

proudest has been the creation of a resource officer position at the Grand Valley High School.

While his work in law enforcement has been critical to the community, he has also made significant contributions in other ways. He remains active with the St. John Middle School football program and for many years was the assistant coach for the Grand Valley High School baseball team. He has also served as a director for the Garfield 16 school board and the local park and recreation district.

I commend Chief Higuera for his years of service and dedication to the town of Parachute. It is people like him that make our communities safe and pleasant places to live and work. We owe him a debt of gratitude and wish him well in his retirement.

SUPPORT FOR THE VANADIUM TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Vanadium Technology Partnership, a program of great importance to both my constituents in Northwest Pennsylvania and the men and women serving in the United States military at home and overseas. The Vanadium Technology Partnership, or VTP, is a cooperative relationship between the vanadium microalloyed steel industry and the U.S. Army. The partnership is working to apply high-performance steels in military applications.

The military uses some quantity of vanadium in virtually every application where steel products are employed. As the chairman of the Congressional Steel Caucus, I recognize the crucial benefits that VTP offers to domestic steel industry as well as the U.S. armed services. I have worked extensively on behalf of VTP, including Bear Metallurgical Company, a key vanadium producer in my district and member of the partnership. Since VTP's inception in 2003, the steel industry and the military have employed vanadium in their daily operations to a much larger degree. Vanadium is currently being used to increase armor strength and reduce the weight of current combat vehicles, tactical vehicles, tactical bridges, material handling equipment, aircraft, watercraft and rail. Further, case studies looking at ways to expand vanadium's uses have been completed and are now in the process of deployment, including a vanadium steel rebar program, long span structures, trailer weight reduction, and vanadium spiral-welded pipe.

I would also like to offer my sincere gratitude to Dr. John Beatty with the Army Research Lab for his support and oversight of VTP since its inception. I was particularly pleased to learn that the Army has agreed to support the use of VTP funding to undertake critical health and safety research. This research will help ensure the safe and continued use of vanadium for industry and the military.

In closing, I am grateful to both my colleagues and the military for recognizing the crucial benefits of the Vanadium Technology Partnership. I have made the advancement of this technology a top priority and encourage its continuation. With the Army's commitment

to the VTP, the many uses of vanadium will continue to benefit our servicemen and women serving at home and overseas.

TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY LEADER PAULA WHITNEY

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a great civic and community leader, Paula Whitney, upon her retirement as President of the Mill Basin Civic Association. Paula Whitney is a lifetime resident of the Mill Basin community and can trace her roots back to one of the first families to establish a residence in the area. She has a deep love for this close knit Brooklyn community and has dedicated a large part of her time and energy to ensuring the opportunities provided to her and her family over the years are preserved and fortified for future community residents.

Paula Whitney joined the Mill Basin Civic Association in 1979 and held several offices before being elected president in 1989. As president, Paula Whitney has spearheaded many campaigns to improve the Mill Basin community and keep it family friendly. She has brought many problems that otherwise might be swept under a rug into the light of day and had an uncanny ability to demand the proper amount of attention and respect from elected officials, our local police precinct and our local schools. Thanks in large part to Paula Whitney's persistence and hard work, no issue raised at her meetings ever went unanswered.

Paula Whitney taught civic responsibility by example, and her two children, Michael Francis and Jeanne Marie, learned it well. Jeanne serves on the civics' Board of Directors. Paula is married to Allan Whitney, a civic leader in his own right, who serves as the Third Vice President.

Paula's dedication to our community runs deeper than devoting herself to just one organization. She has represented her Mill Basin community at School Board meetings, served as a former Board Member of the Mill Bergen Chemical People Task Force, as a member of the Flatlands Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and as a member of Community Board 18, where she is chairperson of the Libraries Committee.

Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I congratulate Paula Whitney upon the completion of her service as president of the Mill Basin Civic Association and thank her for her many years of hard work on behalf of my constituents and the City of New York.

TRIBUTE TO DIANNE REEVES

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of a remarkable woman in the 1st Congressional District of Colorado. It is both fitting and proper that we recognize Dianne Reeves for her preeminent artistic achievement and her excellence in numerous creative endeavors.

