

steeped with dedication to the well-being, of not just Missouri residents, but to the entire nation. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Samuel J. Cornelius.

HONORING BILL AND LUCY
KORTUM

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 1, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I join you here today to honor Bill and Lucy Kortum for their outstanding contributions to Sonoma County, the State of California and the Nation. Having made significant changes to the environmental consciousness in California and beyond, among other good works, Bill and Lucy have changed the world permanently—for the better.

Bill's priorities were clear from the time he was young, growing up in Sonoma County where he could hike or travel anywhere in the county. His father told him, "Enjoy it now, because when you grow up, it will be gone."

Determined that wouldn't happen, Bill has contributed in many ways to protect the valued lifestyle of the community. That work has had lasting effect around the world, and resulted in a long list of notable accomplishments. For example, as co-founder of COAAST (Californians Organized to Acquire Access to State Tidelands), Bill led the fight to ensure the public's right to use California's 1,300 miles of coastline. Out of that came the California Coastal Protection Initiative, a ground-breaking measure that created the Coastal Commission to regulate development along the State's coast.

"That's not only a gift to the people of California," says Professor John Kramer of Sonoma State University, "but that bill was instrumental and served as a model for environmentalists around the globe of how you could value coast with the notion that it's a common value. And it has been re-affirmed by the Supreme Court over and over."

Among Bill's other contributions were the idea of triple use for urban wastewater, the selection and securing of land for the campus of Sonoma State University, and the idea of a hiking trail along the length of California, now called the California Coastal Trail—which includes a part named after the Kortums.

Because of his steadfast dedication, Bill is considered the dean of Sonoma County environmentalists. As such, he was the first to serve as a Sonoma County supervisor. He was also one of the founders of Sonoma County Conservation Action, an organization that has been instrumental in electing environmentally minded local officials, and is now a leader in transportation issues, as well.

Bill's ideas were always backed by Lucy's actions, says Kramer. "Bill would get an idea and Lucy would type it up on an old Underwood."

While her husband led the charge and attended meetings, Lucy organized papers and photos, typed documents and maintained computer files. It has been said of the couple's partnership that "he runs around and she organizes it."

But Lucy has contributed more than administrative support. "While Bill was preserving

our environmental heritage, Lucy was preserving our architecture," Kramer notes.

Her love of history motivated her to earn a master's degree at Sonoma State University in the subject. Her meticulous research about historic sites resulted in more than a dozen Petaluma buildings being named to the National Register of Historic Places.

It was Lucy who was responsible for the research of every one of the 144 California Carnegie libraries, Kramer notes. The thesis she wrote from this research, entitled "Carnegie Library Development in California and the Architecture it Produced, 1899–1921" served as the multiple property nomination that resulted in 10 California Carnegie libraries being added to the National Register of Historic Places. In fact, the paper still sets the standards by which such libraries achieve the National Register designation.

In recognition of her dedicated volunteer service and scholastic achievements in the field of historic preservation and research, the Sonoma County Historical Society awarded Lucy the Jeanne Thurlow Miller Individual Award in 2005. The next year, she was named Petaluma's "Good Egg" and chosen to lead the town's annual parade, an acknowledgment of her volunteer work for the Petaluma Historical Library and Museum. She still serves as a board member of the Petaluma Historical Society and Friends of the Petaluma Library.

In addition to her own accomplishments, Lucy worked tirelessly alongside her husband to bring about the coastal trail, the coastal commission and the California League of Conservation Voters, among others.

"They've been such incredible individuals," Kramer notes. "Beyond just living a good life [and raising a family of three], they've given to their community in extraordinarily wonderful ways."

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in acknowledging two amazing people who have made a difference. Thank you, Bill and Lucy, for your contributions to the betterment of Sonoma County and the world.

HONORING TEMPLE BRITH ACHIM

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 1, 2007

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the groundbreaking of Temple Brith Achim's new Life Long Learning Center.

Temple Brith Achim, a reform synagogue affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, began in 1971 as a small group of families who dreamed of building a place to worship, celebrate, mourn, teach, learn and grow. In the 36 years since this "covenant of brothers" was formed, Temple Brith Achim has flourished into a community of more than 280 families.

This past April, as part of its 36th Anniversary celebration, Temple Brith Achim honored its founders and builders for their contributions, and reflected upon the congregation's strong tradition of community sharing and caring.

Temple Brith Achim continues to provide a welcoming atmosphere rich with religious and

cultural traditions, beliefs, and rituals. Beyond worship, members of the congregation engage in charitable community outreach activities, employing social activism to improve local, national and global communities.

