

RECOGNIZING HIS EXCELLENCY KANAT SAUDABAYEV ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to insert into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a letter signed by 24 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in recognition of our dear friend, His Excellency Kanat Saudabayev, who on May 15, 2007, was appointed by President Nursultan Nazarbayev as Secretary of State for the Republic of Kazakhstan. Prior to his appointment, His Excellency Saudabayev served as Ambassador of Kazakhstan to the United States.

In gratitude for his service, in honor of his appointment, and with confidence that he will spare no effort in serving the people of Kazakhstan, we include the following letter to be made part of our Congressional history:

His Excellency KANAT SAUDABAYEV,
Secretary of State, Republic of Kazakhstan,
Ak Orda, Astana.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: It is with pleasure that we commend you on your new appointment as Secretary of State of the Republic of Kazakhstan which we note is one of the highest positions in your country which ranks fifth in seniority, behind the President, the Prime Minister and the Speakers of both Houses.

We also applaud your six and a half years of service in Washington as Ambassador of Kazakhstan to the United States. During your tenure, you advanced U.S.-Kazakhstan relations by strengthening friendship between our peoples and cooperation between our countries. The United States and the people of Kazakhstan have much to be proud of from your long career of selfless service.

We acknowledge your invaluable contributions as a distinguished diplomat and esteemed statesman, and we are confident that in your new position you will take an active part in fostering our strategic partnership.

We wish you well and convey to you our sincere appreciation for your service. You will be missed.

Sincerely,

Tom Lantos, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, Chairman, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment, Alcee L. Hastings, Chairman, U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Chris Cannon, Jim McDermott, Phil English, Darrell E. Issa, Robert Wexler, Pete Sessions, Jim Saxton.

Patrick J. Tiberi; Shelley Berkley; Madeline Z. Bordallo; Maurice D. Hinckley; Albio Sires; Charlie Melancon; Robert D. Aderholt; Tom Price; Edolphus Towns; Gregory W. Meeks; Howard P. "Buck" McKeon; Ellen O. Tauscher; Eddie Bernice Johnson; Donna M. Christensen.

**AIR FORCE HEALTH STUDY/
OPERATION RANCH HAND**

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to

ensure that the assets, including electronic data files and biological specimens on all participants in the Air Force Health Study, are transferred to the Medical Follow-Up Agency from the Air Force Health Study and are maintained, managed, and made available as a resource for future research for the benefit of veterans and their families, and for other humanitarian purposes.

This legislation is a companion to legislation introduced in the Senate by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman, DANIEL AKAKA.

Operation Ranch Hand was the military code name for the spraying of herbicides from U. S. Air Force aircraft in Southeast Asia from 1962 through 1971. During this time, Ranch Hand sprayed about 19 million gallons of herbicide, 11 million of which consisted of Agent Orange. The spray fell mostly on the forests of South Vietnam, but some was used in Laos, and some killed crops to deprive Vietcong and North Vietnamese troops of food. In all, Ranch Hand sprayed herbicide over about 6 million acres.

The Air Force Health Study (AFHS)—also known as the Ranch Hand Study—was initiated by the U.S. Air Force in 1979 to assess the possible health effects of military personnel's exposure to Agent Orange and other chemical defoliants sprayed during the Vietnam War, some of which contained dioxin.

The initial physical examination and surveying of study subjects was conducted in 1982 and subsequent cycles were conducted in 1985, 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2002. The data from the physical examinations should not be lost, and in fact, should be available to researchers for the benefit of all.

My bill is consistent with the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine's report on the disposition of the study. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

**TRIBUTE TO MS. PATRICIA
"PATTIE" COUGHLAN**

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Ms. Patricia "Pattie" Coughlan upon her receipt of the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee's 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Throughout her career, Ms. Coughlan has dedicated herself to bettering our community. As an active member of the Suburban Republican Women's Club since 1985, she has assisted in the election of qualified and capable leaders—with perhaps one notable Congressional exception currently serving—to public office at the local, county, state, and federal levels. She is credited with the creation of the redoubtable and renowned Suburban Republican Women's Club newsletter, for which she is currently the Editor-in-Chief.

