

worked hard throughout his life, served his country and raised a family. His accomplishments and contributions to his community are worthy of recognition.

Mr. Zeager was born on May 14, 1916, at home in Rocky River, Ohio, where he would spend the rest of his life serving his community and country. Much of his childhood was spent working and playing with his four siblings. After receiving his diploma from Rocky River High School in 1934, Richard worked a number of jobs as a gardener, hunter, fisherman, and truck driver and worked in the Pepsi-Cola factory in Cleveland. Mr. Zeager found a career as a warehouse manager at Lifetime Cookware, where he worked for 52 years, just retiring last year.

In 1942, Richard answered the call of duty to fight for America during World War II. As a decorated Sergeant of the 7th Airdrome Squadron of the 13th Air Force Division, Richard served as an Aircraft Electrical Specialist. From 1942–45 he served in the Philippines, Guadalcanal, and New Guinea. Since his return home in 1945, Richard became an active member of the VFW in Rocky River, where he was a past commander, and also a member of the American Legion in Bay Village. He participated in parades and veteran reunions for his squadron, continuing close friendships with his fellow soldiers. Richard enjoys sharing his stories from the war with his family and friends. Besides his involvement with the VFW, he is also a member of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge where he continues the traditions of his heritage.

After his honorable service in World War II, Richard married Edna Klavon in March 1946. Throughout their 57-year marriage they had 3 sons, Terry, Stanley, and Edward. Richard and Edna also were loving and supportive grandparents to their six grandchildren. Besides spending time with family, Richard is an avid stamp and coin collector.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Richard Zeager on his 90th birthday. His contribution to his community, family, and country are irreplaceable and we are ever grateful for his service.

CONGRATULATING WE THE PEOPLE KANSAS CLASS ON RECEIVING MOUNTAIN/PLAINS STATES REGIONAL AWARD AT NATIONAL COMPETITION ON THE CONSTITUTION

### HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2006*

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, from April 29 to May 1, 2006, approximately 1,200 students from across the country participated in the national finals competition of We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution, the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. I am pleased to announce that Saint Thomas Aquinas High School from Overland Park, Kansas received the Mountain/Plains States Regional Award in the competition. The We the People program is administered by the Center for Civic Education and funded by the U.S. Department of Education by act of Congress.

The We the People national finals is a three-day academic competition that simulates a congressional hearing in which the students testify before a panel of judges on constitutional topics. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles as they evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. Among the questions students responded to in the competition includes: Is judicial review essential for the functioning of our American constitutional democracy? Explain and justify your position.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud of these outstanding students from Saint Thomas Aquinas High School: Danny Akright, Carrie Brand, Rob Conard, Andrew Conde, John Darnell, Evan Daugharthy, Kelsey Gustafson, Ben Haeefe, Anthony Halling, Steve Hengeli, Jennifer Kinkade, Sarah Kuhlmann, Sinom Longhi, Christy Millward, Evan Pederson, Sarah Potter, Patrick Short, Caitlin Thornbrugh, Jenny Timmons, Patrick Trouba, and Paul Wooten.

I also wish to commend the teacher of the class, Spencer Clark, who was responsible for preparing the student class for the national finals competition. Also worthy of special recognition are Lynn Stanley, the state coordinator and Ken Thomas, the district coordinator, who are among those responsible for implementing the We the People program in my district.

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues in the House, please join me in congratulating these young constitutional experts for their outstanding achievement.

### RECOGNIZING RYAN STANDER

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Stander of Liberty, Missouri. He has spent many hours of study and preparation as a member of the Liberty High School Science Bowl Team. After numerous competitions and a victory in the regional competition, the Liberty High School Science Bowl Team earned a spot to compete in the 2006 National Science Bowl Competition in Washington, D.C.

As one of America's best and brightest, Ryan has been an accomplished student. This year's entry in the National Science Bowl was his second entry in the national tournament. Ryan is very involved as a member of the Liberty Scholar Bowl team, Science Knowledge Bowl, National Honor Society, Young Democrats, and Serteens. After graduation, Ryan will attend Truman State University in the fall to major in history and political science.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Ryan Stander, an outstanding student from Liberty, Missouri. As a top student who is committed to science and mathematics, Ryan will certainly have a bright and fulfilling future. I commend him for his achievements and I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOSHUA R. MINTON ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

### HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2006*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Joshua R. Minton of North Baltimore, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Joshua's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2010. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Joshua brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of West Point cadets. While attending Elmwood High School in Bloomdale, Ohio, Joshua attained a grade point average which placed him near the top of his class. While a gifted athlete, Joshua has maintained the highest standards of excellence in his academics, choosing to enroll and excel in Advanced Placement classes throughout high school. Joshua has been a member of the National Honor Society, the Honor Roll and has earned numerous awards and accolades as a scholar and an athlete.

Outside the classroom, Joshua has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, he has earned varsity letters in basketball and football where he served as the captain of the varsity team. Joshua's dedication and service to the community and his peers has proven his ability to excel among the leaders at West Point. I have no doubt that Joshua will take the lessons of his student leadership with him to West Point.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joshua R. Minton on his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Joshua will do very well during his career at West Point and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his service to the Nation.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MIKE ZAPPONE, SR.

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2006*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Mike Zappone, Sr., beloved husband, father, successful restaurateur and friend. Mr. Zappone, Senior leaves behind a legacy that reflects his joy for

life, love for his family and dedication to his community.

