

taught and coached for 24 years and served as an administrator for 14.

Supplementing his 39 years as an educator, Lucious is additionally a very spiritual man and has been an active member of the community. Lucious is an avid member of the Cedar CME Crest Cathedral, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and has served as both president and vice president of the Dallas Coaches Association and Dallas Schools Administrators Association.

Lucious Newhouse, Jr., has always taken pride in his work and been dedicated to the children of Dallas. This compassionate man never failed to show that he cared for his students, his fellow teachers, administrators, and staff members. I urge the rest of my colleagues to join me in applauding Mr. Newhouse, Jr., for all he has done for Texas's educational system and the wonderful city of Dallas.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUC-
TION: RECOGNIZING RACHEL
CARSON

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation honoring the legacy of Rachel Carson, the ecologist and author whose courage, selfless spirit and sense of wonder ushered in the modern environmental movement.

May 27, 2007, will mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Rachel Carson. While we as a nation continue to feel the impact of man-made environmental challenges and consider measures to lessen our impact on the planet, it is important to remember the person who first warned us of the hazards of environmental degradation, while capturing our hearts with her love and concern for nature.

Through her tireless activism and inspiring literature, in particular her book *Silent Spring*, Carson raised public awareness about humanity's inherent relationship to nature. In exposing the dangers of chemical pesticides, Carson demonstrated how life at all levels is interconnected, from the bottom of the food chain to humans at the top.

Carson wrote her landmark book, testified before Congress and rallied support for environmental awareness and action while secretly fighting the debilitating effects of the cancer that would soon take her life. Although she preferred quiet anonymity, Carson weathered tremendous scrutiny and made a courageous stand against powerful industry interests to serve the greater good.

Though she died at the young age of 56, Carson's impact was astounding. In the years immediately following her death, the U.S. Government enacted a string of environmental laws, created the Environmental Protection Agency and banned most uses of the chemical pesticide DDT, which resulted in the resurgence of numerous American ecosystems and wildlife species.

Rachel Carson's influence continues to reverberate, now more than 40 years after her death, in the ongoing struggle to balance the needs of our society with a healthy environment.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House to pass this resolution.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
RETIREMENT OF BOB BARKER

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a man from my district recognized the world over for his contributions to popular culture and society. For the last 35 years, Robert William Barker has been a familiar face in a world of ever-changing television personalities as the indefatigable host of "The Price is Right."

His extraordinary television career began in 1956 with the show "Truth or Consequences," which broke records by remaining on daytime television for a remarkable 18 years. With his career in the national spotlight, he brought the program back home to Missouri, airing it live from Springfield on April 14, 1972. That same year, he also began hosting "The Price is Right." For 3 years, Bob hosted both shows concurrently—making it look effortless to his growing audience of friends and admirers.

His work would yield extraordinary results. Not only has "The Price is Right" become the longest running game show in television history, it has earned the distinction of being named the highest-rated game show of all time—a product of Bob's singular talent and tireless work ethic.

Among his other notable credits, he hosted the Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants and the Rose Parade for 21 years; won 17 Emmys and was nominated for two more; was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame in 2004; and was named by the Guinness Book of World Records as "The Most Generous Game Show Host" and "The Most Durable Performer" in television history.

Always a man whose popularity cut across ethnic, social, and generational boundaries, Bob's popularity soared even higher with young people after his appearance in Adam Sandler's hit movie "Happy Gilmore," for which he won the MTV Movie Award in 2000.

Another milestone in Bob's career occurred 2 years later when CBS named part of its Los Angeles headquarters "the Bob Barker Promenade" to commemorate the show's 30th anniversary. Stage 33 at CBS Television City, which is one of the most historic sites in the industry, was re-dedicated as the "Bob Barker Studio," making Bob the first performer to whom CBS had ever dedicated a stage. It was from Stage 33 that Elvis Presley made his legendary first appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," and it has been the staging grounds for "The Price is Right" during its entire 35-year run on the network.

