

Mr. Przywara began his working career at first in the anthracite coal mines in the Wyoming Valley and then worked for General Motors in New Jersey, McGregor Sportswear in Nanticoke, Woodlawn Farm Dairy in Wilkes-Barre and Dairylea in Scranton. In 1974, he established the West Side Dairy and the couple's two sons, Joseph and Robert, soon joined him in business. In 1982, he acquired the Dream Whip ice cream business in Nanticoke.

Mr. Przywara has served his community in several capacities over the years, not the least of which was his many contributions of time and energy to promote Democratic Party principles and candidates.

He was also highly instrumental in establishing the Plymouth Township Recreation Association on land he helped acquire from the Glen Alden Coal Company. He coached little league baseball for many years and also served as a PIAA baseball and softball official and as an ASA softball umpire.

Mrs. Przywara worked at Pennsylvania Wholesale Drug Company, Heavenly Shoe Company, the United States Social Security Administration and the United States Department of Labor Mine Safety and Health Administration for many years. She currently manages Dream Whip Ice Cream which employs nine people. She is a past member of the Plymouth Township Recreation Association Auxiliary.

Mr. and Mrs. Przywara had three children, Joseph, who is deceased; Robert and Lisa Bonar. They also have four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Przywara are shining examples of hard working, family and community minded Americans who enrich the quality of life not only for themselves but for all whose lives they have touched. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Przywara on this special occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on several measures that came before the House on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 because of illness.

Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 1400, Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007; "aye" on H. Res. 584, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month; "aye" on H. Con. Res. 210, Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month; "aye" on H. Res. 663, Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day; "aye" on H. Res. 548, Expressing the ongoing concern of the House of Representatives for Lebanon's democratic institutions and unwavering support for the administration of justice upon those responsible for the assassination of Lebanese public figures opposing Syrian control of Lebanon; "aye" on H. Res. 642, Expressing sympathy and support for the people and governments of the countries of Central America, the Caribbean, and Mexico which have suffered from Hurricanes Felix, Dean, and Henriette and whose complete economic and fatality toll are still unknown; "aye" on H. Res.

557, Strongly condemning the United Nations Human Rights Council for ignoring severe human rights abuses in various countries, while choosing to unfairly target Israel by including it as the only country permanently placed on the Council's agenda; and no on H. Res. 675, On the question of tabling the motion to appeal the ruling of the chair.

Further, I would have voted no on the previous question and no on adopting H. Res. 675, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 976; "aye" on H. Res. 95, Supporting the goals and ideals of Campus Fire Safety Month; no on H.R. 976, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007; and "aye" on H. Res. 590, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately yesterday morning, September 25, 2007, I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 1400, H. Res. 584, H. Con. Res. 210, and H. Res. 663.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 895 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1400, the Iran Counter-Proliferation Act, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 896 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 584, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 897 on suspending the rules and passing H. Con. Res. 210, Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 898 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 663, Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING MARTY DICKENS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Marty Dickens as he retires from his position as president of AT&T Tennessee after a distinguished 39-year career in the telecommunications industry.

Beginning his career with the company in 1969, Marty worked in the public affairs and regulatory departments and comptroller's office before joining BellSouth International in 1992. He has served on the boards of directors of BellSouth operations in Brazil, Venezuela, Panama, Nicaragua, Israel, China and Denmark.

Since moving to Nashville to become president of the company in 1999, Marty has become a force not just in the Nashville business community, but in its charitable and civic life

as well. Not content with the challenges of running a major regional employer, Marty sought out other ways to contribute such as serving on the Board of Trustees at Belmont University, on the community boards of the YMCA, Boy Scouts, Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music, as well as the Adventure Science Center, among others.

Marty has also served on the corporate boards of Genesco and First American Financial Holdings and has served as chairman of both the Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce. Most recently, he was honored as the 2007 Outstanding Nashvillian of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Nashville.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Marty Dickens on an exemplary record of service in business, in charity and in our community. He has set an example that we would all do well to emulate, and we wish him well in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN J. COLLINS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, books and movies about these days about the "Greatest Generation," those men and women who fought and won World War II to save us from fascism. But it is not just the winning of World War II that leads us to admire and be grateful to members of our parents' generation. To know the individual is to understand the generational achievement of greatness.

My father-in-law, Dr. John J. Collins, is a person whose life can so instruct us. Like so many of his generation, John J. Collins was not born to wealth or privilege. Born in Oklahoma in 1917, his family soon moved to California, where his father worked in the oil fields in Coalinga. He was the oldest boy in a big Irish-American family, with several older sisters. And when his father died at an early age, as a boy he was the "oldest man" in his household during the Great Depression. Like so many of his generation, he learned habits of frugality and hard work in those early years. These habits have served him and his family well. They are with him to this day.

In the best American spirit, he struggled to go farther than his parents. He was educated at Coalinga Junior College and then worked his way through the University of California at Berkeley, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree. Like so many others, he enlisted to fight in World War II, joining the U.S. Army before Pearl Harbor, in 1941. In the Army, he became an infantry and artillery officer. He served for years in the Pacific, including taking part in the fighting in Saipan and Okinawa. This was rough combat and many died. Like most of those who I've met who served under such conditions, he prefers not to discuss the details of combat but remembers still those of his colleagues who did not return. He merely served bravely, honorably and saved our country, emerging as a Captain. He is humble about his service. We are honored by it.

