

The need to re-establish labor-management partnerships is clear. In many Government agencies there is a lack of trust exhibited between managers, employees, and their representatives. This has created a morale problem at many mission critical agencies; including the Department of Homeland Security, DHS, which was named in a recent study by the Office of Personnel Management as having the lowest level of morale in the Federal Government.

Now, more than ever, the American people expect Government to lead by example. Therefore, it is imperative to restore labor-management partnerships. Partnership is a proven practice that works. Partnership gives added value to the federal workforce; and it is my fervent belief that partnership is essential for a more productive civil service.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BEVERLY A.
SCOTT

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Beverly A. Scott's service as General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the Sacramento Regional Transit District. Dr. Scott leaves a lasting legacy in Sacramento and she will be deeply missed. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring one of Sacramento's finest public servants.

Dr. Scott has been a tireless advocate for public transportation. After earning a doctorate in political science from Howard University, she started her career in 1977 at Texas Southern University as one of four national recipients of a Carnegie Foundation Fellowship. Dr. Scott went on to work as the general manager at the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority as well as holding executive management positions with transit agencies in New York, New Jersey and Washington, DC. In New York, Dr. Scott was the first woman appointed vice president of surface transit and she was responsible for the daily transit operations of New York and Staten Island Rail.

With such an accomplished past, Dr. Scott joined the Sacramento Regional Transit District in October of 2002 and increased morale immediately. Using a variety of tools, Dr. Scott created a new strategic plan involving a wide variety of partners, both inside and outside of Regional Transit's organization. Under her leadership, the Regional Transit successfully expanded light rail to Sunrise Boulevard, followed by an extension to the City of Folsom. Light rail has also expanded in downtown Sacramento to the Amtrak station.

Dr. Scott played an instrumental role in the renewal of Measure A, which provides local funding for mass transit and transportation priorities. For the past 3 years, Regional Transit has been awarded a financial accountability award of excellence for their improved budget reporting, and fiscal management. Dr. Scott also created the Regional Transit University to improve employee training. With Transit Etiquette Program forums and the restructuring of RT's Mobility Advisory Committee Dr. Scott's leadership has helped Regional Transit serve all of us in Sacramento that use public transit.

The Sacramento Regional Transit District, also known as RT, has recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of light rail. RT operates a comprehensive public transit system that includes 97 bus routes and 37 miles of light rail, covering a 418 square-mile service area. Buses and light rail run 365 days a year from 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., giving riders ample opportunities to utilize their services. Using 76 light rail vehicles, 254 buses powered by compressed natural gas and 17 shuttle vans, RT is not only affordable and convenient but also environmentally friendly.

Personally, Dr. Scott has been a pleasure to work with. Her compassion and spirit has made her a wonderful addition to the Sacramento community as well. She is a caring, smart and thoughtful administrator, who knows how to be tough when needed. I have been told that she is affectionately known as "Hurricane Bev" for her energy, enthusiasm and dedication to getting the job done, while those who work with her also call her "Mummy."

For her work in Sacramento and across the Nation, Dr. Scott has received numerous awards, including awards from the U.S. Department of Transportation, American Public Transportation Association, National Business League, Women's Transportation Seminar, Rhode Island Professional Engineers Society, Sierra Club, Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, the Urban League, City Year, and Paratransit.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Dr. Beverly A. Scott's distinguished commitment to Sacramento's public transportation. Dr. Scott has stood as an instrumental force behind the advancement of the Sacramento Regional Transit District and has helped improve the overall quality of life for generations to come. We all are thankful for her efforts. As Dr. Scott's colleagues, family and friends gather to honor her service, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing her continued good fortune in her future endeavors.

IN TRIBUTE TO SENIOR MASTER
SERGEANT THOMAS NEWTON ON
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force, I want to recognize SMSgt Tom Newton for his 24 years of dedicated service to our country. In his most recent assignment, he serves as the Superintendent, Office of Legislative Liaison, Secretary of the Air Force, where he is responsible for Air Force legislative matters and facilitating worldwide Congressional travel. As you know, Madam Speaker, Sergeant Newton has professionally served as your escort for two Congressional delegations this year and a dozen other delegation trips around the world since 2004.

