

always be counted on to pick you up and make you smile. His concern for his soldiers and friends will be missed by all.”

Nick and Jayme shared their love with a four-year-old son, Reilly, and he valued the daily contact with his family by phone, e-mail, and even Web cam. If nothing else, he made sure to e-mail Jayme every day, and even if it was short, he said what mattered, “I love you.”

Nick was also close to his father, Jim, whom he affectionately called Pops. Father and son shared a love of the Chicago Cubs, the Indianapolis Colts, Indiana University basketball and fishing in Nyona Lake. Sharing in the grief of their loss are Nick’s mother and stepfather, Jane and Scott Holmes, his stepmother Virginia Patterson, sister, Tai Johnson, and stepbrother Kyle McLochlin as well as the close knit community of Rochester.

According to Nick’s family, the Army helped him grow up, become more focused, and develop into a leader who earned admiration for his toughness, yet showed compassion. His father noted that Nick didn’t want to be a hero to anybody, except for his son and his family. Today, I recognize Nick as a hero to us all, a brave man, respected by his peers, loved by his family and friends, devoted to his duty. Jim expressed it well, “I’m just so proud. He’s a hero. But it hurts.” I echo those words as I recognize the honor the Nation holds for Nick, yet at the same time, acknowledge our grief. May God bless Nick, his family, his fellow soldiers, and his fellow countrymen as we share this collective sorrow.

IN MEMORY OF DR. MARY ESTHER
GAULDEN JAGGER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Dr. Mary Esther Gaulden Jagger from Highland Village, Texas in the 26th Congressional District of Texas. Dr. Jagger passed away September 1, 2007 from Alzheimer’s disease complications. She was 86 years of age.

Mary Esther Gaulden Jagger was a scholarly woman who earned a bachelor’s of science degree from Winthrop College and a doctorate in biology from the University of Virginia.

Dr. Jagger began working in 1949 at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee as a senior radiation biologist. The Jagger’s relocated to Dallas from Tennessee in the mid-1960s, where Ms. Jagger took a position as professor of radiology at UT Southwestern Medical Center. She officially retired in 1992, but continued to visit her office until 2004.

Mary Esther Gaulden Jagger helped found the National Organization for Women in 1966. She was president of the Association of Southeastern Biologists in 1959. She was also a member of the Committee on Toxicology and the U.S. National Research Council, as well as being involved in the Radiation Research Society and the Environmental Mutagen Society.

I know from my time in residency at Parkland Hospital, that Dr. Jagger was revered as

an expert. When in doubt or if any questions arose, you could always turn to the wisdom of Dr. Jagger.

While this woman was an accomplished biologist and successful author of scientific literature, she always made her family a priority. Relatives will remember her most for her personality and her devotion to her family.

Dr. Jagger is survived by her husband, children, and three grandchildren. It was my honor to represent Dr. Mary Esther Gaulden Jagger, and I extend my deepest sympathies to her family and friends. She will be deeply missed.

PATENT REFORM ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1908) to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform:

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to express my opposition to H.R. 1908—the Patent Reform Act of 2007. I do so reluctantly, and hope to work with my colleagues when this bill moves to conference to produce a final product that will adequately address the concerns of all sectors of our innovation economy.

As the Representative of the 8th Congressional District of Massachusetts, I feel immensely privileged to represent many of the nation’s leading innovators. The 8th District is home to some of the best institutions of higher learning in the nation, teaching hospitals, high tech businesses, financial services firms, and biotechnology companies big and small. I recognize how absolutely vital the strength and efficiency of our patent system is to each of them and I take the reform of that system very seriously.

H.R. 1908 is the most comprehensive update to the patent system in generations. The bill makes changes to our patent system that are important to improving the business environment for many sectors of our economy. However, the bill also alters our current system in a way that could potentially prove damaging to other sectors. I oppose this legislation reluctantly because the committee, in particular Chairman BERMAN, has worked diligently to improve this legislation at every stage.