Ms. Coughlan has also served in various senior leadership positions of the Club, in which she has promoted the ideas and principles of fiscal responsibility, equal opportunity, and responsive governance. Through her devotion to Republican principles, Pattie continues to ennoble and enlighten our world.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Coughlan's legendary dedication to the founding principles of our

great democracy and her tireless efforts to perpetuate America's revolutionary experiment in human freedom are an inspiration to all. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Patricia "Pattie" Coughlan upon her receipt of the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award and in recognizing her selfless service to our community and our country.

VETERAN'S DAY POEM

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our country's veterans with a poem by my constituent, Jack Richards.

VETERAN'S DAY FOR SGT. JOSHUA P. MORGAN, USMC

I think of your valor
In being willing to take a stand for liberty
I am speechless
In light of your bravery
I know your type
Is not charmed, by show-offs, in the ranks
Nonetheless
Please, lower your guard for a moment
And hear a grateful nation's thanks
It's not the battles you fight, it's signing the
line, saying you will.

**HONORING PROJECT INSTAR AND
DR. GENEVIEVE HEALY**

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Project INSTAR and Dr. Genevieve Healy, its director. Dr. Healy was a middle school teacher in Ohio before pursuing a masters degree at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. During her graduate studies, Dr. Healy foresaw a potential benefit for K-12 teachers through research being performed at the Rosenstiel School. She introduced a collaboration between professors, graduate students, and K-12 public school teachers.

With the help of her professors, Dr. Peter Swart, current chairman of marine geology, and Dr. Michael Grammar, at the time an assistant professor with the Rosenstiel School, Dr. Healy initiated Project INSTAR in 1997. This concept brought local public school science teachers from Miami-Dade County to the University of Miami where they had the opportunity to perform research side by side with graduate students and their professors. Ten years later, this program's success has been made possible in large part due to Dr. Healy's dedication and efforts. With the University of Miami's generous support, this initiative continues to grow.

The Rosenstiel School, located in proximity to so many vital natural resources on Virginia Key, enhances the learning experience of its graduate students through substantial research opportunities. Project INSTAR seeks to help public school teachers gain hands-on knowledge of ocean sciences through their close involvement with this research. It annually invites fifty K-12 teachers from public schools in Miami-Dade County to participate in the program.

This year marks its 10th anniversary. I would like to reiterate its significance as one of the top science programs, which actively enhances the development of K-12 teachers. Engagement in this Institute helps teachers implement their experiences at Project INSTAR into their own curriculum, benefiting countless public school students in science classes.

I am grateful to the many professors and school teachers who have made Project INSTAR a reality. This innovative program spreads opportunity for hands-on experience to so many teachers. I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Dr. Healy and everyone who has participated in this unique partnership.

TRIBUTE TO COACH MIKE CAMERON

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, in Ohio and elsewhere this week, thousands of Americans are saluting the contributions of a great coaching legend. Mike Cameron, the longtime baseball coach at Moeller High School in Cincinnati, OH, has announced his retirement after 39 seasons—bringing to a close what the Cincinnati Enquirer has aptly described as “one of the greatest high school coaching careers in Ohio history.”

Coach Cameron compiled a record of 767-303 during his career as coach of the Moeller Crusader baseball team, a record that includes four state championships. His retirement announcement came just weeks after he reached a key milestone in his decorated coaching career: on April 30, 2007, Coach Cameron became the “All-time Winningest” Division I baseball coach in Ohio history with a win against LaSalle High School at the new Crosley Field in Blue Ash, OH.

The numbers tell a great story, but not the whole story. As a member of the Moeller High School Class of 1968—one of our school’s first graduating classes—I’ve known Mike for decades. Before he became the baseball coach at Moeller, Mike was an assistant football coach under another Moeller legend, Gerry Faust, where he coached me during my junior and senior years. We also knew each other through our neighbors and our mutual interest in community service.

Since my graduation nearly 40 years ago, I’ve watched Moeller build a proud national reputation for all-around excellence in Catholic education, and Mike has always been a big part of it. The Moeller tradition emphasizes

students’ growth in all areas—academic growth, athletic and extra-curricular growth, and spiritual growth. There are few members of the Moeller family who have done as much as Mike Cameron has over the years to help Moeller establish and cultivate this proud tradition.

