

frequency of lobbyists' reporting and establishing a searchable public database of this disclosure information. It also requires Members of Congress to disclose job negotiations for post-Congressional employment and creates a public database online of Member travel and financial disclosure forms. Further, the Honest Leadership Open Government Act prohibits Members convicted of certain felonies from receiving a congressional pension.

In the first 100 hours of the 110th Congress, we passed new House Rules imposing the toughest ethics standards ever. These rules banned gifts, meals and trips paid for by lobbyists. Today, the House takes the next step in voting on this final House-Senate agreement on ethics and lobby reform.

S. 1 has the support of a wide range of organizations working to increase openness and honesty in government. I would like to include for the RECORD a letter from several major groups including Common Cause, League of Women Voters, and Public Citizen, expressing their support for this bill.

These important reforms cannot be delayed any longer. The Democratic Congress will send this tough lobbying reform bill to the President's desk. I urge him to listen to the American public and sign this bill into law.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS ST. CLAIR
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicholas St. Clair, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 175, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nicholas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has earned 39 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Den Chief to the Pack. Nicholas is also a Tribe Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Nicholas created a secondary emergency evacuation trail at Daniel Young Elementary School for Key-stone Park in Blue Springs, Missouri. Nicholas has also earned several special awards including the 12 Month Camper A ward, the Internet Safety Award, and the 50 Miller Award.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nicholas St. Clair for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING REV. WELDON
G. DANIELS ON RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of the

Rev. Weldon G. Daniels who is retiring after 37 years as the pastor of Pilgrim Valley Missionary Church.

Mr. Daniels accepted the call as pastor of Pilgrim Valley in January of 1971. Under his leadership, the church's membership growth required a new facility, and over the years, he supervised improvements including the addition of air conditioning and heat for classrooms. The sanctuary was also updated with a sound system, worship furnishings, and he secured donated bibles and hymnals for the growing congregation.

Rev. Daniels ensured that all of the improvements were accomplished in a financially responsible manner, with all notes retired. His leadership also ensured organization of the Prayer Band, a Young Women's Mission and Orientation Committee and the reorganization of the Angel's Choir. Additionally, his leadership inspired twenty-two from the congregation to enter the ministry and an additional twenty-nine to become Associate Pastors.

Rev. Daniels also served as the past president of the Baptist Ministers Union, the Harris Hospital Board, the United Way Board, Chair of the M.L.K. Committee and was both the first African American on the Crime Commission board and founder of Ministers Against Crime (M.A.C.).

I am honored to represent Rev. Daniels and the life of service and community leadership that he embodies for the residents of South-east Fort Worth.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF
DUPO, ILLINOIS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village of Dupu, Illinois.

In the late 17th century, the French settled the area known as the American Bottom, along the eastern banks of the Mississippi River, between the Illinois and Kaskaskia Rivers. One of the early French settlements was Prairie du Pont which was established around 1750, about a mile south of the village of Cahokia. "Pont" is French for "bridge" and the name was derived from the prairie that was near an old log bridge that crossed a creek at this location. Although a Prairie du Pont school district was officially formed, the community was never incorporated as a village.

One of the geographic advantages of the Prairie du Pont area is that it is about 10 to 12 feet higher than much of the surrounding area. Being in the Mississippi River flood plain, this was probably responsible for early residents of Cahokia settling in the area to escape the frequent floods. This was also an important consideration in the decision of the Missouri Pacific Railroad locating their switching yards there. With the yards came the homes and shops for the railroad workers and soon a new town was born. In 1907, the name Prairie du Pont was shortened and the Village of Dupu was incorporated.

Oil was discovered near Dupu in 1928 and, for a brief period, there was considerable drill-

ing and expectation of a new source of revenue. Within a couple of years, however, it became apparent that the oil field could not sustain further drilling and Dupu remained principally a railroad town. Today, most north-south traffic through this area goes through the Dupu yards.

Just as the railroads were influential in Dupu's formation, another transportation link holds promise for the future. I-255, part of the beltway that encircles the St. Louis metropolitan area, runs right by Dupu and offers exciting opportunities for development. As Dupu celebrates its centennial, it can enjoy its rich history while looking forward to a bright future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Village of Dupu, Illinois and to wish them the best as they move forward in the years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
RHETAUGH DUMAS, PH.D, RN,
FAAN

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Rhetaugh Graves Dumas, PhD, RN, FAAN, who passed way on July 22, 2007.

Rhetaugh Dumas had an exemplary life and career as an esteemed international leader in nursing and health care.

