

sports medicine physician, practicing in Fresno. He has assisted CSU Fresno student-athletes for numerous years.

Ernest A. Bedrosian (class of 1955), Krikor Y. Bedrosian (class of 1957) and J. Kenneth Bedrosian (class of 1967) from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. The brothers are partners and leaders in the raisin industry.

John E. Horstmann (class of 1958) from the Craig School of Business. Mr. Horstmann is president of Horstmann Financial and Insurance Services in Fresno. He has been an agent of New York Life Insurance Company for almost fifty years.

James Finley (class of 1974) from the Division of Graduate Studies. Mr. Finley works the U.S. Department of Defense as the deputy undersecretary for acquisition and technology.

Larry Powell (class of 1971) from the Kremen School of Education and Human Development. Mr. Powell was elected to the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools in 2006 and has also served on numerous advisory boards for CSU Fresno.

Charles "Frank" Markarian (class of 1962) from the College of Engineering. Mr. Markarian has worked in assessment and development of advanced technologies for air-launched weapons. He was awarded the U.S. Navy's highest award for civilian service.

Dr. Bette Rusk Keltner (class of 1972 and 1974) from the College of Health and Human Services. Dr. Keltner is the Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Studies at Georgetown University.

Dr. Marlene Dong Wong (class of 1969) from the Henry Madden Library. Dr. Wong is the Director of Crisis Counseling and Intervention Services for the Los Angeles Unified School District and is considered to be an expert on school safety programs.

Dr. Joan Otomo-Corgel (class of 1972) from the College of Science and Mathematics. Dr. Otomo-Corgel is a former CSU trustee who is a dentist and a UCLA adjunct professor. She serves on the CSU Fresno National Board of Visitors.

Steve Magarian (class of 1972 and 1974) from the College of Social Sciences. Mr. Magarian is a former Fresno County sheriff.

Gerald Tahajian (class of 1963) from the Division of Student Affairs. Mr. Tahajian was a CSU Fresno student body president and is now a prominent lawyer.

The third award, the Arthur Safstrom Service Award, is awarded to an alumna or friend of CSU Fresno who has given outstanding service to the Alumni Association and/or the University. This year the award is presented to Rosellen Kershaw (class of 1947), whose volunteer services and financial support has benefited numerous community organizations, including the University.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate all of the Top Dog Award recipients for their individual contributions. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the honorees many years of continual success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF DR. BETTY CLECKLEY AND HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 18, 2007*

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Betty Cleckley, a dedicated educator for her 17 years of service and leadership to Marshall University. She has been at Marshall since 1989 when she accepted the new position of Vice President for Multicultural Affairs in Huntington, West Virginia. For her years of service to the students, faculty and staff of Marshall University and the community of Huntington I offer my deepest thanks and gratitude.

A native West Virginian, Dr. Cleckley graduated from Douglass High School before going on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Marquette University, a Master of Social Science degree from Smith College, A Ph.D. degree from Brandeis University and a post doctoral certificate in Higher Education Management from Harvard University.

Before working at Marshall, Dr. Cleckley held a number of administrative and teaching positions in the health and higher education fields. She was Associate Dean and Associate Professor of the School of Social Work at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, Interim Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Executive Assistant to the President and Coordinator of Meharry's Centers of Excellence at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee. She also served as the Director of the Black College Initiative at the Agency on Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration in Washington, DC.

In 1989, when Dr. Cleckley returned to Huntington, she did so with dreams of making a difference in her hometown community. The Harmony Institute at Marshall University was one of the many dreams she was able to realize during her tenure. The institute was conceived in 1997 with the mission to actively promote an appreciation for human and civil rights, social justice and racial harmony among students, administrators, faculty and staff, as well as among residents of surrounding communities so that they may have a global impact on achieving racial equality in this rapidly changing multicultural society. Over the years, the Harmony Institute has continued to fulfill that multicultural mission through community engagement and scholarly developments.

During her time at Marshall, she has been an active member of the community and has been honored many times over for her hard work and dedication. Dr. Cleckley served on the State of West Virginia Human Rights Commission and currently serves on the Martin Luther King, Jr. State of West Virginia Holiday Commission, Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation and the Center for Aging and Health Care in West Virginia, Inc. She is also a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Some of the many honors she has received are: "The WV Civil Rights Award" from the Governor of West Virginia in 2003, the "Celebrate Women Award in Education" award by

the West Virginia's Women Commission in 2003 and the "Betty Jane Cleckley Minority Research Award" which was established by the American Public Health Association and recognizes research on minority health issues, particularly among the elderly.

