

the right reason—his deep commitment to making America safer. From his experience as a member of the United States Coast Guard he knew this task must be accomplished over and over again every day by the men and women serving on the front lines of our homeland. For Al, homeland security was not a theoretical debate; it was a day to day passion."

Now, as someone who has been married 38 years, I know that I would be remiss if I didn't thank Becca, Al's wife. She and their two sons, Tyson Allen and Hunter Gregory, have been as much a part of our Committee family as Al has. I personally want to thank Becca for her service to the Nation by lending us Al for long hours and late nights over the past 3 years, even with two young boys at home. From what I've seen, by the way, there is no question that those boys will follow in their father's footsteps and play college ball and maybe, if Al has his way, join his beloved Steelers one day.

In sum, I want to thank Al Thompson for the caliber of service and patriotism he has dedicated to Congress, the Committee of Homeland Security, and the Nation.

RECOGNIZING MR. ALAN SIEGEL  
OF LAKE COUNTY, CA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Alan Siegel of Lake County, CA, as California's 2005 Teacher of the Year.

For nearly 20 years, Alan has been educating and challenging the minds of the children of California's First Congressional District. He has served at Mount Vista Middle School, Oak Hill Middle School and is currently teaching at Carle Continuation High School in the Konocti Unified School District.

At Carle Continuation High School, Alan has played a positive and influential role in the lives of these young adults, not only as a teacher but as a mentor. Alan is the leading force in the social studies department, teaching U.S. history, civics and economics. He has also dedicated his time to educating his students in the field of computers and technology.

Mr. Speaker, Alan's commitment to bettering Lake County extends beyond the classroom. He has become an active member of our community, volunteering each year to organize the Lower Lake Memorial Day Parade. He also volunteers his time to place American flags on the graves of veterans in the Lower Lake Cemetery to honor those who risked their lives to protect our country.

Mr. Speaker, Alan is one of 5 teachers selected as California's 2005 Teacher of the Year. He is also the first "continuation school" teacher to be awarded this honor. After receiving this award, Alan traveled around the world to talk with educators and learn about different approaches to education. Last summer, Alan traveled to Japan for 12 days where he visited several schools, including a continuation school and lived with a Japanese family for 3 days.

Alan graduated with a bachelor of art's degree in psychology from Michigan State Uni-

versity in 1981 and earned his teaching credentials and his bachelor of art's degree in history from San Francisco State in 1987. His wife, Angela, is also a teacher at Carle Continuation High School and has been awarded Lake County's 2006 Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we take this time to honor Mr. Alan Siegel as California's 2005 Teacher of the Year and to thank him for his unwavering dedication to the students of Lake County. I wish Alan the best in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SEAN ADAMS  
LOGAN HEARD FOR ACHIEVING  
THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sean Adams Logan Heard, 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 351, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT,  
2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 24, 2006*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5427), making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to offer an amendment to the fiscal year Energy and Water appropriations bill which would stop Enron from once again cheating northwest consumers. I have worked with my colleagues and with Snohomish Public Utility District, SnoPUD, to ensure that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission plays fair in the case between Enron Power Marketing Inc. and SnoPUD. For too long, Enron has been harassing utilities for termination fees through the FERC administrative litigation system.

The Enron Corporation has already wronged consumers through its manipulation of the energy market during the energy crisis of 2001. It wasn't bad enough that Enron already collected an astonishing \$1.8 billion through their market-manipulation schemes, including millions from SnoPUD. Today, Enron is trying to

bilk another \$122 million from Washington State consumers.

Enron argues that they deserve a fee for the termination of their contract for electricity that they never delivered to Snohomish Public Utility District, SnoPUD. Snohomish PUD's contention is that because the power was never delivered, and because these contracts with Enron were entered into when the company was illegally manipulating the electricity market to inflate rates, these contracts are invalid.

Mr. Chairman, my amendment to the fiscal year 2007 Energy and Water Appropriations Act would prohibit the FERC from enforcing any decision that deems a termination payment is due to Enron from SnoPUD during fiscal year 2007. It's Congress's responsibility to ensure protection for consumers like those being served by Snohomish PUD from companies like the Enron Corporation. With this amendment, Congress will be deciding to stand with Enron, or stand with ratepayers.

IN HONOR OF MONTEREY HISTORY  
AND ART ASSOCIATION

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Monterey History and Art Association on its 75th anniversary. During those 75 years, it has played a crucial role in preserving the colorful heritage of California's first Capital by protecting the historic buildings, artifacts and mementos of the people who made Monterey County their home.

MHAA's diligence has resulted in the restoration and safeguarding of many elements of Monterey's past, including ownership of Casa Serrano, the Fremont Adobe, Perry-Downer House, Doud House and the Mayo Hayes O'Donnell Library, as well as the Maritime and History Museum, all of which have contributed to Monterey's reputation as the best-preserved city in the West.

The Monterey Peninsula represents a diversity of cultures, communities and creative ideals. As cultural tourism increasingly becomes a leading inducement for visitors, MHAA's efforts serve to provide important economic benefits to the Monterey Peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Monterey History and Art Association for its 75 years of protecting the heritage of California's first Capital, and I commend its efforts in the preservation of the buildings and mementos of the cultures that have contributed to making Monterey the magnificent historic City that it is.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT ALAN WILBUR  
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK  
OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Robert Alan Wilbur, 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 351, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL RANDALL E. SAYRE

#### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General Randall E. Sayre, who is retiring as the Commander of the Nevada Army National Guard.