I was very pleased, for example, to see the in the manager’s amendment wording to strike the “prior use” sections of the bill. This change was important to ensuring that those who infringe on patents continue to have to meet a reasonable threshold if they assert a “prior use” defense. I was also pleased that the bill as reported from committee eliminated the “second window” of review after patents are granted. While this section may need additional changes, significant progress has been made to improve it.

I remain concerned, however, about the ramifications of the damages section of H.R. 1908. While I understand that the Chairman and the Committee have made several improvements to this section as well, as it is currently constituted in the bill the damages sec-

tion will unnecessarily elevate apportionment as a method of determining damages when a patent has been infringed. This provision could produce devastating consequences for some innovators. I believe we must be cautious when implementing such a serious change, and that ensuring flexibility is of paramount importance.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Judiciary Committee in order to produce the most balanced Patent Reform bill possible.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation.

Had I been present and voting, I would have voted “Aye” on rollcall No. 873.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RADCLIFFE
KILLAM

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Radcliffe Killam, one of the greatest members of the community of Laredo, Texas, who passed away at the age of 97 on September 8, 2007.

Mr. Radcliffe Killam was born on July 1, 1910, to Oliver Winfield and Harriet Smith Killam in Grove, Oklahoma. He came to Laredo with his family when he was nine years old. His father established the Mirando Oil Company in South Texas, which would later become Killam Oil Company under the leadership of his son, Radcliffe. Mr. Killam grew up working on oil rigs, and attended Laredo High School. He then received a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas at Austin and earned a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1935. During World War II, Radcliffe was among those in the greatest generation to answer the call of duty by serving in the U.S. Naval Service overseas in the Atlantic and then in the Pacific.

When the war was over, Mr. Killam returned back to his oil business in Laredo, Texas, with his wife, the former Sue Spivey of Bonham, Texas, whom he had married in 1942. He was extensively involved in the community, and served on the boards and councils of banks, foundations, and educational institutions such as Texas A&M International University whose founding he had helped make possible through his donation of 300 acres for the campus. Mr. Killam truly believed that education was the key to success for the future of the community in Laredo, and endeavored through his various partnerships with TAMIU to ensure the continued success of TAMIU in South Texas. Mr. Killam also extended his philanthropic interests to Mercy Hospital in Laredo, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, and to the South Texas Health Sciences Center.

Mr. Killam was also known for his love of the outdoors. He owned several large ranches, and implemented a game management program which allowed hunters to hunt wild game on his ranch. The City of Laredo benefited a great deal from the philanthropy of Mr. Killam. He left behind a remarkable legacy that continues to inspire those who knew and loved him. Mr. Radcliffe Killam truly led by example and it is to his credit that Laredo has advanced a great deal as one of the leading trade ports and economies in South Texas, with more opportunities for higher education for the youth of the community due to his investments in TAMIU.

Mr. Killam is survived by his wife, Sue, of sixty-five years, his son David and his wife, Hayley, his daughter, Adrian Kathleen, his daughter Tracy DiLeo and her husband, Michael, and four grandsons, Radcliffe Killam II, David Killam, Nicholas and Joseph DiLeo. Mr. Killam was preceded in death by his daughter Terry Killam Wilber, his brother Winfield Killam, and his sister Patricia Louise Killam Hurd.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have this time to recognize Mr. Radcliffe Killam, and I thank you for this time.

UPON THE RETIREMENT OF
LARRY WEISS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Larry Weiss upon his retirement following nearly forty years of service to build and advance Bowling Green State University.

Most recently, Larry has served as Bowling Green's Vice President for University Relations and Governmental Affairs. He has worked closely with the university's presidents, including its current President, Dr. Sidney Ribeau, always demonstrating honesty, skill, and integrity. During his career, Larry met notables such as Bob Hope, Red Skelton, and Doc Severinsen, but never failed to treat all people with equanimity—affording respect to students, university staff, families, and visitors alike.

