

The 2-month delay in the invasion made Hitler's forces face the Russian winter.

The Russian snowstorms and the sub zero temperatures eventually stalled the Nazi invasion before they could take Moscow or Leningrad. This was the beginning of the downfall of the Nazi reign of terror.

We must always remember and honor this significant battle and the heroic drive of the Cretan people. Democracy came from Greece, and the Cretan heroes exemplified the courage it takes to preserve it.

To honor these heroes, I have introduced H. Res. 290, which recognizes and appreciates the historical significance and the heroic human endeavor and sacrifice of the people of Crete during World War II and commends the PanCretan Association of America.

Today, the courage and fortitude of the Cretan people are seen in the members of the United Cretan Associations of New York which are located in Astoria, Queens.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Cretans in the United States, Greece, and the diaspora.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
RICHARD SHOEMAKER

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my dear friend Richard "Dick" Shoemaker on the occasion of his retirement as the vice-president of the United Auto Workers after 49 distinguished and exemplary years of service.

Born in St. Clair Shores, Michigan, Dick joined UAW Local 865 in 1957 at the age of 18. By the time he was 27, he was elected the youngest president of that local in its history. This rapid ascent in leadership would continue throughout his life. In 1969 he was appointed as an International Representative and in 1982 he was named as the Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of the UAW. Through a course of many other prestigious promotions, Dick eventually rose to become a Vice President himself.

A constant champion of working America for nearly half a century, Dick's successful negotiations with companies including Ford, DaimlerChrysler, General Motors, Mazda, Toyota and Mitsubishi created opportunities and advancements for tens of thousands of workers. His inspiring work shows remarkable results such as record raises in wages, job security, and a measure which ensures that employment at GM and its suppliers remains at healthy levels. The members of the UAW and their families, are fortunate to have prospered under his strong and courageous leadership.

In addition to tirelessly advancing the rights of the working-class, Dick is also a member of the Michigan Democratic Party, the ACLU, and a lifetime member of the NAACP. His activity in the community and state extends even further as he serves on the boards of the Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO and Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan.

Dick once said that those in the labor movement "have [their] walking shoes on every day." Mr. Speaker, I would ask you to join me and all of my colleagues as we congratulate

Dick Shoemaker on phenomenal career and wish him a happy retirement with his children, grandchildren, and his wife Mary. Even in retirement, I know that Dick will never take off his well-worn walking shoes.

RECOGNIZING ANDREW J. GREEN
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew J. 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 288, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

HONORING THE 31ST ANNUAL
CAPITAL PRIDE FESTIVAL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 31st Annual Capital Pride Festival, a celebration of the National Capital Area's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender, (GLBT) communities, their families and friends. The Capital Pride Festival has grown from a small block party in 1975 to the current week-long celebration. This year, Capital Pride culminates with the Pride Parade on June 10th and "The Main Event," a street fair on Pennsylvania Avenue in the shadow of the Capitol, June 11th.

I have marched in the Pride parades since coming to Congress to emphasize the universality of human rights and the importance of enacting Federal legislation to secure those rights for the GLBT community. This year's theme, "Many Communities, All Proud," holds special meaning for the citizens of the District of Columbia and its GLBT community in particular. Washingtonians live in distinct, diverse neighborhoods such as Colonial Village to the North; Fort Drum to the South, Northeast Boundary to the East, and Spring Valley to the West. Yet, we unite in our quest for all the rights guaranteed U.S. citizens by the Constitution.

In 1994, the District of Columbia lost the first vote it ever won on the floor of the House of Representatives, the delegate vote in the Committee of the Whole. The Republicans retracted the District's vote when they assumed control of the House. Our city of 550,000 residents, 10 percent more residents than the en-

tire State of Wyoming, who pay more taxes per capita than 49 of the 50 states, remains the only jurisdiction in the United States subject to Taxation Without Representation. Our Nation's Capital is entitled full voting rights in the House and the Senate. On May 18, 2006, the House Committee on Government Reform reported out the District of Columbia Fair and Equal House Voting Rights Act of 2006. This is the first milepost on DC's road to full and equal representation.