Prior to June 2004, he was the Chief, Workgroup Manager for Headquarters Security Forces, Pentagon, responsible to the Director for network security, antiterrorism, force protection, and supporting Operation Global

Eagle. From 1998 to 2001, Sergeant Newton was the Information Management Superintendent for the Force Structure, Resources, and Assessments (J-8) Directorate, Joint Staff, Pentagon. He served as Deputy Executive and facilitated multiple Joint Warfighting Capabilities Assessments on behalf of the Director. Prior to January 1998, he served as Instructor, Information Management Craftsmen Course at Keesler AFB in Mississippi, where he earned Master Instructor Certification. Sergeant Newton began his illustrious career at the 4th Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, where he directly supported the 4404th Provisional Wing during Operation Desert Storm/ Shield.

Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing our sincere appreciation to SMSgt Tom Newton for his outstanding service to both legislative branches and our United States Air Force. We wish him the best as he transitions into a new career. Senior Master Sergeant Newton is a true professional and a credit to himself and the United States Air Force.

CODELS FOR SMSGT NEWTON

2004

CODEL Bilirakis—Athens, Greece/Venice, Italy (7-16 Nov).

2005

CODEL Shimkus—St. Louis, Missouri (26-28 Jan).

CODEL Bilirakis—Brussels, Belgium/Paris, France/London, UK (18-28 Feb).

CODEL King—Vienna, Austria/Aman, Jordan/Tel Aviv, Israel/Cairo, Egypt/Rabat, Morocco (30 Jul-7 Aug).

SPEAKER Hastert—Glasgow, Scotland/Luxembourg (15-20 Sep).

2006

CODEL Hefley—San Diego, California (25-29 Jan).

CODEL Hefley—Brussels, Belgium/Paris, France/London, UK (17-28 Feb).

CODEL Goodlatte—Denver, Colorado/San Angelo, Texas (7-9 May).

CODEL Young—Alaska (29 Jul-6 Aug).

2007

SPEAKER Pelosi—Jerusalem, Israel/Damascus, Syria/Riyadh, Saudi Arabia/Lisbon, Portugal (29 Mar-7 Apr).

CODEL Tanner—Lisbon, Portugal/Tunis, Tunisia/Rabat, Morocco (24 May-3 Jun).

SPEAKER Pelosi—New Orleans, Louisiana (12-15 Aug).

IN MEMORY OF MATTHEW
RICHARD WILL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Matthew Richard Will, a father, husband, firefighter, and hero who died recently in the line of duty helping to protect the people he had sworn to serve.

Matthew Will was a Heavy Fire Equipment Operator for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, also known as Cal Fire. Will started his career with Cal Fire in 2003 and recently graduated from the department's fire academy in Lone. He was assigned to the Hollister Air Attack Base in Cal Fire's San Benito-Monterey Unit.

Earlier this month a house fire broke out in the heavily wooded and rugged area of Big

Sur, California, known as Palo Colorado Canyon. The fire soon spread to the surrounding brush and began to threaten the lives and property of other Palo Colorado Canyon residents. Quick action by Matthew and his comrades from Cal Fire and the other responding fire fighting agencies kept the fire from engulfing the whole canyon, limiting the damage to the initial home and about fifty surrounding acres. As part of this effort, Matthew was on his bulldozer working to check the spread of the fire by clearing a fire break. Tragically, Matthew's bulldozer slipped and tumbled down a steep slope. Matthew later died of his injuries.

Matthew Will's youth magnifies this tragedy. He was just 30 years old. He is survived by his wife Diana "Dee Dee" Will of Hollister, California; 10-year-old son Trysten; 8-year-old daughter Elsie; parents Gary and Debbie Will of Campo, California; and brothers Brandon and Justin Will of Campo, California.

Madam Speaker, I have been an occasional Big Sur resident myself for over 50 years. In that time I have seen fire threaten or destroy the homes and property of neighbors and acquaintances. The people of Big Sur live with a heightened sense of fire's danger and a deep respect for the men and women who risk their lives fighting those fires. I know I speak for this House and my neighbors when I share our deep gratitude for his service as a firefighter, and our deep sorrow at his death. Our prayers are with Matthew Will's family, friends, and colleagues at this time of grief and loss.

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL TO MR. WILLIAM DUNN, A GREAT AMERICAN AND TEXAN, FOR 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, a congratulations and farewell is in order today for Mr. William "Cotton" Dunn.

Cotton graduated with a degree in accounting but quickly learned his true love and passion was for the game of golf. He went on to play tours, set records, and earn many respectable titles.

For the past 25 years Cotton has served as the Director of Golf at the Prestonwood Country Club. Over the years, he has received many honors. Most recently, he received the 2006 Distinguished Service Award from the Northern Texas PGA.