But long before he met fame, Bob met his future wife Dorothy Jo Gideon after graduating from Springfield Senior High. Barker would go on to pursue his studies at Drury College in Springfield, and was voted class president during his sophomore and senior years.

Like so many of his generation, the events of World War II would interrupt his studies. He trained as a Navy Air Corps fighter pilot, and returned to Drury College to graduate *summa cum laude* in 1947. He later served on the school's board of trustees from 1977 to 1980.

Bob Barker also started his entertainment career in Springfield, hosting a radio program on KTTS Radio, where he developed his clear, reverberating voice and his instant rapport with audiences.

For the past 30 years, Bob has devoted a significant portion of his time and resources to helping improve the lives of animals, appealing daily to viewers to have their pets spayed and neutered. In 1994, he established his DJ&T Foundation, which is named in memory of his wife and his mother. The mission of the foundation is to fund low-cost spay/neuter clinics.

In addition, Bob has given millions to establish endowments promoting animal protection law at some of the Nation's top law schools, including Harvard, Stanford, UCLA, Northwestern, Duke, Georgetown and Columbia. His work has also influenced other law schools to offer similar courses.

Bob Barker is a reflection of the character of southwest Missouri, where he learned early on the importance of self-discipline, an unrelenting work ethic, commitment to family and respect for others. It's also apparent from watching "The Price is Right" that Bob enjoys people, places and having fun. Through his contributions to the causes important to him, he has set an example for people committed to changing the circumstances of those less fortunate. And he has done it with dignity and style.

In his retirement, I wish Robert William Barker continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF CONSUMER
PRODUCT SAFETY CAP LIMIT

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to raise the cap on civil penalties that the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) currently may impose against a person or company for knowingly violating the statutes that the CPSC enforces. Currently, the CPSC is limited to assessing a mere \$1.825 million against anyone company for related violations.

This amount is entirely too low to serve as an effective economic deterrent, especially for large corporations, and to help ensure that companies follow the law with regard to safe products. For some companies, this cap amounts to little more than a cost of doing business—a figure they can just write off in deciding to follow the law, or not.

My legislation would raise the cap to \$20 million, a more realistic number to serve as a deterrent against violations and a more appropriate penalty for violations that have occurred.

Madam Speaker, raising the cap to an amount that better reflects today's economic realities will encourage manufacturers, among other things, to report promptly critical information about unsafe products, to recall defective products more quickly, and generally to comply more cooperatively with statutes designed to promote and ensure safe products in the American marketplace.

THANKING MR. PHIL NICHOLS FOR
HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement this month, I rise to thank Mr. Phil Nichols for his long career of outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Phil Nichols has been an employee of the House for 31 years. During that time, he has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow co-workers. Phil is a person of great character and will leave behind a legacy of professionalism, hard work and dedication to this institution. His list of accomplishments is far too lengthy to include in this tribute.

However, one major accomplishment of Phil's was his contribution to the team that upholstered the two chairs used by the Vice President of the United States and the Speaker of the House for every State of the Union speech.

Phil's retirement is bittersweet. The House will lose an individual who from day one of his employment made a long term commitment to excellence. His performance has always been exceptional and above and beyond expectations. His legacy will live on in the Chamber of the U.S. House of Representatives as we wish him many wonderful years of happy retirement.

IN HONOR OF PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS JOSHUA G. ROMERO,
UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage of a brave and dedicated hero of the Fort Worth community and of our Nation.

PFC Joshua G. Romero was a proud United States Army soldier and a true American hero who gallantly gave his life for his country on May 18, 2007, during combat operations in Tahrir, Iraq.

Assigned to the First Cavalry Division of Fort Hood, Texas, Joshua enlisted during time of war, which speaks volumes about his character, bravery, and clear sense of patriotism.

Joshua is survived by his wife, son, father, mother, step-mother, and all of his sisters and brothers.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them and all his family and friends.

Our community and Nation honor Joshua's memory and we are grateful for his faithful and noble service to our country.

