

it was not until late that his literary prowess exploded on the cultural scene with the publication of his third book of poetry *Below Cold Mountain*. Stroud, who resides in Santa Cruz, California and Shay Creek in the Sierra Nevada, has also been active in the social diffusion of poetry locally while co-hosting KUSP's "Poetry Show".

Stroud's work encompasses various typologies of poetry from short-line form to lyrical prose and rhymes. His work takes readers with him on his travels and describes topics ranging from landscapes to commonplace objects in the finest detail or the greatest abstraction.

Stroud has completed works of great social and cultural importance and it is important that we recognize him for his contribution to the arts. Together with the Witter Bynner Foundation and members of the United States Congress, I welcome Mr. Stroud to our nation's capital and join in congratulating him for his success and thank him for his contributions to American literature.

COMMENDING THE LAUNCH OF
SAEMSORI

HON. JAMES A. LEACH

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Eugene Bell Foundation, the Korean American Coalition of the Midwest, and other involved churches, community leaders and organizations on the occasion of their launch of the SaemSORI initiative last week. By seeking to promote reunion between Korean-Americans and their family members in North Korea, it is a project with potential ramifications that are both personal and global.

As Members of this body are well aware, there currently exist many challenging issues between the United States and North Korea. In the current context, the most reasonable place to begin seeking a more positive dynamic is in the field of people-to-people relation. And the most natural and urgent way to seek those improvements is to pursue the reunion of Korean families. Although detailed statistics are not available, an estimated quarter of the 1.5 to 2 million strong Korean-American community have familial and historical ties to the North. The pains of separation are felt acutely by many Americans.

One of the most unique aspects of our Nation is that we are a society of immigrants with ties to many parts of the world. Traditionally, second and third generation American citizens have taken the lead in advising Congress and the executive branch on ways and means of forging closer, more mutually beneficial relations with their ancestral homelands, and in focusing American concern on the circumstances and challenges facing their former countrymen. In our unique, citizen-centered democracy, leadership on initiatives eventually undertaken by any administration often comes from outside government.

For this reason, I believe that the launch of SaemSORI is an appropriate occasion to reflect on the singular role that Korean-American churches, civic organizations, and business leaders are playing in the way that the United

States relates to the entire Korean peninsula, both North and South. Those who pursue reunion for the sake of their families are reflecting basic American values and rendering a service to the imperative of peaceful relations between peoples of the world.

HONORING CHARLES C. PHILLIPS

HON. JO ANN DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of one of my distinguished constituents, Charles Clifford Phillips of Newport News, Virginia. Born in January of 1921, Charlie grew up in Friendship, South Carolina, where he, like many rural Americans of that time, worked on his father's farm. Anxious to see the world and to serve his country, he left South Carolina at the age of 17 and joined the Army Air Corps. After the entry of the United States into World War II, Charlie was sent to the Pacific Theater as a bomber turret gunner in the famous Red Raiders Bomber Group (22d Bomb Group, 2d Squadron). Like so many others of his generation, he asked no questions and he made no complaints. He fought and won a war that guaranteed the security of every American and hundreds of millions of others.

With his job done abroad, he returned to America to begin a new life and new family. He met the love of his life, Buena Mae Spurling, in a restaurant in Maryville, Tennessee. They eventually moved to Newport News, Virginia in 1955, where he joined the C&O Railroad and worked until his retirement 28 years later. He and his beloved wife of 60 years built a family of upstanding, hardworking Americans who carry his love of country and his belief in God.

This country lost a great American on December 23, 2005, just 2 days before Christmas and 2 weeks before his 85th birthday. Charlie closed his eyes for the last time surrounded by his family. I am told that he left this world as he lived in it, with dignity and honor.

I extend to the family of Charles Clifford Phillips my deepest sympathy and my prayers during this difficult time. I am sure you are so very proud of him. It is obvious through his service to our country during World War II and his love for his family, that he was truly a great man.

I would also like to enter into the RECORD the obituary of Charles C. Phillips.

