

what hat you were wearing after 9/11, because everyone was exposed to the same toxins. Provisions in the bill recognize that reality; for the first time residents, area workers and school children who were exposed to the deadly toxins will move toward having the same high quality care that responders have. We've been fighting for residents for a long time, and this is a giant first step in taking care of them. I want to sincerely thank Chairman OBEY and his outstanding subcommittee staff for their hard work.

It is critical that the Federal Government step up to the plate and fulfill its responsibility to all the victims of the attacks of September 11. New Yorkers know it, people from everywhere else in the Nation know it, and this spending measure shows that Congress knows it, as well. The President should sign this bill to keep our commitment to our veterans and invest in crucial domestic priorities, so that we can show all Americans we're serious about putting the people's priorities first and ensuring that the heroes and heroines of 9/11 get the care they need and deserve. It is the least we can do as a grateful Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLD HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the historic Old Homestead Subdivision at Eleven Mile and Drake Roads in Farmington Hills, Michigan as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary on November 10, 2007.

The Old Homestead Subdivision takes its name from the original 240-acre tract taken out in 1824 by Mr. Edward Steele. The deed, which was signed by President John Quincy Adams, was granted to the first "homesteader," who was required to clear the wilderness and establish a home while paying \$1.25 an acre. It was on this land that Mr. Steele built a home, a farm, and a mill for his family.

It was Edward Steele's grandson, Frank Steele, who would leave the largest mark on this community. After a fire destroyed his grandfather's farmhouse, Frank and his wife, the former Bertha Crosby, the daughter of the first soldier to enlist in the Civil War from Michigan, commissioned a stone house to be built on Eleven Mile Road. They were both active members of the community, where Frank served on the Township Board and as a Justice of the Peace, while Bertha was active in all the local women's organizations. The house stayed within the Steele family until 1989 when it was made part of the Farmington Hills Historic District by Frank's nephew, Robert Bohme.

Throughout the years, the farm land originally purchased by Edward Steele has been sold and developed into country homes for folks seeking solace from the busy city life of Detroit. Stores, cider mills, and inns began to dot the pastoral landscape, bringing commerce to the community. Road development allowed more families to settle into suburban life in Farmington Hills, and like many subdivisions that formed after World War II, the

homestead was established on November 10, 1957.

Even with all of the new construction and development that came over the years, the Old Homestead kept hold of the unique features that made it what it is. The Old Homestead remains home to historic Elliot Sprague House, which was built in 1880, and the Erie Prince Sawmill, which now is a cider mill. These mainstays keep the Old Homestead as the quaint neighborhood it was when formed.

Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to the rich history of the Old Homestead Subdivision. Its contribution to the character of the city of Farmington Hills is beyond measure, and I congratulate the residents on the 50th anniversary of its founding.

HOUSTON CRIME STOPPERS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, the safety and security of American communities is a vital ingredient in the preservation of liberties we as a nation hold dear. Nonetheless, individuals occasionally attempt to upset our sense of wellbeing. Holding these criminals accountable for their actions is thus of the utmost importance. Since 1981, Houston Crime Stoppers has tirelessly worked towards keeping our neighborhoods protected through helping law enforcement solve numerous cases.

Imported, from a similar program in Albuquerque, New Mexico, by members of the Exchange Club of Houston, the organization quickly grew into a world leader, assisting to solve felony offences. The success achieved by this group is made possible through the ease of reporting information to the Tip Line. As a result of assigning callers with code numbers, anonymity is easily maintained, while encouraging informants to continue to contact Crime Stoppers. If the information provided leads to an arrest, a financial reward is then given to the appropriate citizens. From 1981 to 2006 over 6.5 million dollars have been paid in cash rewards, a testament towards the large response to Crime Stoppers throughout the Houston community.

Prevention is also a key aspect of Houston Crime Stoppers mission. Serving over 200 area middle and high schools, the Safe School Program works to educate students and administrators about how to recognize dangers. Their focus in particular concerns gang activity, terrorist threats, and possession of dangerous weapons. Students can report serious crimes to officers, through the anonymous tip line before they escalate into perilous situations. These informed campuses are better protected as a result, illustrated alone by the 52 gun related arrests in just the past decade.

A similar initiative sponsored by Crime Stoppers is the Safe Apartment Program. Like preventative programs in area schools, the identifying crime is a major concentration. Complex managers and staff are taught how to recognize and report criminal activity. Residents also can inform officers of offenders in their community, through the Tip Line. This has proven to effectively reduce crime, making the affected neighborhoods increasingly safer.

Operating in partnership with citizens, media, law enforcement, and the criminal jus-

tice system, Houston Crime Stoppers is now the number one community based organization dedicated to deciphering and preventing serious crime. Since their 1981 inception, 26,593 cases have been closed as a result of these dedicated citizens. Of these many servings of justice, they solved 817 homicides, 832 murders, and apprehended 8917 felony fugitives. Still, these statistics make up only a portion of the many other transgressions resolved as a result of Houston Crime Stoppers.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING GEORGE BARRETT'S 50 YEARS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George E. Barrett for his 50 years of service in Nashville's legal profession. A long-time champion of civil rights, George has gained a reputation as one of Tennessee's foremost judicial consciences.

During the 1950s and 1960s, Nashville was the backdrop for many powerful demonstrations during the Civil Rights Movement, including the famous lunch counter sit-ins. In the midst of that movement, George Barrett earned his law degree blocks away at Vanderbilt University and decided to practice law right there in the city where he grew up.

