

Anniversary and applauding the accomplishments of Reverend John A. Cherry. His legacy of spiritual leadership will allow his son to continue his work and influence the hearts and minds of a faithful community for years to come.

**RECOGNIZING NOLAN R. JUSTUS
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 Nolan R. Justus, 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.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I intended to vote "nay" on rollcall vote 167 to H.R. 5386 taken on May 18, 2006.

TRIBUTE TO ONCOLOGY NURSES

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I want to call attention to the important and essential role that oncology nurses play in providing quality cancer care. These nurses are principally involved in the administration and monitoring of chemotherapy and the associated side-effects patients experience. As anyone ever treated for cancer will tell you, oncology nurses are intelligent, well-trained, highly skilled, kind-hearted angels who provide quality clinical, psychosocial and supportive care to patients, and their families. In short, they are integral to our Nation's cancer care delivery system.

On behalf of the people with cancer and their families in Connecticut's Fourth Congressional District, I would like to specifically acknowledge Karen Stanley from Greenwich, Connecticut, for her service on the Oncology Nursing Society Board of Directors and her role as president of the Oncology Nursing Society. Through her steadfast leadership and commitment to the Oncology Nursing Society,

Karen has advanced policies and programs that reduce and prevent suffering from cancer.

I am proud that the Oncology Nursing Society has two chapters in my home State of Connecticut. Located in Berlin and Brookfield, these chapters serve the oncology nurses in the State and support them in the effort to provide high quality cancer care to patients and their families.

Since 1975, the Oncology Nursing Society has been dedicated to excellence in patient care, teaching, research, administration, and education in the field of oncology. The Oncology Nursing Society is the largest organization of oncology health professionals the world with more than 33,000 registered nurses and other health care professionals. The Society's mission is to promote excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care. I commend Karen and her organization for all that they do in the field of oncology.

Cancer is a complex multifaceted and chronic disease, and people with cancer are best served by a multidisciplinary health care team specialized in oncology care, including nurses who are certified in that specialty. According to the American Cancer Society, one in three women and one in two men will receive a diagnosis of cancer at some point in their lives, and one out of every four deaths in the United States results from cancer. This year approximately 17,320 people in Connecticut will be diagnosed with cancer and another 6,990 will lose their battles with this terrible disease. Every day, oncology nurses see the pain and suffering caused by cancer and understand the physical, emotional, and financial challenges that people with cancer face throughout their diagnosis and treatment.

Today, more than two-thirds of cancer cases strike people over the age of 65, and the number of cancer cases diagnosed among senior citizens is projected to double by 2030. At the same time, many of the community-based cancer centers are facing significant barriers in hiring the specialized oncology nurses they need to treat cancer patients. We are on the verge of a major national nursing shortage, and it is estimated there will soon be a shortage of 1.1 million nurses.

I would like to once again acknowledge and thank Karen Stanley for her hard work and leadership as president of ONS. As a nurse and leader in the field, Karen has made it her life's mission to help others and she should be applauded for all she has done.

**A TRIBUTE TO PORTER'S DAY
CARE & EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Porter's Day Care & Educational Center on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary.

Porter's Day Care & Educational Center is dedicated to provide quality day care to infants, toddlers, pre-school children of low-income working families, in Philadelphia.

In 1981, Deborah Porter-Greasham's shared her dream of opening a daycare with her family. With their support and help of family members, Evelyn & Sultan Porter, Sr. (parents),

Sultan Porter, Jr., Tyrone Porter & Darlene Porter Davis, Brenda Robinson Porter & Edward Porter, Deborah's dream became a reality with the opening of Porter's Day Care and Educational Center.

Since the opening of Porter's Day Care & Educational Center major expansions over the last 25 years have taken place with the opening of the Broad Street Academy; a private school which emphasizes "back to basic" accelerated academic programs, which enhances values and socialization skills while providing an environment that stimulates each child to reach his/her potential, was one of numerous programs created to further help children. Following the opening of the Broad Street Academy, Porter's Youth development Program, Educational Child Care Center, the Latchkey Program, and a Summer Camp Program were implemented to better the lives of needy children.

Porter's Day Care & Educational Center mission for improving the quality of life and education has continued with the opening of the "Journey Through Literacy" library, housed within the 25 room campus with full-size playground during this year.

I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulation Porter's Day Care & Educational Center, for the past 25 years of service and dedicated commitment to the community.

**HONORING JOHN "J.J." BOUMA
FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO
RAISING AWARENESS OF ALS**

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John "J.J." Bouma for his efforts to raise support and awareness for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or ALS.

From May 18–24, 2006, John "J.J." Bouma drove, along with 13 other people, from Grand Rapids, Michigan to the Santa Monica pier in California on Route 66 to raise awareness about ALS. While the initial hope was to raise \$66,000, Mr. Bouma's efforts have already raised more than \$265,000. A photographer accompanied the trip to document it for a book and a traveling photo exhibit, which will be used to further raise awareness of the realities of ALS.

ALS, more commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," is a neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells and pathways connected to the brain and spinal cord. Many patients progress to a point where they become physically paralyzed, but remain cognitively aware. John Bouma's awareness and passion for ALS arose when he was diagnosed with ALS in September of 2005.

Approximately 15 people are diagnosed daily with ALS, most of whom have an average life expectancy of 2 to 5 years. Only about 20 percent of those affected will live an additional 5 years.

