

his country on April 14, 2007 during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq.

Assigned to the tenth mountain division, Ryan enlisted during time of war, which speaks volumes about his character and patriotism.

Moreover, he was a leader and mentor to younger soldiers and his posthumous promotion to Corporal exemplifies this spirit.

Corporal Bishop is survived by his wife, Melanie and his father, Charles Bishop both of Tyler, Texas.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them and all of Ryan's family and friends.

Our community and Nation honor Corporal Bishop's memory and we are grateful for his faithful and distinguished service to America.

Corporal Bishop will not be forgotten. His memory lives on through his family and the legacy of selfless service that he so bravely imprinted on our hearts.

#### INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. 444

### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution (H. Res. 444) supporting the goals and ideals of National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day.

This resolution is intended to honor the invaluable contributions of Charles Edward Taylor, the father of aviation maintenance, and to recognize the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of civil and military aircraft.

As you may know, Charles Edward Taylor, who built and maintained the engine that was used to power the Wright brothers' first controlled flying machine, was born on May 24, 1868.

Forty-five U.S. States have already declared May 24 to be Aviation Maintenance Technician Day within their jurisdictions. My resolution is intended to support these efforts, and honor aviation maintenance technicians, including Charles Edward Taylor.

#### CONGRATULATING GULF SHORES HIGH SCHOOL'S LADY DOLPHINS SOFTBALL TEAM ON WINNING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the Gulf Shores High School softball team, the Lady Dolphins, on winning the Class 5A softball championship.

The Gulf Shores High School softball team has reached the state playoffs for the past six years, coming in second in 2004 and 2006; however, this is their first state championship title.

The Lady Dolphins, led by Coach Karen Collins, won four tight games over two days of tournament play before scoring a dramatic one run victory in the bottom of the seventh inning to win the state championship.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Gulf Shores softball team on a great season and winning the state championship. This team deserves to be recognized for this great accomplishment, and I extend my congratulations to each member of the team and coaching staff.

#### GULF SHORES HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL ROSTER

Jennifer Adams, Whitney Bizjack, Brit-tany Carroll, LaDaire French, Haley Haynie, Haley Hopkins, Stephanie Ivie, Yvette Jones, Aimee Livingston, Carolyn Manolakis, Tabitha Reno, Stefani Reynolds, Elizabeth Safiran, Stephanie Stuckey, Lisa Ybarra, Head Coach—Karen Collins, and Assistant Coach—Michael Jones.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT COBY G. SCHWAB

### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of SSG Coby G. Schwab, a true American hero, who died on Thursday, May 3, 2007 of injuries sustained in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Staff Sergeant Schwab died of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to the 321st Engineer Battalion, United States Army Reserve stationed out of Hayden Lake, Idaho.

Staff Sergeant Schwab was a hero whose desire to serve his country will forever make an impact on his family, his community and his country. He joined the United States Army to serve his country in the Global War on Terror. He will not only be remembered for his sacrifice and willing service, but for the extraordinary person that he was. His warmth and optimism brightened the lives of his family and friends.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life SSG Coby G. Schwab. He acted heroically and made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while fighting the War on Global Terror defending democracy and freedom.

#### A TRIBUTE TO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the students of the social science classes of Central High School's 266th graduating class. Under the leadership of teachers William Graham, Michael Horwits, Stanford Levy, Joseph Putro, Reginald Speir, and president Dr. Sheldon Pavel, the students' extensive research and dedication to political education deserves great recognition.

As members of the social science class, students gained an understanding of the local political process through the in-depth study of Philadelphia's 2007 mayoral race. Their hard work and dedication culminated in the Power of Student Voices Mayoral Forum, which was

entirely student run and moderated. Attended by the major mayoral candidates, the forum provided the students with an opportunity to raise their concerns and speak directly to the candidates themselves. The hard work necessary for the event's success further exemplifies the students' commitment to excellence.

It is an honor to recognize a group of students who show such great dedication to the political process. The commitment and outstanding initiative of the students is to be praised, and their excellence deserves great credit. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the students of the social science classes of Central High School for their exemplary contribution to the Commonwealth.

