

Alabama Farmers Federation. Raleigh joined the Federation in May 1974 as a field representative for a nine-county region of the Black Belt. He was named director of the beef division 5 years later and has overseen the cotton; meat, goat and sheep; and hay and forage divisions.

In his first year as director of the beef division, Raleigh initiated the annual Beef Tour, which continues to remain popular with Alabama's cattle producers. As beef director, he headed a beef marketing program—a highly successful program that in 1 year helped ship about \$30 million worth of Alabama cattle to 19 different States. Even though the marketing program has been phased out, the relationships established with other States are still paying dividends today.

As director of the cotton division, he helped bring the Boll Weevil Eradication Project to Alabama. Because he missed the personal interaction with farmers throughout the State, Raleigh surrendered his position with the Commodity Division in 2003 to return to the field as area organization director. Last year, Raleigh was named president of the newly formed Alabama Youth Agricultural Foundation, an organization that seeks to serve as a perennial source of funding for helping Alabama youth in agriculture. Raleigh has graciously agreed to continue to serve in this capacity until it is more established.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout Alabama. I know his family, his wife, Nancy; their daughters, Allison McCain and Avery Beatty; his many friends; Alabama farmers, and past and present Alabama Farmers Federation employees join me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his service over the years on behalf of the city of Camden and the State of Alabama.

Raleigh will surely enjoy the well deserved time he now has to spend with family and loved ones. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE SOLANO COUNTY CHILD WELFARE SERVICES DIVISION FOR THE UNVEILING OF THE SOLANO HEART GALLERY

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise with the support of my colleague, the Honorable GEORGE MILLER, in the House of Representatives, to recognize the Solano County Child Welfare Services Division for the unveiling of the Solano Heart Gallery. Their tireless efforts throughout the years have facilitated the placement of numerous foster children into permanent homes. It is especially fitting to highlight the success of the Solano County Child Welfare Division during our celebration of National Adoption Month.

Throughout the United States there are more than half a million children in foster care, with more than a fifth of those children looking for permanent homes. In the foster care system, far too often it becomes difficult to keep

brothers and sisters in the same home. In addition, many of these children face difficult physical, emotional, and behavioral challenges. These stressors compound developmental concerns and make the necessity of a permanent home even more critical. In response, the Solano County Child Welfare Division chooses to live by this simple creed, "Every child deserves a permanent, loving family and a home in which they can develop to their fullest potential." This creed is exemplified by the dedication and commitment that we see every day in Solano County.

As we celebrate the 17th annual National Adoption Month, the Solano County Child Welfare Division continues to find new and effective ways to match foster children with "forever families." Building on its success from previous years, and the ability to place 57 children into permanent homes in 2007, the Solano County Child Welfare Division is unveiling the Solano Heart Gallery. This gallery will feature many of the 190 children in Solano County who are currently seeking stable and loving homes. This Heart Gallery will travel throughout Solano visiting every city in the county during the 2008 calendar year.

We are proud to represent a county that places such a high priority on the future of our children. It is because of dedicated public servants in our community that we can all expect great things from this next generation of children. We are pleased to say that through the work of the Solano County Child Welfare Division and the newly unveiled Solano Heart Gallery, the children of Solano County will always come first.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT PHILLIP DAVID QUANDT

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life and accomplishments of St. Petersburg Police Department Sergeant Phillip David Quandt.

Phillip Quandt was a lifelong resident of St. Petersburg, Florida. He was born on February 2, 1962 in St. Anthony's Hospital. He graduated from Central Pinellas Christian School in 1980 and earned his Bachelor's degree from Bob Jones University. Never one to sit idle, Phillip not only obtained his Master's degree in 1997 from Troy State University, but was working on his Doctorate at Argosy University until his recent passing and tragic death on August 27, 2007.

Madam Speaker, Phillip Quandt's ambitions set him on a bright law enforcement career with the St. Petersburg Police Department where he was hired on November 5, 1984. Sworn in as a police officer on July 31, 1985, Phillip immediately distinguished himself as a rising star in the Department. In addition to serving as a patrol officer, Phillip was a prolific DUI officer, Community Police Officer, Career Criminal Detective, and Auto Theft Detective. Then on May 1, 2000, Phillip Quandt was promoted to the high ranking level of Sergeant. He served as both a Community Policing Sergeant and a Patrol Sergeant.

