

TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, I want to pay tribute to Kimberly High School, located in Wisconsin's Sixth Congressional District, for accomplishing a feat unprecedented in the history of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA).

The Kimberly High School Papermakers were victorious in the WIAA Division 1 championship in both girls' softball and boys' baseball, marking the first time in Wisconsin history that this title has been won in the same year by two sports teams from one high school. For these high school students to have achieved this is nothing short of remarkable.

During the season, the softball team celebrated a 23-4 record, capturing the state title and earning the Fox Valley Association Conference title. Equally as impressive, the baseball team posted a 20-6 record, winning the WIAA Division 1 Boys' Baseball State Tournament.

The hard work, dedication and teamwork of these young men and women is commendable and enabled them to become the best softball and baseball teams in the State of Wisconsin this year. These students are a source of pride and inspiration for the Village of Kimberly and the entire Kimberly Area School District.

Madam Speaker, it is because of this unique accomplishment that I extend congratulations and celebrate the championship wins of the Kimberly Papermakers.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RICHARD J. (JIM)
BAILEY

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Richard J. (Jim) Bailey, who will retire from the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA), Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR), Richmond, VA, on July 31, 2007. Mr. Bailey's distinguished government career spans 32 years, and his record of achievement during this period reflects greatly upon himself and upon the organizations with which he has served. His contributions to national defense will be missed as he moves on to new and exciting opportunities.

Mr. Bailey was appointed to the Senior Executive Service position of Deputy Commander, DSCR in July 2000. The DSCR is DLA's Managing Center for the Aviation Supply and Demand Chain that manages more than 25 percent of DLA's 4 million consumable items. He provided leadership to more than 2,900 civilian and military personnel, located at 11 different locations, performing logistics support management for over 1.25 million national stock numbers. The customer base for the Aviation Supply and Demand Chain reaches worldwide with over 24,000 customers throughout the Department of Defense (DOD), other government agencies, and foreign militaries.

A native of Philadelphia, PA, Mr. Bailey has followed a diverse career path of increasing responsibility culminating in his appointment as Deputy Commander. In 1975, he entered the Federal service as an inventory management specialist trainee at the Defense Industrial Supply Center in Philadelphia, PA, where his assignments included inventory management specialist, supply systems analyst, and senior supply systems analyst. In 1986, Mr. Bailey moved to the Defense Supply Center Richmond to serve as the Chief of the Requirements Systems Management Branch of the Supply Operations Directorate. He subsequently held positions as Chief of the Distribution Systems Management Branch, the Logistics Programs Division Chief, and Deputy Director.

In 1995, Mr. Bailey became the Director of the Business Management Directorate, where he served for 2 years. He moved to become the Director of Planning and Resource Management in 1997. Mr. Bailey was selected as Deputy Executive Director for Procurement in 1998 and then Deputy Director of Business Operations. He also served as the Deputy Administrator of the Information Processing Center, Richmond, before this mission was transferred to the Defense Information Systems Agency.

In 1999, Mr. Bailey was appointed as DSCR's Business Supply Manager and served as DSCR's representative on the core integrated processing team for Business Systems Modernization. In this capacity, he played an important role in developing a recommendation for using Commercial-Off-The-Shelf software for an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to replace the Standard Automated Material Management System. Today, DLA is the only agency in the entire Department of Defense that has a successful ERP implementation, and Mr. Bailey played a critical role throughout the entire process.

Mr. Bailey attended St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, graduating in 1973 with a bachelor of science in Marketing-Management. He earned a master of business administration from La Salle University in 1988. He attended the Office of Personnel Management Federal Executive Institute in 1995 and the Senior APEX Orientation Program in 2002. He is the recipient of numerous special achievement and performance awards.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jim Bailey on his retirement from Federal civil service. He is a remarkable public servant who has served our Nation, the Department of Defense, and the Defense Logistics Agency and continually epitomized the dedication and professionalism that make our Federal Government a model all over the world.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL
SCHUYLER BISSELL

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of MG Schuyler Bissell, USAF (Ret.), who passed away on June 13, 2007 at the age of 76. Major General Bissell lived his life with honor. He exemplified

dedication, and he committed himself to serving others. This is the inheritance he leaves his family and all those who knew him.

