

Cross to be awarded to a naval aviator was awarded to Richard E. Byrd, of the U.S. Navy Air Corps, for his flight to the North Pole. The contributions of these great aviators and those that followed are honored by this prestigious award.

In 1994 the Distinguished Flying Cross Society was formed as a nonprofit organization whose members have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The society has established scholarships and benefits for organizations and individuals throughout the Nation that are seeking to make advances in aviation.

In February of this year the Distinguished Flying Cross Society officially recognized a new chapter, the Las Vegas Wings Chapter in Southern Nevada. The great State of Nevada is home to more than 260,000 veterans many of which have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. As a Member of Congress and a Nevadan, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome, to the Las Vegas Wings Chapter, of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that I salute these great American heroes and the Las Vegas Wings Chapter of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society.

HONORING MR. BILL BUEVENS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bill Buevens for his commitment to safety as an air traffic controller at the Dallas/Fort Worth Terminal Radar Approach Control.

On a warm, cloudy night with poor visibility, Mr. Buevens noticed American Airlines Flight 599 approaching the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport lined up incorrectly on the runway by fault of the instrument landing systems.

After noticing that a problem might potentially arise, Buevens remained on constant watch of Flight 599 which seemed weary on his instinct. Drawing on his 18 years of experience and hunch, Buevens' fear proved true when the plane lined up to the wrong runway where another flight was taxiing for take off.

Buevens immediately alerted the tower controller who then contacted the pilot and re-allowed the flight to the correct runway. This save is credited as remarkable because of the radar display.

Mr. Buevens was honored with the NATCA's Archies League Medal of Safety, which is named for the first U.S. air traffic controller. He is one of 11 controllers honored this year for saves.

I am honored to today to recognize the exceptional service of Mr. Bill Buevens. His knowledge and dedication to safety saved not only the air line from a great travesty, but also kept the estimated 300 passengers out of harm's way.

TRIBUTE TO THE BERGEN RECORD

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to all those at the

Bergen Record newspaper who worked on the excellent award-winning 'Toxic Legacy' series of articles, which documented Ford Motor Company's dumping of toxic waste in northern Bergen and Passaic Counties in New Jersey.

The latest award from the Society of Professional Journalists is a testament to the dedicated reporting of Jan Barry, Barbara Williams, Tom Troncone, Mary Jo Layton, Alex Nussbaum and Lindy Washburn, photographer Thomas E. Franklin, Editor Debra Lynn Vial, and project leader Tim Nostrand.

Investigative journalism of the caliber shown in this series is critical to an informed electorate and democracy. I am proud that so many prestigious journalism awards have gone to a daily newspaper written, printed, and distributed in my own District. Residents of Bergen and Passaic Counties are privileged to have access to a vibrant and competitive free press in New Jersey.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th Anniversary of The Onondaga County Medical Society. The Onondaga County Medical Society was first founded back on July 1, 1806. Back then, 11 physicians met on top of Onondaga Hill at the first Onondaga County Courthouse to establish this great society.

Since its founding, the society has helped Central New York deal with some of the more menacing health threats of the time. In the 1830s, physician members of the society dealt with Asiatic cholera. In the 1900s, the society addressed the local impact of the worldwide flu; which resulted in over 750 deaths within the Syracuse area. During the 1950s the society assisted the local community in dealing with the polio epidemic. Currently, the society and its more than 1,260 members are working with the New York State Department of Health in preparation for the possibility of a bird flu outbreak.

The Onondaga County Medical Society also played a leading role in the establishment of the College of Medicine at Syracuse in 1872. In 1950, this college went on to become the Upstate Medical University, which has become a tremendous resource and aide for the entire Central New York region.

Throughout its history, The Onondaga County Medical Society has played an important role in the healthcare of the people of Central New York. Members have done their best to live up to the Society's motto, "to promote and preserve quality health care by working for patients, physicians and the community."

