

division with unequalled strategic and tactical mobility.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 101st Airborne Division, currently based in Fort Campbell, Ky., as it continues its mission to support training, mobilization, and deployment of mission-ready forces who stand ready to defend and protect our Nation.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POINTE MOUILLEE WATERFOWL FESTIVAL

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge, honor, and celebrate an event taking place in "the world's largest freshwater marsh restoration project." Ever more popular each year, the Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival is celebrating its 60th year of bringing together all manner of wilderness enthusiasts and outdoorsmen for an exciting weekend of appreciation, competitions, and games.

The Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival is a unique event open to all wildlife lovers of every age, and it is free of charge to the public. This event is made possible through the hard work of the organizers of the Festival, sponsor businesses, conservation groups, and the hundreds of visitors who travel with their families for the annual event. Of course, one must also remember the many diverse species of waterfowl whose presence at Pointe Mouillee highlights the work of those who spend their precious time working to restore and maintain the marsh. The whole festival is a wonderful opportunity to see all the benefits of conservation come together in one remarkable weekend for everyone to enjoy.

Pointe Mouillee, aptly named "wet point" in French, began its role as a haven for sportsmen in the late 19th century when it was owned by an upper-class group of only eight men. It endured as such—only adding two new membership slots—for seventy years. In 1945, however, the aristocratic ownership of the 2,608 acres of marshland ended when it was sold to the Michigan Department of Conservation. At that point, the beautiful channels and lands were opened to the happy public. Ten thousand outdoorsmen, one thousand times the previous restricted membership, flocked to enjoy Pointe Mouillee that season alone.

Over time, however, as construction began on dams and the natural flow of the Huron River was shifted, the important balance of the habitat began to shift as well. As this trend was exacerbated in the 1960s and 1970s the damage only worsened. Nonetheless, despite the many obstacles, the Festival continues to work to preserve the marshland and bring even greater attention to the beauty and utility of those 2,608 acres.

Madam Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in saluting the Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival as it celebrates its 60th anniversary. I have every hope, and every confidence, that this great festival will carry on its proud tradition of appreciation toward the natural beauty of the Pointe Mouillee and other

such sites throughout Michigan and the entire region.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES T. HEINLEIN, UNITED STATES ARMY, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. CAMP of Michigan. Madam Speaker, our Nation is sustained by men and women who so willingly risk their lives to defend our liberty and our way of life. Private First Class Charles T. Heinlein was one such soldier, and he gave the last full measure in service to his country and to his fellow citizens.

Today, I want to recognize on the floor of the United States House of Representatives the life of Charles T. Heinlein. In saluting heroes like Charlie, we remember him with undying gratitude. And we resolve, though we cannot repay the debt we owe him or his family, to live our lives in such a way as to be worthy of their sacrifice.

Charlie joined the United States Army to become "a better person," but it is his heroism in battling back tyranny and terror halfway around the globe that has helped build a better America and a better world. His actions on the field of duty will forever stand as a reminder that America remains the land of the free and the home of the brave.

May God keep Charlie; may God watch and comfort his family; and, may God continue to grant this Nation with the courage to defend life and liberty.

CONGRATULATING MS. SOFIA EVANGELISTA

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Sophia Evangelista of Aurora, Colorado, who will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. Her outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young woman.

Created in 1956, the People to People Program is an educational travel program dedicated to fostering leadership potential in youth worldwide. People to People has helped more than 200,000 students and professionals develop their leadership skills based upon Dwight D. Eisenhower's belief that "people can make a difference where governments cannot." This unique interaction and exposure will enable Ms. Evangelista to gain a greater understanding and insider's perspective of Washington, DC.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Evangelista and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JASON McCOLLUM FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jason McCollum, 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 395, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jason has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jason 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 Jason McCollum for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CHAUNCEY BAILEY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Chauncey Bailey of Oakland, California. His tragic and unexpected death has been a shock to our community. The loss of this dedicated friend, mentor, professional journalist, and steward of Oakland will be deeply felt.

Of all of the significant endeavors Mr. Chauncey Bailey was involved with, his role as a loving father was most important to him, and it is in this capacity which he will be most missed. My sincerest condolences go out to his family, friends, colleagues, and especially his fiancée, Ms. Deborah Oduwa. Fifty-seven years old at the time of his death, Chauncey was a vibrant journalist, editor, and community member, full of energy and vigor.

Chauncey Bailey grew up in Oakland, and ultimately dedicated his career to reporting on Oakland's community, with special attention and dedication to news most affecting our African American populations. After receiving his education, Chauncey became a staff writer and columnist for The Detroit News. After 12 years working for The News, Mr. Bailey returned home to Oakland and began writing for the Oakland Tribune.

Mr. Bailey diligently worked his way up in the news media profession, working with several of our local media outlets. He was a fixture in our papers, on our radios, and on our television sets. Two months ago, Mr. Bailey joined the Oakland Post as an editor.

As an internationally renowned journalist, Chauncey, through his travels abroad, brought a keen understanding of the world beyond our borders to Oakland, California. We benefited tremendously from his experiences and his knowledge of global affairs and for that we are deeply grateful.