After the war, he returned to the San Francisco Bay Area and then moved to Bakersfield where he went to work at Bakersfield High

School. The soldiers came home from the war to make a life for themselves with marriage and children. He was no exception, and he and his wife Patricia were blessed with three children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. From Bakersfield High School, he moved on to Bakersfield College. In his early years at the college, he taught sociology and also served as a very successful track and cross-country coach. Always striving to improve himself, he took classes nights and summers while pursuing an education career, and obtained a Master's degree. A counseling credential allowed him to begin serving as a counselor for students. Subsequently, he became first the Director of Student Activities and then the Dean of Students. During this period, he engaged in more evening, weekend, and summer study at UCLA in the Education Department. Ultimately, a doctor's thesis was written and published, and he was awarded a doctorate in education.

In 1965, he was selected as the first President of Moorpark College, a community college in Ventura County. There, he supervised the building of the College's physical plant, planned the curriculum and opening, hired the faculty and administration, and took Moorpark from a plan on paper to a thriving junior college with a variety of innovative educational programs. Later he got the chance to return to Bakersfield College as President and the family moved back to that California community. As President of Bakersfield College for many years, he kept the school in the top rank of community colleges, established an endowment and the B.C. Foundation, and won the respect of the community, his colleagues, and the students. He retired as President of Bakersfield College in 1982. But, with his work ethic, he never has been fully "retired." He served as interim President of Mission Community College in Santa Clara County and then as interim Chancellor for West Valley-Mission Community College District. Throughout this time, he retained the title President Emeritus at Bakersfield College, and has worked as an administrator there most of time since his "retirement." Never one to forget the remembrance and honor due to the past, Dr. Collins has been instrumental in setting up the Bakersfield College Archives. Recognizing his many years of service, several years ago Bakersfield College renamed its student center building as the John J. Collins Student Center.

Along the way, he acquired the skill to make beautiful furniture, and has blessed his family members with many graceful and attractive pieces. At age 90, he continues to work for the Kern Community College District and to be a joy to his friends, family, and community. Dr. John J. Collins, "Doc" to his grandchildren, is to me the model of all we admire in his generation. When times were tough, he just worked harder. When his country called in time of war, he bravely answered. When his country needed him, he spent a career giving back to his community as an educator—making sure that young people had a chance to learn and succeed.

As family man, he devoted himself to his wife, his children, his siblings and extended family. He has shown real courage—whether on the battlefields of the South Pacific or when facing and coping with the serious illness of his wife of more than 60 years. He has shown a steadiness of purpose which allowed him to leap to a level of erudition, education and eco-

nomie stability not dreamed of by his parents or grandparents. Widely admired in his hometown, he is recognized as someone who made a difference.

We Americans owe much to the Greatest Generation. But we also owe to them as individuals our love and gratitude. I feel that greatly today on the occasion of the 90th birthday of Dr. John J. Collins, who it has been my privilege to know as my father-in-law.

TRIBUTE TO MARCEL MARCEAU

HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Marcel Marceau, who died September 22, 2007, at the age of 84.

Marcel Marceau revived the art of pantomime, performing across the world beginning after World War II. Through his on-stage persona, "Bip," Marceau was known for his ability to capture the full range of human emotions without using words.

Although he became famous as a performer, Marceau's most admirable accomplishment was not on the stage. As a French Jew born Marcel Mangel, during World War II he changed his name and joined the French Resistance to save Jewish children from the Holocaust. He and his brother forged documents to trick the Nazis into thinking that children were too young to be deported, and also helped kids escape into Switzerland.

Speaking years later about his actions and about those who were lost in the Holocaust, which included his father, Marceau said: "Among those kids was maybe an Einstein, a Mozart, somebody who (would have) found a cancer drug. That is why we have a great responsibility. Let us love one another."

Just as the Holocaust demonstrated the worst evil that humans are capable of, the response by individuals like Marcel Marceau represented the best in human compassion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and unable to make the vote on rollcall No. 907. Had I been voting, I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 590 on National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF GOLD STAR MOTHERS DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN KLINE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2007

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solemn observance of "Gold Star Mother's Day", on Sunday, September 30th.

More than 75 years ago, one mother's determination to transform her personal loss into good works led to the creation of the American Gold Star Mothers. After receiving notice of her son's death in aerial combat during World War I, Grace Darling Seibold devoted her energy to volunteering in a local hospital. She began reaching out to other mothers whose sons had died in military service to our Nation, and these women organized into a local group.

Their organization was named after the gold star service flag that families hung in their windows for family members who had died in military service. After years of planning, it became a national organization in 1928. In 1936, Congress designated the last Sunday of September as "Gold Star Mother's Day."

Since then, brave women have continued to come together as Gold Star Mothers to ease the burden of their loss and to serve others.

The cost of America's freedom is often personal. Few pay more dearly than our Gold Star Mothers, who have endured the death of a son or daughter in service to our country.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in strong support of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) reauthorization bill. This is a landmark piece of bipartisan legislation that will progress further than any other program to cover uninsured children.

Currently, I am ashamed to say that there are 10 million children without health insurance. But, this bill would provide continued health insurance to six million children already covered and add an additional four million children who currently lack health insurance nationwide. It will improve health benefits for children by providing dental coverage, mental health services and surgical benefits. The bill will also improve access by providing states with incentives to lower the rate of uninsured low income children and distributing grants for new outreach activities to states, local governments and schools.

Unfortunately President Bush has threatened to veto this bipartisan bill and deny 10 million low-income kids the health care they need and deserve. The President has instead expressed support for his own CHIP proposal—which would result in 840,000 low-income kids losing their health care coverage, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

The President has no idea what it might be like to go without health insurance. I saw a quote from him in July when he said "I mean, people have access to health care in America. After all, just go to an emergency room . . ."

An emergency room, Mr. President? That is the best kind of health care you want to provide to our children? Shame, shame, shame.

Mr. President, this bill is going to get the children out the emergency room and make sure they don't delay health care needs until the last minute, give them regular checkups