A native of Canton, Ohio, Larry graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism and a specialization in public relations. Following graduation, he began his business career in the Press Relations Department of Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company in Toledo.

In 1973, Larry returned to his alma mater as Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs where he undertook a \$2.2 million campaign to build an alumni center on campus. Five years later, he was promoted to Director of Alumni Affairs. In 1998, Larry incorporated state government relations into his job responsibilities while still serving as alumni director. In August, 2000, he moved to the President's Office where he continued to serve the President and the community.

During his tenure in the Alumni Office, Larry served as chair of the University's 7th Anniversary celebration. He was one of three alumni administrators in the United States selected by the Asian Institute of Management for travel to Manila, Philippines to train Filipino educators. He also served as host of a weekly television show called "Time Out" on the local PBS affiliate.

In addition to his responsibilities at BGSU, Larry served on the boards of trustees for the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, the Bowling Green Community Development Foundation and the United Way of Greater Toledo. He is also a University representative on the Toledo Symphony Board.

One of Larry's avocations is baseball. As an 18-year-old standout, he had a scheduled tryout for the Baltimore Orioles organization. It appeared as though Larry was destined to be a professional baseball player. However, the week before his tryout, he broke his wrist and was unable to tryout. With a broken wrist, his life path changed and he decided to go to college at Bowling Green State University. At BGSU he fell in love and married Frances Greiger and also fell in love with BGSU. Not only has the marriage thrived in 42 years, but Larry's love for baseball still continues. Since 1995 Larry has played in an adult baseball league and annually plays in the Legends of Baseball League in Cooperstown, New York. This past August, Larry was inducted into the Legends of Baseball Hall of Fame.

His family jokes that while on family vacations in other states people would recognize Larry—"Larry Weiss, Bowling Green State University" and his relationship with Bowling Green State University will continue. He will lead the University's 100th anniversary celebration.

Upon Larry Weiss' official retirement from Bowling Green State University, I wish him time to spend with family and friends doing that which he most enjoys as he travels this new road of life. We know that his lifetime of dedication to building Bowling Green State University into one of the largest recognized universities in the state will not end with retirement. Let us express to Larry and his family our sincerest gratitude and Godspeed in the years ahead.

HONORING WILLIAM MURDOCK
AND ELBEN CHARITIES

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional service of a most distinguished constituent, William Murdock. Mr. Murdock serves as Executive Director of the Eblen Charities and Eblen Center for Social Enterprise, an Asheville-based non-profit organization that assists low-income children, adults, and families battling illnesses and disabilities.

Mr. Murdock is a graduate of Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College, Mars Hill College, Duke University, and the Harvard Business School. Along with his work at Eblen Charities, Mr. Murdock lectures at Duke University and has been named an outstanding scholar in social enterprise by the International Biographical Centre of Cambridge, England.

Growing up in Asheville, North Carolina, Mr. Murdock developed a passion for wrestling which he pursued as a student-athlete and then as a high school coach. He is widely regarded as one of wrestling's preeminent historians and was most recently honored as the first recipient of the Lou Thesz World Heavyweight Championship Award. The award recognizes an individual connected with wrestling who has "taken the skills, courage and mental toughness that are the essentials of the sport and has applied those characteristics to the realm of public service." In nearly two decades of service at the Eblen Charities, Mr. Murdock has done that and more.

Under his leadership, Eblen Charities has grown from a two-person partnership that assisted 300 families in 1991 to a world-class organization that served 65,000 in 2006. Mr. Murdock currently oversees roughly 60 programs designed to help families in western North Carolina secure health care coverage, low-cost prescription drugs, heating and cooling for their homes, and other life essentials. In so doing, Mr. Murdock delivers hope in trying times and the wherewithal to meet whatever challenges might lie ahead.

His example serves to remind us that a single individual, armed with compassion, ingenuity, and resolve, can do extraordinary things. I am honored to represent Mr. Murdock in the United States Congress, and I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding his outstanding work.