

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 EXECU-
TIVE OFFICER C. ROBERT
HENRIKSON'S 35TH ANNIVER-
SARY 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

Year included a roving reference librarian, new ways to promote high-traffic items like popular fiction, a teen blog and “MySpace” page, adult programming that extend to forums sponsored with the town’s Council for Public Deliberation, and strong e-assets that include not only 164 top-notch electronic resources and more than 8,000 full-text periodicals but also TumbleBooks, which provides animated stories for children.

It is an honor to represent a community which prides itself upon the pursuit of knowledge, and the Worthington Libraries nobly provides that endeavor for its residents. Congratulations to all the staff of Worthington Libraries for continuing to find new ways to promote reading and learning.

CHARLES W. LINDBERG—
AMERICAN HERO

HON. JIM RAMSTAD
OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. RAMSTAD. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to Charles W. Lindberg, who passed away Sunday in Minnesota. Today would have been Chuck’s 87th birthday.

Chuck Lindberg was a real American hero and a great patriot. He was a Marine who carried a 72-pound flamethrower into some of the most horrific battles in the Pacific during World War II. He earned the Silver Star for valor, was shot in the arm and was honored with the Purple Heart.

Chuck was a true profile in courage. And if you do not know his name, I guarantee you know of one of his heroic acts. Chuck Lindberg, you see, helped raise the first American flag atop Mount Suribachi on February 23, 1945, during the Battle of Iwo Jima. That historic moment is captured in the famous sculpture at the Marine Corps Memorial by the Pentagon.

Chuck Lindberg truly represented the best of Duty, Honor, and Country and personified our nation’s commitment to freedom.

On a personal level, I considered Charles Lindberg a good friend and very much appreciated and enjoyed our visits over the years. I was deeply inspired by hearing about his historic flag raising on Iwo Jima. I will always remember Chuck and that famous depiction of the flag raising will keep his spirit alive forever.

Madam Speaker, Chuck Lindberg will go down in history as one of the greatest Minnesota patriots of all time. He was the last survivor among the men who raised that first flag. Before Iwo Jima, Chuck Lindberg bravely fought at Guadalcanal and Bougainville as part of Carlson’s Raiders, an elite unit that operated behind enemy lines.

Chuck was a hero in every way, and he never stopped being a hero. He dedicated his life to raising awareness of the sacrifices made by our Nation’s brave fighting men and women.

He reached out to other veterans and he spoke to veterans’ groups and at schools. The Minnesota Legislature has passed a resolution in Lindberg’s honor and Chuck is mentioned on several Minnesota war memorials.

Madam Speaker, Chuck Lindberg was a modest man, like so many members of the

Greatest Generation. Today, in Minnesota and here in our Nation’s Capital, we honor him by not being so modest about his great accomplishments. We are deeply grateful for his many selfless contributions to our freedom and liberty.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Chuck’s wife of 59 years, Violette, and daughters Diane Steiger and Karen Davidson and sons Rod, Rick, and Jeff.

IN COMMEMORATION OF CAPTAIN ALLISON D. WEBSTER-GIDDINGS’ NAVY CAREER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend CAPT Allison D. Webster-Giddings, U.S. Navy, for an exemplary and honorable Naval career. Captain Webster-Giddings, a native of Birmingham, MI, is a 1984 graduate of the United States Naval Academy.

After earning her Naval Aviator wings in January 1986, Captain Webster-Giddings deployed to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron SIX, NAS Norfolk, VA, where she completed tours to the Mediterranean Sea aboard SNS *Sirius*, USS *Concord* and USNS *Saturn*. In 1989, Captain Webster-Giddings was assigned to the Commander, Naval Air Force, Atlantic, Air Operations Staff. In 1991, she was selected for Class 101 of the USN Test Pilot School, NAS Patuxent River, MD. Upon completion, she was assigned as the Dynamic Interface Department Head and H-46 project pilot of Rotary Wing Aircraft Test Directorate.

In 1994, Captain Webster-Giddings transitioned into the Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer community and was assigned as the Avionics Systems Project Officer for H-60/H-3/H-3 aircraft at the Naval Air Systems Command. During this tour, she led the PMA-299 avionics team for the MH-60R/S aircraft and existing fleet avionics programs. Captain Webster-Giddings returned to the Test Pilot School in 1997, this time as an instructor.

Captain Webster-Giddings commanded the Defense Contract Management Agency, Lockheed Martin Systems Integration, Oswego, NY, from 1998–2001. Her command was responsible for the oversight and execution of \$4 billion of Defense Department contracts. During this tour, the command received the DCMA Flight Award “Small Activity” and the Federal Service John N. Sturdivant Award.

In October 2001, Captain Webster-Giddings returned to the United States Naval Academy. She currently serves as the Director, Faculty and Staff Programs, Center for Ethical Leadership. She has served as Deputy Director, Officer Development Division and Associate Chairman of the Weapons and Systems Department. She has taught several engineering, ethics, and leadership courses. She has served as the Officer Representative of the Women’s Crew team and the Captain Joy Bright Hancock Organization (a women’s professional organization).

Captain Webster-Giddings education includes a master’s degree in aviation systems from the University of Tennessee, Space Institute, with qualifications in test and evaluation, program management, systems engineering

and production, and maintenance and quality assurance.

Her personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Navy Expert Pistol Medal. She has been lauded twice by the National Aviation Club at its annual “Women in Aviation” recognition ceremony. Over the course of her career, Captain Webster-Giddings has logged over 2200 flight hours and flown over 35 different aircraft, including the first flight on the SH-60S. She holds commercial aviation ratings in helicopter, single-engine fixed-wing, and dual-engine fixed-wing aircraft.

I would like to personally thank and congratulate her for her distinguished service to our Nation.

LIST OF PROJECTS REQUESTED TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING AS PART OF THE FY08 APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Ms. LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a list of projects that I have requested receive federal funding as part of the FY08 appropriations process. The projects requested in the list below were presented to me by constituents, local groups and local governments.

Project Name: AACI Community Health Clinic. While approximately 30 percent of Santa Clara County residents are Asian, AACI provides the only Asian-focused community health clinic in the County. Funding would help create negative pressure rooms, and create infection control and respiratory protection equipment. It would also help to retain staff, help them advance professionally, and ensure that they are knowledgeable about best practices in the field.

Project Name: Advanced IED Jammer Research & Development Program. The Advanced IED Jammer Research & Development Program will substantially advance the U.S. Military’s ability to combat and defend our troops against roadside bombs.

Project Name: Anti-Microbial Nanomaterial for Battlefield Medical and Dental Use. Funding will help in developing an antimicrobial nanomaterial which would be used to destroy bacteria and fungi affecting U.S. service members.

Project Name: ATTWR Special Module. The Advanced Tactical Threat Warning Radio (ATTWR) Special Module Project will provide Special Operations Forces with the ability to clandestinely identify and locate IED bomb making factories, terror cells, and insurgent commanders.

Project Name: Blossom Hill/Monterey Highway Crossing, San José. This funding will complete construction of a pedestrian overpass across railroad tracks and a four-lane highway in the vicinity of Blossom Hill Road and Monterey Highway (State Route 82), which divide rapidly growing residential and commercial sites into four quadrants.

Project Name: Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis. This funding request is for conducting an alternatives analysis to allow the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to develop an integrated Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network that would