

In his writing, Mr. Shieler brings the issue of poverty in America front-and-center. He spent years interviewing and building lasting relationships with people falling between the cracks, despite their steady work, many of whom live in the Cleveland area. The people he describes make incredible sacrifices and still are unable, in many cases, to provide for their basic needs and those of their family, such as food, health care, child care, transportation, sick days, and adequate time with their families.

He identifies acts of kindness of friends and employers who assist those not able to meet these needs through work as their saving grace, but he also discusses these interactions as the exception. There are many, many more working people in constant struggle without the help they need from their employers or their Government.

In all of his works, Mr. Shieler describes and explains real social and personal conflicts while emphasizing the need for principles of peace and understanding as the way forward.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring David Shieler for his distinguished and passionate career of spreading public awareness of crucial issues of inhumanity and injustice. His work has undoubtedly led many towards a greater awareness and push for social change.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEL
JOSEPH

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mel Joseph as he receives the March of Dimes 2007 "Alexander Macomb Citizen of the Year" award.

Mr. Joseph is currently the General Manager for Kem-Tee & Associates in Macomb County. He worked to expand the company, which today covers over 21 counties, and has become one of the largest surveying and engineering businesses in southeast Michigan.

Combining his love of sports and work experiences, Mr. Joseph is deeply involved in a variety of community and professional organizations. He is an active member of the Michigan Mortgage Lender's Association, Michigan Mortgage Bankers Association, Women's Council of Realtors, Commercial Real Estate Women of Detroit, National Association of Mortgage Brokers, Detroit Association of Realtors, Western Wayne & Oakland Consolidated Association of Realtors, North Oakland County Board of Realtors, Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and Downriver Association of Realtors.

He has served as chairperson for the Continental Amateur Baseball Association, a board member for the Macomb Community College Surveying Advisory Board, and a member of the Luxury Suite Advisory Committee for the Detroit Tigers.

Mel Joseph was born and raised in the lower east side of Detroit. He attended St. Martin's school where he played basketball and was captain of the football team. He worked his way through college at his father's trucking business, and earned his bachelor's degree in communication from Wayne State University.

After graduation, Mr. Joseph went to work for Phillip Morris U.S.A. as a sales and marketing representative and advanced through the company to Divisional Sales Manager for the State of Illinois. He left Phillip Morris to pursue his love of sports and became the executive vice president of Professional Sports Representatives for Professional Management and Consultants.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mel Joseph for his commitment to excellence, as well as his professional and personal devotion to his community.

HONORING INSIGHT ENTERPRISES,
INC. PENINSULA CENTER FOR
INDEPENDENT LIVING

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Insight Enterprises, Inc. Peninsula Center for Independent Living of Hampton, Virginia. This year marks its 20th year of service to individuals with disabilities on the Virginia peninsula.

For 20 years, the Peninsula Center for Independent Living's philosophy has been that individuals with disabilities should play a major role in deciding their future. As a coalition of professionals working in the fields of education, rehabilitation and community services, the Peninsula Center has been instrumental in allowing persons with disabilities to empower themselves to truly live independent lives.

Madam Speaker, the Peninsula Center for Independent Living provides an invaluable service to thousands. The Peninsula Center works to ensure that individuals with disabilities who need housing, whether public or private, can locate housing that is accessible and suitable to their needs. The Peninsula Center has also provided assistance in resolving complaints in the areas of housing, education, employment and community programs. Other core services provided by the Peninsula Center include peer counseling, and independent skills training. The Peninsula Center also provides community outreach, including disability awareness, technical assistance regarding accessibility and legal issues, and general disability related information.

