

The winners of the 2006 Benjamin Franklin Medal in Earth & Environmental Science, Luna B. Leopold, of the University of California and M. Gordon Wolman, of The Johns Hopkins University, for advancing our understanding of how natural and human activities sculpt landscapes and influence landscape evolution. They developed the first comprehensive explanation of why rivers have different morphologies and how floodplains develop. Their contributions form the basis of process geomorphology, modern water resource management, and environmental assessment.

I regret to inform the Members that Dr. Leopold passed away in February. We express our sympathy to his family and join them in honoring his legacy.

Please also join me in honoring: The winner of the 2006 Benjamin Franklin Medal in Life Science, Fernando Nottebohm, of The Rockefeller University, for his discovery of neuronal replacement in the adult vertebrate brain, and the elaboration of the mechanism and choreography of this phenomenon; and also for showing that neuronal stem cells are the responsible agents, thereby generating a completely new approach to the quest for cures for brain injury and degenerative disease.

The winner of the 2006 Benjamin Franklin Medal in Civil Engineering, Ray W. Clough, of the University of California, Berkeley, for revolutionizing engineering and scientific computation, and engineering design methods, through his contributions to the formulation and development of the finite element analysis method, and for his innovative leadership in establishing the field of earthquake engineering.

The winners of the 2006 Benjamin Franklin Medal in Physics, Giacinto Scoles, of Princeton University and Peter Toennies, of the Max Planck Institute, for the development of techniques to study molecules embedded in superfluid helium nanodroplets by high-resolution spectroscopy. These techniques allowed for the investigation of reactive and fragile molecules that could not be examined in other ways, and also enabled them to study superfluid helium with unprecedented precision, yielding insights into superfluidity at the nanoscale level.

Finally, we congratulate: The winner of the 2006 Bower Award and Prize for Scientific Achievement, Narain G. Hingorani, for the conceptualization and pioneering advancement of the Flexible Alternating Current Transmission System (FACTS) and Custom Power in electric power systems, and for outstanding technical contributions in High Voltage Direct Current Technology, which have enhanced the quality and security of the electric power system.

And, the Winner of the 2006 Bower Award for Business Leadership, Ted Turner, for his visionary leadership in the worlds of business and media, as well as his philanthropic commitment to the health of our planet and the well being of its people.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to honor these trailblazers. Their collective body of work has changed the course of modern progress and greatly improved the human condition. This year, as our Nation celebrates the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin and his legacy of industry, learning, patriotism and liberty, it is very fitting—in the spirit of Dr. Franklin—that we recognize the achievements of these individuals.

## HONORING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month to recognize the proud past Asian Pacific Americans have woven into our history and the important contributions they offer our society today. I have the great honor of representing an incredibly diverse 12th Congressional district of California, where I am proud to say, we have the largest population of Filipinos outside the Philippines and one of the largest populations of Asian Pacific Americans in the entire United States.

We choose to recognize Asian Pacific Americans (APA) in May because of two anniversaries this month: the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants in 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869. Both are landmark events that contributed greatly to the formation of our country and prosperity.

The APA Community is a modern example of the American dream. Arriving as immigrants, and overcoming adversity, years of discrimination and at times shocking treatment at the hands of government and citizens alike, they have become one of the most successful and educated minority populations. Their unique contribution to areas such as business, science, technology, art and entertainment are unrivaled.

With 15 million residents, they are also the fastest growing population in our country and are estimated to reach 33 million by 2050. This hard working community is responsible for much of the success and development of our great nation. In this age of immigration debate, the APA community reminds us that we are ourselves a country of immigrants and the APA community represents what is best about America with their dedication and loyalty to fighting for freedom. As we remember how they have helped to enhance the quality of our communities and country, we should also ask how we could help to fight the challenges they face.

Although APA's have a high percentage of college graduates for a minority population, at 50 percent, they still face growing poverty issues. Although the Asian Pacific American community has been very successful many still face unfair problems connected with its status as a minority. When budget cuts to education and health care are made, the Asian American community suffers greatly.

Fourteen percent of the APA community has incomes at or below the poverty line. With gas prices and college tuitions rising, the last five years has seen 28,000 Asian Americans fall into poverty. 1.1 million small businesses are owned by APAs and have been hurt by reductions in funding for small businesses.