General Sayre has had a long and distinguished career. General Sayre earned his Commission through Army ROTC at the University of Nevada, Reno, graduating in 1975 with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. Over the next 2 decades, General Sayre served in a number of different capacities: his initial tour of duty was in Korea, serving as an Aviation Operations Officer; he also served tours of active duty as a pilot, commander and instructor pilot. In 1981, General Sayre was transferred to the Nevada Army National Guard, where he first served as an Evacuation Pilot with the 1150th Medical Detachment based out of Reno, and subsequently as a Section Leader, Flight Operations Officer, and Detachment Commander. General Sayre also served as Battalion Commander of the 151 Battalion, 113th Aviation, based in Reno, Nevada and as Deputy Commander, Nevada Army National Guard. In February 2003, General Sayre was appointed Commander, Nevada Army National Guard and Assistant Adjutant General for the State of Nevada. In this role, he was responsible for all policies, programs and plans for the Nevada Army National Guard.

Over the course of his long career, General Sayre has also earned a number of accolades. He has been awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 7 oak leaf clusters), and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit, along with many others.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the career of Brigadier General Randall E. Sayre. His long and illustrious record of service to his country shows that he is a true patriot and American hero. I thank him for his service and wish him the best in his retirement.

#### TRIBUTE TO VETERANS ON MEMORIAL DAY

#### HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, Memorial Day weekend offers many Americans the opportunity to spend much needed time with friends and family, as well as a break from the routine and hustle and bustle of everyday life. This weekend, as we gather for cookouts, take advantage of holiday sales and welcome the arrival of summer, we should refocus our attention and recognize the day's true purpose. This is a national day of thanks, remembrance, and tribute.

Thanks for the gift of safety offered by our Nation's veterans. Remembrance for those who have fought and died for our freedom. And tribute to the men and women whose service in our armed forces has secured America's future.

Set aside as a yearly reminder to be proud of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who have accepted our security as their duty, Memorial Day is a unique celebration of both life and death. Recognized by all Americans, regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity, Memorial Day is a national holiday dedicated to celebrating the lives of our fallen soldiers by honoring their memory.

Throughout our history, we have met and overcome each threat to our sovereignty and way of life with dignity. While our forces overseas and at home are engaged in a Global War on Terror, this Memorial Day is all made the more poignant by the nature of our enemy. Islamo-fascists committed to the destruction of our Nation and our way of life should clearly remind all Americans that it is our solemn duty to honor the brave men and women in uniform who are fighting to secure the future of American generations. Through their sacrifice, Americans yet unborn will know greater peace, prosperity, and hope.

Giving what President Lincoln called the last full measure of devotion, the sacrifice of America's armed forces has secured more than two centuries of liberty. Today, we honor those who have given their lives so our freedom could endure. Our commitment to the men and women of our Armed Forces should reflect their dedication to us all.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOHN LINDER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast rollcall votes 194–206 on May 24, 2006, because I was unavoidably detained on official business in the Seventh Congressional District of Georgia, at a constituent policy event on fundamental tax reform. Had I been present I would have cast the following votes: On rollcall No. 194, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 195, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 196, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 197, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall No. 198, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall No. 199, I would have voted "no"; On

rollcall No. 200, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall No. 201, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall No. 202, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall No. 203, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 204, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall No. 205, I would have voted "no"; On rollcall No. 206, I would have voted "aye."

#### HONORING HILARI COHEN

#### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mrs. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend a dynamic educator, Hilari Cohen, from my home State of New York. For the past 7 years, Ms. Cohen has served on the Jericho Board of Education, and is the longest serving school board president in the district's history.

During Mrs. Cohen's tenure on the Board of Education, Jericho has achieved a great deal. Here are just some of the things she has accomplished: expanded the middle/high school complex, introduced an elementary school world language exploratory program, introduced a middle school intramural program, instituted anti-bullying and character education programs, implemented a Social Emotional Literacy program, created an Industry Advisory Board, began a Public Access Defibrillation program, which includes the training of all coaches and administrators in first aid and Automatic External Defibrillation, expanded guidance, psychologist and social worker positions on all grade levels, developed a District wide Safety Team, named among the 100 Best Communities in America for Music Education, implemented paperless communication between the school and home, and improved the Regent's Diploma rate from 80% in 1999 to 100% in 2005.

She has been honored by the Council of Administrators and Supervisors for her outstanding leadership and contributions to the Jericho School District. Her colleagues have said her role as the Board President over the past 7 years has been pivotal to success of the district. Ms. Cohen has worked tirelessly and selflessly to ensure that students get an educational program beyond compare. She truly believes in success for every student.

I am proud to honor this distinguished and accomplished educator, Ms. Hilari Cohen.

#### JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz for her hard work on behalf recognizing Mayas Jewish American Heritage month and to express my gratitude to the President for his proclamation making May Jewish American Heritage Month.

After the burning of the Second Temple and the final dispersion of the Jews from Zion, people of Jewish heritage have settled in every corner of the world. There are Jews in