

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 commanding 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 Logistian 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

from the Army's best officers. He then was selected to serve as an executive officer in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition). He served as a key facilitator in preparing the Army leadership for senior level Secretary of Defense and Congressional reviews for programs that were valued in excess of \$30 billion. He excelled in managing all administration, logistics support, security and automation to support 37 senior civilian and military personnel. His senior executive service supervisor called him the best officer with whom he had ever served.

He then was selected to serve as a liaison with the U.S. Congress. Lt. Col. Schoenrock worked directly with the Army leadership and with Members of Congress and their staffs in resolving matters of the utmost national sensitivity and urgency. He ensured that programs that total billions of dollars were wisely and prudently executed to provide maximum benefit to the Army and to the communities that are closely related to the Army. He excelled as the principal congressional coordinator for the prime vendor support initiative. This is the lead Army program in which the Army is considering the outsourcing of the entire wholesale logistics of a principal major weapons system, with cost savings of \$1.8 billion. He flawlessly announced nearly 1,000 contract actions, each valued in excess of \$5 million, to over 3,500 Members of Congress, totaling \$22.5 billion. He was an influential and visible spokesman on Capitol Hill.

In his last assignment, Lt. Col. Schoenrock excelled as the Inspector General for the State of Colorado. He advised and assisted the State of Colorado military leadership in the conduct of all military functions for 5,000 soldiers and airmen. He trained the Republic of Slovenia Defense Inspectorate in the conduct of inspector general functions as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, NATO, Partnership for Peace Program. He also established the effort to develop the legislative liaison function between the Slovene Minister of Defense and the Slovene Parliament. His efforts with Slovenia went far towards helping this newly-emerging democracy develop the foundation for an enduring form of democratic government and to attain NATO membership. He excelled as a member of Governor Owens' state advocate council responsible for military and veterans issues. He contributed to significant increases in the wartime readiness of the Colorado National Guard and its ability to execute a myriad of missions in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Lt. Col. Schoenrock's efforts contributed immeasurably to the Colorado National Guard's soldier welfare, readiness and public image.

As a career Army officer, husband and father, and dedicated citizen, Mark Schoenrock exemplifies what is good and right about America. His life is a credit to his family, to his home state of Nebraska, to the U.S. Army, and to his generation. His 28 years of service as a U.S. Army officer in increasingly demanding positions of trust and responsibility rising from company level to the Department of the Army staff and service with the U.S. Congress, culminating in 8 years as the Colorado Inspector General, significantly contributed to the security and freedom of the United States

of America. His career achievements influenced the lives of thousands and left a legacy of freedom that will be built upon for generations to come. His career was a credit to his generation of Americans who have served the United States of America.

REMEMBERING BUNKY HUGGINS

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Mississippi legislature said good-bye to a long time friend and public servant. State Senator Robert Gene Huggins—"Bunky" to everyone who knew him—passed away Wednesday in Jackson, Mississippi, after a long battle with cancer.

Bunky was born in Carrollton, Mississippi on November 12, 1938. He graduated from Greenwood High School and attended the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi College. A farmer and businessman, he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1971 and reelected for two more terms before moving to the Senate in 1984 where he served for 22 years. Most recently he was chairman of the Senate Corrections Committee and had previously served as chairman of the Appropriations Committee and the Public Health Committee.

His funeral will be at his home church, St. John's Methodist Church in Greenwood.

Mr. Speaker, our prayers are with Bunky's family: his wife, Gerry and his two children and four grandchildren. He will be remembered as a hard worker and a dedicated public servant with a love for Mississippi and his Delta home. His humor and wit and tireless dedication to public service will be remembered by colleagues and constituents for years to come. I hope Congress joins me today in remembering this honored public official.

RECOGNIZING ORMER ROGERS, JR.

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ormer Rogers, Jr., the District Manager for the Mid America District of the United States Postal Service. Ormer is retiring after 37 years in the United States Postal Service. He has served the Postal Service with dignity and respect throughout his career.

Ormer began his career in the Postal Service in 1969 as a letter carrier in Dallas, Texas. Over the years he has held management positions in Texas, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Tennessee, Illinois, and Missouri. As the current District Manager for the Mid America District he is responsible for providing postal services to more than 1.5 million customers in Missouri and Kansas. He manages over 13,000 employees in 710 post offices and six mail processing plants. Ormer has a reputation of treating people with dignity and respect, managing

by the philosophy of, treat others how you wish to be treated.

Ormer has always been committed to service. He received a Bachelor's Degree from Dallas Baptist University and a Master's Degree in business administration from Abilene Christian University in Dallas, Texas. He also served as a paratrooper in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He has just recently completed serving two terms as Chairman of the Kansas City Federal Executive Board. He also serves on the board of the Heart of America United Way, the board of Visitors of Park University and is president of the Heart America Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Ormer Rogers, Jr. His commitment to service and dedication to the United States Postal Service are greatly appreciated. He will certainly be missed and I would like to ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking him for all of his hard work and dedication over the years. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER'S DAY

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, this Sunday, the world will celebrate a tradition born in Greece and celebrated around the world, Mother's Day.

I know that my fellow mothers in this House look forward to a special day with family. I know that my male colleagues had better be planning a special time with their wives and mothers, as well.

The birth of a child is a magical experience that changes a parent's life forever. Joy, laughter, some tears, and always love, are just part of the emotional rollercoaster ride we call parenthood.

My little girl was recently married and one day, God willing, will enjoy the experience that I wouldn't trade for a subcommittee gavel on the Appropriations Committee.

But giving birth in large parts of the world is very dangerous, even deadly. In some parts of the developing world, 1 of every 10 mothers giving birth gives her life in the process. Equally disturbing, 3 million brand new babies die in the first week of life due to inadequate healthcare.

On this Mothers Day, let us celebrate our mothers. We can hardly repay them, but we can try at least for one day. But let us also pause to appreciate the struggle mothers thousands of miles away in places we will never visit. Let us rededicate ourselves to reach out to every human hand, no matter how small or how frail.

On Sunday, please join me in honoring your mother and mothers everywhere across this small planet.