call on August 11, 1926, and capably extinguished a dangerous roof fire. That successful operation signaled the beginning of a long history of dependable fire protection.

Since that time, the Denville Fire Department has consistently demonstrated its commitment to protecting Denville's citizens, as well as providing mutual aid to surrounding municipalities. Currently, the department is comprised of three separate divisions—the Main Street Company, the Union Hill Company, and the Valley View Company, all of which are overseen by Chief John Egbert. Today, the Denville Fire Department boasts a membership of 70 volunteers who proudly ensure the safety of local residents.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the volunteers of the Denville Fire Department on the celebration of 80 years of a rich history protecting one of New Jersey's finest municipalities!

#### RECOGNIZING DIXON NEAL ETHINGTON FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 28, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dixon Neal Ethington, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 98, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dixon has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Dixon has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dixon Neal Ethington for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### TRIBUTE TO PATRICK W. MOTT

#### HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 28, 2006*

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the courageous actions of Mr. Patrick W. Mott of Rathdrum, Idaho.

On February 27, 2005, Henry W. Scheller was ice fishing on North Idaho's Lower Twin Lake approximately 700 feet from the closest bank. Mr. Scheller did not realize he was on weak ice, and he fell through, plunging into the frigid lake. Unable to pull himself from the water, he began calling out for help. His calls were heard by Patrick Mott, a 65-year-old retired logger, who was working outside his lakeside home.

As his wife called for help, Mr. Mott quickly gathered a metal dinghy and rope and set out on the ice to rescue the struggling Scheller. About 10 feet from Scheller the ice around Mott collapsed and he too fell into the water. Mott's attempts to pull himself out were unsuccessful, but firefighters arrived on the scene shortly after and were able to rescue Mott, then Scheller from the water.

Mr. Mott returned to the bank unaided, and was uninjured. Scheller received medical attention after being safely taken to shore. Although Mr. Mott did not successfully rescue Scheller, his selfless actions are a lesson to us all. Without hesitation, Mr. Mott put himself in harm's way to come to the aid of a perfect stranger.

For his heroic actions, Patrick Mott was awarded the Carnegie Medal, given to those who risk their lives while saving or attempting to save the lives of others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the actions of Patrick Mott. May his selflessness be an example we can follow in our own lives.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF POSTMASTER LARRY JACOBS OF BLOOMINGTON, IN

#### HON. MICHAEL E. SODREL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 28, 2006*

Mr. SODREL. Mr. Speaker, on June 28th, 2006, The Bloomington Post Office will lose a long-time servant to my district and in fact all of Indiana. Mr. Jacobs will retire after a 36 year long career with the United States Postal Service.

Mr. Jacobs was born and raised in Bloomington, IN where he participated in a variety of local sports. In his adult years, his community involvement only increased. He is a 17 year member of the Bloomington Kiwanis, an organization where he served as President. Additionally, he is a member of the Elks as well as the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce where he has been a member for 15 years. As an avid skier, Larry is currently serving as President of the Alpine Valley Ski Club.

On November 15, 1969, Mr. Jacobs began his career with the USPS as a clerk. Today he is retiring as the Postmaster for Bloomington, IN—a position he has held for 17 years.

Mr. Jacobs took over as Postmaster on May 20, 1989, 20 years after he began his postal service career. He rose through the ranks from clerk to supervisor of mail processing before becoming superintendent of window services. He then went on to become a labor relations representative prior to serving as Manager of Compensation and Staffing for the Greater Indiana District. Mr. Jacobs was then appointed to a detail assignment as Area Manager, Station and Branches, for the Indianapolis district before being promoted to Manager, Fleet Operation, for the Greater Indiana District. This was his final stop before becoming the Postmaster in Bloomington.

In 17 years as Postmaster, Mr. Jacobs has hosted over 20 postal customer council seminars in addition to a number of stamp ceremonies. He has served as past President for the Indiana state chapter of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States and past National Vice President of the same organization. He currently serves the organization as National Postmaster Representative.

Mr. Jacobs has been married to his wife, Nancy, for 36 years. They have two sons, Eric and Ryan.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to celebrate the career of Mr. Jacobs. He has served our district and state honorably. After 36 years, I wish Mr. Jacobs the best in his much-deserved retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING DAN BRYAN

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 28, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dan Bryan of Chillicothe, Missouri. Dan is retiring after 34 years of service to the Rural Electric Program. As the CEO of the Farmers' Electric Cooperative in Chillicothe, Dan has managed a region that includes over 12,000 meters and nearly 3,800 miles of electric power lines.

Dan began his career in the Rural Electric Program in 1972 as the Director of Member Services for Mountain View Electric in Limon, Colorado. Then after a short time as the general manager of Wells Rural Electric in Wells, Nevada, Dan became the general manager at the Farmers' Electric Cooperative in 1982. During that time he has served on the boards of the Northwest Electric Power Cooperative, the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and the National Food and Energy Council.

As a member the community of Chillicothe, Dan is very active. He is a member of the Chillicothe United Methodist Church, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Chillicothe Rotary Club. In addition, he has been instrumental in various economic and community development projects, most notably as a member of the CITYMARK and "Let's Park It" committees.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Dan Bryan. He has performed with excellence in his many years of service to meeting the critical energy needs of the Farmers' Electric Cooperative. I commend his record of service to the Rural Electric Program and the community of Chillicothe over the

years and I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

**RECOGNIZING THE OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY BEAVERS AS 2006 NCAA MEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS**

**HON. DARLENE HOOLEY**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 28, 2006*

Ms. HOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the baseball team of my alma mater, the Beavers of Oregon State University, for their victory over the storied Tar Heels of the University of North Carolina in a best-of-three series at the NCAA College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Beavers, with their 3–2 win over UNC, capped a storied season with 50 wins to only 16 losses and became only the second team in any sport in OSU history to win a national title. It was a title for the College World Series record books as well, as the Beavers became the first team in tournament history to win six elimination games at the College World Series.

