

Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with one silver and one bronze oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster and many other awards.

Mr. Speaker, we are fortunate to have such a great and dedicated man protecting our country. It is truly an honor to publicly salute BG Peter M. Aylward on the House floor today and bestow our heartfelt thanks for his tireless efforts on behalf of all Americans. I thank Peter, his wife Sandra and their sons, James and Jeremy, for all the time they have given up as a family to make sure our country is safe. We sleep easier because of Peter's commitment and dedication, and I congratulate him on his recent promotion.

TRIBUTE TO GRAYCE BODGEN ARNOLD

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, Grayce Bodgen Arnold was originally from Philadelphia, PA, and arrived in Arizona through her husband, John Patton Arnold, who had been commissioned by Popular Mechanics and the Triple A Automotive Association to publish the first motor tourist guide of Mexico in the mid 1950's. The family, then including their first two children, moved to Nogales, AZ. The family later moved to settle in Tucson, where their third child, Janie, was born.

Throughout this time Grayce had been developing her cooking and artistic talent. While she lived in Doylestown, PA, her neighbor Sara Lee was a constant presence in Grayce's kitchen, sampling her cooking. At the same time she was also working on her artistic talent, she worked with famed Tucson artist Ted DeGrazia at his studio. In addition to her artistic and cooking talents, she also developed her business skills.

Through the years, her business ventures brought her in contact with many people, including film stars Faye Dunaway and Joanna Cassidy, and then Governor George W. Bush. Also it was at this time that her designs for Patagonia's first three postcards came out, displaying her civic involvement to promote Patagonia as a tourist destination.

In 1976, Grayce's son, Dr. John David Arnold, bought the Miner's Old Home in Patagonia, which was built in 1905. At the time, the house was not in good condition, but was remodeled to be made fit for living, and is where Grayce lived until the end of her life. This is also where Grayce Gift and Candle Shop operated from for almost three decades. Grayce's artistic talents are displayed in her shop, which is more than a shop, instead it is more like part museum and art gallery. Grayce's artistic collections include her award winning sand cast candle dioramas, creative masks and one of her greatest sculptures, her rendition of the Tarahumara man squatting in contemplation in traditional dress.

Grayce was inspiring; she was so full of life, physically active and ran her own business

until the age of 97. She would be the first to tell you that age is irrelevant, after all, while in her sixties she belly danced, remarried and launched her artistic career. She always told her children, "be creative, never stop dreaming, and help others." She was an amazing woman who will be remembered to those who loved her and to the many whose lives she touched.

HONORING CAPTAIN KEVIN C. MURRAY

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor CAPT Kevin C. Murray, who lost his life while performing his duties as a Columbia River bar pilot on the night of January 9, 2006.

Where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean is spectacularly beautiful, yet it is also the worst river bar passage in North America. Columbia River bar pilots have steered vessels in the lower Columbia across the treacherous bar since 1846, making it one of the oldest businesses in the Pacific Northwest. This shallow bar has claimed some 2,000 vessels and 700 lives since the early 19th century.

During a transfer back to the pilot boat *Chinook*, in heavy winter seas, Captain Murray, 50, a resident of Ilwaco, WA, and Boothbay, ME, was thrown into the ocean waters. Despite the valiant efforts of his crew, Captain Murray succumbed to the frigid ocean temperatures. He is survived by his wife, Lori Stetson Murray, and his mother, Phyllis Murray, of Boothbay Harbor, ME.

Captain Murray was a seasoned, experienced scholar of the seas. He began his career working on towing vessels, towing semi-submersible oil rigs in and out of the Gulf of Mexico. He later captained a 700-foot oil tanker, the *Blue Ridge*, and held an unlimited master's license allowing him to captain any size vessel in any waters in the world. He had extensive experience in the waters from Alaska to San Francisco, resulting in his recruitment by the Columbia River Bar Pilots in 2004. Fellow Columbia River bar pilots remember Captain Murray as a wonderful person, a strong, silent type, with a quiet, hidden sense of humor.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Lori, his wife; Phyllis, his mother; and all of his family and friends. This tragic drowning, the first loss of a Columbia River bar pilot since 1973, highlights the danger that these brave pilots face daily in navigating the Columbia River bar, also known as the "graveyard of the Pacific". The bar pilots navigate cruise ships, U.S. Navy vessels, foreign vessels and cargo vessels, inbound and outbound on the Columbia River through the bar. Their skills and work are crucial aspects of the economic health of the deepwater ports of Oregon and Washington and the livelihood of the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Speaker, I rise not only to honor Captain Murray, but to honor all of his fellow bar pilots on the Columbia River, who stand as their own class of heroes of the sea.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. C.W. NEWSOME