Insight Enterprises was founded by Ralph W. Shelman of Hampton, who still serves as its executive director. I have had the privilege of working with Ralph on a variety of issues affecting individuals with disabilities both here in the U.S. House of Representatives and during my service in the Virginia General Assembly. Ralph served as an influential member of the coalition that helped enact the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Commonwealth of Virginia knows no better advocate for persons with disabilities than Ralph. The Virginia General Assembly even passed a joint resolution commending Ralph for his work for individuals with disabilities in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Insight Enterprises, Inc. Peninsula Center for Independent Living, its executive director, Ralph Shelman, and their very professional and caring staff on their 20 years of service to the people of the Virginia peninsula. I com-

mend the officers, staff and board members of the Peninsula Center for all that they have done and will continue to do to better the lives of countless individuals, and I wish them many more years of service to the people of the Virginia peninsula.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
PAUL E. BEBOUT ON HIS INDUC-
TION TO THE OHIO VETERANS
HALL OF FAME

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Paul E. Bebout has been a wonderful father to seven children and made time to coach little league, be a boy scout leader and serve as a school board member; and

Whereas, Mr. Bebout is a Mason and Shriner, where he serves as the local project chairman and has helped raise thousands of dollars for Crippled Children's Hospitals; and

Whereas, he is a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and American Legion; and

Whereas, Mr. Bebout was named Legionnaire of the Year 2002/2003; and

Whereas, Mr. Bebout contributes to the Church Christmas programs; and

Whereas, he assisted to raise funds for scholarships for the local high school; and

Whereas, Mr. Bebout belongs to the Military Order of the Purple Heart Post #625; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Paul E. Bebout for his contributions to his community and country. Congratulations to Paul E. Bebout on his induction to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

CONTINUED PROHIBITION OF
INTERNET GAMBLING

HON. TOM FEENEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. FEENEY. Madam Speaker, last year, I cosponsored legislation with Congressman BOB GOODLATTE to help stop the widespread growth of gambling over the internet. Though Federal law already prohibits gambling over telephone wires, the passage of this legislation was necessary to maintain the original intent of the law while also bringing it up to speed with the explosion of current and future technology. However, this update of the law made clear that it would only affect interstate commerce, respecting the rights of states by leaving to them the decision whether and how to regulate gambling within their own borders. New legislation before the Financial Services Committee attempts to undo all of this previous work, instead granting the federal government the expansive and exclusive right to regulate all online gambling. This new legislation would represent the first time in history that the Federal Government would be given power to issue gambling licenses, and it

marks a significant shift away from allowing states to determine for themselves what type of policy is best. Proponents of this legislation state that the bill offers states the right to "opt out" of this regulation, but the truth is that the states already have the right to determine their own policy towards gambling without any broader federal regulation that threatens to undermine their control over licensing standards and enforcement actions.

CELEBRATING 90TH BIRTHDAY OF
REV. THEODORE M. HESBURGH,
C.S.C.

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise as a proud alumnus of the University of Notre Dame law school and ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 687, recognizing Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., for his contributions to the civil rights movement in the United States, his tireless work to reduce the threat of nuclear conflict, and his efforts to secure the peaceful resolution of international conflicts.

As president of Notre Dame, Father Hesburgh worked to bring the university to the forefront of American institutions of higher education. Over the 35 years that he served as president, the university's enrollment, degrees awarded and the size of the faculty all greatly increased. Additionally, under Father Hesburgh's tenure, women were first admitted to the undergraduate program in 1972.

Father Hesburgh is known as one of the 20th century's most influential figures in higher education. He served on many commissions and study groups, including serving as chairman of the International Federation of Catholic Universities from 1963 to 1970. In this capacity, he led a movement to redefine the nature and mission of the contemporary Catholic university, drawing from his experiences in American Catholic universities.

Father Hesburgh's accomplishments, however, are not limited to higher education. Throughout his distinguished career, Father Hesburgh has devoted himself to the cause of justice and human rights throughout the world. He has held 16 Presidential appointments for 10 presidents—President Eisenhower through the current President Bush. In these positions, Father Hesburgh was involved in shaping policy on major social issues including civil rights, peaceful uses of atomic energy, campus unrest and treatment of Vietnam offenders.

