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The Polish Hall was the home for the PAWV from its founding, into the 1960s. The American Legion Hall in Fairmont City, Illinois served as the PAWV home until 1979, when the permanent home was built in Caseyville, Illinois.

During their years of service, the organization has held a number of events to raise funds, celebrate their Polish heritage and to provide family and recreational opportunities in their community. These have included organizing teams for bowling and baseball leagues, holding dances and golf tournaments and participating in many parades. They continue to offer "care packages" to veterans who are hospitalized or in nursing homes.

In 1999, the PAWV formed an Honor Guard that performs at area events and provides full military honors for veterans' funerals. This unit has received many honors and commendations from area civic and veterans groups.

The Polish American War Veterans have been an active and involved part of our community for 60 years. The service they gave to their country did not stop when they retired from active military duty. They continue to live by the motto, "Still Serving and Proud to be Polish."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 60th Anniversary of the Polish American War Veterans and to wish the best to them for continued service in the future.

#### HONORING UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

##### HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker I rise today to recognize the University of Wisconsin men's hockey team, NCAA champions for the sixth time in the program's history. This is the first national championship for the Badgers since 1990, and also the first under head coach Mike Eaves. Coach Eaves previously won a national title as a player when he was the Badgers' team captain in 1977, and also coached the United States teams to their first gold medals at the 2002 World Under-18 Championship and the 2004 World Junior Championship. Coach Eaves' latest honor is being named the head coach of the United States Men's National Team.

This championship caps off a remarkable season for the Badgers. Senior assistant captain defenseman Tom Gilbert tied for the national lead in goals by a defenseman, and scored the most points by a UW defenseman in almost ten years. Gilbert was named to the All-American second team, and was joined there by sophomore center Joe Pavelski. Pavelski led the team in scoring during the season, and also became just the ninth player in Badgers history to score 100 points in his first two years.

Junior goalie Brian Elliott was named a first-team All-American. Elliott led the nation in every significant category of goaltending statistic, including goals-against-average, save percentage, and winning percentage, en route

to being named a finalist for the Hobey Baker Player of the Year award. He also recorded eight shutouts, including two in the NCAA Tournament's regional rounds, helping Elliot earn Most Outstanding Player honors for the Midwest Regional.

During the Frozen Four Championship in Milwaukee, it was Badgers' junior forward Robbie Earl who proved the Most Outstanding Player. Earl scored three goals combined in the semi-finals and finals, including the game-winning goal in the semi-final game and a tying goal in the final game.

After the Badger women's hockey team won their national championship two weeks before the men, several players joked that they had stolen for Wisconsin the title of the "State of Hockey" from Minnesota. After the men's team completed the NCAA hockey sweep for UW, Athletic Director Barry Alvarez put it more simply: "We own college hockey."

#### TO COMMEMORATE AND HONOR THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

##### HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the memory of those murdered during the Holocaust.

During that dark period, the nations of the world stood still as millions were massacred. Every year we come together and speak of how we shall "Never Forget." We talk of how we may honor their memory by never allowing such unspeakable crimes of genocide to be committed once again.

I fear we may not be doing their memory justice. Even as the United States has officially declared that genocide is occurring in Sudan, we stand concerned, but need to do much more to stop the bloodshed. Have we not learned from the horrors committed by Nazi Germany? How can we observe the rampant campaign of rape and genocide in Darfur without acting?

My heart and prayers go out to those who survived the Holocaust as well as those who were coldly murdered. We must honor them not just with words, but also by our actions. Over the next few days, hundreds of thousands of Americans will converge on Washington to demand that the US act to stop the genocide in Darfur. Let us honor the memory of those who were murdered during the Holocaust by doing everything we can to protect the people of Darfur.

#### RECOGNITION OF AFRICA MALARIA DAY

##### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize Africa Malaria Day, declared on April 25, 2000 by 43 African heads of state. That declaration marked the end of a 3-day summit called to renew and re-invigorate Africa's commitment to defeating malaria, a disease that takes a terrible toll on the African

continent. It renewed a commitment to exploit all means possible to finally tame the disease that kills more African children than any other single disease. It recognized the massive impact of malaria and the potential for reducing that impact. It affirmed African leaders' intent to remove roadblocks to malaria control and called for more active participation by the international community.

