

CONGRATULATING CENTRAL STATES TRUCKING COMPANY

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Central States Trucking Company of Bensenville, Illinois, for being named one of the top 5,000 privately owned businesses in America by Inc. Magazine.

The Inc. 5000 list highlights the fastest growing companies in the country.

Madam Speaker, companies like this are the backbone of the U.S. economy and an integral part of my Congressional District.

With a growth rate of 67%, Central States Trucking Company is a fine example of the hard work and productivity that sets American businesses apart in the global marketplace.

Central States Trucking Company is a family-owned business that directly employs more than 300 individuals. Their economic activity indirectly supports the jobs of countless others. Under the visionary leadership of President Doug Grane, Central States Trucking is on track to grow revenues to nearly \$42 million.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing this outstanding achievement.

I am proud to represent Central States Trucking Company in the United States House of Representatives and wish them all the best in the future.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JAMES GATLIN

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and educational career of James Gatlin and to acknowledge his contributions as a mentor and role model to generations of Tampa Bay area students.

Raised in Tampa, Florida, James Gatlin witnessed great changes in education throughout his life. He attended Middleton High, a black segregated high school, and quickly realized the importance of education. Gatlin recounted tales of receiving tattered books in school and being forced to sit in the back of public buses. Public education is the grand equalizer among people in our great country and he witnessed and valued black and white students learning side-by-side in the classroom and cheering together at the school's football games.

James Gatlin attended Florida A&M University where he received his Bachelor's degree and later was awarded a Master's degree in Education from the Tuskegee Institute. He began his 45-year educational career in the Hillsborough County schools in 1963, teaching agricultural courses at Bethune School. In 1972, he served as Dean of Students at Buchanan Junior High School, and six years later, Gatlin was appointed Principal. In 1984, he became the popular Principal of Chamberlain High School and my principal as a high school student. He held this post for ten years until 1994, when he was appointed General

Director of Technical and Career Education. In 1989, he became aware that many black students were not graduating and began a mentoring program that included tours of university campuses. Gatlin was also a strong believer in helping students not attending college to find employment. He was promoted to general area director of Area II schools in 1997 until he retired in 2003. His leadership was needed, however, and Gatlin returned to education and served as assistant principal for the Meacham Alternative School in 2004. He accepted his final position as principal of his alma mater, Middleton High School, in August 2005, a great joy for him personally, but a greater benefit to all who experienced his dedication and service there.

"Gat" as he was called by those who knew him best, lived by the motto that "education makes life better". Many students took his motto to heart, and admired him for his strength of character as well as his genial spirit. Students admired his humorous spirit as well. He dressed up as the mascot during pep rallies and danced at homecoming events. Every year, Gatlin held a popular and delicious barbecue for the senior class. A former student remembered Principal Gatlin saying, "He just made school fun".

The entire Hillsborough County community honors and remembers the 68 year life of James Gatlin, and we offer condolences to his wife Evelyn as well as his sons James III, Marcus, and Brent. James Gatlin molded the lives of generations of students through his dedication to education and to the community as a whole. His example will continue to live through those that worked with him and those who learned from him.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF TRAGIC TERRORIST ATTACKS OF 9/11/01

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, today, we commemorate the sixth anniversary of the terrible terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001. We remember the men, women and children who lost their lives that day and we honor the courage and the heroism of our first responders and those who put themselves in harm's way to help others.

This anniversary is also a time to reflect on the values that define us and separate us from terrorists, values like liberty, democracy, tolerance, freedom of expression and respect for the rule of law.

It is also appropriate to recognize just how misguided the Bush administration's response to those attacks has been. Six years later, Osama bin Laden is still at large while our military is pinned down in a civil war in a country that had nothing to do with the attacks in an occupation that serves as a rallying point for terrorist recruitment and fundraising. It is clear that this is a policy that is making our nation less safe, not more safe, and the first step towards a policy that effectively combats global terrorism is to end the occupation of Iraq.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST TRAVIS M. VIRGADAMO

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Specialist Travis M. Virgadamo, who died on August 30, 2007.