Dianne Reeves has used her talent, skill and energy to create an inimitable musical and artistic presence for which she has received international acclaim. She came to our

**PRESIDENT HU JINTAO—
PRESIDENT OF CHINA**

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, it is with great importance we have the opportunity to discuss Chinese President Hu Jintao's upcoming visit to Washington this April. During his visit, a number of issues will be discussed with President Bush, especially the issue of Taiwan.

We welcome President Hu Jintao and we hope his visit will help reduce mounting tensions in the Taiwan Strait.

As President Hu Jintao visits Washington, we urge the administration and the international community to help China accept the universal values of democracy, freedom and human rights and to renounce the use of force to resolve the Taiwan issue.

Mr. Speaker, I welcome President Hu Jintao to the United States and hope that he has productive meetings with the administration on a wide range of issues, especially the issue of Taiwan.

THE ELLA J. GILMORE STREET DESIGNATION

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Congressional District Three, the Central Florida community, and the City of Apopka, it is my sincere pleasure to congratulate Ella J. Gilmore for this historic street name designation.

Your numerous noteworthy accomplishments and leadership in the Central Florida community includes work in the early 1970's in obtaining street paving and lighting for West 14th Street residents. You coordinated and provided leadership for the Orange County's South Apopka Targeted Initiative Pilot Project in 1991, which included community improvement projects, street lighting and paving, public facilities and youth programs in the South Apopka community.

It has often been said, "To whom much is given, much is required." This statement is exhibited by the work you have done and continues to be done in your position as Deputy Director of the Orange County Health and Family Services Department.

Continue to let your light shine as God directs your path in your mission to impact this and other Central Florida communities. Your unending involvement helps to improve the quality of many, many individual lives. Your community involvement will never go unnoticed.

Again, I say "Congratulations." It is an honor to say you are truly a "Phenomenal Woman."

community from Detroit, Michigan where she and her sister Sharon were raised by their grandmother. Dianne inherited a love of music from her parents and as a child, took piano lessons and sang at every opportunity. While singing with the George Washington High School big band, she was spotted by jazz trumpeter Clark Terry at the National Association of Jazz Educators Conference in Chicago where the band took first place in the 1974 jazz festival. She studied music at the University of Denver before moving to Los Angeles in 1976. Dianne experimented with various musical genres including Latin American music and toured with Eduardo Del Barrio's group "Caldera." She sang with the Billie Child's "Night Flights" jazz band and later toured with both Sergio Mendez and Harry Belafonte as his lead singer.

In 1987, Reeves was the first vocalist signed to the reactivated Blue Note/EMI label. Reeves has recorded with Daniel Barenboim and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, with Sir Simon Rattle and the Berlin Philharmonic and she has also recorded and performed extensively with Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. Over the course of numerous recordings and hundreds of live performances, Dianne Reeves has burnished a reputation as a versatile and vivacious singer who has been compared to such masters of jazz as Ella Fitzgerald, Dinah Washington, Carmen McRae and Sarah Vaughn.

Dianne Reeves is in a class by herself. She won her fourth Best Jazz Vocal Grammy Award for the soundtrack to the critically acclaimed *Good Night, And Good Luck*, which chronicles Edward R. Murrow's confrontation with Senator Joseph McCarthy. Dianne is the only artist to have three consecutive recordings win in the jazz vocal category—*A Little Moonlight*, *The Calling: A Tribute to Sarah Vaughn* and *In the Moment*. She is an Ella Fitzgerald Award recipient and was awarded the Denver Mayor's Award for Excellence in the Arts. She was the first Creative Chair for Jazz of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and has performed throughout Europe and Asia. Reeves is the first internationally renowned jazz artist to perform in Qatar and recently, she was the featured performer at UNICEF's Annual Gala in New York City.

We are indeed fortunate to have an artist of such consummate reputation and international acclaim in our community. She has mastered a wide range of styles and interpretation, all of which reflect both a perceptive and unique artistic ability and skill. Her artistic sensibilities are set apart by a fidelity to the spirit of various compositions and renderings of notable artists; by an intimate expression of mood and emotion and a style of singular elegance, sophistication and grace.

We owe much to our artists as they have the unique ability to distill our cultural essence from our collective experience. Please join me in commanding Dianne Reeves, a distinguished artist. Her gifts enhance our culture and her contributions have enriched the American Experience.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN TARTAN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Tartan and his career as a teacher, coach, counselor, administrator. He is recognized today at the formal dedication of John Tartan Elementary School, which is named in his honor.