UNICEF and the World Health Organization estimate that malaria kills from 1 million to 2 million people every year, most of them young children and pregnant women in Africa. Along with HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, malaria remains one of the three biggest infectious disease killers in the world today.

Effective weapons in this fight include prompt access to effective treatment, increased use of locally appropriate means of mosquito control such as insecticide-treated nets and indoor residual spraying, early detection of and response to epidemics, and improved prevention and treatment of malaria in pregnant women. To make a sustained impact against malaria we need a vaccine.

There has never been a licensed malaria vaccine, but great progress toward that end is now being made, as evidenced by last year's results of a malaria vaccine clinical trial in Mozambique. However, people who need the vaccine the most are infants and children in developing countries. This means that market forces by themselves cannot drive malaria vaccine development. Ensuring the successful development of a vaccine for a disease that primarily affects the poorest people in the world requires public funding for research and development as well as funding for vaccine purchase once malaria vaccines are licensed. As a nation, we must take the challenge offered by African heads of state in 2000 and Bill Gates last fall to greatly increase funding for the development of new tools to defeat malaria, including a vaccine.

Global and national efforts to control malaria are making a difference. Lives are being saved and the movement to finally control malaria in Africa is picking up momentum. Evidence of this includes the increasing level of support for malaria control by the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, by USAID and the President's Malaria Initiative. But more and broader support is needed to achieve the goal of ending deaths from malaria in the shortest time possible. For each year we delay, another one to two million lives are lost.

Today, Africa Malaria Day, the equivalent of seven large plane loads of children died from malaria. Most of these children were under the age of 5. This is a tragedy of immense proportions. While it is deeply saddening, we cannot let its sheer magnitude paralyze us into complacency. Knowing about these deaths impassions me to do everything I can. We must ensure adequate support for existing and new malaria control tools to prevent more deaths, today, tomorrow, and into the future.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. BOB SCHULTZ

##### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, Mobile and indeed the entire State of Alabama recently lost

a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Bob Schultz, otherwise known as "Mr. Mardi Gras," was a musical legend in Mobile. Arriving in Mobile in 1960, Bob quickly distinguished himself as the sound of carnival playing swing era music on both the clarinet and saxophone. In 1976, he organized the Bob Schultz Big Band. He and his band have played at countless mystic society balls, weddings, and other events over the last three decades. They were also a staple at the Riverview Plaza Sunday brunch.

One wedding, in particular, stands out in my memory. Bob and his band played "Stars Fell on Alabama" for my new bride and me to lead the dance. To say Bob Schultz will be missed is a considerable understatement.

Bob Schultz and his band members also found time to perform for many charities including: the Child Advocacy Center, United Way, the Taste of Mobile, the Alabama Desert Storm Heroes Welcome Home Committee, and the Cathedral Towers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a fixture of Mobile Mardi Gras. Bob will be deeply missed by his family—his two brothers, William Schultz and Irving Schiff; and his sister, Irene Karasevich—as well as the countless friends and associates he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE FOUNDERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CONTAINER RESEARCH CORPORATION ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to rise to honor the founders and employees of the Container Research Corporation on the celebration of their 50th anniversary on this Saturday, April 29, 2006. The Container Research Corporation is located in the small town of Glen Riddle, Pennsylvania, in the 7th Congressional District that I represent.

The Container Research Corporation, CRC, was founded in 1956. At its helm were the young, innovative minds of Stan Rines, Sr. and Bill Swan, Sr., talented businessmen and engineers. Mr. Rines and Mr. Swan designed and patented modern high tech metal containers that replaced existing commercial and military wooden crates. I am pleased to report that Mr. Rines and Mr. Swan, now in their eighties, still own and manage the growing company, with 140 employees at three facilities.

The Container Research Corporation was an early pioneer of military packaging for large aircraft parts. Over their 50 years of service they have excelled in the research, design and manufacturing of aerospace maintenance platforms, storage and shipping containers to worldwide aerospace customers. CRC has produced containers for the Pershing Missiles, the Pickatinny Arsenal artillery shells, nuclear fuel rods, all styles of helicopter blades, jet engines and most recently the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Jet. They have partnered with such companies as Westinghouse, Boeing, Bell, Sikorsky and the U.S. military.

