

from other parts of the United States such as Vermont, Virginia, Illinois and New York moved in to begin farming the land there as well. This area also attracted people from other parts of the world including England, Germany, Ireland, and Switzerland.

On April 23, 1957, with a population of 5,231, area residents voted to incorporate as the Village of Shoreview. During the 1970s and 1980s Shoreview experienced rapid growth. In the 1990s, the city matured as less land was available for development. City planning has shifted from new development to infill, redevelopment and preserving its natural habitat.

Fifty years after incorporation, Shoreview has grown into a large suburb. It is a thriving community that is home to quiet neighborhoods, small businesses, excellent schools, and expansive wetlands, trails, parks and lakes.

Madam Speaker, in honor of the history of Shoreview, Minnesota and the events celebrating it, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD recognizing Shoreview's 50th anniversary.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STEVEN A. DAVIS

#### HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 23, 2007*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Private First Class Steven A. Davis and to recognize his service to our nation.

PFC Davis was a true patriot who served his country with honor. Throughout his life he selflessly dedicated himself to his fellow soldiers, family and friends, and to our country.

His family moved to Woodbridge, Virginia, in 2001. Before joining the Army, PFC Davis worked in a fast food restaurant to try and pay for college. Yearning to serve his country, he enlisted in the Army in September 2005, and began his first deployment shortly thereafter. PFC Davis was assigned to C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado. Tragically, he was killed on July 4, 2007, after sustaining injuries from grenades detonated near his mounted patrol. He was honored with the Purple Heart and Bronze Star prior to his death.

PFC Davis is survived by his parents Guy and Tess, his wife Ayla and their one-year-old daughter Elizabeth, and his brother Specialist Chris Davis, who is also a soldier currently deployed to Iraq. His mother, Tess, is working in Iraq as a paramedic, and his grandfather is working there as a mechanic. His father, Buck, is also an Army veteran.

Words cannot express the gratitude we feel to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation; it is a debt that can never be repaid. I recognize that words are of little comfort for the family and friends of PFC Davis, who are truly suffering in the wake of the loss of this intelligent and dedicated man. I hope they will take some solace in knowing that we will never forget PFC Davis and the tremendous sacrifice he made while defending our country.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to honor the memory of Private First Class Ste-

ven A. Davis. I call upon my colleagues to remember him as a man who gave his life protecting the American people.

#### CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF MISS JOELLA GALE MURRAY

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 23, 2007*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, today, I am happy to congratulate Joseph and Kathryn Murray of Alexandria, Virginia, on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Joella "Ella" Gale Murray was born on Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 1:03 pm weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. Ella has been born into a loving home, where she will be raised by parents who are devoted to her well-being and bright future. Her birth is a blessing.

#### PASSING OF GENNADI KRYUCHKOV

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 23, 2007*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, on July 14, 2007, the Russian Federation lost one of its great leaders, although I am certain he would steadfastly reject such a characterization of himself.

He certainly wasn't a famous political figure, or a wealthy philanthropist, or a brilliant scientist, and his name was rarely found on the pages of the major media. Gennadi Kryuchkov's leadership was in the spiritual realm. He was a courageous and principled leader of the unregistered Evangelical Baptist Church in the Soviet Union in the days when merely sharing one's religious faith with a neighbor could lead to a "discussion" at the local police station or the feared KGB office, and actively preaching the Gospel without permission from the government was usually good for a ticket to one of the many forced labor camps that comprised the infamous Gulag.

Born in 1926, Gennadi Kryuchkov came to faith in 1951, and became active in an unregistered congregation of Baptist believers. In 1960, when he felt the officially registered Baptist organization had too deeply compromised itself with Soviet authorities by submitting to repressive new regulations, he became one of the leaders of the *Iniitsiativniki*, the unregistered and essentially underground network of congregations that defied Caesar's intrusion into the spiritual realm. Gennadi Kryuchkov became president of the underground church council and the late Georgi Vins was chosen as secretary. In May 1965, Pastor Kryuchkov and Pastor Vins led an open march on Communist Party headquarters in Moscow to protest government restrictions on believers in the Soviet Union.

According to church council statistics, by 1972 the unregistered or "reform" Baptist church numbered around 450 congregations and 18,000 members. Another reputable source reported in the mid-1980s that there were 2,000 reform Baptist congregations with approximately 70,000 adult members.