Mr. Zappone was born and raised in Cleveland, OH. He learned early on the lessons of family unity, hard work and team work, as his father died at a young age, leaving his mother with a large family to raise. Shortly after graduating from John Marshall High School, Mr. Zappone joined his older brother, Tony Zappone, in the restaurant business.

Tony Zappone operated Tony's Diner for nearly 30 years, until his death in 1977. Mike Zappone opened his first restaurant in Kamms Corners in the 1950s, then in 1962, he opened up the Original 13 Colonies restaurant, located in the Holiday Inn on Brookpark Road. Mr. Zappone took over Tony's Diner when his brother passed away, and later opened up the highly popular Mr. Z's.

For decades, both brothers were successfully involved in the ownership and operation of nearly 20 local and out-of-State restaurants. Their signature establishments were Tony's Diner and Mr. Z's, cultural landmarks that provided a welcoming atmosphere where anyone could enjoy a great meal and lively conversation. Both Tony's Diner and Mr. Z's frequently set the stage for people from all walks of life—from politicians to steelworkers, to business owners and every profession in between, to discover and debate the neighborhood news of the day.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, remembrance and gratitude of my dear friend, Mike Zappone, Sr., whose kindness, integrity and goodwill defined his character and framed his life. I offer my condolences to his wife Jeanne; his sons, Michael, Junior and John; his four grandchildren; and his extended family and friends. His friendly smile, joyful spirit and kind heart will live on within the hearts of his family, friends and every patron, young and old, whose day was made brighter while gathered at the table of Tony's Diner or Mr. Z's, including my own.

#### TRIBUTE TO PETALUMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2006*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Petaluma Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its 100th anniversary celebration. The chamber has been serving my hometown of Petaluma, CA, since it was first launched on February 6, 1906, with 79 members.

Many of these early members bore names still remembered in Petaluma today, including J.E. Olmstead, publisher of the newspaper, and Rodney Putnam who was related to future mayor and first female Sonoma County Supervisor Helen Putnam.

One of the key characters in the chamber's early years was Bert Kerrigan who was hired in 1918 to promote the city. It is thanks to Kerrigan that I was able to participate in Petaluma's 25th Annual Butter and Eggs Day Parade this year.

After evaluating the local business situation, Kerrigan decided the town needed to push its poultry industry; he traveled to Washington,

DC, to establish National Egg Day and coined the slogan "The World's Egg Basket." He then performed various publicity stunts—flying an airplane over San Francisco to drop flyers, parking a huge egg basket in front of the St. Francis Hotel with attractive women, the "Slick Chicks," to be photographed, and forming the precursor to today's parade, "Egg Day," which was held at night.

Under the current leadership of CEO Onita Pellegrini, the chamber has been thriving and currently has over 900 members. In fact, I, too, was a member when I ran my business in Petaluma from 1980 to 1991. The chamber recently relocated to the historic Great Petaluma Mill Building in the heart of downtown. The group still actively promotes the city's businesses and advocates with city government for smart growth principles that maintain the community feeling that has been Petaluma's hallmark.

Mr. Speaker, the Petaluma Chamber of Commerce continues to represent the diversity of the city from its agricultural roots to its small businesses to its new high tech companies. I cut my political teeth as a member of the Petaluma City Council, and I know the good work that they do. Congratulations to everyone in the chamber on this centennial milestone.

#### RECOGNIZING AMMON SARVER

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ammon Sarver of Liberty, MO. He has spent many hours of study and preparation as a member of the Liberty High School Science Bowl Team. After numerous competitions and a victory in the regional competition, the Liberty High School Science Bowl Team earned a spot to compete in the 2006 National Science Bowl Competition in Washington, DC.

As one of America's best and brightest, Ammon has been an accomplished student. As an active member of his church and in scouting, Ammon is very involved in the community. In school, he is a member of the National Honor Society and enjoys mathematics, physics, and chemistry. He plans on going on a mission for his church after graduation and then attending college to study in math or science.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Ammon Sarver, an outstanding student from Liberty, MO. As a top student who is committed to science and mathematics, Ammon will certainly have a bright and fulfilling future. I commend him for his achievements and I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

#### SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOSHUA R. FLAGE ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

#### HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2006*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an out-

standing young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Joshua R. Flage of Wayne, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Joshua's offer of appointment poises him to attend the U.S. Naval Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen class of 2010. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer.

Joshua brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class at the Naval Academy. While attending Wellsville High School in Wellsville, Ohio, Joshua attained a grade point average which placed him at the top of his class. While a gifted athlete, Joshua has maintained the highest standards of excellence in his academics, choosing to enroll and excel in Advanced Placement classes throughout high school. In addition to being a delegate to Buckeye Boys' State, Joshua has been a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council.

Outside the classroom, Joshua has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, Joshua earned varsity letters in swimming and track. He was named captain of the varsity swimming team and co-captain of the varsity football team. Upon completion of high school, Joshua continued his education at the Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Virginia. Joshua's dedication and service to the community and his peers has proven his ability to excel among the leaders at the Naval Academy. I have no doubt that Joshua will take the lessons of his student leadership with him to Annapolis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joshua R. Flage on his appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Joshua will do very well during his career at the Naval Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his service to the Nation.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE GENERAL FRELINGHUYSEN CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

#### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2006*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The General Frelinghuysen Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. On May 10, 2006, the General Frelinghuysen Chapter of the "Daughters of the American Revolution" will be celebrating their 110th anniversary.

In 1896, sixteen ladies formed the General Frelinghuysen Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution with Mrs. E.E. Batcheller as the first Regent. The Chapter was named for a native of Somerset County who held the highest military rank in the state, that of Major General and Commander-in-Chief of New Jersey and Pennsylvania state troops under