Specialist Virgadamo was a hero whose desire to serve his country will forever make an impact on his family, his community and his country. He joined the United States Army to serve his country in the Global War on Terror. He will not only be remembered for his willing service, but for the extraordinary person that he was.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Specialist Travis M. Virgadamo. Specialist Virgadamo's choice to serve his country speaks volumes of his patriotism and his strong desire to protect others.

LOUISBURG COLLEGE: A LEGACY OF 220 YEARS

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the legacy of a North Carolina institution. Louisburg College, the oldest two-year church affiliated, co-educational college in the nation, has filled a niche in North Carolina's system of higher education. As the only residential junior college in the state, the institution provides an excellent introduction to the collegiate life for college freshmen and sophomores. Louisburg College offers a premier beginning to successful academic and professional achievement. For 220 years the college has impacted lives and fulfilled its mission: Louisburg College is committed to offering a supportive community that nurtures young men and women intellectually, culturally, socially, physically, and spiritually.

Louisburg College had its beginning in the period that witnessed the emergence of America as an independent nation, the birth of the Methodist Church in America, and the establishment of Franklin County, North Carolina, and the town of Louisburg. Having evolved from three earlier institutions, Franklin Male Academy, Louisburg Female Academy, and Louisburg Female College. The roots of Louisburg College trace back to the early years of the town of Louisburg, the county seat of Franklin County. Founded in 1779, during the American Revolution, the county was named in honor of Benjamin Franklin and the town in honor of King Louis XVI of France.

Franklin Male Academy opened on January 1, 1805, under the direction of Yale graduate Matthew Dickinson. Franklin Male Academy prospered in its early years and soon had an enrollment of ninety students. The second stage in the evolution of Louisburg College began on December 27, 1814, when the state legislature ratified an act chartering the Louisburg Female Academy. By August 1815, Louisburg Female Academy was operating under the guidance of Harriet Partridge. The third stage of the evolution of Louisburg College began in January 1855, when the state

legislature authorized the transfer of property by the trustees of Louisburg Female Academy to the directors of Louisburg Female College Company.

By August 1857, Louisburg College opened under the management of Professor James P. Nelson. The female college continued to operate during the Civil War under presidents C.C. Andrews (1860–1861) and James Southgate, Jr. (1862–1865). After the war, about 500 Union soldiers camped in the college and male academy groves during May and June of 1865. After the college opened and closed several times the 1870s and 1880s, S.D. Bagley became president in 1889. Matthew S. Davis, who had previously served twenty-five years as principal of the Male Academy, became president of the Female College in 1896 and held the office until his death in 1906. He was succeeded by his daughter, Mary Davis Allen, who was President until 1917.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, a number of significant changes took place. The institution became known as Louisburg College, and the college became officially linked to the Methodist Church. Washington Duke had acquired ownership of the college property in the 1890s. After his death, his son Benjamin N. Duke presented the property to the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. The Reverend Armour David Wilcox, former minister of the Louisburg Methodist Church, served as president of the college from 1931 to 1937. Louisburg College became co-educational in 1931, and student enrollment immediately increased. By the end of World War II, institutional debts had been paid and in 1952, Louisburg College was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

During the 1986–87 school year, Louisburg college held a Bicentennial Celebration in recognition of its unique two-hundred-year heritage. The first college flag was designed and displayed during the celebration, and the first published history of the college, Louisburg College Echoes, was issued in 1988. Dr. C. Edward Brown, Jr. served as interim president in 1992, and Dr. Ronald I. May was president of Louisburg College from January 1993 through May 1998. Dr. Brown again assumed the interim presidency in June 1998. Dr. Rosemary Gillett-Karam became the twenty-fourth president of Louisburg College in December of 1998. Dr. Reginald Ponder assumed the presidency in 2002.

Louisburg College has contributed significantly to the growth and development of NC and the enrichment of countless of its citizens. I urge the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in commanding this outstanding institution.

CONGRATULATING QUALITY FLOATS WORKS OF SCHAUMBURG

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Quality Float Works of Schaumburg, Illinois, for being named one of the top 5000 privately owned businesses in America by Inc. Magazine.

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Madam Speaker, companies like this are the backbone of the U.S. economy and an integral part of my Congressional District.