PFC Joshua G. Romero will never be forgotten. His memory lives on through his family and the legacy of selfless service that he so bravely imprinted on our hearts.

RECOGNIZING MOBILE AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT
WIN HALLETT AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT VICE PRESIDENT
BILL SISSON FOR THEIR ROLE IN
RECRUITING THYSSENKRUPP TO
ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Mobile Chamber of Commerce President Win Hallett and Economic Development Vice President Bill Sisson for their efforts in recruiting Thyssen Krupp to build a new steel mill in southwest Alabama.

Both Win and Bill worked tirelessly over the past 2 years to recruit this world class steel company to Alabama. In an unprecedented way, leaders from across Alabama and the region came together to promote the Alabama site.

Over a century ago, steel was Alabama's "cash crop" and steel manufacturing played a major role in Alabama's industrial revolution. Now in 2007, Alabama is one of the leading producers of automobiles in the United States. ThyssenKrupp's announcement brings Alabama's steel legacy full circle.

The impact of this new steel mill will be profound. ThyssenKrupp's new steel mill promises at least 2,700 new permanent jobs, paying upwards of \$50,000 a year. Construction will require almost 30,000 employees who will earn \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year. Such benefits would not be possible without the outstanding leadership of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, who in recent years has also played a lead role in other development projects including: Northrop Grumman/EADS choosing Mobile as the home for its plant to build tankers for the Air Force should the team be awarded the contract; investors choosing Mobile County as the future home of the \$600 million Alabama Motorsports Park, A Dale Earnhardt Jr. Speedway; and the RSA Battle House Tower, which is the tallest building along the Gulf Coast.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce President Win Hallett and Economic Development Vice President Bill Sisson for their outstanding accomplishments. I would like to offer each of them my heartfelt thanks on behalf of the First Congressional District for their continued contributions to the great State of Alabama.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DONNA
VOLNER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Donna Volner, who is retiring from Clark County after 15 years of distinguished service.

Donna, who is from Los Angeles, CA, began her career in Missouri where she ini-

tially served as a clerk/typist for Missouri State Welfare. During her tenure with the Missouri State Welfare, Donna exhibited her tireless dedication and her great abilities and by the end of her 14 years of service. As a result of her commitment and dedication to serving others, Donna was named County Director.

Donna's work for Clark County began in the early 1990s, when she accepted a position as an eligibility worker for Clark County Social Services. In 1995, Donna transferred to the Neighborhood Justice Center, where she served the community for 12 years. After retiring from Clark County, Donna plans to continue her service to the Clark County Community as a volunteer for Clark County Social Services and at the local Ronald McDonald House.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Donna Volner. Her tireless work for Clark County has improved the lives of countless people. I thank her for her dedication and commitment to the community and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MR. TEX BJORKLUND

HON. BILL SALI

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Mr. Tex Bjorklund.

During the 1950's, Tex Bjorklund was a police officer with the Los Angeles Police Department. While on patrol, he received a call to respond to a shooting at a nearby location. Upon arriving at the scene Mr. Bjorklund discovered the body of a 7-year-old girl who accidentally had shot and killed herself with a handgun found in the glove compartment of a car.

Deeply moved, Tex began working on a way to help prevent this kind of tragedy from recurring. As a result, he invented a device that would not only allow Americans to retain their right to keep and bear arms but also keep children from hurting themselves by using firearms. In fact, Tex was one of the first people to devise what we call today a "trigger lock".

Unlike advocates of sweeping gun restrictions, Mr. Bjorklund realized gun-related problems were not the weapons themselves but rather those who misuse them. In the wrong hands a weapon can be misused by those too young to understand the deadly force guns possess or by those who mean to do us harm.

Tex saw the need for a device that would ensure firearms are operated only for their intended use. Subsequently, Mr. Bjorklund began a quest to invent such a product. Today there are hundreds of different models of locks for many models of firearms.

We will never truly know how many lives Mr. Bjorklund saved, but it is fitting we honor him today for his invention.