

in the construction of industrial plants, road bridges, and underground utility systems. Last year, the company ranked 67th in a listing of the top 400 national contractors. Employing more than 2,500 Ohio workers, Kokosing operates five divisions and five subsidiary companies.

Bill has conducted his entire career with dedication to integrity and excellence. All five of his children have voluntarily joined the company, which says even more about Bill's character than the numerous community awards he has garnered over the years. His hard work and entrepreneurial spirit make him an obvious choice for induction.

This year, the Hall of Fame is also paying tribute to a 2005 inductee: Michael M. Vucelic of Ideal Electric in Mansfield. Ideal employs nearly 500 people at its Mansfield and Minneapolis facilities.

Mike acquired a passion for engineering while flying gliders during his youth in Yugoslavia. This fascination with mechanics led him to Germany—where he served as a design engineer for Mercedes-Benz and the Ford Motor Company—and then to the United States, where he worked for Cessna.

By the age of 30, Mike was in charge of overseeing 300 NASA engineers on the Apollo program; Mike himself was at the control panel for both the Apollo 8 and Apollo 13 missions. Mike left NASA in 1975 for a 20-year career at Rockwell International, where he rose from engineering manager to corporate vice president.

In 1986, Mike purchased the nearly bankrupt Ideal Electric Company, quickly transforming it into the industry leader for diesel engines and medium-power generators. His ingenuity and selfless labor make him worthy of this recognition.

I know my colleagues join me in honoring these three exceptional business leaders as they are recognized by the North Central Ohio Entrepreneurial Hall of Fame.

WE THE PEOPLE: THE CITIZENS AND THE CONSTITUTION PROGRAM

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the students of East Brunswick High School for winning the national finals of the 2006 We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution program. Their unwavering commitment to mastering of our nation's most sacred document is truly laudable.

The students from East Brunswick traveled a long road before claiming national victory. They developed their knowledge of a wide range of topics, from the philosophical origins of the Constitution to its modern-day interpretations. They spent long hours studying primary and secondary sources. On April 29 through May 1, they appeared on Capitol Hill before simulated Congressional committees made up of constitutional scholars, lawyers, journalists, and government leaders, who tested their knowledge of both historical and contemporary constitutional issues.

As the foundation upon which our great democracy rests, the Constitution is a document

that all Americans should understand, appreciate, and defend. I applaud the students from East Brunswick High School for acting on these values. They are indeed our future leaders, and have proven that they are able to defend and nurture our democracy and our Constitution. While I certainly admire their wealth of knowledge, I admire even more their passionate dedication to our American ideals.

The participating students competed against more than 1,500 students from 49 other high schools. Since its founding by the Center for Civic Education in 1987, over 28 million students have participated in this program, whose goal is to educate high school students on the importance of continued civic involvement. East Brunswick High School won last year's competition, and it is a great achievement to have defended their title.

I would like to congratulate each of the students of East Brunswick High School: Brian Boyarksy, David Chu, Nelson Chu, Dana Covit, Megan DeMarco, Ben DeMarzo, Craig Distal, Deborah Elson, Dana Feuchtbau, Munira Gunja, Melinda Guo, Shelby Highstein, Evan Hoffman, Jayasree Iyer, Ryan Korn, Michael Martelo, Carol Ann Moccio, Jeffrey Myers, Ari Ne'eman, Daniel Nowicki, Aditya Panda, Sherwin Salar, Gil Shefer, Aaron Sin, Lauren Slater, Eric Smith, Merichelle Villapando, Amy Wang, and Jason Yang. Congratulations also go to their teacher, Alan Brodman, for inspiring his students to excel in their study of the Constitution.

I am proud to have such fine Constitutional scholars in my district, and I am myself inspired by their dedication our nation's most sacred ideals. I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM COMMUNITY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Borough of Mendham in Morris County, New Jersey, a vibrant community I am proud to represent. On May 15, 2006 the good citizens of Mendham Borough are celebrating the Borough's Centennial Anniversary.

Mendham Borough, a country village some 6 miles square, was once a stop for stagecoaches traveling on the old Washington Turnpike. The area is hilly, well wooded and its springs and small brooks are feeders for the Passaic and Raritan rivers.

The Borough of Mendham was created out of an urgent need to install a public water distribution system to fight fires and protect the lives and the property of its citizens. This it has done for 100 years, since its establishment as an incorporated municipality on May 15, 1906. Before incorporation, it was part of Mendham Township. The borough's village center (largely unchanged from the 1800s) serves as the hub of commercial activity for the Mendhams.

Mendham Borough is the site of five Historic American Buildings and a registered National Historic District. The leading landmark building and the borough's icon is the classic Federalist style Phoenix House, a former genteel

and fashionable roadhouse. Most famous amongst its regular guests was GEN Abner Doubleday, best known as the inventor of baseball. This majestic building, recently restored, serves as the Borough Hall.

Today, Mendham Borough is comprised of modest homes, small estates, and individual retail stores with some remaining open space. Its population exceeds 5,000.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the residents of Mendham Borough on the celebration of 100 years of rich history of one of New Jersey's finest municipalities.