If you talk to Mike’s players, it’s clear he’s been a positive force in the lives of countless young people in the Greater Cincinnati area. But his legacy at Moeller is not limited to the baseball diamond. During his decades at Moeller, Coach Cameron earned the gratitude and respect of thousands of students he didn’t coach, as well as that of countless Moeller parents and faculty members. Coach Cameron also has the admiration of many Americans, from local fans of Moeller baseball to parents who have taken their children to watch one of the multiple players he helped to reach the big leagues.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I salute my friend, Coach Mike Cameron, on a long and distinguished career that is a source of pride for the entire Moeller family and the people of Southwest Ohio.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN GILBERT GUDE

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of former Congressman Gilbert Gude and to reflect on his remarkable public career. Gil Gude was a man of great civic vision who served his community with great passion and dedication. He served in this body with great distinction from 1967-77, representing Maryland’s Eighth Congressional District, which I am now honored to represent.

Gil Gude led a remarkable life. He grew up on a farm near Rockville, Maryland, where he developed a deep love of nature. He answered his country’s call to duty in 1943, joining the Army Medical Corps during World War II. He served in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1953-57 and in the State Senate from 1963-68.

Elected to Congress in 1966, Gil Gude made his mark as a creative legislator whose ideas crossed party lines. He did not accept “conservative” or “liberal” labeling but rather worked with great personal integrity to do what he believed was right for his Nation. Even as a member of the Republican Party, he opposed the Vietnam War, called for the impeachment of President Nixon, worked to limit cigarette advertisement, and fought to restrict handgun ownership.

Gude was a devoted environmentalist. He worked to improve air quality in the District, save wild horses in the West, and create the C & O National Historical Park, among his many other accomplishments. In 1975 he spent a Congressional recess leading a 400-mile trip down the Potomac River in an attempt to give it a national designation.

Gude resigned from Congress in 1977 after a decade of dedicated and compassionate

service. However, this did not mark the end of his public service. In 1977 he became Director of the Congressional Research Service, and worked to establish the CRS as a premier and reliable research institution for Members of Congress. He retired from CRS in 1985.

Gil Gude spent a great amount of time focusing on his greatest passion—the Potomac River. He helped found the Potomac River Basin Consortium and took many trips to explore the small communities surrounding the river. He wrote two books about the upriver towns and viewed these tight-knit communities and the river as sources of immense history and cultural importance. He shared his wisdom with others, teaching courses at Georgetown University on history and the environment.

Our Nation mourns the passing of Gilbert Gude. He was a model of bipartisan cooperation who left a legacy that serves as an inspiration for us all.

To Gil Gude’s family, please know that you are in our hearts and prayers. We share your grief during this painful time, but are proud to celebrate this extraordinary American’s life of service and accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO JAMIE COE

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and remember the life of Jamie Coe, the beloved Detroit area entertainer and musician, who passed away on January 27, 2007.

For over five decades, Jamie Coe inspired generations of Americans through music. Born by the name of George Colovas in Highland, Michigan, Jamie Coe’s musical abilities were discovered by singer Bobby Darin during a performance at the Cavalcade of Stars show at the Michigan State Fair Coliseum in 1959. Darin named Colovas “Jamie Coe” after a song he wrote called “Jamie Boy,” and signed him to Addison Records label. Later, Jamie also recorded songs for Big Top and ABC Paramount labels.

Since then, Jamie Coe led a successful rock and roll music career, during which his remarkable voice drew countless loyal fans. After forming the popular Detroit band “Jamie Coe and the Gigolos,” he performed nightly before packed crowds at local Detroit night clubs. While he was best known for his hit song “The Fool” and numerous appearances on Dick Clark’s television broadcast “American Bandstand,” Jamie Coe also donated his time to numerous philanthropic causes. He performed regularly to raise money for charities like multiple sclerosis, leukemia, and for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Madam Speaker, although the legendary Jamie Coe passed away on Saturday, January 27, 2007, his memory will live on in the hearts