A fellow native of my hometown of Laurel, MS, General Bissell began his service in the Air Force in 1952. He would eventually complete 119 combat missions over North Vietnam at the controls of his F-4C Phantom. For his heroism he received three Distinguished Flying Crosses and was awarded the Air Medal a remarkable 10 times. A Command Pilot, he would eventually accumulate over 5,500 flying hours.

After several commands in the fighter community, General Bissell transitioned into the field of military intelligence. He would go on to serve as the U.S. Defense Attaché in Israel, as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Intelligence, and would conclude his career as the Deputy Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

General Bissell and his wife Polly settled in the Nashville area in 1992 as he began a second career in service to our community. At St. George's Episcopal Church, he served as a lay Eucharist Minister, as an usher and greeter, as Chairman of the Parish Life Committee, and as a member of the Capital Campaign Committee. General Bissell would found a group called Champions in Christ at St. George's in 1999. His leadership led to the exponential growth of this program. Most recently, he felt God's call to begin working on a Pastoral Healing Ministry.

General Bissell was dedicated to his country and community, but above all to his family. In addition to Polly, he leaves behind two daughters and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of MG Schuyler Bissell.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 25, I was absent from rollcall votes 549 and 550 due to a weather-related flight delay.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 549 in favor of H. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" should be established.

On rollcall 550 on passage of H.R. 2546, designating the Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF LOU FALCONI

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Lou Falconi. Lou was born and raised in Farrell, Pennsylvania, a small steel town located in my district. After Lou attended college and served a tour of duty in Vietnam, he returned home to Farrell and began what

would become a long and successful career as a teacher and a football coach.

Named as the Farrell High School head football coach in 1980, Lou spent the next 27 years raising the spirits of Farrell residents through his team's excellence on the field. Lou compiled a career record of 210 wins versus 91 losses and 6 ties. Under Lou's leadership, the Farrell Steelers won two PIAA Class A State Championships, four WPIAL Championships, and a District 10 title. Lou was named Coach of the Year three times by the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Associated and was recognized as Conference Coach of the Year eight times by his coaching peers.

On June 19th, 2007, Lou received the ultimate reward for his distinguished career—an induction into the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

I want to commend Lou for his commitment to the community of Farrell both in the classroom and on the football field and congratulate him on this well deserved achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF METLIFE
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD,
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER C. ROBERT
HENRIKSON'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY
AT THE COMPANY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY OF NEW YORK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate C. Robert (Rob) Henrikson upon the occasion of his 35th Anniversary with MetLife. Mr. Henrikson has been a remarkable corporate executive who has excelled at leading one of our Nation's premiere insurance companies while at the same time helping to shape the national dialogue about retirement security.

Mr. Henrikson is one of the rare executives to have risen through the ranks to lead the company. Currently, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of MetLife, he started his career at the company as a sales representative. He began by selling individual policies to consumers and soon was selling multi-million dollar insurance and investment contracts to the largest employers in the country. His talent was quickly recognized and he was promoted to roles of increasing breadth and responsibility, eventually heading up MetLife's pensions business, group insurance and retirement and savings businesses, auto and home, asset management and MetLife Bank.

A leader of great vision, Mr. Henrikson has been the architect of aggressive growth and strategic investment for MetLife and has greatly aided its expansion and dominance as one of the world's premier and successful companies. With great intelligence, skill and insight, Mr. Henrikson has been instrumental in maintaining MetLife's supremacy in an increasingly competitive global market. Throughout his career, he has earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues.

Mr. Henrikson received his B.A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from Emory University School of Law. His dedication to both institutions continues, and he is currently serving as chairman of the board of

Wharton's S.S. Huebner Foundation for Insurance Education, and as a member of both the Emory Law School Council and the Emory Campaign Steering Committee.