I would add parenthetically that in April 1979 Georgi Vins and four other Soviet dissidents were expelled from the Soviet Union in exchange for two convicted Soviet spies. In August 1985, the Helsinki Commission, of which I am honored to serve currently as Chairman, heard Pastor Vins' dramatic testimony on the plight of the unregistered Baptist church at Congressional hearings in Buffalo, New York, devoted to the subject of Soviet forced labor practices.

Meanwhile, as a result of his determination to preserve the freedom to worship without state interference, Pastor Kryuchkov was arrested and sentenced to three years in labor camp from 1966 to 1969. In 1970, under threat of continued persecution, he went into hiding and spent 20 years working underground, preaching to fellow believers in clandestine gatherings, publishing "illegal" religious literature, and staying one step ahead of the KGB.

Only when the chains of religious repression in the Soviet Union were cast off as a result of the new thinking that characterized the government of Communist Party General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, was Pastor Kryuchkov able to emerge from the shadows and return to his family and loved ones in the Tula Oblast, still fervently preaching the Scriptures and standing fast for separation of church and state.

Madam Speaker, like the Soviet Union itself, the days of cruel religious persecution and militant atheism in Russia are pretty much a thing of the past. But let us not forget the courage and persistence of church leaders like Gennadi Kryuchkov, who, like the "Remnant" of Old Testament times, kept the flame of faith of burning during the dark days of persecution.

#### HONORING MR. PETE DLALAB OF ELLSWORTH, KANSAS

#### HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 23, 2007*

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to express my respect and high regard for a Kansan who is truly a member of "the Greatest Generation"—Mr. Pete Dlabal of Ellsworth. The time has come to recognize this man who has served his community and country while remaining devoted to his family.

Mr. Dlabal was born to a family that included nine brothers and sisters in one of the fine small towns I have the privilege of representing, Wilson, Kansas. Following his graduation from Wilson High School and the Wichita Business School, he joined the millions of other selfless young men of his generation and enlisted in the United States Army. After serving in the Army for four and a half years during World War II, he returned to Ellsworth County, Kansas.

Upon returning home, his service to his community continued, serving as the county treasurer for two years. He then began his tenure at the Ellsworth County Farmers Cooperative Union in 1949. In this position he would remain for 31 years, including 24 years as General Manager. In honor of his dedication and leadership, Mr. Dlabal was one of only four individuals inducted into the Kansas Cooperative Hall of Fame this past March.

It is no small task to manage a farmer's co-operative in Kansas. Long days and an unpredictable harvest can make the job a thankless one. Agriculture is the backbone of the Kansas economy. And Ellsworth County is squarely settled in the heart of farm country, bordered on all sides by the vast fields and pastures that make my state the breadbasket of America.

While employed at the Ellsworth Co-operative, Mr. Dlabal also took time to serve his community by volunteering in several civic organizations. Throughout his career he was a part of the Ellsworth County Commission, Ellsworth School board, Ellsworth Library board, FFA Advisory board, and the Knights of Columbus. In his industry, he served on the boards of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, the Co-operative Marketing Association, the Farmers Marketing Company and the Kansas Farmers Service Association.

Mr. Dlabal exemplifies what a community leader is all about. However, his most important role has been as husband to Lillian for 58 years and father to Joan, Deborah, Angie and Pam. Through his role as a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Mr. Dlabal provides an example by living his own life through a set of high personal standards. He would not settle for doing anything that bent any rules; anything other than honesty was completely unacceptable to him.

Madam Speaker, this man has made Kansas a better place to live through his devotion as a community leader and family man. Mr. Pete Dlabal not only served in our military, but served the agriculture industry and farmers of central Kansas. Although he has made an immeasurable impact through his professional and personal life, he remains a humble individual. Today we take a moment to simply say "thank you" and wish him well in a much-deserved retirement.

#### CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF VADNAIS HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA

#### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 23, 2007*

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Vadnais Heights, Minnesota's 50th anniversary.

The history of Vadnais Heights began with many French Canadian families first settling the area. Families including the Bibeau, Garceau, Morrisette, and Vadnais families arrived in the 1840's. The city's namesake, Mr. Jean Vadnais, and his family made their home in 1846 on the southeast side of the lake that became known as Vadnais Lake. In 1858, the same year that Minnesota became a state, this area became part of White Bear Township.

On July 23, 1957, with a population of approximately 2,000, area residents voted to incorporate as the Village of Vadnais Heights. Within a month, on August 20th, residents elected the new village's first officials. In 1974, the village became the City of Vadnais Heights and adopted the Council-Manager form of government which it continues today.