This one success is a reminder of the pending legislation that the 109th Congress must pass. The Clarification of Federal Employment Protections Act, The Domestic Partner Health Benefits Equity Act. The Domestic Partnership Benefits & Obligations Act, The Early Treatment for HIV Act, The Employment Non-Discrimination Act, The Family & Medical Leave Inclusion Act, The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, The Military Readiness Enhancement Act, The Responsible Education About Life Act, The Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act, and The Uniting American Families Act.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming the celebrants attending the 31st Annual Capital Pride Festival in Washington, DC, and I take this opportunity to remind the celebrants that United States Citizens who reside in Washington, DC are taxed without full voting representation in Congress.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5386) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in reluctant support of H.R. 5386, the bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, Environment, and related agencies for fiscal year 2007. I support this bill because so many people and places in northern New Mexico rely on the funding that is controlled by this bill. But my reluctance rests in that very same reason.

Many people, such as the Native Americans I represent, the Forest Service employees who care for the watersheds that are vital to everyone in my State, and the Federal land managers who make sure we are extracting carefully the oil and gas that is becoming more expensive every day, look to Congress year after year for wise guidance to help them care for their people and do their jobs. In my opinion, this bill we are debating today could do much better.

We are cutting the funding States and communities need to protect their clean water, precious lands and dwindling wildlife. For example, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, which provides low-interest loans to upgrade sewage treatment plants and improve water

quality, was cut by \$241 million. While I would like to commend the Committee for increasing the overall amount provided for clean water over that requested by the President, it is still far, far below what the EPA itself has projected is needed to insure clean water for all Americans.

Again this year, the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund is being severely reduced. Since its enactment in 1965, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been instrumental in creating and maintaining State, local and national parks—from local recreational field to our National Parks. The stateside program, which provides matching grants for local and State park land acquisition, recreation facility development, and open space conservation, has been entirely zeroed out. These relatively small amounts of funding have had an incalculably positive impact on the lives of all of our constituents, and it is short-sighted and bad budgeting that we are letting these funds founder.

Additionally, this bill zeroes funding for the United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) and Crownpoint Institute of Technology (CIT). However, I would like to thank Chairman TAYLOR and Ranking Member DICKS for their pledge to work to provide funding in conference for UTTC and CIT. These two institutions provide a strong educational foundation for students. I also appreciate the statement in the House report accompanying today's appropriations bill, which urges OMB, "to give these colleges full consideration in future budget requests and to work with these institutions to resolve concerns and disparities over funding formulas prior to submission of the fiscal year 2008 budget request." I look forward to working with Chairman TAYLOR and Ranking Member DICKS in conference to assure funding for these very important schools.

Although I raise these concerns, I again reiterate the importance of the funding in this bill to my district. That is why I will reluctantly support its passage. I do so with the hope that it is improved in conference and that next year we are able to revisit these national and regional priorities and do well by our constituents.

RECOGNIZING SHAWN GROVES FOR
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Shawn Groves, 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 288, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

A TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE
DUNHAM, WORLD-RENOWNED
DANCER, PIONEER, CHOREOG-
RAPHER, SOCIAL ACTIVIST, AN-
THROPOLOGIST, AND MUSEUM
FOUNDER

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American—world-renowned dancer, choreographer, anthropologist, social activist, and museum founder, Katherine Mary Dunham. Called "Miss Dunham" by many, she dedicated her life to celebrating the vibrant African-Caribbean roots and influences on dance and helped shine the light of the world on the unique dance forms and rituals of the African Diaspora. A pioneer and founder of the anthropological dance movement, Miss Dunham created the Dunham Technique and showed the world that African American heritage is rich and beautiful.

Upon her death on Sunday, May 21, 2006, Miss Dunham had lived a vibrant, creative, and revolutionary 96 years. While she may have died in her New York City apartment, her heart longed for a return to the Midwest where she had established the Katherine Dunham Museum and Children's School in East St. Louis, IL, and where she cultivated generations of dancers, musicians and other artists throughout the region.