On behalf of the people of Central New York, I applaud the 200 years of hard work members of The Onondaga County Medical Society have provided. I wish the Society the best of luck and expect nothing but the best service in the many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER AWARD PRESENTED TO BLACK CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Black Construction Corporation of Guam on the occasion of it being awarded the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence in the construction category by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Named for the president under whom the SBA was founded, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence honors large federal contractors nationwide with the most outstanding small business subcontracting programs.

Each year, the SBA awards those businesses and federal agencies that have excelled in various aspects of federal procurement. To be eligible for consideration for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence a company must first be the recipient of the SBA Award of Distinction. The SBA has twice honored Black Construction Corporation for its record of support for small business on Guam and throughout Micronesia, following a nationwide review of construction companies that are awarded federal contracts. It is my hope that companies that are prime contractors for federal construction projects heed the example set by Black Construction Corporation and will continue to subcontract with local small businesses.

The vast majority of American companies are small businesses. They are the largest creator of private sector jobs. American small businesses have also established a strong record of innovation and are routinely implementing cutting edge technologies. Furthermore, the success of local economies is dependant upon the strength of small businesses. As local small businesses grow stronger, so do the communities in which they serve. Black Construction Corporation fulfills an essential role in that process on Guam and throughout Micronesia by utilizing small businesses to complete federal construction projects.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF MR. DAVID FOY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a constituent, a public servant, an American patriot who laid down his life in support of the ideals of our great nation.

On March 2, 2006, David Foy, a Department of State Facilities Manager for our Consulate in Karachi, Pakistan was killed, along with three other individuals, by a suicide bomber. We will never forget David's service, nor its premature end.

David Foy served his country by dedicating 23 years of his life to the United States Navy retiring as a Senior Chief. But David

wanted to keep serving his country. After several years as a civilian employee at Fort Bragg, he moved over to the Department of State's Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations where he became a Facilities Manager. For the last three years he has served in areas at the heart of our War on Terror, Kyrgyzstan and Pakistan.

David's eulogy says everything you need to know about him as a man and him as a servant. He is a hero and a warrior. He was a devoted family man who deeply loved and adored his wife and their four daughters.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on May 5th will honor this loyal patriot by presenting to his wife, Donna, and his daughters the Department of State's Thomas Jefferson Star Award for sacrifice in the performance of his duties.

Mr. Speaker, David Foy is a hero both to his country and to his wonderful family. We salute his dedication to this country that he served so long and so well. David and other civil servants like him are the reason why we rise every morning in the warmth of a blanket of freedom. May he not be forgotten and may his mission continue in the work of this body and the hearts of all Americans.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LOU EMMERT

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lou Emmert for her professional success and outstanding contributions to the community.

Lou Emmert is the vice president and general manager for Sprint of Nevada, the primary local telephone provider for Clark County. In this role, she directs the efforts of local and state governmental relations, regulatory relations, public relations and community involvement activities, and is the main point of contact for key business leaders.

Lou is also involved in many community organizations, including the Girl Scouts of Frontier Council, the Las Vegas Chamber Board of Trustees, the YMCA Board, the Nevada Development Authority Board, the Las Vegas Philharmonic Board of Directors, the Nevada International Women's Forum, the Clark County Public Education Foundation, the Clark County Department of Social Service Citizens Advisory Committee, the Henderson Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Desert Research Institute Foundation Board.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to honor Lou Emmert for her extraordinary record of professional and community service. I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE CLEVELAND FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Cleveland Federal Executive Board, for their individual and

collective dedication as public servants, all focused on the public good.

The community of federal employees in Cleveland, Ohio, is comprised of nearly 20,000 individuals who contribute their talent, trade and expertise daily within an array of roles, including park rangers, administrators, accountants, clerical employees, attorneys, engineers, military members, mail carriers, scientists, nurses and physicians.

The professional contribution extended daily by federal employees serves as a foundation of support, safety and security throughout our community. Every day, the mail is delivered; veterans receive medical care; the environment is monitored; our national park is preserved; immigrants are guided to citizenship; job services are provided; and astronomers study the mysteries of the universe.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and gratitude of the members of the Cleveland Federal Executive Board and the thousands of federal employers who live and work within our Cleveland community. Their individual and collective commitment to their work continues to preserve, protect and strengthen our entire community.