In the title game, just like during the regular season, great pitching combined with stellar defense, timely hitting and just a bit of luck carried the day for OSU. Five pitchers, including stalwarts Jonah Nickerson, Dallas Buck, and Kevin Gunderson, combined to allow only two unearned runs and just eight hits in the championship game.

Mr. Speaker, never in my life have I witnessed a team with more heart, grit, and guts than our OSU Beaver baseball team. The team showed outstanding dedication, resilience, character and sportsmanship throughout the season in achieving the highest honor in collegiate baseball.

The Beavers have brought pride to the Oregon State University, the Corvallis community, the State of Oregon and Beaver Nation. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating both teams on a hard-fought exciting series and the Beavers of Oregon State University on being the 2006 NCAA College World Series champions.

**TRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY OF MCFARLAND, WISCONSIN**

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 28, 2006*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that on July 2, 2006, the community of McFarland, Wisconsin, will celebrate its 150th anniversary. Since its founding in 1856, this lakeside community has seen tremendous growth, but has maintained the beauty and hospitality characterized by the village founders.

Located just a few minutes southeast of Madison, the Village of McFarland boasts a thriving business community and commerce park, numerous service clubs and organizations, and excellent recreational facilities. The sizable volunteer fire and EMS departments and the outstanding new library demonstrate

the residents' dedication to service and development of their community.

This community bond stretches from generation to generation. McFarland High School has a tradition of excellence and the community regularly comes together to cheer for the McFarland Spartans.

Lake Waubesa, McFarland's most famous natural landmark, serves as a center to many outdoor activities. As the symbolic heart of the village, shops and restaurants surround it, providing a picturesque backdrop of McFarland daily life since the time of its founder, William McFarland.

In genuine McFarland fashion, the residents will be celebrating the community's sesquicentennial on Sunday, July 2 with a festival featuring an array of local foods, train rides, and the singing of the village anthem, "On, McFarland!" A ceremonial cutting of the village birthday cake to honor William McFarland and his descendants and to celebrate the community's 150-year milestone will also mark this landmark achievement in McFarland's history.

It is with great pride that I serve and represent the people of McFarland, Wisconsin, and I extend my deepest congratulations to them.

**CONGRATULATING REVEREND KARL EASTLACK FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WESTERN NEW YORK COMMUNITY**

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 28, 2006*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in high praise of Reverend Karl Eastlack. Reverend Eastlack is the Senior Pastor of Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church in Williamsville, New York. Today, the Reverend graciously delivered the opening prayer invocation on the House of Representatives floor.

Reverend Eastlack has played an important role as a promoter of spirituality and healthy living in the Western New York community. For nearly twenty years, the Reverend has worked tirelessly to expand and enrich Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church. He first began in 1987 with a congregation of nineteen and a small worship center. Today, thousands of devout parishioners gather in a modern, technologically advanced sanctuary campus for weekly worship.

Under Reverend Eastlack's leadership, the Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church has become an epicenter of spiritual growth in my district. The Church features special programs for youth aimed at promoting religion and spirituality from an early age. Pre-school children attend Sunday morning care programs designed to teach them basic tenants of their faith. Middle and high school students enjoy summer youth camps that simultaneously entertain and educate. Plenty of quality programming serves adults as well. Parishioners attend workshops addressing a handful of topics, ranging from Biblical knowledge to personal financial management.

Reverend Eastlack is perhaps most widely known for "Today's Encouraging Word," a daily radio spot broadcast throughout Western New York on WBEN News Radio 930 AM.

Monday through Friday, the Reverend uses his many years of experience as a leader and religious counselor to give listeners insight into life, relationships and God.

Speaking on behalf of myself and those in my district, I would like to thank Reverend Eastlack for his selfless service to the Western New York community. We were all truly privileged this morning to be in the company of such a noble individual.

**THE CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2006**

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 28, 2006*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, a terrorist attack takes three components: a weapon, a target, and a terrorist. Usually these three items are separate, as we saw in the 9/11 attack, the terrorist bombings in London, Madrid, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Israel, and countless other places around the world faced with terrorist attacks. In special cases, however, the weapon and the target are combined. Such is the case with a facility that produces or maintains large amounts of toxic or otherwise dangerous chemicals. If such chemicals can be released and cause harm, the target itself becomes a weapon.

While the protection of all national critical infrastructure is important, chemical plants represent a special subset of those assets which should be given the highest priority in protecting. As a country, we recognized such a danger when it came to nuclear power plants. The Department of Energy made the connection and put in place rigorous security measures. The same has not been true for chemical plants, even though they are much more vulnerable, and can have much higher consequences if successfully attacked.

Recently, however, this problem has been given the attention it deserves. Successful improvements in securing chemical facilities will take the cooperation of the administration, the Congress, and the facility owner-operators. We find ourselves in a unique situation where all three of these parties are in agreement that there is a security gap that needs to be closed, and that it will require regulation to do it.

Since the formation of the Department of Homeland Security, one of its missions has been the protection of critical infrastructure. Some 85 percent of the critical infrastructure in the country is privately owned. Neither the private sector nor the government was eager to promulgate security regulations. The hope was that in a post-9/11 world, private industry would voluntarily make necessary security improvements, aided by guidance from the Department in the form of recommendations and publication of "best practices."

This worked to some degree. Many members of the chemical industry stepped up their security practices voluntarily. However, many did not, and the economic disadvantage suffered by those who made investments in security practices prompted them to ask Congress and the Administration for some regulatory mechanism that would level the economic playing field by requiring all members of the chemical sector to ensure that their facilities are secure.