With a growth rate of 50%, Quality Float Works is a fine example of the hard work and productivity that sets American businesses apart in the global marketplace.

Quality Float Works is a family-owned business dating back to 1915. Despite the many challenges currently facing the U.S. manufacturing industry at large, Quality Float Works' reputation for providing exceptional products and complete customer satisfaction has helped them to grow and thrive.

Under the visionary leadership of President Sandra Westlund-Deenihan and Vice President Jason Speer, Quality Float Works continues to shine as an outstanding American small business.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing this remarkable achievement.

I am proud to represent the employees and customers of Quality Float Works in the United States House of Representatives and wish them all the best in the future.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LT. HENRY BOHLER, RETIRED

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Ms. CASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and career of Lt. Henry Bohler, Retired, and to acknowledge his role as a Tuskegee Airmen during World War II.

From as early as he could remember, Lt. Henry Bohler wanted to be a pilot. In an attempt to learn as much about flying as he could, he took an airport job at age 17. At the outbreak of World War II, the military was still segregated. Upon reading about the new Tuskegee Airmen, the first black military airmen in the United States who served under the command of the great Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., he enrolled and left for Tuskegee, Alabama for basic flight training. Lt. Bohler learned to fly the P-51 Mustang and served bravely in the military until 1947 when he left with the rank of second lieutenant. After graduation from Hampton University in Virginia, he relocated to Tampa in 1950. In Tampa, Lt. Henry Bohler ran his own business as an electrician for over 30 years until his retirement. He was the first African American licensed electrician in Tampa.

Lt. Bohler was with his wife and children in 1960 when they were turned away from the Lowry Park Zoo. As Zoo employees explained, his family was being turned away for no other reason than the color of their skin. Lt. Bohler took the city of Tampa to court and subsequently faced a lengthy trial. In the two years prior to his court decision, he was often targeted for harassment as he was routinely pulled over by police. On the day of his court decision, he was pulled over by police five times. It truly was a historic day for the City of Tampa when the judge ordered all parks and recreational facilities must be desegregated.

Friends admired his spirit, his work in the community, and his pride in his military service. Lt. Bohler never missed a Tuskegee Air-

men convention and would fly his own Piper Archer to several convention locations throughout the country. He was proud of his membership in the group and he still serves as an inspiration to the pilots of today. His walls are adorned with the awards and medals he received from schools and other organizations for his contributions to the community as well as his membership in the Tuskegee Airmen.

The entire Tampa community honors and remembers the life of Lt. Henry Bohler, Retired, and we offer our condolences to his wife, Clifford Marie, his sons, George and Henry Jr., and his daughter, Pamela, as well as his seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Lt. Henry Bohler, Retired, will continue to be remembered as a pioneer in the sky as well as for equality for his fellow citizens.

TRIBUTE TO UNITED STATES CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the United States Capitol Historical Society, which is celebrating 45 years of History and Service to the United States Capitol.

Congressman Fred Schwengel, Senator Hubert Humphrey, and a group of fifteen other Members of Congress, historians and civic and business leaders organized the United States Capitol Historical Society on July 17, 1962. Forty-five years later, the USCHS continues to fulfill its mission by teaching the public about the founding, growth and significance of the Capitol of the United States as a tangible symbol of its representative form of government.

Convinced that an understanding of history was inextricably linked with responsible citizenship, the founders of the United States Capitol Historical Society adopted a mission statement committing the nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational organization o the role of "history teacher to the nation."

More than forty-five years after its founding, the Society continues to develop new and creative ways to bring the fascinating story of the Capitol to the public's attention. Among its tools are educational tours, scholarly symposia, observances of historic events, enhancement and preservation of the Capitol's collection of art and artifacts, sponsorship of research, the sale of publications and mementos of an historical nature, and assistance to Congressional and other Capitol offices.

The recent partnership of the USCHS with the National Archives and Old Town Trolley is particularly innovative. The Society has committed to working toward seeing every eighth grade student in the Washington, DC public schools tour "monumental" Washington to learn about the U.S. Constitution. This educational tour's sole purpose is to help students understand their place in American history and their role in the process of government.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a great organization dedicated to preserving the history of the most recognizable symbol of representative government in the world, the United States Capitol.