Chauncey contributed immeasurably to the fabric of our community. Although Chauncey's

death was an untimely travesty, it is my hope that through his legacy our community will be brought together. By remembering this man and his dedication to Oakland, we can come together and strengthen our collective hand in rooting out this type of violence.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Chauncey's family and friends, as well as the community he served and the people whose lives he most contributed to. We extend our deepest condolences to Mr. Bailey's family, and our deepest gratitude to them for sharing this dedicated man and impassioned writer with us. May his soul rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING MICAH R. COOMES
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Micah R. Coomes, 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 447, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Micah has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Micah 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 Micah R. Coomes for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY
OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Founded in 1957, UNLV has become Nevada's largest doctoral-granting research institution, offering more than 220 degree programs, enrolling more than 28,000 students, and employing more than 3,000 faculty and staff. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has placed UNLV in the prestigious category of Research Universities with High Research Activity.

Rising from its humble beginnings, offering college classes on an extension basis out of a spare room at Las Vegas High School, UNLV has become one of the Nation's top 45 public doctoral universities in terms of overall enrollment and is the home to nationally recognized programs in hotel management, business, economics, engineering, and computer

sciences. It also reserves the distinct privilege of being Nevada's only accredited law school.

The university is connected in varied and significant ways to the community it serves, with branch campuses throughout the Las Vegas Valley that specialize in biotechnology, dental medicine, and research and technology. UNLV also opened its first international campus in Singapore in 2006, offering bachelor's degree programs in hotel administration and hospitality management.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. I congratulate the university on its successful 50 years and wish them success as they continue to grow and strive in our community and country.

IN RECOGNITION OF LECH WALESIA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of President Lech Walesa of Poland, and to celebrate his 64th birthday. As I, along with millions of celebrating Poles, recognize one of the great leaders of our time, we should look back at the contributions this man has made to his native Poland and to the world.

As the first elected leader of a democratic Poland, President Walesa laid the foundation for a Poland that remain both strong and free to this day. He worked with leaders from all around the world to promote the welfare of the poor and downtrodden. As the leader of the opposition movement, he helped his country gain independence through nonviolent means.

As a champion of labor, he led several worker strikes, risking both his livelihood and his life in the process. He fought for the rights of workers and his struggle gained worldwide recognition. His efforts won him, among other accolades, the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983. Even today, he remains a shining example of freedom and democracy in action.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring President Lech Walesa for his service to his country and to the world. Thanks to his efforts, Poland has thrived and has become a strong voice in the international community. May future democracies be inspired by his actions and his spirit.

ABSENCE FROM THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, on August 3, 2007, I underwent surgery to relieve the condition of spinal stenosis before any permanent nerve damage occurred. Due to this surgery, I was absent from the House of Representatives from 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 1st until Sunday, August 5th.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "aye" on rollcall No. 786 on motion to recom-

mit with instructions on H.R. 3162; "no" on rollcall No. 787 on passage of H.R. 3162; "aye" on rollcall No. 788 on motion to change the convening time; "aye" on rollcall No. 789 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3248; "aye" on rollcall No. 790 on agreeing to the conference report on H.R. 1495; "no" on rollcall No. 791 on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 602; "no" on rollcall No. 792 on agreeing to the resolution on H. Res. 602; "no" on rollcall No. 793 on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 601; "no" on rollcall No. 794 on agreeing to the resolution on H. Res. 601; "aye" on rollcall No. 795 on motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 3159.

"No" on rollcall No. 796 on passage of H.R. 3159; "no" on rollcall No. 797 on approving the journal; "aye" on rollcall No. 798 on motion to adjourn; "no" on rollcall No. 799 on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 599; "no" on rollcall No. 800 on agreeing to the resolution on H. Res. 599; "aye" on rollcall No. 801 on motion to recommit conference report with instructions on H.R. 2272; "aye" on rollcall No. 802 on agreeing to the conference report on H.R. 2272; "aye" on rollcall No. 803 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "no" on rollcall No. 804 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "no" on rollcall No. 805 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161.

"Aye" on rollcall No. 806 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "aye" on rollcall No. 807 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "aye" on rollcall No. 808 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "no" on rollcall No. 809 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "no" on rollcall No. 810 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "no" on rollcall No. 811 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "no" on rollcall No. 812 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "no" on rollcall No. 813 on agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 3161; "aye" on rollcall No. 814 on motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 3161; "present" on rollcall No. 815 on motion to reconsider on H.R. 3161.

"Present" on rollcall No. 816 on passage on H.R. 3161; "aye" on rollcall No. 817 on motion to adjourn; "no" on rollcall No. 818 on agreeing to the resolution on H. Res. 600; "aye" on rollcall No. 819 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3311; "no" on rollcall No. 820 on approving the journal; "no" on rollcall No. 821 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3356; "no" on rollcall No. 822 on motion to table H. Res. 612; "aye" on rollcall No. 823 on motion to adjourn; "aye" on rollcall No. 824 on motion to adjourn; "aye" on rollcall No. 836 on passage of S. 1927.

"No" on rollcall No. 837 on approving the journal; "no" on rollcall No. 838 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "no" on rollcall No. 839 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "aye" on rollcall No. 840 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "aye" on rollcall No. 841 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "no" on rollcall No. 842 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "no" on rollcall No. 843 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "no" on rollcall No. 844 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "no" on rollcall No. 845 on agreeing to the amendment to H.R. 3222; "aye" on rollcall No. 846 on passage of H.R. 3222.