In her poem, "Still I Rise", poet and educator Maya Angelou writes:

Just like moons and like suns,  
With the certainty of tides,  
Just like hopes springing high,  
Still I'll rise.

Time and again, Dr. Betty Cleckley has proven her ability to rise up and take on new challenges. Her time at Marshall has left an indelible footprint and a legacy that will be a hard act to follow. I wish Dr. Cleckley my best in all of her future endeavors and know that whatever new tasks she decides to take on, she will as always rise to the challenge.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 18, 2007*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Wednesday afternoon, October 17, 2007 and missed 2 votes. Please note in the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that had I been present, I would have voted as noted below: Rollcall vote 979 nay; Rollcall vote 980 yea.

A MAN OF HONOR, A LIFE OF VALOR (CAPTAIN RICHARD MACON)

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 18, 2007*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to a great American. CPT Richard Macon was not only a hero to this country, but an example of how true tenacity can overcome any obstacle. Richard Macon, a prestigious Tuskegee Airmen and one of this country's most skilled pilots, taught us that determination and commitment have the ability to help one achieve his/her dreams. Captain Macon also taught us that even the ugly head of discrimination and institutional racism cannot suppress the enduring American spirit which keeps this country a leader in the world.

Macon, with a bachelor's degree in mathematics, joined the Army Air Forces in 1943 and graduated from the segregated flying school for black airmen at Tuskegee, AL, to become a fighter pilot. Lt. Macon served as a replacement pilot with the 99th Fighter Squadron and had 16 successful missions to his credit. On August 12, 1944, he was strafing ground targets over southern France when his P-51 Mustang was hit by ground fire while escorting bombers over a German radar station. His plane was flipped upside down at treetop level and the right wing separated. Macon learned that his plane had crashed into a building used by the Germans as a headquarters, killing 40 German officers and soldiers. Macon's neck was broken and the lower

part of his body was temporarily paralyzed. Narrowly missing being shot by a firing squad, he became a war prisoner for more than 9 months. Captain Macon is quoted as saying, "It was the greatest feeling in the world, seeing them tear down the swastika and raising the stars and stripes." That feeling was tempered when he returned home on a troop ship at Boston Harbor. There he was greeted by the grim reality that African Americans still had a long way to go. At the end of the gangplank were two directional signs: white go this way and colored go this way," he said. "Uh huh, the war is just starting." Captain Macon's decorations include the Air Medal, Presidential Citation and Purple Heart. He retired with the rank of Captain.

Macon's life itself is a lesson in how to succeed but Richard Macon's desire to teach others led him to acquire a master's degree and join the ranks of public education, teaching at the high school level at Northern High School and progressing to the level of principal and personnel administration in his later years. He was a truly caring person who enjoyed helping others and believed in education as a means of bettering oneself. We will remember him as an officer, a gentleman, a teacher, and a leader amongst men of greatness.

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RECOGNIZING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF BAKERSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**HON. KEVIN McCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. McCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I along with my colleague Congressman COSTA, would like to recognize the City of Bakersfield Fire Department on 130 years of excellent service to the residents of Bakersfield, Kern County, and the surrounding area in the Central Valley of California. Congressman COSTA and I both represent the City of Bakersfield and are extremely supportive and proud of the Bakersfield Fire Department.

In 1868, Colonel Thomas Baker moved into the Central Valley and settled near the present-day intersection of Truxtun Avenue and R Street. Recognized as a good neighbor, Colonel Baker would help people fight fires using buckets, a hand-drawn hook and ladder truck, and several hand-drawn two wheeled hose carts.

In 1877, the City of Bakersfield Fire Department was officially formed, relying first on hand-drawn and eventually on horse-drawn carts. Today, the Bakersfield Fire Department consists of 13 fire stations, uses modern equipment and has 13 engine companies. The department employs 183 professionally trained and sworn firefighters and 25 dedicated civilians. In fact, the Central Fire Station, which was constructed in 1939, is still in operation today.

