

American Samoa and two Asian Pacific Americans serving in the Senate. I am proud that the California Democratic Delegation includes two of these Representatives from the Asian Pacific American community.

In the field of science and technology, Asian Pacific Americans have long contributed to our country, from Ellison Onizuka, the first Asian-American in space, to Flossi Wong-Staal and Dr. David D. Ho, for their work on HIV and AIDS. Moreover, several Asian Pacific Americans have received Nobel Prizes for their accomplishments in science and technology.

Hundreds of thousands of Asian Pacific Americans have also loyally served our Nation in the military willing to give their life for the United States of America. Asian Pacific American veterans of the Armed Forces number 312,700.

In sports, Asian Pacific Americans have helped bring home Olympic gold medals for the United States, including the first woman to win gold medals in the ten and three meter diving events—Filipina American Victoria Manalo Draves.

Although it is important for us to celebrate Asian Pacific American heritage this month, we must not forget the plight that Asian Pacific Americans endure despite the community's many accomplishments.

The pitfalls of immigration law and the backlog of immigration applications continue to prevent many Asian Pacific American families from reuniting for several years.

We must also not forget that the APA community suffers from greater poverty than non-Hispanic Whites, especially in the Hmong, Laotian, Cambodian, and Vietnamese American communities.

We must work to ensure that Asian Pacific Americans are appropriately counted when our government collects data that will be used to understand the needs of the APA community.

We must make every effort to invite Asian Pacific Americans to participate in government to ensure that our government meets the needs of the APA community.

In commemoration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, I honor the contributions of millions of Asian Pacific Americans who have contributed to our nation and who I am sure will continue to contribute in the future. But while I celebrate this month, I also renew my pledge to address the issues affecting Asian Pacific Americans around the country.

#### RECOGNIZING BRADY MILLER FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brady Miller, 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, Troop 249, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brady has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. For his Eagle Scout project, he constructed a 114 foot walking trail off the main trail at Platte Ridge Park for the Platte County Parks and Recre-

ation Department. Over the many years Brady 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 Brady Miller for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### TRIBUTE TO STODDART-FLEISHER MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Stoddart-Fleisher Middle School, located in North Central Philadelphia. The Stoddart-Fleisher School will be closing this summer after providing 80 years of service to our community.

Throughout its history, this fine school has played an important role in the community and it has always provided a quality education to its attending students. Stoddart-Fleisher was the product of a merger in 1950 of the Stoddard and Fleisher schools. Both schools have a history of providing vocational and regular academic training for students in the area of North Central Philadelphia. In recent years, Stoddard has been a neighborhood school for seventh and eighth grade students.

The continued growth of kindergarten through eighth grade schools throughout the city as well as a population shift to other parts of the city have resulted in declining enrollment for Stoddard, especially within the past 5 years. This summer will mark the end of a great era in public education for North Central Philadelphia and we are sad to see our community lose such a respected institution.

On June 16th, there will be a commemorative reception and program for Stoddard's closing and hopefully other schools will pay close attention to and follow in the tradition of the Stoddard-Fleisher Middle School.

#### TRIBUTE TO JUDGE LEOPOLD BORRELLO

#### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Judge Leopold Borrello as he retires from an illustrious career as a Saginaw County Michigan jurist. Judge Borrello will be honored at a reception on May 23 in Saginaw by the community.

A native of Saginaw, Judge Borrello started working when he was in the third grade at his father's grocery store. After graduating from Saginaw High School in 1951, Judge Borrello received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Albion College and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1958. He returned to the Saginaw area and opened a practice of law. He worked in solo practice and for several firms before heading

up his own firm of Borrello, Thomas and Jensen.

In 1987 Governor James Blanchard appointed him to the 10th Judicial Circuit Court. Judge Borrello became Chief Judge of the 10th Judicial Circuit Court in 1992 and has continued to serve in that capacity until his retirement on April 14th of this year. He ran unopposed in 1988, 1994 and 2000 to be returned to his place on the bench. During his tenure Judge Borrello presided over three one-man grand juries and numerous criminal and civil cases.

In addition to his work on the bench, Judge Borrello is also active with the Saginaw County Crime Prevention Council and the American Kennel Club, where he also serves as a show judge. Judge Borrello and his wife Audre have passed on their work ethic to their three sons: Stephen, an appellate court judge; Andre, a Saginaw attorney; and Murray, a professor at Alma College.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the career of a hardworking, dedicated public servant, Leopold Borrello. His intelligence, common sense, and consideration for the public welfare have earned the well deserved respect of his fellow jurists and the esteem of the Saginaw community.

#### RECOGNIZING COLE S. KLAUWUH FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cole S. Klawuhn, 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, Troop 94, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cole has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cole 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 Cole S. Klawuhn for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### TRIBUTE TO CONSULAR CORPS ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

#### HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia.

In celebration of 44 years of promoting international understanding, I extend congratulations to the first Consular Corps in the United States, the Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia.

With the founding of the Corps, now one of the largest diplomatic associations in the Nation, a model was created that allows us to

reach beyond geographic boundaries to strengthen international relations.

Thirty-seven countries are represented in the Philadelphia Association and as a result there are increased opportunities for business, educational and diplomatic partnerships.

The Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia has also provided humanitarian aid. Its members aided relief efforts for Asian and African victims of the tsunami disaster and survivors of civil war.