John was born November 6, 1924, in Ruth, Nevada. His parents were immigrants from Yugoslavia. In 1925, the family moved to McGill, Nevada, where John attended McGill Grade School and later White Pine High School in Ely. John graduated in 1943, and he enlisted in the Army-Air Corps. After the war, John won a spot on the "Ogden Reds" baseball team, a farm team for the Cincinnati Reds. There he earned the nickname "Buck" because he could run like a buck deer. That experience helped secure a baseball scholarship to Utah State University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1952.

John was hired by White Pine High School to teach, before he was recalled into the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. John coached and played for the Walker AFB in Roswell, New Mexico. He deployed to Mendel, England. He was discharged from the armed services in July 1953.

One month later, he accepted a position at Basic High School in Henderson, teaching general science and biology. He also became head baseball coach and assistant football coach. Under John's direction, Basic won two State Championships in baseball. Basic won the Tri-State championship and then competed in the C.I.F. tournament in Southern California. This was a first for a Nevada school. In 1955 John was named the "Helms Athletic Coach of the Year." John also introduced the slogan "Home of the Basic Wolves" on the school scoreboard. In addition to the scoreboard, John was the first coach to dress in team uniform, along with the bat-boy. This started a precedent at all the high schools in the Las Vegas valley.

In 1957, John left Basic to pursue a Master's Degree at Arizona State University. He returned to Las Vegas and Rancho High School. John led the Rancho Baseball Teams to Three State Championships in a row.

John moved out of the classroom and into administration. As a counselor at Rancho, John made it a point to help every student secure a scholarship. He handled all the senior class for twelve years. At Rancho High School, John served as Head of Counselors, and eventually as Assistant Principal.

In 1976, John transferred to Valley High School as Assistant Principal and in 1978, he requested to be transferred to Las Vegas High School, because it was so similar to his own Alma Mater. He retired from Las Vegas High School in 1980.

John is married to Judy Breeding Tartan for forty-two years. He has three children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to John Tartan on the floor of the House today. I thank him for his service.

IN HONOR OF TOM DUFFY

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Tom Duffy, a tireless advocate for children in the State of Delaware. Since March of 2000, Tom has served as a court appointed special advocate in Delaware's Family Court. He has represented over 20 children from numerous families and works diligently to protect their best interests.

Tom goes above and beyond the call of duty by paying close attention to all aspects of a child's life, monitoring everything from safety to education. His top priorities are always happiness and safety for the child.

In a legal system often overwhelming to the children it serves, Tom is able to explain complicated situations in a gentle manner. His dedication and skill has eased the fears of many children over his years of service.

Tom has been recognized locally as a finalist for the Delaware Jefferson Award, an honor awarded annually by the American Institute of Public Service commanding outstanding public service leaders within the community. He is one of five very admirable nominees, all making exceptional contributions to the State of Delaware. No matter who is chosen as the recipient of this award, they are each deserving candidates who demonstrate that one person can truly make a monumental difference.

I congratulate and thank Tom Duffy for all of his contributions to the State of Delaware. Many families are grateful and I am pleased to be able to vocalize their appreciation. He is an exemplary citizen and a proud American. Thank you, Tom, for all you have done and continue to do for the families of our State.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF
VICE ADMIRAL JOHN H. "JACK"
FETTERMAN, JR., UNITED
STATES NAVY, RETIRED

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness and honor that I rise today to recognize a true patriot, Vice Admiral Jack Fetterman, United States Navy, retired. Admiral Fetterman left us Friday night, March 24th. He was 73 years old. Vicki and I were saddened to learn of his passing and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Nancy Glenn Austin and their two sons, John and Kevin.

The Pensacola News Journal called him "a tireless civic leader who dreamed big, never stopped working for Pensacola and always was thinking of how to make it a better place to live" and I would add that few people have shown the perseverance, dedication and commitment to our community that he has shown.

Admiral Fetterman was born in Ashland, Pennsylvania on 4 August 1932. He began college at Susquehanna University, graduating from Albright College in 1954. He was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy in 1955 and was designated a naval aviator in 1956.