John Bouma's efforts to raise money and awareness about this degenerative disease are to be commended. There have been significant advancements in increasing the independence of those afflicted with the disease although there is still no cure.

Mr. Speaker, please let it be known that on this 24th day of May in 2006, that the U.S. House of Representatives acknowledges the contributions and achievements of John "J.J." Bouma and his 13 friends to raise awareness about ALS and wishes them well with their continued efforts.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL KUBA 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 Michael Kuba, 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.

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

RECOGNIZING STAFF DEDICATION
TO FREEDOM

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to thank a very special group of dedicated Americans who have spent considerable energy assisting me in authoring this year's Republican Study Committee—RSC—budget: the Contract with America Renewed.

Russell Vought, the policy director at the RSC, and Stephen Sepp, my legislative director, dedicated themselves this spring to helping me compile a budget that reflected the spirit of the first budget that the new Republican majority passed in 1995. I am very proud of the work that Russ and Stephen produced, and they deserve special recognition for their dedication to the advancement of freedom.

Additionally, I would like to thank the valuable members of my Washington, DC, staff who assisted with this effort: Mike Walz, Leigh Carter, Jennifer Daniels, Jamie Notman, Kyle Jackson, John Martin and Melanie Davis. Each individual provided legislative and administrative support for me during this extremely demanding project, and I am grateful for their service.

I would also like to thank my staff located in the Fifth District of Texas. Each and every one of them contributed to this budget, and I would like to publicly recognize Richard Sanders, Rebekah Kay, Margaret Smith, Barbara Luce, Beth Peters and Amanda Hodges. I am personally indebted to them for their service and sacrifice to the cause of freedom.

TRIBUTE TO KIPP UJIMA VILLAGE
ACADEMY EIGHTH GRADERS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the eighth graders at KIPP Ujima Village Academy, a top performing middle school in northwest Baltimore. KIPP is an acronym for Knowledge is Power Program and is part of a network of free college-preparatory public schools in under-resourced communities throughout the United States. Established in the summer of 2002 in Baltimore, these eighth graders at KIPP are recognized as the first graduating class at this outstanding school.

These students have spent the past 4 years completing a rigorous program. The school day begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m. They also participate in a mandatory 3-week summer program and attend educational activities on Saturdays throughout the school year.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that these students and their families face challenges, with more than 87 percent qualifying for free or reduced-price lunches. Yet, there are no entrance requirements or selection criteria. The students are chosen through a lottery of all students who live in the zone and want to attend the school.

The results, though, are remarkable: Students excel academically, develop confidence and leadership skills, and experience the world through local and out-of-State field lessons. And after 4 years at KIPP, many of these students have earned acceptance to competitive college preparatory high schools throughout Maryland. In fact, KIPP Ujima Village Academy has one of only two Baltimore City public middle schools that achieved Adequate Yearly Progress in 2005.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the KIPP Ujima Village Academy eighth graders on their graduation and in wishing them the best of luck in the future.

H.R. 5122, NATIONAL DEFENSE AU-
THORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2007

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the FY 2007 Department of Defense Authorization bill. This legislation includes many necessary provisions to improve the quality of life for our military and their families. I strongly support the 2.7 percent pay raise for active duty members and the funding increases for equipment and body armor.

The legislation also includes an important provision requiring the Secretary of Defense to provide Congress with a report on the Department's 10-year strategy for addressing threats related to Iran, Iraq and the Middle East. It is critical that our country deals with these complicated issues in a thoughtful and deliberate

way with a clear plan for a successful outcome.

However, I do have some very real and serious concerns about the bill. First, this legislation increases co-pays for military families that purchase their prescription drugs from a pharmacy. While I am pleased that the committee rejected the President's proposal for Tricare premium increases, it is unfair to add to the out of pocket health care costs of our military men and women that serve our country.

This Congress has the responsibility to have a real discussion about the future costs to the American taxpayer of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Instead, H.R. 5122 includes authorization for a \$50 billion bridge fund for the costs of the wars once again through supplemental funding. We are entering our fifth year in Afghanistan and our fourth year in Iraq. It is time for this Administration and Republican House leadership to be honest about providing for the costs of these conflicts and account for these dollars in the regular budgeting process rather than passing the entire cost on to our children and grandchildren.

I am also extremely disappointed that the Majority would not accept an amendment offered by Mr. ISRAEL regarding military chaplains. Mr. Chair, this amendment simply would have added language requiring that chaplains show "sensitivity, respect, and tolerance" for members of the military of all faiths. It continues to guarantee that military chaplains pray in accordance with their own faith but would have realigned the language with current military guidelines.

However, overall this bill makes important changes that will increase the safety and quality of life of our military and their families. I am proud to support our troops serving around the world and at home and to vote in favor of this bill today.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JACK
PORRINO

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack Porrino for his years of dedicated military service and for his commitment to serving the community.

Jack was born in Italy and came to the United States when he was 8-years-old. At age 18, he became a United States Citizen. Jack enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1969, and began what was to become a distinguished career in the service of this country. He served in the Air Force from September 1969 to May 1972. He then joined the Air National Guard, where he served until October 1989. After 20 years of service, Jack retired from the Armed Services with the rank of Master Sergeant.

In 1993, Jack started working as a groundskeeper at the Southern Nevada Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, Nevada. Within a year, he was promoted to Superintendent of the Cemetery and maintains that position to this day. As Superintendent, Jack has had an overwhelming influence on the improvement of the Cemetery. He established an aggressive fundraising effort by instituting several programs to promote donations