BOOKSELLER OF THE YEAR—HONORING A VERMONT INSTITUTION

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend Northshire Books, honored as this year's Bookseller of The Year. The selection and award was made by Publisher's Weekly.

Northshire Books is located in the small town of Manchester, Vermont. Owned by Ed and Barbara Morrow, it is a wonderful example of a locally-owned bookstore. It boasts a handsome environment for browsing books and a huge selection of titles. The selection it carries is not chosen by corporate giants seeking maximum sales, or by a central office following national trends. Quite the contrary, Northshire's wonderful inventory of books is the result of the informed knowledge of its staff: people who read and value books.

Northshire Books regularly presents readings by authors, allowing it to serve as a rich cultural resource for all of southwestern Vermont. It introduces young people to reading, through its fine children's section, and "Story times" for young readers.

Vermont authors value this wonderful store. "Northshire is everything one could want in a bookstore," said Vermont novelist Chris Bohjalian. "It's a huge gift to the state." And best-selling novelist John Irving agreed: "What's remarkable about the quality and range of the Northshire Bookstore is that Manchester isn't a college town, or even a very big town, yet the store is both broad and deep—it is literary, friendly to children, and welcoming to tourists. I love the place." Novelist Howard Frank Mosher said, "Every time I walk through there, the first thing I see is a dozen or so of my favorite contemporary novels and non-fiction books. He continued, "Then, the booksellers that the Morrows have hired over the years are, I think, the most knowledgeable booksellers I've ever met. They've actually read the books they sell and know an enormous amount about them."

Northshire has not been purely commercial. In 2003 its owners sponsored "Cry Out: Poets Protest the War," a collection of the anti-war poems were read by eleven renowned poets, including Galway Kinnell, Grace Paley and Jamaica Kincaid, to an overflow crowd of 500 in Manchester's First Congregational Church. That event was announced after the White House canceled a poetry reading out of a fear that poems critical of the war in Iraq might be read. The poems read were subsequently published by Braziller. And when the Patriot Act eliminated reader privacy—making it easy for investigators to check bookstore purchases without judicial oversight—Northshire actively opposed the law with American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression. As a result, a petition with 185,000 signatures was sent to Congress, asking that it restore protections for reader privacy which were eliminated by Section 215 of the act.

Small, local business is the heart of the American economy. Local bookstores are, and have been ever since the times of Benjamin Franklin (a bookshop owner), a center of American learning. Congratulations to Northshire bookstore, to owners Ed and Barbara Morrow, to its manager Chris Morrow, to its staff, and to its dedicated and supportive patrons.

IN HONOR OF PACE UNIVERSITY'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the most respected private institutions of higher learning in my district, Pace University, as it celebrates a major milestone, the 100th anniversary of its founding in 1906. This great school has grown from humble beginnings as a School of Accountancy to become a vibrant and dynamic Liberal Arts University offering more than 100 majors.

Over the last century, the school has lived up to its motto, *Opportunitas*, by offering its students the opportunity to discover and fulfill their potential, and affording its distinguished faculty and outstanding staff the opportunity to achieve excellence. As part of its 15-month centennial celebration, Pace University will be hosting lectures, symposia, service activities, and other special events that reflect on its long history of opportunity and innovation.

With its six schools and colleges and two main campuses, Pace is consistently ranked among the top quarter of 4-year colleges and universities in the country. Pace's School of Law is nationally recognized for the excellence of its Environmental Law Program and its Lienhard School of Nursing has been an acknowledged leader in nursing education, research, and practice for more than 35 years.

Ultimately, Pace University's greatest strength has been its people—its faculty, staff, students, and alumni—and its most profound achievement can be seen in the countless lives that have been transformed by the Pace experience. I offer my sincere congratulations to all those that have helped the school prosper and grow over the past 100 years.