

religious education—particularly of African Americans in antebellum and post-war Charleston; and

Whereas, Dr. Bachman's legacy is alive and well at Newberry College, which—led by its Alumni Association—will begin its Sesquicentennial Celebration on 20 April 2006 with a major four-day symposium entitled "Nature, God, and Social Reform in the Old South: The Life and Work of the Rev. John Bachman"; and

Whereas, esteemed international authorities on Bachman will make keynote presentations during the College's John Bachman Symposium; and

Whereas, the public is invited to attend and participate in this auspicious event in the life of Newberry College by registering through the Symposium Web site at www.johnbachman.org; and

Whereas, as noted by the many diverse accomplishments listed above, Dr. Bachman had lasting and wide-ranging impact on science, education, religion, and social progress in South Carolina, the United States, and beyond; and

Whereas, the month of February is significant because Dr. Bachman was born on February 4, 1790, and died eighty-four years and twenty days later on February 24, 1874;

Now, therefore, the State of South Carolina, the City of Newberry, Newberry College, and the Newberry College Alumni Association do hereby proclaim through the powers vested in Governor Mark Sanford, Mayor T. Edward Kyzer, President Mitchell M. Zais, and Symposium Chair William J. Hilton Jr. that April 2006 shall be designated as "John Bachman Month" throughout the State of South Carolina, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance and to attend the John Bachman Symposium at Newberry College.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF SGT. ANTON HIETT

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to express the heartfelt condolences of a grateful Nation and to honor the life of Sergeant Anton Hiett of Mt. Airy, North Carolina. Sergeant Hiett passed away on March 12, 2006 while serving in Afghanistan.

Sergeant Hiett served our country as a U.S. Army Reserve combat medic. His strong patriotism and desire to do what was right led him to join the military after graduating from North Surry High School. He began his career as an infantryman, but later decided that his calling was to care for his wounded comrades. Last year, Sergeant Hiett volunteered to go to Afghanistan because he felt compelled to help his country at war.

Sergeant Hiett was a loving husband, father, son, and brother. His friends describe him as someone "having a big heart and always going the extra mile to help others." He leaves behind his wife, Misty Hiett, his 2 year-old daughter, Kyra Hiett, his parents George and Angela Hiett, and three siblings. May God bless them and comfort them during this very difficult time.

We owe this brave soldier and his family a tremendous debt of gratitude for his selfless service and sacrifice. Our country could not maintain its freedom and security without he-

roes like Sergeant Hiett, who make the ultimate sacrifice. Americans, as well as Afghans, owe their liberty to Sergeant Hiett and his fallen comrades who came before him.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Sergeant Anton Hiett.

TRIBUTE TO E.S. "BUD" VANBERG

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to B.S. "Bud" VanBerg for his impressive contributions to Colorado agriculture. Bud grew up in Nebraska where he learned to work hard, ride horses, chase cows, drive racehorse vans across the country, and talk fast. After graduating from the University of Nebraska with a degree in agricultural business, he returned to the family business where he centered his interests on auctioneering and the sale barn.

Bud was sent to Sterling in 1957 to manage the sale barn purchased by his father. He commuted between Columbus, Nebraska and Sterling, Colorado until 1964, when the Sterling sale barn became a separate entity. He and his wife, Arlene, were active partners and worked together to establish a fair and honest business with a good reputation that earned a respected place in the community.

Together, they raised four daughters: Debbie, Becky, Deanie and Cindy, and they became actively involved with youth groups and organizations in the community. Bud was known as the consummate volunteer, frequently giving his time and talents to help others, particularly young people. Bud touched the lives of many through his volunteer work, by doing numerous benefit auctions, 4-H livestock sales, and other acts of community service. Bud loved people, he loved life, but most of all he loved his family.

Bud also had a tremendous effect on the lives of eight prominent auctioneers in the region. Teaching, encouraging, giving, trusting and finally letting go, he gave his students the courage to move into the career of their choice.

Bud was named the Logan County Citizen of the year in 1988 and was a member of the Colorado Auctioneer Hall of Fame. Bud's lifelong contributions to agriculture earned him induction in the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame in February of 2006. Bud led by example and his enthusiastic community involvement demonstrated his passion for making a positive impact on the world around him.

We have been saddened by the recent loss of this man who gave so much to his community and his state for so many years I am proud to honor Bud VanBerg for his devotion and service.