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it was with overwhelming sadness that I learned of the passing of The Reverend Dr. C.W. Newsome last week. For more than 40 years my friend and mentor Rev. Charles Newsome served as a moral compass for our community. For more than 40 years he was our spiritual rock and for more than 40 years he was our seeker of justice. There was no question in his mind or ours why God put him on this earth. Rev. Charles Newsome came to us to lead the way in the struggle for economic and social justice and to heal the scars of racism on our country and our community. And he did. With strength and trust given to him by the people he served, he fought for the rights of all people to seek opportunity and to be free from bigotry. He understood that there was no other way for us to build a lasting integrated and strong community. Year after year our friend led the efforts for better housing, schools, jobs, and health care for everyone. So very often he took his church, North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church, and its members into the forefront of these battles. Rev. Newsome knew the strength of the church depended on its involvement with the daily needs of its members and our community. Over these many years I have enjoyed our conversations, treasured his friendship, and highly valued his counsel on a wide variety of issues.

Reverend Newsome was born on June 15, 1924, in Brenham, Texas. Prior to his commitment to the faith ministry, he served valiantly as a U.S. Marine, in the Segregated Corps, fighting against Nazi fascism in the European Theater of World War II. An injury forced him to leave the service and he eventually came to Richmond, continuing to support our country's effort by working in the shipyards. His participation in shipbuilding and that of the countless African Americans who migrated west during the war, led Richmond to become one of the leading industrial hubs of the world. Today his legacy and that of all of the men and women who built our country's warships has been memorialized as Rosie the Riveter National Historic Park.

With an insatiable appetite for learning, Reverend Newsome attended Contra Costa College for his AA Degree, the University of California Berkeley for his undergraduate work, Bishop College in Dallas to study theology, and received his Doctorate from Reeds Christian College—Western Theology Seminary in Los Angeles. Following the completion of his studies, he began his life's work. Rev. Newsome's ministry has included Organizing Pastor of Holy Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond, and heading the Community Baptist Church in Santa Rosa, California. In 1966 he took on the pastoral duties at North Richmond Baptist Missionary Church. Building on his congregation's stature in the community as the first "Negro Baptist Church of Contra Costa County", Rev. Newsome continued to break new ground in the name of social justice. He led laborers to fight for equality in the workplace and led families to fight for safety in our schools and on our streets.

It was just two years ago that I came to this Well to mark Reverend Newsome's retirement after 38 extraordinary years as Pastor of North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church. This congregation under his leadership has become a beacon of hope in a community struggling against issues of social and economic injustice.

To Reverend Newsome's wife, Alice, his daughters Patricia Cooper and Redonda Newsome, and his son, Reverend Charles Newsome, I extend my heartfelt condolences. Their loss is shared not only by those who knew Reverend Newsome but by all who have been touched by the work he has done. We will be forever grateful for his skill, strength and courage as he sought to make our community and our country a better place for all of us. We are so grateful to his family and his church for sharing him with us for so many years. We celebrate his life without sorrow because we know God has much need of him.

"What does the Lord require of us—to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with thy God"—Micah 6.

HONORING MEREDITH KIESEL

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishment of Meredith Kiesel, a 7th grader from Northport, NY, who won first place in the World Hunger Essay Contest. Ms. Kiesel understands our country's need for a plan to eliminate hunger and food insecurity.

SHOULD FOOD BE A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT?

(By Meredith Kiesel)

I think that food should be a basic human right. In our society we have human rights. Some of these rights include freedom of speech, education, the right to vote, to think freely, and to practice and believe in any religion. These rights make our country great and strong. Food is used to give us energy, and to keep us focused on what we are doing. When a person misses a meal they become very tired and hungry.

Every person who has food can contribute to local food pantries and to food drives. If every person contributed, many people would have food. If a local grocery store donated extra food to a food drive or a shelter it would help people who cannot afford food. People who cannot get a job suffer because they do not have money to buy food. If food was a human right these people could get food to support themselves and their families.

Many people who cannot afford food do not have enough energy to do ordinary things. Kids who do not have enough food in their bodies cannot study and learn and cannot do sports or activities that are in their school. They cannot do it because they do not have enough energy. Even with eight hours they will not have the energy without food. If food was a human right they could go out for sports teams or play in their local neighborhood parks and study and become successful.

