

American hero who left his home to defend our Nation, and then returned home to be a valued member of his community, showing his children and grandchildren how to live meaningful lives of service. Howard is the embodiment of all the values that have molded America into the great Nation it is today. May God bless Mr. Brigham and his family, may God bless our precious veterans, and may God continue to bless America.

HONORING DR. LEONARD J. KLAY

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OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Dr. Klay has made numerous contributions to the medical profession as an outspoken leader in Sonoma County and around the State. He has twice been elected president of the Sonoma County Medical Association, and has served on a wide variety of committees within that body. Active in the California Medical Association for 36 years, he has served as a delegate and Tenth District Chair. He has served on a number of county commissions focused on perinatal substance abuse, and has worked to stabilize healthcare in Sonoma County through participation as a trustee or director on numerous boards.

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SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2007*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I am proud we have brought this resolution to the floor today. It is sadly fitting, as today marks the 1-year anniversary of the fatal shootings of Master Police Officer Michael E. Garbarino and Detective Vicky O. Armel of the Fairfax County Police Department—the first two officers shot and killed in the line of duty in the department's long, distinguished history.

These local officers were shining examples of the courage and selflessness found in our law enforcement community. Their stories also illustrate the fact that personal sacrifice and danger have always been synonymous with law enforcement service, beginning with New York City's Deputy Sheriff Isaac Smith, who on May 17, 1792, became the first recorded police officer to be killed in the line of duty.

Today, there are 870,000 sworn law enforcement officers in the United States who continue the "quest to preserve both democracy and decency, and to protect a national treasure that we call the American dream," a quote by President George Bush engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Each one of these officers and their families carry with them the knowledge their efforts put them in harm's way. Today, more than 56,000 are assaulted each year and every 53 hours, an officer is killed while serving the American people. September 11, 2001, was the deadliest day for police officers in all of American history when 72 officers were killed while responding to terrorist attacks.

May 15 is Peace Officers Memorial Day, a holiday created in 1961 by Congress to honor fallen law enforcement officers who dedicated their lives to protecting this country and its citizens. The flag is flown at half-staff and thousands of people visit the Memorial, which was authorized by President Ronald Reagan in 1984 and built in 1989 and currently has 17,912 names etched into the wall.

Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution to honor the memories of Master Police Officer Garbarino and Detective Armel, and all the fallen heroes from the law enforcement ranks for their service and their willingness to expose themselves to danger in their pursuit of a safe community.

CONGRATULATING THE HAMMOND LADY RED DEVILS UPON WINNING THE 2007 NEW YORK STATE CLASS D CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. JOHN M. McHUGH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2007*

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hammond Central School District's Lady Red Devils of Hammond, New York, upon winning the 2007 New York State Girls Basketball Class D Championship. This was not only Hammond's first State basketball

championship, it was also the first State basketball championship won by a Section X team.

On March 18, 2007, the Hammond Lady Red Devils, who are from my upstate New York Congressional District, won the New York State Class D Championship when they defeated the S.S. Seward Lady Spartans by a score of 52 to 51. In that game, the Lady Red Devils worked hard to overcome the Lady Spartans' leads, which were as much as 17 points at one time and 12 points at the end of the first half. In fact, S.S. Seward led by two points with 47 seconds to play before the Lady Red Devils' Brittany Kenyon, the New York State Class D MVP, made a three point shot with 15.9 seconds left in the game to give Hammond the lead and, ultimately, the victory.

The Lady Red Devils completed the 2007 season undefeated, with a record of 12 and 0. They were coached by Shawn Dack and assistant coaches Larry Hollister, Doug McQueer, and Chet Truskowski. Other team members were scorekeeper Cathy Tulley and players Whitney Atkins, Cassie Cunningham, Nicole Davidson, Aubrie Dunn, Brooke Hollister, Katlyn Hunt, Malynda Jenne, Jessica Martin, Sara Measheaw, Emily Moquin, and Sarah Sheridan. Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to represent these young ladies and to have the opportunity to recognize them for their very significant accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO CECIL E. WILLIAMS,  
JR.

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2007*

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to a dear friend, Cecil E. Williams, Jr., a lifelong advocate and friend to Arkansas farmers. Williams, who was a West Memphis resident and longtime executive vice president of the Agriculture Council of Arkansas, passed away on April 12 at the age of 74. His death was a great loss to his community, his family, his State and this Nation.

Williams began his agricultural education at a young age on his family's cotton farm in Tyronza, AR. After serving in the U.S. Air Force as a weather observer in Alaska, he moved to Baton Rouge, LA, and enrolled at Louisiana State University where he obtained his bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. During his final year in college, Williams met his wife Barbara. They eventually married and had three sons.

Williams took a job with the National Cotton Council and began traveling to cotton farms around the South, soliciting new members. In return for their membership, Williams kept them informed of new farm technology and

techniques that would help farmers run a more efficient and profitable business.

In the mid-1960s, Williams became the executive vice president of the Agricultural Council of Arkansas in West Memphis and served the council honorably for 37 years. Although Williams worked for the council during the day, in his free time he maintained a small family farm because he loved working the land. By maintaining the farm, he gained a firsthand perspective of the challenges Arkansas farmers faced on a day-to-day basis.

Williams' life-long commitment to farming made it easy for him to advocate on the behalf of farmers in Washington. Williams worked as a liaison, advocating for farm policies that would benefit Arkansas' agricultural community to Members of Congress. He would then return to Arkansas and use his natural gift of communication to explain the complexities of farm bills to producers, which helped them understand how the legislation would impact their business.

A devout public servant, Williams was a man of honor and compassion. On behalf of the Congress, I extend sympathies to his family and gratitude for all he did to make our community a better place. His service and friendship will be missed by all.