312,000 Asian Pacific Americans are veterans. Having defended our country, they deserve benefits such as health care, which have been cut for the fourth year in a row. Last year, in the 108th session of Congress, I cosponsored legislation that gave Filipino American veterans who were a legal alien or citizen, the same health and pension benefits that our other veterans receive. I will continue to fight for equal treatment in the future.

Mr. Speaker, as we congratulate Asian Pacific Americans for their accomplishments, we also recognize their struggles. Asian Pacific Americans contribute so much to our nation and we must ensure that this community is treated with the great respect it richly deserves. I urge all my colleagues to join me in honoring Asian Pacific Americans.

## HONORING CAPTAIN CURTIS A. SPRINGER, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

### HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Curtis A. Springer, Commander of Coast Guard Sector Baltimore, Maryland, since June 2003. As Commander, Captain Springer has worn many important hats. He is Captain of the Port for the Port of Baltimore, Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator, and Federal Maritime Security Coordinator for all Coast Guard operational missions performed in the Upper Chesapeake Bay and Washington, DC.

Despite this overwhelming portfolio of responsibilities, Captain Springer has served the citizens of Maryland and this Nation quietly, honorably, and exceptionally. Embodying all that the United States Coast Guard is, Captain Springer has accepted his many roles and worked with his team regardless of the resources provided. This is a man who has earned respect the old fashioned way, through hard work and a sense of duty.

Captain Springer and I have been through much together: from dealing with the impact of the storm surge to Hurricane Isabel, to the water taxi disaster in Baltimore's Inner Harbor to homeland security issues facing the Port of Baltimore. Through it all, Captain Springer has always ensured that the task at hand be completed at highest of standards.

Captain Springer is a unique leader with an innate sense of what needs to be done. As Captain of the Port, he is required to keep trouble away from our waterways before it arrives. It is critical to balance the economic realities of commerce and the impact on the private sector with the safety of the port. He has kept these often competing interests in delicate balance. Beyond his military and maritime duties, Captain Springer understands Baltimore is a working port. His wise decisions have positively affected the State of Maryland and the people who do business at the port.

Captain Springer received his commission from Officer Candidate School in 1982 after graduating from Methodist College in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where in 1980 he received a bachelors of arts degree in education. He received a master of public administration from Michigan State University and a master of business administration from the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Throughout his Coast Guard career, Captain Springer's assignments have included staff officer at Reserve Training Programs Division Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC; Deck Watch Officer and Operations Officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter *Mallow* in Honolulu, HI; Operations Officer aboard the Coast

Guard Cutter *Citrus* in Coos Bay, OR; Chief of the Maritime Law Enforcement School at the Coast Guard's Training Center in Petaluma, CA; Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Cutter *Anacapa* in Petersburg, Alaska; Program Reviewer in the Programs Division of the Office of the Chief of Staff, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC; Commander of Coast Guard Group Ohio Valley in Louisville, Kentucky; and Executive Assistant to the Atlantic Area Commander in Portsmouth, VA. His most recent assignment was as Deputy Chief, Office of Programs and Chief, Programs Review Division in the Office of the Chief of Staff at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Captain Springer's military decorations include three Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and a Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

Beyond it all, I have always been struck by Captain Springer's down-to-earth "just the facts" approach. He is simply a good guy who wants to get it right; and I, for one, am grateful for that.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me in thanking Captain Curtis A. Springer for all he has accomplished in Sector Baltimore, and to wish him the best of luck in his next assignment.

REMEMBRANCE OF JEFFREY JARNELL JOHNSON, JR.: A LIFE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT, CARING AND PROMISE

### HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Jeffrey Johnson was a strong and gifted young man. I recognized it, and my staff recognized it, when he served as a high school intern in my Congressional office. His teachers also recognized his abilities, as did his coaches, and even college administrators at institutions he never attended. He was a bright and shining young man with talent, direction and purpose, and he had unlimited potential.

When Jeffrey put his mind to something, and focused his energy on it, he would overcome any obstacle to achieve it. Today, Thursday, May 25th, Jeffrey would have graduated Summa Cum Laude, and received the Miami-Dade County School Superintendent's Diploma of Distinction, from Carol City Sr. High School. He was imbued with intelligence, as evidenced by his grade point average, which landed him a Bright Futures full academic scholarship to St. Thomas University in Miami, where he looked forward to studying law.

I truly believe that Jeffrey would have become a leader in our community and perhaps even in our country, a person of consequence, a role model for others, and a force in the world for good.