IN MEMORY OF SAM CHU LIN

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart. A heavy heart over the passing

of one of the giants of Asian American Journalism, and my dear friend: Mr. Sam Chu Lin.

Sam was a pioneer; not just in the Asian American Community, but in the entire field of journalism.

A reporter par excellence—news anchor—radio announcer—media consultant—a conscience, of and for, American journalism for almost four decades.

As one of the first Asian American network reporters in New York City, he announced to the Nation on CBS News, the fall of Saigon.

He interviewed Presidents and world leaders. He covered earthquakes and major disasters.

He reported from China the government crackdown on the democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square.

His childhood in Greenville, Mississippi, must have been a seminal experience for him; one that forged his commitment to both exposing and fighting discrimination wherever he found it. Undoubtedly, he certainly witnessed and experienced first-hand racial prejudice that pervaded the South in the 40's and 50's. More importantly he saw the devastation discrimination did to the dreams of young people of color.

As a result, his life was one of endless commitment to truth-seeking and justice for all Americans—but especially for his brothers and sisters in the Asian American Community.

He believed "informing and helping others is what makes journalism exciting." He also believed his beloved career in journalism was an opportunity to use his roots for a positive purpose.

His relentless pursuit of excellence in journalism was legendary. He once convinced ABC's Nightline to do a program called "Asian American—When Your Neighbor Looks Like the Enemy." After doing so, he helped book the guest, checked the script for accuracy, and found historical footage for the broadcast. He went on to spend the entire next year educating the executive producer about how Asian Americans have been unfairly stereotyped because of the campaign fundraising and spy scandals.

The program went on to be the highest rated show in its time slot beating out both Jay Leno and David Letterman in the national ratings.

Sam was a visionary—for that show would be as relevant today as it was when it first aired. I have no doubt if Sam were still with us, he would be haranguing the current producers to replay it today to show Americans just how little we've learned from our history.

His advocacy on behalf of civil rights and justice for Asian Americans continued to the day he died. It was Sam's interview with Senator JOHN MCCAIN that enlightened the Senator to the plight of citizenship denial for Asian American Civil War Veterans. And it was Sam Chu Lin's coverage at the critical junctures of Dr. Wen Ho Lee, Captain James Yee and Captain James Wang's careers that kept the Asian Pacific civil rights community rallying to their defense.

He continued to this day investigating, advocating, and agitating on behalf of Asian Americans as a media consultant and an independent reporter for several newspapers.

His humbleness belied his accomplishments. He was the recipient of awards across the entire spectrum of journalism—from the Associated Press and UPI, to the Golden

Mike, National Headliner Award for Best Documentary to name but a few. Just this past August he was honored with the Spirit of America Award by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance.

In spite of his accomplishments, he never lost the value of humility or the heartfelt treasure of friendship. He was my dear friend and mentor. My heart goes out to his wife, Judy, and his sons, Mark and Christopher. His absence in my life and in the Asian Community is irreplaceable.

But his body of work will live on and inspire generations of aspiring young Asian Americans to dream big dreams, and then go on to realize them.

It has been said that Asian American men are some of America's best kept secrets. Sam Chu Lin helped to change that. There is a story of a short man who was in the midst of some tall men. One of the taller men said to him, "You must feel pretty small right now." The man replied, "Yes, I feel like a dime in the midst of nickels."

Sam Chu Lin was no dime amongst nickels. He was a silver dollar amongst dimes. For in fact, the lifetime body of accomplishments of Sam Chu Lin has forever changed the face of American journalism.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FIRST STEP TO REDEPLOYMENT ACT OF 2006

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, our security depends on the President changing the course in Iraq. Last November, I released a plan to do just this by carrying out a phased redeployment of U.S. troops starting with bringing the National Guard home and refocusing our political, diplomatic and reconstruction efforts. Today, having received a good deal of support for my plan, I am introducing the First Step to Redeployment Act of 2006 which would put my plan into practice by beginning the redeployment of U.S. armed forces from Iraq. This legislation will begin the redeployment of our troops with the National Guard because they also have an important role here at home, fighting forest fires, providing hurricane relief, and keeping our country safe.

Our challenge now is to learn from our mistakes in Iraq and make the appropriate adjustments to our strategy. However, the Iraq conflict is only the beginning of our challenge. We face very real strategic threats from North Korea to Iran and we need thoughtful, moral, and honest efforts to deal with them.