Mr. Henrikson has been a leader in the success and evolution of the insurance industry today. He was an active member of the Committee on Economic Development's Subcommittee on Social Security Reform and a guest speaker at the Economist-sponsored international convention on that topic in Madrid, Spain. At a 2004 hearing of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, Mr. Henrikson testified about the degree to which Americans have underestimated the amount of savings they need for retirement and overestimated the rate at which they can safely withdraw from savings if they want to make their money last throughout their retirement. Mr. Henrikson is a board member of the American Council of Life Insurers and a board member emeritus of the American Benefits Council.

While Mr. Henrikson has contributed much to the Nation in his professional life, he has also been dedicated to his community in his private life. Mr. Henrikson serves on the National Board of Advisors at the Morehouse School of Medicine, the board of directors of The New York Botanical Garden, the board of directors of the New York Philharmonic and is a trustee of the American Museum of Natural History.

Madam Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Henrikson for his 35 years of service at MetLife and to recognize the dedication and commitment Mr. Henrikson has shown to our great Nation throughout his esteemed career.

CONGRATULATING THE ASTOR
RESTAURANT ON ITS 50TH YEAR
IN OPERATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Astor Restaurant in south Texas, and its owners, on the restaurant's 50th anniversary.

In reaching its 50th year in operation, the Astor stands as both a symbol of Corpus Christi's commercial growth and as a tribute to the city's hospitality and diversity.

Opened by Bill Sissamis and his father Louis, on Father's Day, June 16, 1957, just 10 years after their emigration from Greece, the Astor offers recipes that are unique to the Corpus Christi area. The family-owned restaurant is renowned for its mesquite-broiled steaks that are basted with a secretly blended sauce and its owners' hospitality.

The restaurant has remained successful during its 50-year history because its owners have remained part of the kitchen and the front counter, ensuring that family members are always part of the food and service.

The Astor exemplifies the importance of diversity in a community. It is the oldest of several Greek-owned Corpus Christi restaurants. The small society of Greek-American restaurateurs within the city represents the genius and industriousness of America and the immigrant families who improve our Nation every day.

Greek-American restaurateurs now employ hundreds of Corpus Christi residents while offering great food and spirit. This community of entrepreneurs is an inspiration to millions of immigrants worldwide but especially to those in south Texas who stand to contribute to their new home and benefit through hard work and discipline.

I commend the owners of the Astor on this special moment in their history, for being part of the economic development in Corpus Christi, and for five decades of making special food and occasions for their customers in south Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 25, 2007, I was unavoidably detained and thus I missed rollcall votes Nos. 549 and 550. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both votes.

TRIBUTE TO WORTHINGTON
LIBRARIES

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, it is a distinct honor to rise and recognize Worthington Libraries, recently named the 2007 Library of the Year by Library Journal and Gale.

The roots of Worthington Libraries can be traced to 1803 and the small town of Granby, CT, where a group of 100 men, women and children set out to begin a new life in Worthington, OH, bringing their collections of books with them. The library which was formed to manage those books was the first in Franklin County and only the third in Ohio.

The first building to actually house the collection came in 1927 when Elizabeth Jones Deshler donated money for a library building on the northeast corner of the Village Green, the area set aside by Worthington's founders for the public pursuit of learning and education. Mrs. Deshler dedicated the building to the memory of her grandfather, Worthington founder James Kilbourne. In 1931, Mrs. Deshler funded the addition of north and south wings on the James Kilbourne Memorial Library Building.

With a new location and an additional building, the current Library offers the world-class service and learning environment to match its storied past. The library is still the focal point of the community, emphasizing accountability to its patrons through rigorous, forward-looking planning and quality service that embraces not just adults but also children and teens. The community returns the compliment with strong financial support, giving the library 65.5 percent of its funding, even though three-quarters of Ohio's public libraries get most or all of their funding from the State.

Innovations which contributed to Worthington Libraries' selection for Library of the