Even though Sgt. Quandt was a shining star in the St. Petersburg Police Department, he

shone even more brilliant in his family life. He met his lovely wife, Robbyn, in college and fell deeply in love. The two were married on January 2, 1987. Phillip and Robbyn were blessed with two wonderful children, fifteen-year old, Ryan, and eleven-year old, Trevor.

Like the St. Petersburg Police Department, Robbyn and the boys are absolutely devastated by the sudden and unexpected passing of Phillip. While their loss is profound, I am certain that they are proud to continue the legacy of service and honor that Sgt. Quandt has left behind.

Madam Speaker, I salute Sergeant Phillip David Quandt for a job well done and pray for his family and their well being.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, today I offer my congratulations to the United States Marshals Service, as well as a hearty "Welcome Home" to Fort Smith, Arkansas.

At "high noon" today, trucks from ABF Freight System arrived with precious cargo: the history of the United States Marshals Service. They arrived from Wyoming to their new hometown of Fort Smith, the future site of the United States Marshals Museum.

Today's arrival is a symbolic event, but just a temporary stop. The Marshals collection, now inside Arkansas' borders, will be secured in a safe location while we build a proper home of the legendary history of the Marshals Service.

From the arrival of the "Hanging Judge" Isaac Parker and through such men as Deputy Marshal Bass Reeves, an African-American deputy who arrested more than 3,000 men, the history of the Marshals Service and the history of Fort Smith, Arkansas, have been continually linked.

Today, we take the next step in making that link permanent. The legacy of the United States Marshals Service is now in Arkansas.

Congratulations to Fort Smith and congratulations to the United States Marshals.

Welcome home.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I was detained in my district and was unable to have my vote recorded on the House floor on Monday, November 5, 2007, for H.R. 3222 (roll No. 1034), H.R. 513 (roll No. 1035), and H. Res. 744 (roll No. 1036). Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of these measures.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL 7**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I along with Hon. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER, Hon. ANNA G. ESHOO, Hon. MIKE HONDA, Hon. GEORGE MILLER, Hon. TOM LANTOS, Hon. ZOE LOFGREN, Hon. MIKE THOMPSON, Hon. PETE STARK and Speaker NANCY PELOSI are proud to rise today to honor Teamsters Joint Council 7 on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. Theirs is a proud history, whose origins in the days of the California Gold Rush speak to a long-time concern for the welfare of working people.

In the mid-1800s, when San Francisco was a booming Gold Rush town, the Teamsters Association was formed to address competition from Australians who had arrived with stronger horses. While not a true trade union, it was the first teamster organization on the West Coast and the precursor of Teamsters Joint Council 7.

The Teamsters Association collapsed in the depression of 1854, and in 1856, a new Draymen's and Teamsters Union was formed. By 1888, however, the majority of working teamsters had dropped out, leaving a guild of employers and bosses. Due to poor conditions, a second attempt was made to create a union in 1900, and again the organization was commandeered by employers.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters came into existence in 1903 and stepped up to organize local unions by occupation after the 1906 earthquake led to a more complex system of goods distribution. On November 18, 1907, the Joint Council was chartered to oversee these groups.

By 1912 there were 13 groups ranging from hackmen to ice wagon drivers. The Joint Council helped in disputes with employers as well as differences among the locals, relieving union officers of many routine duties and improving the welfare of the membership.

In those early years, Teamsters Local 85 dominated the operations and provided notable leadership. Local 85 had demonstrated its ability to create solidarity when they called a strike in 1901. Other labor unions rallied around, and the employers backed down. This action earned San Francisco a reputation as the strongest "Union Town" in the nation.

Today Joint Council 7 has 15 affiliates and serves the greater Bay Area from Santa Rosa in the north to Salinas/Monterey in the south. The current affiliates are:

Local 70, Oakland, Chuck Mack, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 78, Hayward, Steve Mack, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 85, San Francisco, Van Beane, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 278, San Francisco, Jack Bookter, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 287, San Jose, Bill Hoyt, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 315, Martinez, Dale Robbins, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 350, Daly City, Robert Morales, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 490, Vallejo, Carlos Borba, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 624, Santa Rosa, Bob Carr, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 665, Daly City, Ernie Yates, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 853, San Leandro, Rome Aloise, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 856, San Bruno, Joseph Lanthier, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 890, Salinas, Franklin Gallegos, President; Local 896,

Vallejo, Rene Medrano, Secretary-Treasurer; Local 912, Watsonville, Brad Sebring, Secretary-Treasurer.