This weekend, the community marked the beginning of a new phase in the Temple's life with a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Center for Life Long Learning and for modernization of its existing facility. These improvements and additions will further the Temple's commitment to educating and instilling Jewish values in both its younger congregation and its adult congregants through its Religious School and Adult Education.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing this important milestone, and in congratulating the members of Temple Brith Achim for their continuing contributions to society. Their spirit of community and giving serves as an example to us all.

THE MARINE CORP MARATHON

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 1, 2007

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride I rise today to congratulate the 20,630 brave souls who finished the Marine Corp Marathon this past Sunday, October 28, and to thank all the Marines, and Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen that have sacrificed and continue to sacrifice for this Country.

Anyone that participated in the Marine Corp Marathon as a runner or a spectator should be very aware of the inherent good in humanity. The entire course was filled with Marine volunteers handing out water, friends and family of those running, and countless well-wishers who just came to cheer the runners on, and pay respect to those that have given so much.

There are 20,630 stories of why this marathon was important, and 20,630 reasons why it was special. I would like to take a minute to share just a few of these compelling and heartwarming stories.

I am told that 1st Lt. Travis Manion was excited to run the Marine Corp Marathon with his father, Colonel Thomas Manion, also an active duty Marine. Being active duty Marines they were accepted before general registration began. Unfortunately a sniper's bullet cut Travis's life short on April 29, 2007 in Al Anbar province. He was serving his second tour in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In his honor, his father ran with both their bib numbers, and nearly 100 others ran the marathon as a part of "Team Travis." All members of "Team Travis" should be proud of their hard work to honor this hero whose life was tragically cut short.

The United States Naval Academy Class of 1995 graduated a little over a decade ago just like generations of Sailors and Marines before them, ready to spread out over the world, and serve our country. This past weekend, nearly 100 members of that graduating class ran in the Marine Corp marathon to "Run to Honor" six members of their graduating class who have died in military operations from 1998 and 2007. Their fallen comrades, Marine Major Douglas Zembiec, Marine Major Megan McClung, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Erik Kristensen, Navy Lt. Richard Pugh, Navy Lt. Bruce Donald, and Navy Lt. j.g. Brendan Duffy, constitute

the highest operations related loss of any Naval Academy class since the Vietnam War. Anyone present on Sunday saw their many classmates carrying the yellow signs that read "Run to Honor," and carried the names of those heroes who have given so much.

Steve Penrose and his wife Brenna Penrose ran the marathon to raise money for the Matt Maupin Foundation. Matt Maupin, a native of Clermont County, Ohio, has been missing in Iraq since April 2004, and the Matt Maupin Foundation gives scholarships in his honor. The Penroses run raised at least \$1000 for the foundation. Madam Speaker, I pray for Matt's safe return every day, and we are all grateful for the sacrifices of Steve and Brenna.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all the members of the Capitol Hill Running Club for their hard work meeting at the Capitol at 6 a.m. to train. I would like to congratulate the coaches, Major Ben Venning, Colonel Ray Celeste, Staff Sergeant Juan Carrasco, Sergeant Shane Cooley, Gunnery Sergeant Ramses Cypress, first time marathoners Natosha Prolago and Caitlin Short from Representative PRYCE's office, and second time marathoner Chris Vieson who serves us all as a member of the Republican Whip's floor staff. Other members of the club who ran the marathon are: Bernadette Arellano, Mark Baker, Martin Bayr, Danielle Behler, Kern Briggs, Clay Brockman, Diane Cihota, Christine Clapp, Fletcher Cork, Kelly Anne Creazzo, Katrina Eagle, Jim Faucett, Kirtley Fisher, Liza Fornaciari, Jeremy Glauber, Molly Gray, Shane Hagerman, Robert Hartmans, Richard Hayden Jr., Mark Hayes, Hanz Heinrichs, Alicia Herrmann, Wallace Hsueh, Kelley Huemoeller, Timothy Joyce, Amy Judge, Katy Kale, Garrett Keeler, Andrew Kermick, Vanessa Kermick, Max Kidalov, Speros Koumparakis, Kevin Lawlor, Fitzhugh Lee, Christopher Lee, Angelical Martinez, Christopher Meyers, Maria Moncecchi, Kenneth Monroe, Philip Moore, Iffat Nawaz, Alexander Newcome, Timothy O'Rourke, Katherine Pattillo, Jeff Pickett, Gary Pinkerton, Susan Pinkerton, Rebecca Ramey, Helen Robbins, Charles Roman, Matthew Shaffer, Royce Shields, Joshua Shields, Glee Smith, Tom Stallings, Caroline Stephens, Jeff Stephens, Amy Sterling, Zachary Stone, Jade Stone, Andrew Tabler, Gerald Thomas, Steve Vahson, Jonathan Van Arsdell, Sheila Venning, Jacob Watts, Sandra Weiss, Lynn Williams, Daniel Wolf, and Justin Yee. Congratulations to you all.