#### CONGRATULATING MONSIGNOR JOHN J. BENDIK AS HE CELEBRATES THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PRIESTHOOD

### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Monsignor John J. Bendik, pastor of the parish community of St. Casimir, St. John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph in Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, who is celebrating his 40th anniversary in the priesthood.

Over the years, Monsignor Bendik has distinguished himself as a priestly shepherd to his many parishioners, and most especially, as a staunch advocate of education at all levels.

A son of the late John and Helen Sterbinsky Bendik, Monsignor Bendik was born in Wilkes-Barre and graduated from St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana before his ordination on May 27, 1967 by Most. Rev. J. Carroll McCormick, then bishop of the Scranton Diocese.

Monsignor Bendik served parishes in East Stroudsburg, Stroudsburg, Delaware Water Gap and Bushkill. He taught at Notre Dame High School and ministered to the students at East Stroudsburg University. Later, he served as chaplain to students at College Misericordia in Dallas, Pa.

During his long campus ministry, he served in many local, State and national leadership roles. He was the first president of the Pennsylvania Campus Ministry Association and was a founding member of the National Association of Diocesan Directors of Campus Ministry and the National Catholic Student Coalition. He served as team member for the Frank J. Lewis Campus Ministry Training School and also was a member of the Northeast Regional Ministry in Higher Education and the Associates for Religion and the Intellectual Life.

Prior to his current assignment, Monsignor Bendik also served at Our Lady of Snows in Clarks Summit, St. Benedict in Newton Township and St. Mary of Czestochowa in the Greenwood section of Scranton.

Monsignor Bendik serves on the Board of Trustees at College Misericordia, the Board of Regents of the University of Scranton and the Board of Trustees at St. Meinrad School of Theology. He has also served as a member of the Board of Pastors of Seton Catholic High School and the Greater Pittston Ministerium.

Monsignor Bendik also serves in many capacities on the diocesan level including the post of Dean of priests for northern Luzerne County.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Monsignor Bendik on his 40th anniversary as a Catholic priest. His selfless service and wise counsel to his many parishioners and students will be forever remembered and respected. Monsignor Bendik has truly enriched the lives of so many as he has labored to improve the quality of life throughout his community.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FLINT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS' CITYWIDE TITLE I PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Flint Community Schools' Citywide Title I Parent Advisory Council. The council will hold a celebration on June 5 in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, in honor of this event.

Dr. Edward Hansberry founded the Citywide Title I Parent Advisory Council in 1967. The advisory council was born from the idea that parents should be honored for the work they do on behalf of their children. It has grown into a vehicle to teach parents and give them a voice in the education of their children. The advisory council allows for the parents to have positive interaction with teachers and social workers. This builds bonds between parents and administrators and gives parents a mechanism to provide feedback on the programs.

David Solis, director of State, Federal and local programs for the Flint Community Schools will host the celebration. Named the "40th Parent of the Year Celebration—A Journey of Joy, Challenge and Change" this celebration will highlight the dedication and success of the students, parents and educators benefiting from title 1.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Citywide Title I Parent Advisory Council for 40 years of successfully involving parents in the title I program.

GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW WORLD OF COCA-COLA

**HON. JOHN LEWIS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize an important event for the city of Atlanta—the upcoming grand opening of the New World of Coca-Cola adjacent to Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta, Georgia.

Seventeen years ago in 1990, the World of Coca-Cola opened its doors to the public and has since delighted over 13 million visitors at its Underground Atlanta location. This new and expanded facility opening May 24 is twice the size of the current World of Coca-Cola. It

will be a much more interactive and dynamic version of its predecessor.

The New World of Coca-Cola will house exhibits that draw upon Coca-Cola's history and timeless values of optimism and refreshment. It is a physical manifestation of the company's vision and values and commitment to the city of Atlanta. It will introduce visitors to the Coca-Cola Company of the 21st century: a company that is committed to offering people more than 400 ways to be refreshed and to having a meaningful impact in the communities in which it operates.

I would like to congratulate the Coca-Cola Company on a premier destination for Georgia residents and visitors from around the world.