Furthermore, Father Hesburgh served four Popes, three as permanent Vatican City representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna from 1956 to 1970. He was a charter member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, created in 1957, and he chaired the Commission from 1969 to 1972. In 1971, he joined the board of the Overseas Development Council, a private organization supporting interests of the underdeveloped world, and chaired it until 1982. During the 1980s he was involved in a private initiative that sought to unite scientists and religious leaders in condemning nuclear weapons. In 1982, he helped organize a meeting in Vatican City of 58 sci-

entists who called for the elimination of nuclear weapons and then brought together six spiritual leaders who endorsed this view.

In recognition of his many efforts in America and throughout the world, Father Hesburgh was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2000 and the Medal of Freedom in 1964, the Nation's highest civilian honor. His service to his country is an inspiration to all and it has been my honor to know him.

Father Hesburgh once said, "My basic principle is that you don't make decisions because they are easy . . . you make them because they're right." He has certainly lived his life by those words and it is an honor to be recognizing today the outstanding life of this great man.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Wednesday, October 10, 2007, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall No. 959—"yea"; rollcall No. 960—"nay."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING DANIEL WIGGINS, SR., ON HIS INDUCTION TO THE OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Daniel Wiggins, Sr., has served during three war periods; and

Whereas, he is a Life Member and Past Commander of American Legion Post 84 and a Life Member of V.F.W. Post 2901 where he served as Jr. and Sr. Commander; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiggins is a charter and life member of AMVETS Post 70 and served as Commander for four terms; and

Whereas, he served as the Guernsey County Veterans Service Officer for 21 years; and

Whereas, Daniel Wiggins, Sr., is a member and President of the Guernsey County Veterans Service Commission for the past 16 years and a former member of the GOVA Advisory Board; and

Whereas, he is a member and immediate past President of the Ohio State Association of the Veterans service Commissioners; and

Whereas, he is the past president of the DAV National Commanders and Adjuncts Association and he is a volunteer DAV van driver; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiggins is the past President of the Veterans Association of State Commanders and Adjuncts for Ohio; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiggins has been appointed to Congressman Space's Veterans Advisory Council; now, therefore, be it

Resolved That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Daniel Wiggins, Sr., for his contributions to his community and

country. Congratulations to Daniel Wiggins, Sr., on his induction to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

IN HONOR OF DAVID AND CAROL BURGESS LACKLAND AND THEIR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE ARTS AND EDUCATION

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two generous patrons of the arts and of education, David and Carol Burgess Lackland, whose service to the communities of northwest New Jersey is nearly unparalleled.

As a 1954 graduate of Centenary College, the only 4-year college in northwest New Jersey, Carol has long been a strong supporter of her alma mater. Her husband, David, also serves as a trustee for the college. Tomorrow, thanks to their extraordinary support, Centenary will break ground on the new David and Carol Lackland Center, which will serve as a hub for cultural events, education, and activities not only for the college but for the region.

The 68,000-square-foot performing arts center will include a 500-seat state-of-the-arts theater, a dance studio, a blackbox performance space, and more. The center will include classroom space where students will learn about the latest techniques and technologies available for communications and performing arts from backstage as well.

Already, Centenary offers some of the most expansive cultural opportunities in the region. The Centenary Performing Arts Guild, which has been around for about two decades and is the only Actors' Equity theater in the region—presents more than 130 performances a year. With this new facility, the region will have even greater access to high-quality performing arts programming, and I commend David and Carol Burgess Lackland for their contribution to the college community and the surrounding area.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BRING BACK THE 70'S STREET CLUB

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Bring Back the 70's Street Club (BB70), a community improvement organization, located in Cleveland, Ohio.

The story of BB70's inception is an inspiring one. Concerned Cleveland residents, on March 10, 2004, decided to gather and discuss their vision for a safer, more secure, and more beautiful Cleveland. Since its first event, the "Spring Clean Up," the social entrepreneurs who founded BB70 have demonstrated an admirable commitment to northeast Ohio. BB70 accomplishments include instituting a community gardening project, creating a drug-free zone, posting security cameras and surveillance equipment, demolishing