

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

George Washington—Frederick Frelinghuysen. He was born at the First Dutch Reformed Church Parsonage at Somerville, then Raritan, New Jersey, on April 13, 1753. He was sent to Continental Congress in 1775 and was later a United States Senator. He fought at the Battles of Trenton and Monmouth. He is buried in the Weston cemetery, which is maintained by the Chapter.

Through the years, this chapter has been a very hardworking group of ladies who held their meetings first in various members' homes in the Somerville area, later at the Wallace House, and then at the Old Dutch Parsonage. The gavel used by the Chapter was made from a locust tree grown on the grounds of the home of General Frelinghuysen at Millstone, New Jersey.

Restoring the Wallace House was one of the major projects early in the chapter's history. Former members also contributed to the Continental Hall in Washington, D.C., including a chair presented by Senator Frelinghuysen in honor of his mother, Victoria, in 1927. In 1932, a 103 year old painting, painted by Elizabeth Frelinghuysen when she was 13 years old, was presented to the chapter and placed on display in the Wallace House.

Also in 1896, it became known that a real live daughter was to become a member of the chapter: Miss Elizabeth McLroy, daughter of William McLroy, a Soldier of the American Revolution. She lived to be more than 100 years old, but died soon after having been made a member of the Chapter.

In 1932, U.S. Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen made a gift of the Old Dutch Parsonage to the General Frelinghuysen Chapter. The Old Dutch Parsonage was built by the Reverend John Frelinghuysen in 1751, of bricks brought from Holland. The first class of the Theological Seminary of Rutgers University was held in this building. When the railroad was being put through, the Frelinghuysen family saved the parsonage from being demolished by moving it a short distance to its present site. In 1947, the Old Dutch Parsonage was deeded to the State of New Jersey as a historic shrine, as was the Wallace House.

In 1995, The General Frelinghuysen Chapter merged with the Old White House Chapter to become the Old White House-General Frelinghuysen Chapter. Philanthropic works, in addition to caring for the Wallace House and The Old Dutch Parsonage, have included providing scholarships to students of local high schools who have demonstrated knowledge and insight concerning historic events, supporting Native Americans, placing markers along Washington's line of march from Princeton to Morristown (after the Battle of Princeton), and contributions of books to the Somerville Public Library, the Library of Memorial Continental Hall in Washington and to the New Jersey Historical Society.

The objectives of the General Frelinghuysen Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution continue to be: To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence, and To promote as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge, and To cherish, maintain, and extend the institution of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of Liberty.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of the General Frelinghuysen Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on the 110th anniversary of the chapter and for their continuing good works.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LIBERTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOYS TRACK AND FIELD TAPPS STATE TITLE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the superior performance of the Liberty Christian School Warriors' Boys Track and Field team for their second consecutive Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools, TAPPS, State title.

The Warriors totaled 150 points at Hart-Patterson Athletic Complex in Waco, TX easily winning the TAPPS 5A crown over second-place Midland Christian with 82.50.

After the first day's field events, things looked just as dark as the weather forecast for Liberty, as the Warriors trailed Dallas Christian by five points. With the weather holding despite the prediction of thunderstorms in Waco, the Warriors came back strong on the track, and dominated the medal stand, shattering the state record of 3:24.45 in the 4 x 440-yard relay with 3:22.70 and also winning the 4 x 100-meter relay in 43.49 and taking third in the 4 x 200 in 1:31.20.

This victory was a combined effort and would not have been possible if it was not for the incredible sense of teamwork put forth by all athletes.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the principal, coaches, teachers and members of the Liberty Christian School Boys Track and Field Team. The team showed true that value of sportsmanship then victory. I am honored to serve as their U.S. Representative in Congress.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS A. SERROQUE FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker I proudly pause to recognize Nicholas A. Serroque, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nicholas has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Nicholas has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nicholas A. Serroque for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JAMES D. MCKINNEY 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 James D. McKinney of Bowling Green, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

James' 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.

James brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of West Point cadets. While attending Bowling Green High School in Bowling Green, Ohio, James attained a grade point average which placed him near the top of his class. While a gifted athlete, James has maintained the highest standards of excellence in his academics, choosing to enroll and excel in Advanced Placement classes throughout high school. James has obtained the rank of Eagle Scout, has been a delegate to Buckeye Boys' State and president of his school's Model United Nations Club.

Outside the classroom, James has distinguished himself as an accomplished student-athlete by actively participating in fencing and cycling. He has also remained active in his community by volunteering to assist his local Meals on Wheels program. Upon completion of high school, James continued his education at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. I have no doubt that James will employ the lessons of his student leadership as he excels among the leaders at West Point.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating James D. McKinney 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 James 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.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL RICHARD SIMCOCK

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Colonel Richard Simcock, the United States Marine Corps Liaison Officer to the U.S. House of Representatives. Colonel Simcock has faithfully served in