

knowledge economy requires the protection of information and ideas.

I would also like to recognize Dr. Yves Chauvin, Professor Robert H. Grubbs, and Professor Richard R. Schrock who were awarded the 2005 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for development of the metathesis method in organic synthesis. From the Greek words meaning to change position, metathesis methodology, and its variety of enabling catalysts, have become invaluable in the development and industrial scale production of polymers, fuel additives, biologically active compounds, and drugs.

The formation and reorganization of carbon-carbon bonds is the heart of synthetic organic chemistry. Developing new techniques and methods for controlling carbon connectivity is critical to advancing an enormous range of scientific advancement and technological development.

Methods like metathesis represent the very tools used by chemists around the world to build better drugs, better fuels, and better materials in ways that are cheaper, faster, and cleaner. Chemists around the world have incorporated metathesis reactions into production schemes for novel medicines and even materials used in bullet-proof vests; and the increased efficiency realized by metathesis reactions leads to less waste generated in the process.

The work of these Noble laureates reverberates through technological developments and innovative engineering, resulting in the strengthening of our economy. The basic research which brought about the Nobel Prizes in 2005 was funded by agencies like the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, which are funded by the Federal Government.

While much of the fundamental research performed or funded through these agencies may not immediately appear to have practical applications, we must recognize that today's chemical oddity or strange physical principle could be tomorrow's Nobel Prize. Yet, the total Federal research and development portfolio is taking a cut for the first time since 1996 in the President's fiscal year 2007 budget request.

Mr. Speaker, the world is in transition right now. We, and the other industrialized nations of the world, are accelerating into a knowledge-based global economy. We can make no assumptions that the United States will remain the dominant factor in this economy. Complacency will be our downfall.

As we celebrate Nobel Prize winners and honor their work, we are slipping behind in the scramble for the top of the globalization mountain. Other nations are acting as we sit thinking of actions to take. The cultural shift required for our Nation to move forward and maintain a competitive edge over other nations begins with how the Federal Government spends its money. We must increase the funding for research and development to maintain our competitiveness.

We must come together as one Congress, united across party lines, choosing to act for our future.

## RECOGNIZING BILL SERGEANT

**HON. WILLIAM L. JENKINS**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the outstanding humanitarian service and contribution made by Rotarian William T. ("Bill") Sergeant on the occasion of his retirement from his position as Chairman of the International PolioPlus Committee of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International—a committee that develops Rotary's policies and strategies to achieve polio eradication. Since the inception of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee in 1994, Bill Sergeant, a retired Colonel, has served tirelessly as the General leading the efforts of Rotary's army of 1.2 million volunteers in the war against polio.

A member of the Rotary club of Oak Ridge, Tennessee for more than 50 years, Bill Sergeant held many leadership positions in Rotary, including Rotary International Vice-president, Director, and Foundation Trustee, before assuming leadership of PolioPlus, Rotary's flagship program. Bill Sergeant has traveled to countries on 6 continents to participate in polio eradication activities, represented Rotary International at strategic meetings, and promoted the cause of global polio eradication and ensured its prominence among the Rotary world as Rotary's highest priority.

Through his integrity, acumen and keen observation, Bill Sergeant quickly earned the respect of peers in the other three spearheading organizations: the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; thereby strengthening the efficacy of this unique public/private collaborative effort for the ultimate benefit of the children of the world. Under Bill Sergeant's leadership, Rotary established criteria for the strategic use of PolioPlus grant funds, launched the PolioPlus Partners program to provide supplemental support for critical polio eradication activities, and established international advocacy to ensure sufficient political and financial public sector support for global polio eradication efforts.

During his tenure as Chairman of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, three regions of the world have been certified polio-free and only four countries remain with endemic transmission of polio. Bill Sergeant has demonstrated, through his exemplary, single-minded dedication to the goal of a polio-free world, that one man can make the world a better place through commitment, determination, and a great deal of heart.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our fellow representatives to join me in recognizing Bill Sergeant for his outstanding leadership and service in support of the goal of a polio-free world—a goal which the United States Government shares.

## TRIBUTE TO MR. MAI TRAN AND MR. BRUCE HOTTMAN

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Mai Tran

and Mr. Bruce Hottman of Information Technology Experts in Fort Collins, Colorado on being named Small Business Persons of the Year by the Small Business Administration.

Over the course of its 10-year history, ITX has consistently been recognized as one of Colorado's foremost small businesses. As a leading provider of full-service Information Technology support in Northern Colorado, ITX has earned the confidence of numerous corporate, non-profit, and governmental organizations. The leadership and expertise demonstrated by Mr. Tran and Mr. Hottman have resulted in the tremendous expansion and growth of ITX. In only 6 years, ITX has more than tripled the size of its workforce to 95 individuals.