What started in 1877 as a group of residents who wanted to keep their developing town safe from fires is now a professional, disciplined, and elite force that serves and protects more than 300,000 people and has a primary jurisdiction of more than 83,000 acres. In addition to its primary responsibilities in Bakersfield, the Fire Department also provides support services to neighboring jurisdictions in

the event of natural disasters, forest fires, and other emergencies.

My family and I have a history fighting fires in the area. My father, Owen, was an Assistant Chief for the Bakersfield Fire Department. My uncle, Tom, was the Chief of the Kern County Fire Department. Like my uncle, I also worked for the Kern County Fire Department as a Seasonal Firefighter.

For well over a century, the City of Bakersfield Fire Department has been fighting the area's fires, earning these firefighter professionals the respect and admiration of a grateful community. It is a singular person who races into burning buildings at risk of life and limb to save the lives of fellow human beings, and to drive with sirens wailing towards disaster areas to provide vital emergency and recovery services, when others are evacuating. Congressman COSTA and I are fortunate that the City that we both represent is protected by our brave firefighters. The Bakersfield Fire Department, through the service of its current and former employees, has exemplified dedication to service in the Bakersfield area for the past 130 years. I am honored to recognize the Bakersfield Fire Department's 130th Anniversary.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, due to the death of my mother, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 961–979 on Monday, October 5 through Thursday, October 18, 2007. I would like the RECORD to reflect that had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

"Yea" on rollcall votes 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 980, 981, 982; and "Nay" on rollcall votes 972, 979.

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IN HONOR OF A YOUNG HERO,  
JAZMYNE ROBINSON

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**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a special young hero in my district.

Jazmyne Robinson is only nine years old, yet when she found her two year old brother floating face down in the family swimming pool, she had the presence of mind to call her father for help and then immediately dial 911. Keeping her composure, she gave her address to the operator and remained on the phone until help arrived.

The unconscious two year old was rushed to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, where he made a full recovery after one month in a coma.

It is important that Jazmyne is recognized not only for her heroism, but so that her life-saving actions can set an example for others. Touched by Jazmyne's heroic deed, and her

baby brother's miraculous recovery, the Baby Otter Swim School in Fort Lauderdale presented the family with a gift package of free swim lessons and two water safety DVD's. The surviving toddler is no longer afraid of the water and loves to swim.

Unfortunately, not every story has a happy ending. The Center for Disease Control estimates that nine people die every day due to unintentional drowning. It is the second leading cause of death for children ages one to fourteen, and in California, Arizona and Florida, it is the number one cause of death in children under five.

The importance of drowning prevention and swimming pool safety cannot be emphasized enough. We must all work together to dramatically lower the drowning statistics in the United States and around the world. Jazmyne Robinson is an example that no one is too young or too small to benefit from pool safety and drowning education. Her heroic efforts were rewarded with a medal of honor from the Baby Otter Swim School at a ceremony with the Pembroke Pines Mayor and Broward County Commissioners.

Last week, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1721, The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, a bill that I sponsored which seeks to prevent incidents like the one that would have taken the life of Jazmyne's brother had it not been for her heroism. Our nation is touched by Jazmyne's courage and fast action.

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**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, 40 years ago, U.S. Senator Vance Hartke envisioned the creation of the U.S. Institute of Peace, USIP. Now, the realization of his dream is taking shape. We have broken ground on a new building to house the USIP on the consecrated ground of the National Mall in the Nation's capital between the Lincoln Memorial and the Kennedy Center. Senator Hartke's dream truly is a manifestation of the most ancient and ageless dream of humanity—enduring peace on earth. "I have the unshakeable conviction," Senator Hartke declared when he introduced the legislation, "that we will have it within our power and capacity not only to end the Vietnam War, but the syndrome of war itself."

This center is not the only mark on democracy he has left behind. His son Jan continues to help shape the country in the finest tradition of his father in many matters, including efforts to stop global warming, itself a threat to long-term peace.

The USIP will not be a monument to an individual nor a memorial to a significant event in our Nation's past; instead, it will be a building dedicated to an idea and the future of all people. It will be a working building where scholars with different disciplines can sift through the dynamics of war and peace and gain insights that can help America and the world avoid unnecessary or accidental conflicts and wars. With its large auditorium, it will be a place where heads of state from many different lands and cultures will be able to address their own strategies for peace. Most of