On the educational front, the organization has developed innovative cultural exchange programs, including partnerships with the World Affairs Council, the International Visitors' Council and the Bodine High School for International Affairs. As a result of these outreach programs, many area young people now see themselves as world citizens with a greater appreciation for cultural and racial diversity.

Mr. Speaker, the Consular Corps of Philadelphia helps us understand that by reaching beyond our geographic boundaries, there is hope that we can learn to share more fairly in the world's bounty and it is for these reasons that I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to honor them.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF MID-MICHIGAN

##### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the accomplishments of Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan as it celebrates its 75th anniversary of employing persons with disabilities. Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan will celebrate this milestone at a party on May 23 in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Reverend John E. Martin, pastor of the Oak Park Methodist Church, brought Goodwill Industries to the Flint area in April 1931. Originally started as a program to assist immigrants, Goodwill Industries soon became a service for persons with disabilities. The focus shifted to employment, training and rehabilitation. The emphasis is on giving all persons with disabilities the dignity that comes from work and economic self-sufficiency.

In the 1950s Goodwill Industries became a subcontractor for General Motors and other area businesses. The expanded services and training mandated a need for additional space, and through the generosity of C.S. Mott, Goodwill Industries was able to move to its present location. In 1986 the name was changed to Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan to reflect the organization's expansion into the areas surrounding Flint.

Currently serving clients in six Michigan counties, operating 11 retail stores, a business services unit and employing over 200 workers, Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan offers rehabilitation programs designed to enhance interpersonal relationships, leadership development, vocational training and computer skills. They provide services to over 500 individuals while maintaining a high level of competence, customer satisfaction and effectiveness.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan as it

celebrates 75 years providing efficient, professional assistance to persons with disabilities and the communities of Mid-Michigan. They are to be commended for their dedication to teaching every segment of our society the satisfaction that comes from succeeding in the workplace.

#### RECOGNIZING DANIEL JAMES GREEN FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daniel James Green, 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, Troop 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daniel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. He is currently serving as the Senior Patrol Leader, is a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and is a Member of the Order of the Arrow. For his Eagle Scout Project, Daniel chose to build bookcases for four classrooms for Liberty Junior High School. Over the many years Daniel 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 Daniel James Green for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARK SCHOENROCK

##### HON. TOM OSBORNE

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, Lt. Col. Mark Schoenrock faithfully served as a U.S. Army officer for 28 years in positions of increasing responsibility. His performance of his duties and contributions to the United States of America over the course of his career were truly outstanding. He was recognized with two awards of the Legion of Merit, seven awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal, among other awards.

He was commissioned an officer in the U.S. Army on May 13, 1978, in Lincoln, Nebraska, upon graduation from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps, ROTC. He was a four-year Army ROTC scholarship winner, graduated from the University with distinction, and was an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate. He completed the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course at Fort Lee, Virginia, with honors and was assigned as an Assistant Brigade Logistics Officer, Platoon Leader, and Battalion Logistics Officer with the 25th Infantry Division (Tropic Lightning) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. While assigned to the Tropic Lightning

Division, Lt. Col. Schoenrock deployed with his unit three times to the Republic of Korea. He was consistently cited as being an outstanding young officer. The areas for which he was responsible excelled during numerous external inspections. His dining facility won the Connelly Award as being among the best in the Army.

Following his 3 years in Hawaii, Lt. Col. Schoenrock completed the Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course at Fort Lee, Virginia, again graduating with honors. He was selected as the Outstanding Logistician for the course. He was subsequently assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas, and the First Infantry Division, Big Red One, where he served as a company commander and maneuver brigade logistics officer. He was consistently rated among the top officers in the entire brigade. He led the ROTC Third Region advanced camp transportation mission. In this effort, his soldiers drove over 1,000 missions covering over 170,000 miles flawlessly. As the First Brigade logistics officer, he deployed twice to the Federal Republic of Germany in support of Operation Reforger. He was responsible for the entire logistical support (supply, maintenance and transportation) of 2,500 soldiers and 298 tracked vehicles. During Reforger, he ensured the brigade's safe and efficient transport from Kansas to Germany and return. He also deployed five times to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California in his capacity as a company commander and maneuver brigade logistics officer. As a company commander, he was cited as always coming through in a first class, professional manner. As the brigade logistics officer, he was cited by the brigade commander for his mature judgment, poise under stress, technical competence, positive nature, willingness to learn, great energy and dedication to excellence.

Upon the completion of his 4-year tour at Fort Riley, Lt. Col. Schoenrock was selected to represent the Army in the highly competitive Training With Industry (TWI) program. He served as the Army's first representative with the General Motors Corporation, Allison Gas Turbine Division. He played an instrumental role in the development of the T-800 engine, which was the engine in the Army's Comanche helicopter. General Motors cited him as a credit to the U.S. Army.

Following TWI, Lt. Col. Schoenrock served as a Contracting Officer and Contracting Section Chief in St. Louis, Missouri, responsible for the development and acquisition of petroleum logistics and water logistics. He was responsible for the acquisition of many end items that served our soldiers during Operation Desert Storm and that were vital to the United States' ultimate victory in the deserts of southwest Asia. He was cited by the Contracting Director as the best military section chief in the entire directorate. He then was selected to attend the Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) in resident status at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Following CGSC graduation, Lt. Col. Schoenrock was selected to be the principal acquisition advisor to the Inspector General of the Army in Washington. In this role, he advised and assisted the Inspector General with some of the Army's most sensitive acquisition programs and other matters. He routinely was responsible for matters of national importance and interest. He was cited as consistently demonstrating those traits that are expected