

Brother Joe's life, saying, "He was a fixture in this county; I cannot overstate the impact he had on this community and on this church." It is certain that the world has lost a great man. May God rest his soul and continue to bless his family.

HONORING DR. RICHARD COE

**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Richard Coe for his exceptional career in education and his tremendous contributions to the community. Dr. Coe is retiring after nearly four decades as a teacher and administrator, roles in which he served as an inspiration to both students and colleagues alike.

For the past eight years, Dr. Coe has served as the executive director of the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22. Through his leadership and guidance, this organization has improved the quality of education for students all across Bucks County. His steadfast commitment to students and teachers has motivated educators throughout our community to follow his example of compassionate dedication.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Coe has been devoted to ensuring the education of all children, especially those with special needs. He began his career as special education classroom teacher, later becoming an administrator of special education services. Dr. Coe intimately understands our society's fundamental responsibility to educate our youth. This means helping students overcome obstacles, no matter how great or small. Like all great educators, Dr. Coe can see the potential and ability in every student. Each student is equally special and equally important.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Coe will be missed in his role with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit. But Dr. Coe will leave behind a legacy that will continue to inspire his colleagues. We can all rest assured that retirement will do nothing to hinder Dr. Coe's enthusiasm for education. Dr. Coe has actively served the community with same eagerness and commitment that he has shown in the classroom. A long list of community organizations have benefited from Dr. Coe's service. Madam Speaker, Dr. Coe has been instrumental in the positive development of our youth and our community, and I would like to thank him on behalf of those whose lives he has touched.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, while I was absent from the House of Representative last week due to the birth of my son, I would like to state how I would have voted on the following pieces of legislation if I had been able to be present:

H.R. 1773

To limit the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to grant authority to motor car-

riers domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border.

Rollcall No. 349—Yea

H.R. 1585, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Rollcall No. 351—Nay

Rollcall No. 352—Nay

Rollcall No. 355—Yea

Rollcall No. 364—Nay

Rollcall No. 365—Nay

Rollcall No. 366—Nay

Rollcall No. 367—Nay

Rollcall No. 368—Yea

Rollcall No. 369—Yea

Rollcall No. 370—Nay

Rollcall No. 371—Nay

Rollcall No. 372—Yea

Rollcall No. 373—Yea

H.R. 1427

To reform the regulation of certain housing-related Government-sponsored enterprises, and for other purposes.

Rollcall No. 378—Yea

Rollcall No. 379—Yea

Rollcall No. 380—Yea

Rollcall No. 381—Nay

Rollcall No. 382—Yea

Rollcall No. 383—Yea.

CONGRATULATING KRISTA BRUNE

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Krista Brune of Princeton University. Ms. Brune is a Latin American and Caribbean studies student and is a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Award. This grant is given to promising individuals to aid them in their academic and cultural pursuits abroad.

The Fulbright Program was established by Congress in 1946 and is sponsored by the U.S. State Department. This program was designed to help build mutual understanding between Americans and the global community. Individuals who are awarded this distinction have demonstrated outstanding academic or professional achievement and have proven themselves as leaders in their field.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Ms. Brune and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO OXFORD CENTRAL  
SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great pride to honor the archery team at Oxford Central School in Oxford, New Jersey. This excellent team has already proven themselves by winning the state championship in the National Archery in the Schools Program. They will now go on to compete in Louisville, Kentucky for the National Championship.

The National Archery in the Schools Program has shown that students not only enjoy

learning about archery in school but also report higher attendance on days when archery is taught. I am pleased that Oxford Central School has not only embraced this successful program, but also seen such positive results from its implementation.

The Oxford archery team is comprised of 24 outstanding shooters who finished well above their competition in New Jersey. Two of the archers, Kayle Bethune and Sharlette Carey, finished in the top three in the state. They will now go on to compete against archers from 41 other states for the national title. I expect that the Oxford archery team will certainly be a force to be reckoned with during competition.

