

students and families of High School District 204 in Cook County. Now, as he prepares for his retirement, I would like to thank him for his years of dedicated service.

Mr. Hogan's decision to become a teacher led him to college to complete his degree and education certification in 1978. To finance his education, Mr. Hogan took on a wide variety of service jobs, where he developed a disciplined attitude and strong work ethic that continues to guide his life. Mr. Hogan's awareness of the importance of family, friends, integrity, and career is the foundation of his professional success, and has led his colleagues and the communities he serves to hold him in the highest regard.

Mr. Hogan began his career in education as a special education teacher at Lyons Township High School, serving students who felt disconnected from their families, school, and peers because of emotional and behavioral disabilities. He provided the structure, empathic concern, and skill-building activities that his students needed to allow them an opportunity to develop trusting relationships with others and graduate from high school to become productive citizens. Mr. Hogan later became the Dean of Students in High School District 204. Again, his commitment to teaching the skills of responsible decision-making and his willingness to help individuals understand and assume responsibility for their actions resulted in a positive, life-changing experience for countless students.

For the final 15 years of his career, Mr. Hogan has served as Associate Principal, dedicating himself to his principle of "making the school work". His fairness, integrity, and meticulous attention to detail have impacted the daily lives of all those he has served: the faculty, staff, and families of Lyons Township High School.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Michael Hogan as an outstanding educator, and recognize his tireless efforts to educate and develop generations of confident, responsible, and disciplined students. He has done nothing less than an extraordinary job in preparing future generations for their challenges ahead. I thank and congratulate Michael for his service and dedication and wish him a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.

HONORING THE TEXAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, I am proud to stand before you today in celebration of a truly historic achievement by the Texas City Police Department. On February 13th of this year, the Law Enforcement Recognition Committee Foundation Board officially voted to bestow the Recognized Status Award for Best Business Practices upon the Department, making the Texas City PD the first recipient of that award in the entire state.

The Texas Recognition Program is designed to assist law enforcement agencies meet their professional obligations in an efficient and effective manner. To be eligible for recognition under this program, an agency must meet or

exceed up to 152 Best Practices Standards in all aspects of law enforcement operations, including policies, procedures, equipment, facilities, and management.

Under the leadership of Chief Robert J. Burby, the employees of the Texas City Police Department have worked hard to merit this great honor. I believe it is fitting that, as Texas City Mayor Matt Doyle remarked at the State Certification Award Ceremony on March 22nd, the Texas City Police Department will be remembered as "The Model. The First for Others to Follow."

CONGRATULATING GORDON G. MARTIN ON BEING NAMED THE MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER'S 2007 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gordon Martin on being named the Montgomery Advertiser's 2007 Citizen of the Year and to offer heartfelt thanks on behalf of the people of Alabama for his exemplary philanthropic service to both the city of Montgomery and the State of Alabama.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Gordon has received several degrees, including a bachelor's and juris doctorate from the University of Alabama, as well as a master's degree in public administration from George Washington University.

His dedication to public service began early. While an undergraduate at Alabama, Gordon was elected president of the student government association and was inducted into several academic and student honor societies, including Capstone Men. As a graduate student studying in Washington, D.C., Gordon and several others founded DC Cares, which has grown to be the largest volunteer clearinghouse in our Nation's Capital.

Gordon's commitment to public service only continued when he moved to Montgomery, where he now serves as vice-president of Alabama Power's Southern Division. He currently sits on the boards of more than a dozen civic groups and charities. He is chairman of the Montgomery Riverfront Development Foundation, president of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, chairman-elect of the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce, and serves on the boards of Huntingdon College and the Alabama Shakespeare Festival.

Madam Speaker, Gordon G. Martin has dedicated his life to the service of others, all-the-while being a devoted husband and father to four children. I ask my colleagues to join with me in thanking Gordon for his commitment to so many wonderful philanthropic missions.

I know his wife, Margret; his four children, Tucker, Bailey, Perry, and Lilly; and his many friends join with me in praising his many accomplishments. On behalf of all who have benefited from his good works, permit me to extend thanks for his many efforts in making Alabama a better place to live and work.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GARY WADDELL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gary Waddell, a Senior Television Anchor and community philanthropist.

Mr. Gary Waddell is a graduate of Brown Institute of Broadcasting in Minneapolis, and attended the University of Minnesota. Mr. Waddell began his broadcasting career working as a disc jockey for a local radio station while in college. He was a reporter for WFLD-TV in Chicago, and covered the 1968 Democratic Convention as well as the federal trial of the Chicago Seven. In 1971, he moved to Las Vegas to work for KORK-TV as an anchor. Mr. Waddell is currently the Senior Television Anchor at KLAS-TV and has been an anchor with the station for over 20 years.

In addition to his professional career, Mr. Waddell contributes his time to many charitable events and organizations in Southern Nevada, including the Lied Discovery Children's Museum, the Nevada Senior Games, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Kiwanis Teacher of the Year Awards and the annual Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign. Mr. Waddell also is a member of the Board of Directors for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Mr. Waddell was honored with the Best Television Anchor Award by the Las Vegas Review Journal's "Best of Las Vegas" poll and along with his colleague Paula Francis, received the Best Anchor Team Award in the Women in Communications Electronic Media Awards.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Gary Waddell in his efforts to help make Southern Nevada a better place. I applaud his willingness to help others and wish him the best.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF RACHEL CARSON

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Rachel Carson and to commemorate her 100th birthday this Sunday, May 27.

Rachel Carson was an author, environmentalist, scientist, and poet. She was also a person with the courage to speak out against policies that harmed the environment.