TRIBUTE TO BOB JENNINGS

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has had a tremendous positive effect on the political landscape of California for more than 30 years. For the

past three years Bob Jennings has been my District Director. I could not have chosen a better person to fill this role as I sought to lay a solid foundation for my Congressional career. Bob's knowledge and guidance has made all the difference in helping establish an effective office that meets the needs of my constituents and anticipates opportunities to improve the quality of life for residents in my area.

Bob is no stranger to the San Joaquin Valley and its many challenges. He started his career as a District Director for former Rep. Bob Mathias in 1969. He served in that position until 1975. He went on to form California Data Marketing with then Assemblyman Bill Jones. The two formed a unique friendship and partnership in business and politics that endured through Jones' career as a State Senator and eventually as California's Secretary of State. Bob served as Chief Assistant Secretary and later Undersecretary of State for Bill and was instrumental in establishing the Golden State Museum in Sacramento.

During his time on my staff, Bob spearheaded efforts at the district level to address a wide range of issues through community summits and workshops, including the shortage of health care workers and professionals; affordable housing needs; leading the charge for a Congressional Research Service study on the 8-county area of the Valley and most notably, fostering a greater sense of unity and cooperation among federal and state district staffs across party lines.

For more than five decades, his quiet leadership and vision have made an indelible mark on the communities he has served. His guidance and mentorship of my staff will pay immeasurable dividends far into the future.

As he ends his career at the end of March, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him all the best in a well-deserved retirement, and in offering up many thanks for his hard work and dedicated service over so many years. Thank you, Bob.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006 (H.R. 2829).

I am proud to have been involved in the creation of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) in 1988. Legislation I introduced became part of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, which created the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

Along with creating the office of the White House "Drug Czar," my legislation also permitted the U.S. military to help interdict drugs, called for the seizure of aircraft involved in drug smuggling, sped up the interdiction of foreign vessels carrying drugs, required minimum sentences for crack cocaine users, and required drug testing of key transportation workers.

The ONDCP is responsible for establishing policies, priorities, and objectives for our na-

tion's drug control program. The reauthorization of ONDCP and its programs are essential to continue the reduction of illicit drug use, manufacturing, and trafficking, drug-related crime and violence, and drug-related health consequences.

The ONDCP Reauthorization Act of 2006 improves the ONDCP and its programs in many important ways. The bill requires that the Director of ONDCP to have the same rank and status as other executive department heads. This will ensure that the "Drug Czar" will be able to interact with other executive department heads to coordinate with them on anti-drug policies and programs.

The bill also preserves and strengthens the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program. The HIDTA program is ONDCP's principal law enforcement program.

Two counties in my district, Broward and Palm Beach, are part of the South Florida HIDTA. The mission of the South Florida HIDTA is to measurably reduce drug trafficking, related money laundering, violent crime and drug abuse in South Florida, thereby reducing the impact of illicit drugs in other areas of the country. The extensive shoreline of the Florida peninsula and the Florida Keys, combined with 3 major seaports and a close proximity to the Caribbean basin, make South Florida a prime target for maritime smuggling operations.

The South Florida HIDTA designation makes the local law enforcement agencies in Broward and Palm Beach Counties eligible for federal grant funding in order to facilitate the attack and the dismantling of high-value drug trafficking and related money laundering and violent crime organizations working throughout South Florida.

Mr. Chairman reauthorizing the ONDCP and its programs will help us stay ahead of the war on drugs and drug abuse. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE NEVADA WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Nevada Women's History Project for their contributions to the community in promoting awareness of the historical contributions of Nevadan women.

The Nevada Women's History Project (NWHP) was founded in the fall of 1994 to provide visibility and support for the gathering and dissemination of history about the roles and contributions of Nevada women of every race, class and ethnic background. The NWHP is a statewide organization, with active regions in the North and South. Currently the group has over 200 members.

On March 5, 2005 the second statue from the state of Nevada, that of Sarah Winnemucca, was placed in the United States Capitol. The NWHP was the main factor in placing the statue, by raising the funds to make the statue and lobbying the Nevadan Legislature to give Sarah this honor. The NWHP has gone further to recognize Sarah by placing a replica of the original statue in Reno, Nevada. A second replica statue, which will