Their individual performances and overall team accomplishments thus far deserve our most heartfelt congratulations and I wish them the best of luck at the National Championships on June 9th.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. VITO FOSSELLA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, on roll call no. 395 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO THE EUGENE A.  
OBREGON AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 804 ON THE OCCASION OF  
ITS 60TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL  
DAY SERVICE

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Eugene A. Obregon American Legion Post 804 located in East Los Angeles in my congressional district on the occasion of its 60th Annual Memorial Day Service.

Chartered by Congress in 1919, the American Legion was formed as a patriotic wartime veterans' community service organization. Thirty-five years later, the American Legion Post 804 was chartered locally in East Los Angeles.

Post 804 was named after East Los Angeles war hero Private First Class Eugene Arnold Obregon who was killed in Seoul, Korea in 1950 by enemy forces while in the line of duty. Private Obregon served with Company G, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced) and his death occurred just days before his 20th birthday.

While serving as an ammunition carrier for a machine gun squad, he was pinned down by hostile fire and left his covered position to attend to a fallen Marine, dragging him to safer ground. After seizing the Marine's shoulder rifle, he used his own body as a shield to protect his wounded comrade, firing at the enemy until he was fatally wounded by machine gun fire.

For his courage and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty, Private Obregon was posthumously awarded the United States Congressional Medal of Honor—the highest award

for valor in action against an enemy force bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services.

My father, the late Congressman Edward R. Roybal, himself a World War II veteran, was extremely grateful to Private Obregon and the many other men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation. My father was among the founding members of Post 804, and it was always important to him that Memorial Day be observed with a heartfelt and patriotic tribute to the fallen. If my father were with us today, he would be the first to commend Post 804 for its 60-year tradition of organizing these poignant Memorial Day services.

This year, the American Legion Post 804 will be holding an inspirational 24-hour Memorial Day Patriotic Vigil. It will begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 27 and conclude on Monday, Memorial Day, May 28 at 10 a.m. The conclusion of the vigil will mark the beginning of the Post's Memorial Day service at Cinco Puntos in East Los Angeles, and the entire community has been invited to participate.

Many of the Post's 150 members who will participate in the service know firsthand the toll that war takes on our brave men and women who serve. The Post's membership includes veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf.

In addition to the Post's Memorial Day service, Post 804 supports and sponsors a number of important community events throughout the year, including Veterans Day services at Atlantic Park in East Los Angeles, a toy drive for the Children of Brooklyn Avenue School, school presentations on the American Flag and Patriotism, and voter registration and blood drives.

The Post is also home to Sons of the American Legion Post 804 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4696, including its Ladies Auxiliary. The Los Angeles Chapter of the Hispanic Airborne Association, the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Association, and the Rice Patties Jumpers Chapter of 187th Regiment also call the Post home.

Madam Speaker, I salute Post 804 for its patriotic and meaningful work in the community and for steadfastly holding true to its basic tenants to safeguard "the principles of justice, freedom and democracy" and "to promote peace and goodwill on earth . . ." Through its efforts in organizing Memorial Day services and its other important community undertakings, the Post serves as a living memorial to our men and women in uniform who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the Eugene A. Obregon American Legion Post 804 on the occasion of its 60th Annual Memorial Day Service at Cinco Puntos in East Los Angeles, and in commending the Post for its dedication to preserving the memories of our brave soldiers to ensure that we "never forget."

CONGRATULATING ZACHARY  
BARTER

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents,

Mr. Zachary Barter of Brown University. Mr. Barter is a teaching student and is a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Award. This grant is given to promising individuals to aid them in their academic and cultural pursuits abroad.

The Fulbright Program was established by Congress in 1946 and is sponsored by the U.S. State Department. This program was designed to help build mutual understanding between Americans and the global community. Individuals who are awarded this distinction have demonstrated outstanding academic or professional achievement and have proven themselves as leaders in their field.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Mr. Barter and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on rollcall Nos. 397 through 402. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall Nos. 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, and 402.