HONORING 5TH AND 6TH GRADE STUDENTS AT LAKE HARGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

Ms. HOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an amazing group of students. The fifth and sixth graders of Lake Grove Elementary School in Lake Oswego, Oregon, have taught us all a lesson about helping those in need.

When these students learned about that many people around the world, and right in our own backyards, go hungry every day, they decided that they wanted to do something about it. They spearheaded an event called the Empty Bowl Project to raise awareness about hunger in their community and to benefit the Oregon Food Bank.

The idea behind the Empty Bowl Project is simple. Participants create ceramic bowls, and then serve a meal of soup and bread. Guests choose a bowl to use that day and to keep as a reminder that there are always Empty Bowls in the world. In exchange for a meal and the bowl, the guest gives a donation to a local hunger organization.

The Empty Bowl Project at Lake Grove consists of three parts. The fifth and sixth graders led their schoolmates in a food drive that has collected over 1,500 food items. Each class from pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade designed their own empty bowl to be raffled at the Soup Supper. And the culminating event will be held tonight with the fifth and sixth graders serving a meal of bread, soup, and water so that people gain a better understanding of what a real soup kitchen is like.

I want to take this opportunity to honor these students for the efforts that they have made on behalf of the hungry of Oregon. With students like these, the future in Oregon is bright indeed.

RECOGNIZING THE 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF ISRAEL

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Con Res. 392, recognizing the 58th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel.

The State of Israel was established as a sovereign and independent nation on May 14, 1948. Israel provided a democratic refuge to Jews who survived the horrors of the Holocaust and the evils committed by the Nazis.

Israel is home to many religious sites which are sacred to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. This multicultural society serves as a shining model of democratic values by regularly hold-

ing free and fair elections, promoting the free exchange of ideas, and vigorously exercising its Parliament, the Knesset. Israel is a democratic government that is fully representative of its citizens and has worked to build peaceful and bilateral relations with her neighbors, including Egypt and Jordan.

The United States and Israel both share a common vision of democratic values, friend-

ship and respect. Both the United States and Israel are committed to a democratic and stable Mid-East region.

Today we honor Israel's legacy and, by doing so, commit ourselves once again to building a lasting peace in this still volatile region.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 5

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2007.
SR-222

MAY 8

3 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine issues associated with the implementation of the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 addressing licensing of hydroelectric facilities.
SD-366

3:30 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security.
SD-342

MAY 9

9:30 a.m.
Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine inherently safer technology in the context of chemical site security.
SD-628

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine understanding the financial and human impact of criminal activity.
SD-226

10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Employment and Workplace Safety Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed reform of Longshore Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.
SD-430

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine CAFE standards.
SD-562

2 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine an introduction to the expiring provisions of the Voting Rights Act and legal issues relating to reauthorization.
SD-226

2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Aviation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Department of Transportation's notice of proposed rulemaking.
SD-562

4 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine judicial nominations.
SD-226

MAY 10

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine economic development.
SR-485

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine modern enforcement of the Voting Rights Act.
SD-226

10 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the sugar provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.
SR-328A

Finance
To hold hearings to examine progress achieved and challenges ahead for America's child welfare system.
SD-215

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Argentina, David M. Robinson, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, and Lisa Bobbie Schreiber Hughes, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.
SD-419

Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the next generation of health information tools for consumers.
SD-106

11:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider the nomination of Dirk Kempthorne, of Idaho, to be Secretary of the Interior.
SD-366

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 906, to promote wildland firefighter safety, S. 2003, to make permanent the authorization for watershed restoration and enhancement agreements, H.R. 585, to require Federal land managers to support, and to communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with, designated gateway communities, to improve the ability of gateway communities to participate in Federal land management planning conducted by the Forest Service and agencies of the Department of the Interior, and to respond to the impacts of the public use of the Federal lands administered by these agencies, and H.R. 3981, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out certain land exchanges involving small parcels of National Forest System land in the

Tahoe National Forest in the State of California.
SD-366

MAY 11

10 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine pending health care related legislation.
SR-418

10:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine Department of Agriculture's national response plan to detect and control the potential spread of Avian Influenza into the United States.
SR-328A

MAY 16

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine Transportation Worker Identification Credential.
SD-562

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Retirement Security and Aging Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine naturally occurring retirement communities.
SD-430

MAY 17

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian youth suicide.
SR-485

10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-430

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine accelerating the adoption of health information technology.
Room to be announced

MAY 18

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes.
Room to be announced

MAY 23

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine price gouging related to gas prices.
SD-562

MAY 24

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center.
SD-138

2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine 2006 hurricane forecast and at-risk cities.
SD-562

MAY 25

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine
Indian education.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To resume hearings to examine S. 2686,
to amend the Communications Act of
1934 and for other purposes.

Room to be announced

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending
benefits related legislation.

SR-418

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine Pacific
Salmon Treaty.

SD-562

JUNE 8

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to markup S. 2686, to
amend the Communications Act of 1934
and for other purposes.

Room to be announced

JUNE 14

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Technology, Innovation, and Competitive-
ness Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine alternative
energy technologies.

Room to be announced

JUNE 15

10:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Coast
Guard budget.

SD-562