In 1945, the U.S. Government was increasingly using chemical pesticides to control pests that were harming agricultural crops. Rachel Carson, living in Silver Spring at the time, was particularly alarmed by insecticide experiments in Patuxent, MD. She worried that the Government was using pesticides indiscriminately, with little regard for the damage they might cause to unintended targets, like other wildlife, or people who would eat the crops.

In 1957, her concerns became reality. Spraying for mosquitoes in Massachusetts, covering Long Island with a mixture of DDT

and fuel-oil to eradicate the gypsy moth, and a chemical war against fire ants in the South—all of these caused the widespread death of other animals in the areas.

Ms. Carson, a former scientist at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with a Masters degree in Zoology, and the author of two previous books, wrote a third, *Silent Spring*, about the pesticide problem. She described the issue in vivid terms—a happy town struck by a “strange blight” that stopped the birds from flying and silenced their voices.

Her message was not accepted quietly. Even the idea of the book, before it was published, was enough to cause the chemical industry, with the support of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to work to discredit Ms. Carson. She was called a “hysterical woman” and threatened with lawsuits. Her meticulous scientific work was described as “oversimplifications,” “downright errors,” and “scary generalizations.”

However, Rachel Carson did not back down from a fight. Even as she was battling cancer, Ms. Carson testified before Congress, stood up for her research and her work, and, with her eloquent words and confidence in the science behind them, rallied millions of Americans to her side.

Rachel Carson helped begin the modern environmental movement by helping Americans relate to complicated scientific issues. She also forced the Government to consider that even potentially beneficial practices like eliminating the bugs that ate our crops could have dangerous environmental effects. Her stand paved the way for others to join the cause. She spoke the first “inconvenient truth.”

When she died, she left a legacy for us to carry. The pesticide problem did not end with *Silent Spring*. Our environment is not safe from dangers. Agricultural run-off, sprawl and logging, and of course, global warming, are persistent threats that we must face with the same courage and tenacity Rachel Carson showed 40 years ago.

This year, Congress is prepared to meet those challenges head on. We are developing comprehensive global warming legislation to curb pollution and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

We all have the responsibility to follow Rachel Carson's example to be stewards of our environment and natural resources. We must ensure that we and the generations that follow us can, as Ms. Carson advised, “dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the earth.”

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF'S DEPUTY MARVIN JEROME SCARLETT

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart as I mourn the passing of a friend and fellow member of the law enforcement community, Marvin Jerome Scarlett of Henry County, Georgia. Sheriff's Deputy Scarlett was a patriot dedicated to upholding and defending the rule of law. He was a man of great courage, conviction and passion who lived a wonderfully fulfilling life surrounded by a loving family, close friends and admiring colleagues.

Sheriff's Deputy Scarlett was a college friend and a teammate; together we played beside each other on the football field at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee, Florida. Marvin reflected the very best qualities I would hope for in a teammate—he always put the team first and this dedication to his peers and community was a hallmark of Marvin's personality.

I mourn alongside the loving family of Marvin Jerome Scarlett, and honor his wife Latosha, and children Johnnie, Lottrenise, Lottriana, and Shi-Mon. During this difficult time, we will comfort the Scarlett family and pray for their wellbeing.

Like the God he faithfully served, this gentleman came and lived among us that we may have hope more abundantly. True to his faith, Sheriff's Deputy Scarlett would urge us to believe that his death does not represent an irrevocable finality, and he would assure us that he will live on in the good deeds he left behind. Indeed, no life could be more revered for having fulfilled his vocation as God's faithful steward. I will cherish the wonderful memories I have of Marvin Jerome Scarlett, a true friend and defender of our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN BAIRD

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, between May 16, 2007, and May 22, 2007, I traveled to the Middle East to attend the World Economic Forum and to visit with troops from my district now serving in Iraq. As a result, I missed a number of votes. I take my voting responsibility very seriously; had I been present, I would have voted the following:

No on the Andrews Amendment to H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Roll Call 364)

No on the DeFazio Amendment to H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Roll Call 365)

No on the Woolsey Amendment to H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Roll Call 366)

Aye on the Tierney Amendment to H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Roll Call 367)

No on the Franks Amendment to H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Roll Call 368)

No on the King Amendment to H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Roll Call 369)

Aye on the Moran Amendment to H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Roll Call 370)

Aye on the Holt Amendment to H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Roll Call 371)

Aye on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Roll Call 372)

Aye on final passage of H.R. 1585, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Roll Call 373)

Yea on H. Res. 404, providing for consideration of the H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 374)

Yea on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 409, providing for consideration of the

conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government (Roll Call 375)

Aye on H. Res. 409, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 21) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government (Roll Call 376)

Yea on agreeing to the conference report S. Con. Res. 21 (Roll Call 377)

No on Bachus Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 378)

No on Hensarling Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 379)

No on the McHenry Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 380)

Aye on the Kanjorski Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 381)

No on the Roskam Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 382)

No on the Garrett Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 383)

Yea on H.R. 698, the Industrial Bank Holding Company Act (Roll Call 384)

Yea on H.R. 1425, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the “Staff Sergeant Marvin ‘Rex’ Young Post Office Building” (Roll Call 385)

No on the Feeney Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 386)

No on the Price Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 387)

No on the Sessions Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 388)

No on the Brady Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 389)

No on the Price Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 390)

No on the Doolittle Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 391)

No on the Hensarling Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 392)

No on the Neugebauer Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 393)

Aye on the Neugebauer Amendment to H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 394)

No on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 395)

Aye on final passage of H.R. 1427, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act (Roll Call 396)

Yea on S. 214, the Preserving United States Attorney Independence Act (Roll Call 397)

Yea on H.R. 2264, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal (Roll Call 398)

Yea on S. 1104, a bill to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants (Roll Call 399)