Vadnais Heights is home to a treasured scenic and recreational area—Vadnais-Sucker

Lake Regional Park. This beautiful park features 1,200 acres of wetlands, woods, trails, and lakes. In addition, there are more than 100 acres of park land in Vadnais Heights.

Since its incorporation 50 years ago, the City has grown from a small, farming community to a lively suburban community with strong neighborhoods, prosperous businesses, and abundant open spaces.

Madam Speaker, in honor of the vibrant history of Vadnais Heights, Minnesota and the events celebrating it, I am pleased to submit this statement for the Congressional Record recognizing Vadnais Heights' 50th anniversary.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE ENHANCED METHAMPHETAMINE TREATMENT GRANTS ASSISTANCE ACT

#### HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 23, 2007*

Ms. HOOLEY. Madam Speaker, battling the meth epidemic is one of my top priorities here in Congress. Last year we passed the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act and I was pleased that the legislation included several important international meth precursor controls that I drafted. We've made good progress with controlling the supply of meth precursors and other enforcement issues, but so far treatment issues have been largely neglected.

This is why I am introducing the Enhanced Methamphetamine Treatment Grants Assistance Act. My legislation will create three separate grant programs under SAMHSA, each one targeted at a particular treatment need.

The first grant program will award grants to community organizations to coordinate wrap-around services for meth addicts rejoining the community. I've heard over and over again just how important these wrap-around services are, like housing and transportation assistance, job training and ongoing mental health counseling. Meth treatment does not end when an addict leaves a treatment facility. They need comprehensive services that will help keep them off meth and rebuild their lives, which is why my bill will help communities build a network of these vital wrap-around services.

The second grant program is an expansion of the existing substance abuse treatment program for pregnant and postpartum women to include all parents. Priority will still be given to those pregnant and postpartum women, but we're also going to make sure that parents can get treatment too so that they can get clean and keep their children out of the foster care system.

Finally, the third grant program will target those addicts who actively seek treatment, only to find out that they will have to wait months before a bed will be available to them. My legislation directs grant money to treatment programs that are going to target the people who just can't get treatment, no matter how badly they want it, so they don't have to go through the criminal justice system to receive help.

I am committed to expanding treatment resources so providers have the resources to reach more people and addicts can get the help they need. I urge my colleagues to join

me in this goal and to support the Enhanced Methamphetamine Treatment Grants Assistance Act.

#### TRIBUTE TO CRYSTLE STEWART, MISS TEXAS USA 2008

#### HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 23, 2007*

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to commemorate the accomplishment of one of my most remarkable constituents: Crystle Stewart. Formally Miss Fort Bend County, Crystle was recently crowned Miss Texas USA.

I am very proud that for the second year in a row a resident of the 22nd District has worn the Miss Texas USA crown. These successes prove true what I've known for quite some time—my district is home to the most intelligent, sophisticated and talented women in the country.

I commend Crystle not only because she brings a great deal of pride to Fort Bend, but because she truly is a role model for young women throughout Texas. Crystle bested 121 other contestants in this year's pageant, and is also only the second African-American woman to win Miss Texas USA, and the first in more than a decade.

Her triumph is a milestone, to be sure, but it is also a study in perseverance. Finishing as runner-up in both 2006 and 2007 and third runner up in 2005, Crystle never lost sight of her goal. Most importantly, Crystle is also a disciplined student. Throughout years of pageants and modeling, she has remained dedicated to her academic career, and is a hard-working student of consumer science and merchandising at the University of Houston.

I congratulate Crystle. She is a young woman with a very bright future ahead of her, and I know she will honor our great State at the Miss USA contest and beyond.

#### TRIBUTE TO POLICE OFFICER RUSSEL TIMOSHENKO

#### HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 23, 2007*

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, just over a week ago, the city of New York lost one of its brave heroes. Police officer Russel Timoshenko of Staten Island was murdered in cold blood by a career criminal during what should have been a routine traffic stop in Brooklyn. He was only 23.

Officer Timoshenko was also a constituent of mine, and his death reminds us how precious life is . . . and how it can be stolen from us in an instant.

Officer Timoshenko embodied the American dream. He was born and raised in the former Soviet republic Belarus. His parents, Tatyana and Leonid, brought him to this country as a young boy in 1993 to give him a better life. They didn't speak English and arrived with almost nothing—all for their son. Russel grew up in Staten Island and, ultimately, chose to give back to the city he loved so much. He