Much of the strength of the Lone Star State comes from the commitment and good will of individuals, and Cotton is no exception. His leadership both on and off the course has motivated, inspired, and encouraged hundreds of people, and for those reasons he will be missed.

We would like to wish you a long and happy retirement!

THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD'S 45TH INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Oklahoma National Guard's 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) which is set to deploy to Iraq early next year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Today, a farewell ceremony honoring 2,400 deploying soldiers in the 45th IBCT is taking place at the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Oklahoma. Families and friends throughout the state will have an opportunity to celebrate the patriotism and courage of Oklahoma's citizen soldiers. This will be the largest single deployment of Oklahoma's citizen soldiers since the Korean War, an important event in the history of the Oklahoma National Guard.

On October 19, 2007, the 45th IBCT will begin to move their soldiers to the mobilization station at Fort Bliss, Texas. While at Fort Bliss, the brigade will undergo 10 to 12 weeks of intense mission specific training which will prepare them for any mission unique tasks that they will be required to perform while deploying to Iraq next year.

The stakes could not be higher for success in the Global War on Terror. The 45th IBCT will play a critical role in securing Iraq from al-Qaeda and other militants seeking to undermine Iraq's growth and security, and protect America from future threats.

I know this is not the first deployment for many of these brave men and women and their families back home. Their collective sacrifice for our Nation's security is symbolic of the pride Oklahoma has for our citizen soldiers serving in times of war and conflict.

I am confident the 45th IBCT is ready to answer the call in the defense of our Nation. With this deployment, they are carrying forward the proud history of this brigade. It is an honor to represent many of these brave citizen soldiers in Congress, and I look forward to supporting the 45th IBCT's critically important mission to the fullest extent possible.

A TRIBUTE TO TYPECRAFT WOOD & JONES

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Typecraft Wood & Jones, a family-owned business, which is celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of Wood & Jones Printers and the sixtieth anniversary of Typecraft, Inc.

Wood & Jones Printers was founded in 1907 in Pasadena, California by Bert Wood, a pressman from New England and Fred Jones, a typographer from Canada. Bert's son, Richard Wood, introduced offset lithography to the business in the 1940s. Chris Wood, Bert's grandson, introduced phototypesetting and added a drive-through photocopy division to the business in the 1980s. Richard operated

and expanded the business in partnership with Bert's nephew, David Wood into the 1980s, and in 1987, Hanna Wood, granddaughter of Bert, assumed responsibility for the business.

Typecraft, Inc. was formed in 1947 by Emer Bates, and Len Jasmin, former publisher and former manager of the Pasadena Independent Newspaper. In the 1960s, Harry Montgomery joined Typecraft, Inc., partnering with Len Jasmin.

J.J. Gish, whose father Jerry Gish was a 50-year employee of Typecraft, Inc., purchased Wood & Jones Printers in 1994 and became partners with Harry Montgomery, Emer Bates' son-in-law in 2000. Typecraft, Inc. and Wood & Jones Printers were merged at that time into one company.

Both Typecraft, Inc. and Wood & Jones Printers separately and together have kept abreast of the latest technologies, creating quality printed materials for businesses, non-profit organizations, schools, museums, and fine art museums. Typecraft Wood & Jones is the annual print sponsor for AIGS Los Angeles, the Professional Association for Design.

Over the last century, Typecraft Wood & Jones has supported a variety of worthwhile local organizations and institutions such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of Pasadena, Boy Scouts of America, the Pasadena Library Foundation, Aids Service Center, Huntington Memorial Hospital, Zonta Club, John Marshall Fundamental School and the Pasadena Senior Center. In addition, Typecraft Wood & Jones also contributes to the Pasadena Art Alliance, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Pasadena Playhouse, Armory Center for the Arts and Pasadena City College School of Fine Arts.

It is my great honor to recognize Typecraft Wood & Jones upon the combined one-hundred sixty years of dedicated service to the community of greater Pasadena. I ask all members to join me in commending their efforts.

FEDERAL RAILROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2095) to, amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, and for other purposes:

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong support of the Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act of 2007, H.R. 2095, authored by Congressman JAMES OBERSTAR, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Congresswoman CORRINE BROWN, Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

This legislation, which I believe adequately balances overdue safety improvements with the need to keep commerce moving, is the first significant rail safety legislation to come before the House since the most recent authorization of federal safety programs expired nearly 10 years ago.