OBITUARY OF CHARLES C. PHILLIPS

NEWPORT NEWS.—Mr. Charles C. Phillips, 84, a native of Marion, S.C., a resident of Newport News since 1955, went home to be with the Lord on Dec. 23, 2005. He was a Christian and Veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps, 22 Bomb Group (BG), 2nd Squadron, "Robinson's Red Raiders" in the Pacific Theatre. The 22 BG originated out of Langley Air Field in 1941 and was deployed to the Pacific one day after Pearl Harbor. He received several decorations and the unit had several Presidential citations, participating in numerous campaigns as a bomber turret gunner. Mr. Phillips retired from C&O Railroad after 28 years of service. He was the son of the late Chalmers Corcellus and Susan Wall Phillips of S.C. He was preceded in death by his

brothers, Marvin, Zach and Wallace Phillips, and sister, Margaret Wagner Worrell. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Buena Mae Phillips (whom he loved most in the world); two daughters, Margaret "Cookie" Tyndall and Michelle Kellam, and husband, Chris; two sons, Charles C. Phillips Jr. and wife, Patricia, and William L. Phillips; one sister, Geraldine Graham of Florence, S.C.; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews whom he held very dear. He was provided loving care in his remaining days by his loving family, most notably his son-in-law G. Christopher Kellam and his grandson Caleb J. Kellam. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, in the World Outreach Worship Center, 1233 Shields Road, Newport News, VA 23608-2062, with Pastor Bob Collins officiating. The family suggests that memorials may be made to the World Outreach Worship Center.

HONORING JACK FARIS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, America was built by entrepreneurs. We wouldn't be the powerhouse we are without the millions of people who had an idea, grew that idea, and turned that idea into a business. In America small business owners create the most jobs and drive economic growth.

Today I want to honor someone who has fought for those entrepreneurs. As president and CEO of the National Federation of Independent Business, Jack Faris has been a tireless advocate on behalf of small business owners. He understands the pressures facing our entrepreneurs and he has fought to be certain America doesn't stifle the freedom that gives so many the opportunity to go out and build a business. Jack Faris believes in dreaming big dreams and turning those into reality.

Jack knows our prosperity and our freedom are tied to a thriving small business community and he's never shied away from making certain policymakers understand that fact.

Even though Jack is retiring as president and CEO of the NFIB, we know he'll continue to support our small businesses. We thank him for his work on behalf of such a worthy cause.

HONORING AMY JARED AND HER
DEDICATION TO THE ARTS

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Amy Jared for her dedication to art education. Amy, a native of Cookeville, Tennessee, developed an art outreach program that was recently honored with the Nation's highest award for community arts programs.

As Art Education Manager at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Amy developed a Latino Outreach Program that was named one of 15 finalists in the 2005 Coming Up Taller Awards. Since 1998, the awards have recognized the

Nation's outstanding community arts and humanities programs. The Coming Up Taller Awards are a project of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

During her time with the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Amy also initiated all of the studio-based outreach programs with Philadelphia's public schools, expanded the museum's afterschool studio art classes and developed weekend art classes. In 1998, her art education programs received an Award of Excellence in Programming from the American Association of Museums. For five consecutive years, her children's studio programs were honored with a Best of Philly award.

Amy recently left the museum to return to teaching art in schools. I have no doubt that she will do an outstanding job. Her students certainly will be fortunate to have such a talented and engaging teacher.

I congratulate Amy for being recognized as a Coming Up Taller Award finalist, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ROYALTY RELIEF FOR AMERICAN CONSUMERS ACT OF 2006

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, the American people expect their leaders to articulate a vision and a comprehensive strategy for America's energy future. They expect us to be focused on reducing the high energy costs to American consumers and completely eliminating our dependence on expensive and volatile Middle Eastern oil. In contrast, several weeks ago the New York Times released an investigative report revealing that payments made by energy companies are not keeping up with the skyrocketing cost of energy. Today, the Times, revealed that big oil companies stand to receive future royalty giveaways from the Bush administration of nearly \$7 billion. This royalty relief for Exxon Mobil, BP, and Chevron Texaco comes at a time when consumers are paying record high energy prices.

It is time to start providing royalty relief to the American public, and to end it for multinational energy companies that just made more profit in one year than any industry in modern history.

Today, Representatives MALONEY, MILLER, WAXMAN, EMANUEL, INSLEE, PALLONE, GRIJALVA and I are introducing the "Royalty Relief for American Consumers Act of 2006" to ensure that the taxpayers will receive the billions of dollars in royalty payments they are owed by the big oil companies as payment to drill on public land. Our legislation would prohibit royalty relief on any future oil and gas leases, call for a renegotiation of current leases, and prohibit the purchasing of new leases by those companies that refuse to renegotiate.