As the Vice-Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and the Homeland Security Committee, I have seen first-hand the positive effects of the Container Research Corporation's incredible work ethic and upstanding patriotism. They have been a strong and consistent partner in strengthening not only our national economy, but our national defense and security as well.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have within my district one of the founding companies for modern aerospace storage and shipping containers. Our Nation owes Mr. Rines, Mr. Swan and all of the dedicated employees at the Container Research Corporation a huge debt of gratitude. We are certainly a safer country because of their efforts. I am proud to represent these fine men and women and honor them on their 50th Anniversary on the House Floor today.

#### TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN HERO—MICHAEL J. NOVOSEL

##### HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's greatest military heroes, Michael J. "Mike" Novosel, who passed away on April 2 at the age of 83 at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC.

Mike Novosel was a remarkable man who ranked among the best who ever donned a military uniform. I'm proud to point out that he spent much of his life in southeast Alabama where he had a monumental impact on the mission of the U.S. Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker.

Born in Pennsylvania in 1922, Novosel joined the U.S. Army Air Force when he was 19. His training eventually took him to Maxwell Air Force Base where he qualified to fly the B-29 Superfortress. In 1945, he flew four Pacific combat missions with the 58th Bombardment Wing during the final days of World War II. But he did not stop there. Novosel commanded a B-29 as part of a fly-over during the Japanese surrender ceremony. His military career then led him to command the 99th Bombardment Squadron in the Pacific where he served until 1947 when he returned to the United States as a B-29 test pilot and then joined the Air Force Reserve. Soon after, he was called back to active duty at the Air Command and Staff School during the Korean War. But this was all just the beginning for Novosel.

During the Vietnam War, then Lt. Col. Novosel volunteered for duty in the Air Force Reserve. However, he was turned down because of his age. So, he traded his blue suit for the uniform of a U.S. Army warrant officer, and instead of piloting B-29's, took the stick of a Bell UH-1 Huey. As a "dust-off" helicopter pilot, Novosel served two tours in Vietnam, totaling 2,543 missions airlifting 5,600 medical evacuees. Amazingly, one of the men he rescued was his own son, who, ironically, later rescued him. In one rescue mission, Novosel braved tremendous enemy fire to rescue no less than 29 men.

His bravery resulted in his receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor. He returned

stateside to instruct the Army's Golden Knights parachute team at Fort Bragg and later he taught the Warrant Officer Career College at Fort Rucker. In 1985, Novosel was the last World War II pilot still flying. Fort Rucker named its main street "Novosel Avenue" for him, and after retirement Novosel remained in Enterprise, Alabama where he was an active member of the community until his death.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Warrant Officer Four Mike Novosel will rightfully be buried in Arlington National Cemetery alongside America's other great heroes. We can all be proud of his exemplary record, and I extend my condolences to his family.

#### TRIBUTE TO RICHARD L. KOHNSTAMM

##### HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Ms. HOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of a great Oregonian innovator, businessman, and friend. Richard L. Kohnstamm passed away last Friday, just days after his 80th birthday.

Like many Oregonians, Dick arrived in Oregon as a young man eager to forge his own future, and build his own adventure. What Dick couldn't possibly have known then, was that his future would become a true Oregon Legacy.

In 1955, Dick took over the management of Oregon's Historic Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood. With his imagination, vision, and dedication, Dick transformed the lodge from a neglected public works building to an Oregon landmark.

He started the nation's first summer skiing, started a racing school, brought in Olympic Medalists as instructors, and completely revamped the lodge, making it a destination for Oregonians and visitors. With Dick's leadership, Timberline Lodge was the first ski area in the nation to receive the National Historic Landmark designation.

Dick met his wife Molly, and raised their four sons on the Mountain. He was a father figure to hundreds of young employees away from home. He was a leader. He was a visionary. He was a pioneer in the best Oregon tradition. He was an Oregon Icon.

I consider myself lucky to have known Dick, and I want to honor him for his extraordinary life and his many contributions to Mt. Hood and the State of Oregon.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR AS OFFERED BY WILLIAM T. WALKER, THEODORE, ALABAMA

##### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2006*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, recently one of my constituents, William T. Walker, submitted a letter to the Mobile Register providing an interesting perspective on the recent peace march that started in Mobile, Alabama, and traveled throughout the Gulf Coast.