#### TRIBUTE TO OUTSTANDING VALPARAISO, INDIANA NOON KIWANIS CLUB VOLUNTEERS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend nine exceptional individuals from Northwest Indiana who have been recognized as outstanding volunteers by the Valparaiso, Indiana Noon Kiwanis Club. These individuals are: Judy Back, Elizabeth "Bette" Brown, Bob Buhle, Chelsey Dunleavy, Michele Hale, Sandy Jenkins, Beverly Overmyer, Pat Puffer, and Rob Thorgren. These honorees will be recognized at the Sixth Annual Valparaiso Kiwanis Club Foundation Volunteer Recognition Program, which will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at the Strongbow Inn in Valparaiso. This annual event recognizes the efforts of outstanding community volunteers and celebrates the spirit of volunteerism in Valparaiso.

Judy Back, of the Salvation Army, has been a constant role model and a true inspiration to her community through her many volunteer efforts. Having served on and chaired many boards throughout the years, Judy has been extremely active in her efforts with the Porter County Angel Tree Program, a program that provides children with gifts and families with food for the holidays. Judy has also been active in many other facets of the Salvation Army, as well as the Purdue North Central Women's Association, of which she was the founding president.

Bette Brown, a retired teacher with the Valparaiso Community Schools, has enriched the lives of countless students over the years. Since her retirement, she has continued to volunteer at Valparaiso High School, serving as front desk person. In this capacity, Bette is

in charge of greeting visitors and guiding them on their visits. In addition, she plays an important role in the safety of the students by making sure that all visitors are authorized and accounted for. Furthermore, Bette has been active in the Valparaiso Organization for Learning and Teaching Seniors (VOLTS) program, as well as the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, a program aimed at introducing children to classical music.

Bob Buhle has served in many capacities for the Hilltop Neighborhood House for several years, including Board President and Vice President. In addition, he has been instrumental in the construction of the Hilltop Community Health Center, as well as a dedicated member of the organization's Board Development Committee and Finance and Audit Committee. Not only has Bob dedicated himself to Hilltop, he has also donated much of his time and efforts to Habitat for Humanity.

Chelsey Dunleavy, a peer tutor in the Life Skills Program at Valparaiso High School, has served as President of the HOPE Club for the past two years. As a volunteer in the Life Skills Program, Chelsey devotes her spare time to helping students with special needs. As President of the HOPE Club, she plans and supervises activities and events and does so in a manner that allows everyone to participate. Chelsey is also very active in her church, where she teaches Sunday school, as well as in various other programs at Valparaiso High School. In performing any tasks, Chelsey is known for her ability to excel far beyond any expectations, and more impressively, to do so without expecting anything in return.

An avid runner, Michele Hale, has been a volunteer with Opportunity Enterprises for the past seven years. Pairing her love for long-distance running with her commitment to serve her community, Michele leads the Opportunity Enterprises' Lake County Marathon Training Team and also serves as the organizer for an annual charity bike run. Michele also serves as President of the Calumet Region Striders and contributes much of her efforts to the Cancer Foundation, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and Saint Jude's Children's Hospital.

Sandy Jenkins, a volunteer for the Porter Auxiliary, has contributed countless hours to the organization and the people it serves. While her primary duty is to provide information for visitors at the front desk, Sandy has always welcomed additional responsibilities with the Auxiliary and has served in a secretarial capacity and in public relations as well. For her efforts and her unwavering dedication to the Porter Auxiliary, Sandy has even been featured in the Stay Healthy magazine.

A volunteer with the Independent Cat Society, Beverly Overmyer has fully dedicated herself to the organization. Among other roles, Beverly has served on the Board of Directors, as Corresponding Secretary, writer for the Newsletter, room parent, co-chair of the public relations committee, and in many fundraising capacities. Though extremely committed to the Independent Cat Society, Beverly also finds time to volunteer for the Taltree Arboretum, where she serves as an instructor and prepares materials for field trips, and is very active in the Kankakee Valley Historical Society.

Pat Puffer is being honored for her many efforts in the community, most notably, her work with the Porter-Stark Services Foundation.