Oil companies pay a fraction of the value of the oil and gas produced on federal land as a royalty to the Federal Government. However, on Valentine's Day, we have learned of yet

another sweetheart deal that the administration is giving to big oil. Across the country, Americans can't afford roses and chocolates because they are getting squeezed at the pump for every last nickel and dime they have—meanwhile the Bush administration is giving its sweethearts in the oil industry \$7 billion that rightfully belongs to America's taxpayers.

In the 1990's and again last year, the Republican Congress voted to suspend royalty payments by oil and gas companies for oil and gas produced in Federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico.

Now, the President's own budget directs the Department of the Interior to allow companies to pump nearly \$65 billion worth of oil and natural gas without paying royalties. Apparently the administration doesn't feel that the record profits being reported by Exxon Mobil and the other big oil companies are high enough. The Bush policy of subsidizing wealthy oil companies has proven to be wildly effective in boosting oil company profits, but it continues to harm American consumers. It is time for this administration to stop letting oil companies make the greatest profits we have ever seen in the history of the world while not paying their bills to the American public.

The "Royalty Relief for American Consumers Act of 2006" will ensure that the American taxpayers receive the money they are owed by the oil companies in the future. Our legislation will help reverse the Bush administration's policy to "Leave No Oil Company Behind" and instead provide relief to the American consumers who are currently footing the bill.

TRIBUTE TO YOGGI RILEY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my long time friend, Yoggi Riley, in recognition of her February 3, 2006, retirement from the U.S. Postal Service. Ms. Riley had a long and distinguished career with the Postal Service—almost 38 years. She proved herself a leader through her tireless work with the Postal Workers Union, APWU. Throughout her career she helped improve the lives of countless other postal workers through her union service.

In September 1967, Yoggi began working at the Post Office Department as a special delivery messenger. After witnessing the hardships experienced by the postal workers on the picket lines during the 1970 New York postal workers strike, which spread throughout the country, she joined the San Fernando Valley Area Local Branch of the American Postal Workers Union, APWU. This decision not only changed her life, but because of her tenacity as a union leader, it ultimately impacted the lives of many others. While her desire to help fight for and protect the rights of her fellow employees was kindled by that strike, it has continued to burn brightly throughout her career.

Yoggi's exceptional leadership as a union representative became apparent during the 1970s. In 1979, she was elected President of the local union and ultimately served two

terms. During her tenure, the quality of service and the reputation of the local union increased markedly. Although she turned over the reins of leadership to spend more time with her family, whenever the union needed her she rose to the occasion. When organized labor fell on hard times and employees were required to work longer hours for less pay, the local union sought out Yoggi's help. She returned as Office Manager, and served as Secretary and then as Treasurer.

Her leadership was tested in the mid-nineties when postal management attempted to change the definition of a special delivery messenger and in the process deprive workers of their right to be represented by the union of their choice. During this crisis, she sprang into action, helped confront management, and enlisted the support of the national union. She then entered into a test case to resolve the issue through arbitration. Acting in concert with the national union, an agreement was reached with management that all messengers would remain, as stated in the law, in their union of choice. This was a great victory for postal workers.

Yoggi settled into a job as Mailing Requirement Clerk advising postal customers about the best way to make and prepare their mailings. In 2001, the Postal Service recognized Yoggi with its Diversity Award, an honor justly deserved. Although she has now retired from the UPS, Yoggi has not retired from her quest to help postal workers. In recognition of her passion and ability to help postal workers, the APWU has asked Yoggi to conduct seminars on retirement and to help other workers appropriately prepare for that transition. Not surprisingly, she has taken on this challenge with zeal and will, no doubt, continue to make a tremendous impact.

Yoggi is a very special woman. In addition to all she has done on behalf of postal workers, she has also devoted herself to raising a family. She is married to Lester Riley and they have two children and six grandchildren. The time and energy she gave to coaching children's baseball and t-ball was so well known that the community renamed the playing field across from her home after her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Yoggi Riley, congratulating her on her retirement, and wishing her success in all her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA SUDLER HORNBY

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the wonderful life and exceptional accomplishments of a remarkable woman. This distinguished citizen possessed an impressive record of civic leadership and invaluable service. Her achievements in preserving the heritage of Colorado merit our recognition and gratitude. It is to commend this eminent citizen that I rise to honor Barbara Sudler Hornby.

When we think about the enduring legacy of Denver and Colorado, we think of Barbara Hornby. Her life was an affirmation of our heritage and its importance to future generations.