Sadly, however, this strong, gifted, 17-year-old young man was tragically and senselessly killed in a shooting early Sunday, May 21, 2006. Our entire Dade County community is consumed in grief and sorrow because of his passing. His funeral services will be held Saturday, May 27th, at the New Birth Baptist

Church Cathedral of Faith in Miami, Florida. The heart of every caring person aches because of the burden that now must be borne by his father, Jeffrey Sr., his mother, Brenda, and his beloved sister, Jarrika. The magnitude of their loss is truly beyond understanding.

I had the distinct honor and special privilege to have this young man serve as an intern in my office, where he epitomized standards of excellence and personal warmth in responding to the needs and concerns of my constituents. Many of them recall Jeffrey as the young intern who greeted them with utmost respect and empathy. He easily stood as a model student, defined by his quiet but dignified demeanor. His exemplary conduct and his study ethic garnered him the unique distinction that served as an example to all students seeking to prepare themselves as the leaders of tomorrow through the power of the educated mind and the sensitivity of a caring heart.

Jeffrey was a very special young man, and we are fortunate to have known him and are grateful for the gifts he left with us. Every person of goodwill is moved by his extraordinary life and the tragedy of his premature passing. I pray that his family will somehow be comforted by the fact that Jeffrey graced our lives, that he touched the lives of so many people during his all-too-brief time on this earth, and that we will never forget him.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 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. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Chairman, on Rollcall 198, I inadvertently voted against the amendment offered by my colleague Rep. ROSA DELAUNO to restore \$25 million to the Department of Energy's State Energy Program. I had intended to vote yes because the State Energy Program is effective and important program that provides vital funds to 55 State Energy Offices around the country.

While energy prices continue to escalate, State Energy Offices are one of the few on the ground resources to increase energy efficiency for consumers, educate the public on ways of reducing energy use, and monitor the price and supply situation.

That's why I was puzzled and disappointed that the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee effectively terminated the State Energy Program, SEP, in its FY07 bill.

In many of the States, the impact will be devastating. For States without other dedicated sources of revenue, State energy services will be terminated. Many legislatures have already adjourned for the year and will not have an opportunity to attempt to step into the breach. Destroying the State Energy Offices at the very time that energy costs are hovering at record highs, many oil producing nations are unstable, and supplies are tight makes no sense.

It was just last year that this body voted to authorize \$100 million for the SEP in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In his FY07 budget request, the President asked for \$49.5 million for the SEP, restoring a 20 percent cut from last year. So I find it troubling that the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee voted in contradiction both to the Administration's proposal and the recently adopted energy policy of Congress.

SEP has a proven record of reducing energy consumption for residential consumers, as well as schools, hospitals, small businesses and agriculture, and has funded a variety of important programs in Colorado.

Restoration of SEP funding will have an immediate effect on reducing demand for energy, allowing us to leverage specific investments in a variety of energy efficiency projects in all types of buildings. In addition, SEP funding will permit us to expand aggressive public information efforts, convincing consumers and businesses alike to increase their use of energy efficient products, add insulation to their homes, utilize hybrid or ethanol-fueled vehicles, etc. Studies have shown that for every Federal dollar invested in this program, over \$7 is saved in direct energy costs.

I am pleased that the DeLauro amendment passed the House, and I regret that the final vote tally does not reflect my strong support for the State Energy Program.

TRIBUTE TO DORETHA ADAMS

### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2006*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a wonderful educator who has devoted her career to giving our young children a literal head start in life. Mrs. Doretha Adams is retiring after more than 35 years of teaching, and I join with those celebrating her extraordinary career.

Mrs. Adams knew when she attended college in Columbia, SC. that children were going to be an important part of her future. She graduated from Allen University in 1965 with a bachelor of science degree majoring in science and minoring in physical education. She also earned a therapeutic recreation degree from Benedict College along with a child development certification. She continued her education at the University of Georgia and South Carolina State University where she completed a master's degree in early childhood education.

Mrs. Adams's career in education began in 1965 at Central High School in Amherst, VA, where she taught science and physical education. She also found time to coach the Girls Varsity basketball team for 3 years.

However in 1969, she returned to Columbia, SC, and served as a substitute teacher in Richland School District One. As a parent, Mrs. Adams found a new career when she enrolled her first child at Ridgewood Headstart Center in 1972 and became a volunteer and the PTA president. Her enthusiasm for the Headstart program was evident, and the following year she was offered a position as a Headstart teacher with the Midland Community Action Agency, which later became the Midland Human Resource Development Commission. There she flourished in the classroom