I also wanted to mention several other groups equally worthy of recognition who had many dedicated runners, running for great causes: The Scraper Fi Fund, The Fisher House Foundation, the Achilles Track Club, Hope for the Warriors, Operation Homefront, USO of North Carolina, the Temporary Assistance Program for Survivors (T.A.P.S.), and the many more that I failed to mention.

TRIBUTE TO BOOKWALTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 1, 2007

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bookwalter United Methodist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee.

On November 4, many people from East Tennessee will join together to recognize Bookwalter United Methodist Church as they celebrate 125 years of ministry.

Bookwalter United Methodist Church has an exciting history that started back in 1881 when Dr. Lewis Bookwalter moved his family to Knoxville, Tennessee. Dr. Bookwalter contacted another minister by the name of Louis Bookwalter and a man by the name of John Worth. Together they learned that many people had a great interest in establishing a church in the area. In 1882, Reverend Scott Moore held a revival in a school house, in which Reverend Bookwalter assisted. As a result of this revival, Bookwalter United Methodist Church came to be.

Since then, Bookwalter United Methodist Church has continued to grow as believers commit themselves to spreading the word of God. As a result of Louis Bookwalter's call to minister a group of believers, thousands have come to know the thriving community of believers that is Bookwalter United Methodist Church.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I urge my colleagues to join me as I salute Bookwalter United Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, and wish them another 125 years of successful ministry.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LARRY THOMAS WALTZ

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 1, 2007

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Larry Thomas Waltz, the second son of Thomas and Hazel Waltz, who was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Waltz was a credit to his family and to his nation as he heroically served his country by giving the ultimate sacrifice in defending America.

As a youngster, Mr. Waltz was a strong academic student and had a passionate love of the outdoors. He excelled in both hunting and fly fishing. He chose to enlist in the United States Navy where he planned to be trained as a sniper. After extensive testing by the Navy, Mr. Waltz decided to enter Medical School at the Philadelphia Navy Hospital to train to be a heart surgeon. However, with the escalation of the Vietnam War and a shortage of corpsmen, Larry was transferred to the Marine Corps and was shipped to Vietnam on October 19, 1968.

On November 1, 1968, Mr. Waltz gave his life in service to his country when he was killed by hostile fire while attempting to give medical treatment to a marine who received injuries from sniper fire.

On the 39th anniversary of his death, I join with Larry's family to remember him, his life and his service to this great nation. I ask my colleagues to join with me to thank the many great men and women who, like Mr. Waltz, are proudly serving our Nation in their tireless pursuit to protect our freedom.

TRIBUTE TO VICTOR BERLINE

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 1, 2007

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent, Victor Berline, who died on October 29, at the age of 92.

A well-respected Kansas City photographer, Victor Berline was born in a poor neighborhood of Paris, France, to Simon and Luba Berline on April 8, 1915. He lost his parents and beloved sister, Rissa, during the Nazi occupation. Although his formal education ended with grammar school, he was well versed in English, French and German classical music, theater, and literature. His keen intelligence and quick thinking helped him survive five years as a World War II prisoner of war in Germany.

In 1946, Victor established himself in Kansas City, the home of his sister, Cecile Berline Bortnick, and her husband Joseph. Shortly thereafter, he married Miriam Gottlieb and they had two sons: Steven and Gary [the husband of Sharon Terdeman and stepfather of Jessica Terdeman]. Victor and Miriam would have celebrated their 61st anniversary on December 29.

Victor Berline's family, friends and neighbors will remember him for his amazing ability to connect with both young and old, as well as for his sense of humor, vibrant creativity, and joie de vivre. As a former Nazi POW who immigrated to the United States, he always said that he went from hell to paradise! Madam Speaker, I know that all members of the U.S. House of Representatives join me in paying tribute to the life of this remarkable man.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION AND SERVICE OF GENERAL MONTGOMERY C. MEIGS

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 1, 2007

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, with the support of my colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee, I rise to recognize the outstanding service of GEN Montgomery C. Meigs, on the occasion of his upcoming retirement from the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO).

General Meigs' leadership of JIEDDO is just the latest chapter in a storied career which has been singularly focused on protecting our nation and advancing American values at home and abroad.

General Meigs served in the Army for 35 years until January 2003. On active duty he commanded units in harm's way in the Ashau Valley in Vietnam, at Medina Ridge during Desert Storm and in Multi-National Division North in Bosnia.

From October 1998 to December 2002, he commanded U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) where he led over 57,000 soldiers. In the first year of this assignment and during the Kosovo Air Campaign he also commanded SFOR, NATO's peacekeeping operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Between 1999 and 2003,