Her ties to St. Louis, MO, and East St. Louis, IL, began in earnest in 1967 when she joined the faculty of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Thus began a legacy that continues to this day; which includes the Katherine Dunham Center, the Katherine Dunham Dynamic Museum and creation of a dance anthropology program. Later, the college would rename its East St. Louis Center the Katherine Dunham Centers for Arts and Humanities and name its communications arts building after Miss Dunham.

Born in Chicago, IL in 1909, Miss Dunham studied dance in her early teens and would later become one of the first African Americans to attend the University of Chicago where she earned her bachelor, masters and doctoral degrees in social anthropology. Using a Rosenwald Fellowship, she traveled and completed groundbreaking work on Caribbean and Brazilian dance anthropology as a new academic discipline. Later, she was hired as dance director for Chicago's Federal Theatre Project. In 1931 Miss Dunham established her first dance school in Chicago, called the Negro Dance Group. By 1934 her dance career included both American and European theater in musicals, operas and cabarets throughout the world.

She danced on Broadway and with Les Ballet Negre, the first black ballet company in the United States. Her film career included "Stormy Weather" and "Cabin in the Sky," which she co-choreographed with George Balanchine. In New York she founded the Katherine Dunham School of Arts and Research dance school and a touring company—The Katherine Dunham Troupe. From the late 1930s through the 1940s the dance troupe won critical acclaim while performing in more than 100 original works choreographed by Miss Dunham. Her specific style for teaching dance is still used throughout the world.

Miss Dunham bravely used her fame to call public attention to social injustices both at home and abroad. During World War II, she successfully filed lawsuits against hotels that practiced racial discrimination. In her later years, a 47-day hunger strike by the 82-year-old Miss Dunham in 1993 helped focus attention on the plight of Haiti.

Miss Dunham's intellectual, artistic and humanitarian contributions have earned her at least 10 honorary doctorate degrees, along with many coveted awards, including the Presidential Medal of Arts, the Kennedy Center Honors, French Legion of Honor, Southern Cross of Brazil, Grand Cross of Haiti, NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award, Lincoln Academy Laureate, the Urban Leagues' Lifetime Achievement Award, the Women's International Center's Living Legacy Award and the St. Louis Walk of Fame.

Miss Dunham recounted her life and artistic experiences in eight books, including her autobiography "A Touch of Innocence." Her ground-breaking work in every aspect of dance, theater, music and education has been immortalized in the Library of Congress, where a collection of at least 1,694 items in a variety of video/motion picture formats has been preserved as part of the Katherine Dunham Collection.

Mr. Speaker, I urge members of Congress to join me in honoring the life of Katherine Dunham. Through dance, science and artistic expression, Miss Dunham worked tirelessly, encouraging all humanity to abandon the depths of despair in their lives and to drink robustly from the well of hope—through art.

CELEBRATING THE REVEREND
JOHN A. CHERRY'S 25 YEARS OF
SERVICE

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to commemorate the 25th anniversary of From the Heart Church Ministries. Since its beginnings in 1981 with only 24 members, From the Heart Church Ministries has provided spiritual guidance to the Prince George's County community through worship services and television and radio broadcasts.

Founder and Pastor Reverend John A. Cherry is a nationally acclaimed minister whose message of hope and committed spiritual teaching have changed the lives of many. Under his steady leadership, From the Heart Church Ministries has grown from its modest beginnings as a storefront church to one of the largest churches in Prince George's County, providing services to over 27,000 members. Reverend Cherry's spiritual message is also broadcast Sundays and during the week, providing religious guidance and teaching to thousands more.

Reverend Cherry's 25 years of service have established a foundation of strong biblical teaching rooted in faith and love—a foundation that his son, John A. Cherry II, will build upon. Reverend John A. Cherry, II will officially be installed as pastor during the anniversary celebration.

I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me today in recognizing From the Heart Church Ministries' 25th