Mr. Speaker, the remarkable economic success realized by ITX pales in comparison to the extraordinary generosity and commitment to the community embodied by members of the ITX family. Following the 2004 Asian tsunami disaster, ITX generously contributed funds to aid Chennai victims and was subsequently honored by the City of Fort Collins with a key to the city. Additionally, ITX has been lauded for providing much-needed computer equipment to the Asian Chamber of Commerce and discounted IT services to over a dozen Northern Colorado non-profit organizations.

As a member of the Governor's Minority Business Advisory Council, Mai Tran is a recognized leader in the small business community and is active in addressing issues that affect minority businesses across the State. He personifies his own belief that through skill, hard work, and determination, minority businesses strengthen Colorado's economy.

At the age of 16, Mr. Tran fled to the United States after South Vietnam fell to communism. Through a great deal of determination and hard work, Mr. Tran overcame his lack of English skills and went on to earn a degree in Computer Science and Mathematics from Colorado State University. Today, as President and CEO of ITX, Mr. Tran's dedication and commitment to others serves as an inspiration to his employees and his community.

As co-founder and Executive Vice President of ITX, Mr. Hottman's wealth of experience and expertise in the field of information technology have ensured the success of ITX and its continued contributions to the community. After graduating from Colorado State University with a degree in computer information systems, Mr. Hottman worked at United Banks and the United States Department of Agriculture before joining the Western Area Power Administration as Project Leader. While at WAPA, Mr. Hottman and Mr. Tran worked together as a high performing team of IT professionals, and in 1996 they decided to form their own IT services provider. Like Mr. Tran, Mr. Hottman's involvement in the Fort Collins Foothills Rotary Club and other community organizations has inspired and encouraged the employees of ITX to become active members of their community.

I am proud to represent individuals with such a remarkable entrepreneurial and compassionate spirit. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many accomplishments and selfless dedication of Mr. Mai Tran and Mr. Bruce Hottman.

IN RECOGNITION OF TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY'S TABLE TENNIS TEAM

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the teamwork and spirit of the Texas Wesleyan University's Table Tennis program. These individuals have established themselves as true champions, emphasized no less by their devotion and passion to the sport. Texas Wesleyan is home to the National Championship Team for Collegiate Table Tennis, a title they have held since 2002. Texas Wesleyan University has won 16 out of 25 possible collegiate titles in 4 years.

The Texas Wesleyan table tennis players have exhibited their commitment to each other and their common goals this past season by diligently competing and overcoming any adversity in their way. Throughout the season these outstanding individuals have shown the success that comes from working as a team to achieve a great goal.

Under the leadership of former coaches and players such as Christian Lillieroos, the team has continued its championship status. It is with great honor that I stand here today to recognize this group of individuals who have made their community so proud: Interim Coach Keith Evans; Interim Assistant Coach Jasna Reed; Program Assistant Michael Meier; Volunteer Assistant Coach James Rautis; and Women's Junior Varsity team members Johnese Evans and Kareema Styles; Women's Varsity team members Jasna Reed and Sabrina Worrell; Men's Junior Varsity team members Andre Scott, Aldis Presley, Michael Meier, David Livings, Peter Lindsay-van der Puije, Sadiq Khan and Tim Aikay; and Men's Varsity team members Eric Owens, Courtney Roberts, Dinko Kranjac, Abdul Rahman Khan, Ludovic Gombos and Carlos Chiu.

The table tennis program of Texas Wesleyan University has demonstrated the essence of the American spirit of sportsmanship.

### ACADEMIC ALL-STAR TEAM

### HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize nominees for the Regional Academic All-Star Team from the Pennyroyal region in western Kentucky.

The regional academic All-Star program's purpose is to recognize top academic scholars and performers. Students from Caldwell, Christian, Trigg and Todd Counties of Kentucky were nominated based upon their academic performance in seven disciplines: English, foreign language, journalism, mathematics, science, social studies and the creative and performing arts. The students are judged on their core academic score, the curriculum of the student, their grade point average, academic honors earned, unique accomplishments and achievements, extracurricular activities, both school related and outside

school activities, employment history, and an autobiographical essay.

Mr. Speaker, education is the foundation upon which we reach our human potential. Students in my district are developing their talents, furthering their education and pursuing their aspirations in life through programs like the Academic All-Star program. Encouragement and recognition develop confidence and achievement among young Americans—the future leaders of our country.

The following students have been nominated for their academic excellence:

David Keith Greene III, David Aaron Griffith, Brian Matthew Harrell, Kenton Mark Henderson, Matthew Thomas Hightower, Nicole Liane Paul, Michael Wayne Rowe, Lindsey Michelle Storm, Allison Rae Hudson, Steven Kurtis McGhee, Samantha Jean Moore, Daniel Stephen Richard, Elizabeth Alice Riley, Dustin Alan Shaw, Sarah Nicole Becker, Amanda Josephine Collett, Jessica Elizabeth Joy Gapp, Samantha René McIntyre, Cody James Noffsinger, Hilary Dawn Pate, Mary Rachel Ray, Paul Allen Reed, Thomas Andrew Burkhead, Amanda Leigh Hall, and Lindsey Nicole Hancock.