RECOGNIZING JONATHAN THOMAS AGUON DUENAS

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and commend Midshipman Jonathan Thomas Aguon Duenas who will graduate from the United States Naval Academy with a bachelor of science in history and who will be commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy on May 25, 2007.

Jonathan is a graduate of Father Duenas Memorial School on Guam, where he acquired outstanding leadership qualities and a desire to strive for excellence. Jonathan credits two other Chamorro Naval Academy graduates for inspiring his decision to become an Academy-trained naval officer: Retired Navy Captain and former Guam Senator Eulogio "Eloy" Bermudes, was the first Chamorro graduate of the Naval Academy in 1970, and Captain Peter A. Gumataotao, who graduated the Academy in 1981, and who was the first Chamorro selected as commanding officer of a Navy warship, the U.S.S. *Decatur*, which made a port visit to Guam during his command. Captain Gumataotao also is a product of Father Duenas Memorial School, having graduated from the school in 1976. Jonathan's brothers who are currently serving in the Air National Guard also are a source of inspiration.

Jonathan entered the United States Naval Academy as a plebe in 2003 and worked hard to become a naval officer. He was one of only 36 midshipmen selected to attend the prestigious Nuclear Surface Warfare Officer Program. Jonathan will report aboard the destroyer, U.S.S. *Curtis Wilbur*, home-ported in Yokosuka, Japan. Upon completion of his first tour, he will report to Nuclear Power School in South Carolina.

Jonathan was raised on Guam, the youngest of eight children born to Ricardo Camacho Duenas and the late Ruth Aguon Duenas of Tamuning. He was steeped in his Chamorro culture and a strong sense of responsibility, volunteering his time and effort in support of Habitat for Humanity projects in the greater Washington, DC area.

Today we share the pride of the Duenas family and the people of Guam in Ensign Jonathan Duenas' achievements. As evidenced by his performance in school, Jonathan promises to truly become the naval officer as hon-

orable as those who inspired him and those who preceded him.

FEDERAL PRICE GOUGING PREVENTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to fuel shortages, waiting in long lines to purchase gas, price controls and H.R. 1252. I rise in support of lowering fuel prices for consumers, creating more jobs for Americans, opening new sources of energy and encouraging investment in innovative energy technologies.

Today the House will be voting on H.R. 1252, a bill that would impose price controls on free-market energy products and would create hardship on Americans during a national emergency. Guised as a price gouging bill to protect American consumers, H.R. 1252 would actually create hardship for Americans.

I do not support price gouging. Taking unfair advantage of consumers, especially during an emergency situation, is wrong. Those who engage in this type of behavior should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Kansans are already protected by state law that prohibits price gouging during a time of disaster.

In a free market economy, when supplies become limited or scarce, prices rise to curb demand and help ensure product remains available. When artificial fuel prices are set by the government, demand remains high and supply will not be able to keep pace. Consumers will be faced with gas rationing and standing in long lines. Consumers who need fuel could be faced with gas stations running out of gasoline.

There is no question my constituents in Kansas are angered by high fuel prices. We all feel the pain in our wallets. High energy costs effect everyone from families to small businesses to large corporations. However, voting to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to enforce price controls on a free-market energy produce like gasoline will not provide relief at the pump. If anything, it could restrict consumers from purchasing fuel during times when it is needed the most.

Returning to a 1970s era where consumers are forced to wait hours in line just to purchase fuel is not a solution. H.R. 1252 does not help lower the cost of fuel for Americans today or long-term. It is not an effective solution to high gas prices.

Congress should instead offer real solutions like encouraging more investment in innovative energy technologies, supporting clean and safe access to petroleum resources off our Nation's shores and on public lands, spurring investment in renewable sources of energy, and expanding domestic refining capacity. These are solutions that would help lower energy costs and create American jobs.

This week I introduced The Refinery Streamlined Permitting Act of 2007, a bill to help increase America's refining capacity and lower gas prices. My bill streamlines the federal permitting process for new or expanding domestic refineries. It creates a framework for all parties involved to understand what actions