Dr. Dumas served as the dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Michigan from 1981 to 1994 in which she had a major impact on the advancement of nursing, health care, and academic programs. In 1994 she was named vice provost for health affairs and the Lucille Cole Professor of Nursing. She retired from active faculty status in December 2001, after 20 years of service to the University of Michigan.

Before arriving at the University of Michigan Dr. Dumas was a deputy director at the National Institutes of Mental Health. She was the first woman, the first nurse, and the first African-American to serve as a deputy director at NIMH.

Earlier in her career, Dr. Dumas served on the faculty of Yale University's School of Nursing and director of nursing of the Connecticut Mental Health Center at the Yale-New Haven Medical Center.

Dr. Dumas, born in Natchez, Mississippi, received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Dillard University, master's degree in psychiatric nursing from Yale and her Ph.D. degree in social psychology from Union Graduate School, Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Dumas served on a number of national boards and committees including as an appointee to the President's National Bioethics Advisory Committee during the Clinton administration.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in extending the appreciation of the U.S. House of Representatives for all the contributions Rhetaugh Grave Dumas made to our Nation during her extraordinary life.

RECOGNIZING GRANT P. GOULD
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Grant P. Gould, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 433, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Grant has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Grant has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Grant P. Gould for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 824, I was unavoidably absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 825, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 826, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 827, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 828, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 829, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 830, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 831, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 832, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 833, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall No. 834, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 835, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 836, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 837, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 838, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 839, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 840, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 841, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 842, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 843, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall No. 844, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 845, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 846, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING OFFICER NORVELLE
BROWN: DEDICATED TO PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. CLAY. Madam speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Officer Norvelle Brown for being

extremely courageous and dedicated while serving with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Officer Brown was just 22 years old when he was killed in the line of duty while proudly and heroically serving the St. Louis community. His immense contribution to reducing crime in St. Louis, his bravery and his kindness will never be forgotten.

Officer Brown was hired by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department in 2006. In his 11 months of duty, Officer Brown has been an exceptional performer within the Seventh District. He recently received the Chief's Letter of Commendation, which recognized him for going above and beyond the call of duty. In addition to earning the reputation of being a hard working and devoted officer, he loved his job and was committed to keeping the streets safe.

Officer Brown was a passionate public servant, steadfast in his desire to make a positive difference in his community. A graduate of Vashon High School, Officer Brown remained involved with his alma mater by serving as a mentor to students and members of their football team. He was also a coach for the Police Athletic League.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Officer Brown's family and let them know how very proud the St. Louis community is of this remarkable young man. Officer Brown's energy, commitment and dedication to his job made him an extraordinary benefit to the entire St. Louis community. He will live forever in our memories. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring a local hero, Officer Norvelle Brown.

RECOGNIZING NATHAN MICHAEL
KELLY FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nathan Michael Kelly, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 205, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities and over the past seven years he has attended camp at the Bartle Scout Reservation. In the summer of 2005, Nathan was part of a crew that went on a 9-day, 50-mile backpacking trip at the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM.

In addition, Nathan is a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and has progressed through the ranks of Foxman, Brave, Warrior, and Firebuilder. Currently, Nathan holds the rank of Tom-Tom Beater. Since Nathan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nathan Michael Kelly for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 817, I was unavoidably absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay." On rollcall No. 818, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 819, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 820, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 821, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 822, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall No. 823, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING KEN WILLMARTH

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Ken Willmarth upon his retirement as the Stanislaus County 4-H Youth Development Advisor with UC Cooperative Extension. Mr. Willmarth was recently honored by workers at a retirement dinner in Modesto, CA.

Ken Willmarth has always been very involved in the community. As a young man he volunteered with the Peace Corps. As the 4-H Youth Development Advisor he guided more than 1,200 4-H members and more than 500 4-H leaders at any given time. Mr. Willmarth continues to be involved in his community through his work with the Stanislaus County Fair and Camp Sylvester. Along with volunteering his time, he plans on working towards an advanced degree from California State University, Stanislaus.

Ken Willmarth has been a pillar in his community, especially within 4-H. Within the organization he has influenced a great number of club members and had the opportunity to work with many more throughout the organization. His involvement in 4-H allowed him to work with community leaders, project leaders and the community at large to benefit youth programs.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Ken Willmarth on his retirement from Stanislaus County. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Willmarth many years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER SHELDON D. SCHULTZ

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CWO Sheldon D. Schultz, a fallen Vietnam veteran whose remains have finally been returned home to Altoona, PA. Schultz was killed in Vietnam in January 1968, when his helicopter was struck by artillery fire. For 39 years, Sheldon Schultz and his crew were unaccounted for.

Sheldon was only 18 years old at the time of his death, but those that knew him described him as a role model, one who looked