Eric Anthony Money, Kelsey Paige Pendleton, John Luke Schirtzinger, Sarah Ann Stokes, Christie Marie White, Bethany Ann Cooper, Caitlyn Taylor Hughes, Kari Jaclyn Keech, Patrick Ross Metcalfe, Denver Andrew Sizemore, Caitlyn White, Betsy Camille Austin, Barrett Ray Boyd, Garrett James Ebel, Hunter Wood Hayes, John David Heisterberg, Garrett Richard Sharp, Stacey Brooke Sholar, James Gregory Williams II, Justin Keith Cavanaugh, Courtney Lynn Greenfield, Joshua Dwayne Jenkins, Aleia Lynne Judd, and Palak Manoj Majmudar.

Brittney Michele Metts, Forrest Samuel Pittman, Amanda Jane Sweet, Brittney Michelle Addison, Alana Freeman Baker, Kyle Mark Dettro, Leonard Gordon, Jr., Jennifer Lee Robinson, Derrick Shane Strong, Jillian Katherine Terhune, Kelsi Micolle Austin, Amanda Baker, Hadley Burns, Shantinna Marie Hartum, Mackenzie Isenberg, Emily K. Kelley, Lyndsey McClain, Cody Warren Nance, Stephanie M. Radford, Brandon Thomas Stanley, Hannah Elizabeth Stokes, Kanisha Paige Frye, Keishla A. Garcia, and Tanner James.

Justin Jatezak, Jordan Lee Johnson, Aaron Michael Laurent, Leslie Denise Peck, Brittany Sweet, Kevin Tyler Wiseman, Preston Workman, John Wright, Marty Stuart Asbridge, Taylor Davis, Lyndsey McClain, Anna Miller, Kendra Angela Montejos, Carly Jo P'Pool, Michelle Schulz, Thomas Shaheen, Chelsea Smith, Sarah Tucker, Josh Villafranca, Matthew P. Clark, Will Farmer, Thomas James Gilkey, Casey Haley, Austin Porter Hart, Jessica Nichole Jobe, Emily Anne Koehler, Tierra L. McShan, James Lile Rummage, Ashton Spangler, and Kelsey Elizabeth Thomason.

Mr. Speaker, these students embody the spirit, commitment and sacrifice that we all should strive for in our daily lives. I am proud to represent them in my District. I extend my thanks to these students for their efforts, and I am proud to bring their accomplishments to the attention of this House.

TRIBUTE TO MR. EDDIE WALTER JACKSON, JR.

### HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a great individual and community leader, Mr. Eddie Walter Jackson, Jr., and to thank him for his contributions to the greater Waco community and this great Nation.

Mr. Jackson is one of three children born to the late Ed W. Jackson, Sr., and the late Lula Mae Bowman Parker.

Mr. Jackson graduated from Corsicana Public Schools and later Paul Quinn College where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and business. He served this Nation honorably as a member of the U.S. Navy, World War II veteran.

Following his service in the military, Mr. Jackson's exemplary work history includes working as a teacher and coach at the Anderson High School in Mart, TX; 34 years of outstanding service at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Waco, TX, and Nick's Restaurant for over 30 years.

Mr. Jackson has a deep love for his family. He shared wonderful years of marriage to the late Lonnie B. Taylor Jackson. They had one son, Ronald Wayne Jackson, Sr., and three daughters, Sara L. Pimpton, Doris Laverne Jackson, and Portia Elaine Jackson. He is a proud and devoted grandfather of nine, great-grandfather of eight, and great-great-grandfather of two.

For over half a century today, Mr. Jackson has been a devoted member of the Pleasant Olive Missionary Baptist Church. He is a life member of the American Legion, a member of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute, the American Federation of Government Employees, AFGE, Local 1822 for over 40 years, a dedicated member of the Central Texas Labor Council for 50 years and the Masonic Family-Mason.

Within the community, Mr. Jackson has shown a deep commitment by serving as a deputized voter registrar, poll watcher for elections, precinct 2, volunteer for the Democratic Party, and a candidate for the Silver Haired Legislature.

Mr. Jackson is a man of energy and action. He is the past president of the North Junior School PTA, past vice-president of AFGE Local 1822 and the immediate past president of the Central Texas Labor Council. He has dedicated his life to working to make Waco a better community.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Mr. Eddie Walter Jackson, Jr., and offer my heartfelt appreciation for a life dedicated to service to the Central Texas Labor Council, his community and the people of Central Texas.

TRIBUTE ON THE RETIREMENT OF AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT RICHARD J. DAVIDSON

### HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dick Davidson, President of the