Under the leadership of president Chuck Mack, who has served for 25 years, the organization has developed many additional functions. These include legal support, a commercial drivers' training program, political activity to support working families, alcohol and drug treatment, and maintenance of a charitable trust to assist members after disasters and tragedies as well as to support community causes.

Their own words say it best: "100 hundred years old and our members are still priority number one!"

Madam Speaker, organized labor in this country has led to better wages, health care, and pensions for workers. Throughout the years, Teamsters Joint Council 7 has reaffirmed its commitment to the working families of the Bay Area. We all wish Joint Council 7 continued success in the future and hope that their second hundred years will be as productive as the first hundred.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELECTION
OF CARL B. STOKES AS MAYOR
OF CLEVELAND**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of a personal hero, Carl B. Stokes. Today marks the 40th anniversary of his historic election as mayor of the city of Cleveland. The first African American mayor of a large American city, Carl Stokes was an inspiration not only to people of color, but all Americans.

Carl Stokes was born June 21, 1927 in Cleveland, OH to Charles Stokes, a laundry worker, and Louise Stokes, a cleaning woman. His father died when he was two, leaving his mother to raise Carl, and his brother, my predecessor, former Congressman Louis Stokes, alone. They lived in Cleveland's first federally funded housing project for the poor Outhwaite Homes.

Although a good student, Carl dropped out of high school in 1944. He worked briefly for Thompson Products before joining the U.S. Army at the age of 18. Following his discharge in 1946, Stokes returned to Cleveland and earned his high school diploma in 1947.

He would attend several colleges before earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1954. He went on to graduate from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1956 and was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1957.

While studying law he was a probation officer. For four years, he served as assistant prosecutor and became partner in the law firm of Stokes, Stokes, Character, and Terry, and continued to practice throughout his political career.

In 1962, he became the first black elected to the Ohio House of Representatives, where he served for three terms. He made his first run for mayor of Cleveland in 1965, narrowly losing the bid. He would mount a second run in 1967 where he was able to mobilize both black and white voters to defeat Seth Taft, the

grandson of a former U.S. president William Howard Taft, by a 50.5 majority. As mayor, Stokes opened city hall jobs to blacks and women and initiated Cleveland: Now!, a public and private funding program aimed at the revitalization of Cleveland neighborhoods. Additionally, the National League of Cities elected him as their first black president-elect. He was reelected in 1969, and in 1971 chose not to run for a third term.

After his mayoral administration, Stokes lectured to colleges around the country. In 1972 he became the first black anchorman in New York City when he took a job with television station WNBC-TV. He returned to Cleveland in 1980 and began serving as general legal counsel for the United Auto Workers.

In 1983, he decided to run for the municipal court judgeship that I had vacated against an incumbent judge appointee. This election was the beginning of a long friendship that I could have never dreamed of or anticipated as a young volunteer on his 1967 campaign. From 1983 to 1994 he in that seat where he developed a reputation as a fair judge with a common sense approach to the law.

President Bill Clinton then appointed him U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles. He was awarded 12 honorary degrees, numerous civic awards, and represented the United States on numerous goodwill trips abroad by request of the White House.

Along with all of Carl Stokes great achievements, he inspired a young, black college student who was volunteered to work on his 1967 mayoral campaign to follow her dreams. He was a shining example for this young black woman, that through hard work and determination you could do the impossible. That young African American woman was me. I am able to serve here in Congress as the first African American woman elected to the House of Representatives from the state of Ohio, because Carl Stokes paved the way for me and many others. If there were no Carl Stokes, there would be no STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES. I am truly blessed to have been able to call him and his brother my friend. So, it is my honor and privilege to recognize this significant milestone today, and simply say, thank you Carl Stokes for your courage and tenacity forty years ago, and for inspiring me to follow my dreams.

HONORING AMBASSADOR RONALD
WEISER AS THE 2007 CHELSEA
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, it is my special privilege to recognize Ambassador Ronald Weiser upon his receiving of the 2007 Chelsea Citizen of the Year Award. It is with great admiration that I congratulate Ambassador Ronald Weiser on behalf of all who have benefited from his hard work and dedication.

Ambassador Weiser, founder of McKinley Properties, understands the importance of a vibrant downtown to the growing Chelsea community. Through McKinley Properties, the