George made a name for himself as a defender of the underdog. His work on Tennessee's Geier case is a remarkable example of a civil rights issue that George tenaciously took on and saw through its duration of more than three decades.

George has been a friend for many years, and I congratulate him on his 50 years as a fearless attorney. As one of the partners at his law firm wisely suggested, we doubt he will ever actually retire. I wish George many more years of success and happiness in his career and in his personal life.

IN RECOGNITION OF NAVSYS CORPORATION, 2007 TIBBETTS AWARD WINNER FOR THE TALON NAMATH PROGRAM

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate NAVSYS Corporation for receiving the 2007 Tibbets Award given in recognition of the successful Talon NAMATH Program. The Tibbets Award, named for Roland Tibbets, honors organizations, individuals, and small businesses who demonstrate achievement in the area of Small Business Innovation Research.

Located in my hometown of Colorado Springs, NAVSYS Corporation was founded in 1986 by Dr. Allison Brown. Since its inception, this company has sought to promote the use of Global Positioning System in a variety of applications, both commercial and military. The Talon NAMATH Program for which

NAVSYS received the Tibbets Award has provided crucial support to our military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I am proud to represent such an accomplished business and hope that this achievement by NAVSYS inspires other businesses in my district. Today, I offer my congratulations to NAVSYS and all those who worked so diligently on the Talon NAMATH Program. It is innovations by companies like this that will keep our country secure.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WENDY DARWELL

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my longtime staff member and dear friend, Wendy Darwell as she prepares to embark on the next adventure in her life. Wendy has served the people of New York's 26th and now 22nd congressional district with great distinction for the past 13 years, holding several positions of responsibility in my office, most importantly as my chief of staff. Wendy's tenure in my office has been defined by a deep commitment to serving the people of New York and a dedication to the operation of our organization, working to ensure efficient and effective service to the residents of my congressional district and the people of our country.

Wendy Darwell originally hailed from the Village of Tivoli in Dutchess County, New York. She attended American University here in Washington and began working in my office as an intern while taking undergraduate courses in 1995. Wendy quickly established herself as an effective member of my staff and quickly worked her way through many positions in my office; first as a legislative correspondent, then as a legislative assistant, press secretary and finally, for the past seven years, as my chief of staff. She is well-known for her grace under pressure, her leadership,

and her professionalism and courtesy. Wendy has overseen many significant projects and initiatives that have benefited the country as a whole. But most importantly, she embraced every opportunity to improve the lives of the constituents I represent and did so with compassion and energy. I would not have been able to serve the people of the New York congressional districts I have represented as effectively without the extraordinary leadership and skill contributed by Wendy Darwell.

Madam Speaker, it is with a deep sense of gratitude that I rise today to thank Wendy Darwell for her many years of dedicated service to me, to the people of New York's 26th and 22nd congressional districts, and to this country. She leaves behind a long list of accomplishments and a staff and a congressman who will miss her deeply. I wish her well in her new endeavors and look forward to staying in close contact with her.

THE MOST REVEREND CURTIS JOHN GUILLORY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to recognize the Most Reverend Curtis John Guillory, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Beaumont. Bishop Guillory was born in Mallet, Louisiana to a family of cotton sharecroppers as the oldest of sixteen children.

He graduated from St. Augustine Seminary in 1964 and was ordained to priesthood in 1972. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree and two Master's Degrees, one in Divinity and one in Christian Spirituality. He was ordained as auxiliary Bishop in 1988, and installed as the fifth Bishop of Beaumont in July of 2000. He is the first African-American to be Bishop of Beaumont, and the first African-American ordinary (Bishop with full jurisdiction) of any Diocese in Texas.

His first assignment was to St. Augustine Parish in New Orleans, Louisiana, which was

the home parish of Mr. Plessy of Plessy vs. Ferguson—the case that decided, “separate but equal” was constitutional (later overturned by Brown vs. Board of Education).

The Bishop's Episcopal motto is Romans 8:28, which says, “For those who love God, all things work together for good.” His hobbies include reading, exercising, and traveling; the latter two came in handy when he carried the Olympic torch in 1996, as it traveled across the country!

As the Vicar of Christ in the Diocese of Beaumont, which includes St. Anthony Cathedral, one of only four Minor Basilicas in Texas, the Bishop carries out his threefold ministry as teacher of doctrine, a priest of sacred worship, and a minister of governance.

Bishop Guillory is known for his frequent visits to parishes and schools. He gives his time freely throughout the community and across the country, and has served on a host of boards, including the USCCB African American Catholics in Washington, DC; Julie Rogers Gift of Life Program in Beaumont, TX; IEA—Inspire, Encourage, Achieve; NCCB Committee on World Missions, Washington, DC; Apostleship of the Sea USA in Washington, DC; Gulf Coast Epilepsy Association; Houston Area Urban League; Housing Opportunities, Inc.; Downtown Houston YMCA; Mental Health Association of Greater Houston; Child Advocates, Inc.

He was also a 2006 recipient of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award for Catholic Education, from the National Catholic Educational Association for the successes of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Beaumont. This honor is awarded to those whose personal or professional philanthropy of volunteer service has impacted Catholic education in the U.S., and our country's youth in general.

I am proud to recognize the Most Reverend Bishop Curtis Guillory for his distinguished ministry and service. He has helped make our world a better place to live, and I applaud his unwavering compassion dedication to the community and all of humanity.

That's just the way it is.