Food is very important for our bodies and minds. It helps us to think and do regular activities. Without proper nutrients our bodies cannot function properly. These are very important reasons as to why food is very important. The whole world should have food as a basic human right. It would help make the world a happier and healthier place to live.

HONORING FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH EDDIE COURTNEY UPON RECEIVING THE INAUGURAL COURTNEY COURAGE AWARD

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 18th of this year, Farragut High School Head Football Coach Eddie Courtney was named the first recipient of the Eddie Courtney Courage Award named in his honor.

This ceremony took place at the end of a grueling and testing season for Coach Courtney and his Admiral football team. Coach Courtney was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease last spring and despite months of radiation and chemotherapy, he guided the Admirals to the Class 5A quarterfinals and an 11-3 record. Throughout his intensive treatment, he never missed a team function, including summer conditioning workouts, cutting the grass and lining the field before games and scrimmages.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the readers of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring the courage, strength and leadership of Farragut High School Head Football Coach Eddie Courtney. I also include the following news article printed in the Knoxville News-Sentinel.

[From the Knoxville News-Sentinel, Jan. 19, 2006]

COURTNEY AWARD STANDS FOR COURAGE

(By Drew Edwards)

Farragut High School football coach Eddie Courtney was named the first recipient and namesake of the Courage Award at the PrepXtra football awards banquet Wednesday night in the Wolf Kaplan Center inside Neyland Stadium.

Courtney was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease last spring and guided the Admirals to the Class 5A quarterfinals and an 11-3 record. Throughout months of radiation and chemotherapy, the 52-year-old coach never missed a team function, including summer conditioning workouts.

He continued to perform his other duties, including cutting the grass and lining the field.

"It started with (my faith) and having great friends," Courtney said. "And I'm here because of the game of football. As a player, it was always just suck-it-up and go."

Farragut linebacker Nick Reveiz said Courtney's attitude rubbed off on the team.

"He's a man, and that's the true definition of a man," Reveiz told the News Sentinel in November. "He takes what life gives him. He doesn't whine about anything. That's one person that no matter what comes his way, no matter how unfair it is, no matter what happens, he's not going to complain about anything. He's going to take what's given and make the best out of it."

Courtney finished his radiation treatments last month and will visit doctors once every two months for the next year.

The Eddie Courtney Courage Award will be given each year to a player, coach or contributor to local high school football who has shown the spirit to face fear or danger with confidence, resolution and dignity.

HONORING JOAN CARR ON RECEIVING THE ATHENA AWARD

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Joan Carr, who is the recipient of the ATHENA award, which honors outstanding women for their leadership.

Since her retirement from the nursing profession, Joan has selflessly served as a volunteer for WWCS Health & Welfare Advisory for the Wayne Westland School District Family Resource Center. She has led numerous community projects, including the Red Wagon Literacy Project, Kindergarten Backpack Project and Literacy Family Fun Night. Dedicated to her community, she has tirelessly worked to identify the needs of families within the Wayne Westland School District, and is considered a mentor and role model to women in her community.

Mr. Speaker, Joan Carr has forged a legacy of commitment and dedication to helping families in the Cities of Wayne and Westland. I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Joan, and I congratulate her upon receiving this honor.

HONORING THE WOODVILLE FIGHTING EAGLES 2A BASEBALL TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Woodville High School Fighting Eagles on their 2005 2A Texas State Baseball Championship. Woodville, Texas, is a wonderful community in Tyler County and a proud part of the Eighth Congressional District. For any community in America a state championship is quite an accomplishment and one worth honoring.

While the young men and their coaches worked their way through each level of competition, everyone in the community rallied behind the team driving all over the state to cheer them on to a State Championship victory.

Team starting pitcher Casey Beck was named most valuable player at the State Championship Game. The team clinched the championship with a victory over Holliday High School located near Wichita Falls, Texas, by a score of 2 to 1. In a story that belongs in a climatic Hollywood sports movie, Beck, after throwing 134 pitches in his team's semifinal victory the day before was called in as a relief pitcher in the last two innings of the championship game.

The Austin American Statesman quoted Beck as saying "My arm was really weak. When I was warming up between innings, I had nothing. Coach came over and asked me if I had one inning left, and I told them I'd give it my all. Then that became two innings."

Mr. Speaker, there is something else that makes the people of Tyler County and the City of Woodville stand out. These families and