

leadership, service and outdoor skills, Eagle Scouts must earn 21 merit badges, 12 specific merit badges are required, including, First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Environmental Science, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Camping, and Family Life.

Service and responsibility are the foundation of the Boy Scouts of America, and these fine young men have mastered an array of skills. Today I want to honor their commitment to these principles.

It is my privilege today to congratulate the following Eagle Scouts on their fine accomplishment:

Morgan Campbell, Anthony Stokes, Michael Maloof, Colin Bornmann, Daryl Lambert, Tyler Campbell, David Benhammou, Joshua Bonlek, Jacob Gelsinger, James Allen, Andrew Perroni, Eric Gillaspie, Stephen Byvoet, Erik Schlabs, Aaron Straight.

Timothy Martin, Erik Umland, Charles Overbay, Nathaniel Jeffrey, Christopher Wu, Jeffrey Marlor, Michael McCreight, Benjamin Kush, Adam Colvin, Anil Damle, Michael Joseph, Alexander Norr, Jonathan Miller, Steven Falk, Peter Zupan, Aaron Schlagheck, Jacob Whatcott, Mathew Jennings, Christopher Howe, Brandon Turner.

Austin Nestlerode, Aric Higgins, Aaron Burkhardt, Gregory Wingerter, Stephen Fitzwater, Christopher Malley, Andrew Petering, Andrew Renahan, Michael Tope, Gregory Williams, Joshua Antuna, Jeff Tindell, Gabriel Bennett, Joseph Becar, Stephen Marzulla, Alexander McElhaney, Kyle Moody, Nathan Bennion, Peter Zupan, Jeffery Seymore.

Andrew Kugler, Charles Balch, Joshua Godshall, Timothy Jutras, Devin Sperle, Christopher Weiler, John Vogt, Cameron Ackley, Austin Williams, Stephen Cooley, Christopher Maddox, Benjamin Carlson, Nicholas Holmes, Forrest Lampella, David Law, Daniel McConkie, Kyle Spencer, Adam Stanton, Mark Nader, Tyler Hill.

Benjamin Hallgarth, Daniel Evans, Brian Hicks, Nicholas Glass, Aaron Busse, Derek Kirchhoefer, Alexander Ramsay, William Whittemore, Jr., Luke Saunders, Connor O'Laughlin, Nicholas Davis, Aaron Novy, Ian Watson, Sean Steele, Jordan Barnett, Kenji Tanabe, Christopher Ciccolella, Bryan Bredfeldt, Jonathan Johnson, Christopher Temple.

Michael Temple, Matthew Davidson, Adam Feliz, Sean Anderson, David Lloyd, Raymond Stauffer, Adam Khan, Stephen Hornung, Stephen Gremillion, Robert Miller, Adam Jensen, Peter Mattingly, Benjamin Provolt, Robert Burns, James Dwyer, Christopher Hare, Nicholas Cunningham, Skylar Warner, Jared Stoltz, Erik Rodriguez.

Adam Phipps, Adam Muffler, Joseph Yeurdjian, Seth Grover, Matthew Heimerman, Krystopher Ford, Robert Burton, James Nealy, Carson Hiltbrand, Nathan Mather, Matthew Sewell, Nicholas Kramer, Matthew Ford, Michael Coleman, Kevin Zrust, Trevor Wallner, Jordan Smiley, Matthew Zrust, Nikolas Rajcevich, Bryan Rapacz.

Colby Baker, Chad Barends, Alma Dally, Daniel Hellewell, Kurt Hanson, Roger Greenlaw III, Andrew Grimald, Aaron Cowles, Thomas Lightbody.

#### TRIBUTE TO S. JERRARD SMITH

#### HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. S. Jerrard Smith, a philanthropist and leader for Colorado Springs.

He was a respected businessman, who served as president of Western Forge from 1998–2001 and also the managing director of the Colorado Baking Company. Yet what he valued more than any of these accomplishments was a drive for making the community of Colorado Springs a better place for all residents.

Mr. Smith epitomized philanthropy and giving. Under his leadership, fundraising grew over 18 percent during his 5 years as United Way president, to more than \$5.5 million that goes a long way toward community projects and revitalization. He has left a legacy for Pikes Peak United Way that no other has nor ever will.

Jerry was a man with great vision and a passion for giving. He lived all of the core principles that United Way champions—Respect, Caring, Fairness, Integrity, Competence, Celebration and Passion. Friends described him as a renaissance man, who enjoyed symphony, opera, gardening, and gourmet cooking, a man equally at ease talking about football and azaleas.

There was a special place in his heart for this community and the United Way. He had served the agency first as chair in the 1980s, and was its chair again in 2002, when the position of CEO opened and he sought it.

Jerry passed away while doing something he loved—running in North Cheyenne Canyon. Jerry touched the lives of everyone he met, his legacy is eternal. The City of Colorado Springs is deeply grateful for his contributions and he will be missed.

#### TRIBUTE TO GUARDIAN INDUSTRIES AND ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I want to pay tribute to Guardian Industries which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this week. This company's positive impact on Michigan's economy should be commended and I am pleased they are headquartered in my district, in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

Guardian is one of the largest manufacturers of float glass and fabricated glass products. They also manufacture and supply the automotive industry with a variety of exterior products and have a significant presence in the building materials distribution business. In addition, Guardian is the world's largest producer of mirrors.

Guardian Industries began in 1932 as Guardian Glass Company, a small windshield fabricator in Detroit, Michigan. In 1968, the company changed its name to Guardian Industries Corporation and two years later they opened their first float glass manufacturing line

in Carleton, Michigan. Nearly thirty years later, in 1995, Guardian moved their corporate headquarters to a new facility in Auburn Hills, which I now represent.

Guardian Industries long-time contribution to Michigan's economy is substantial. Through three divisions—glass, automotive, and building products—Guardian Industries employs nearly 19,000 workers, including more than 1,000 in southeast Michigan. Guardian's commitment to making southeast Michigan a focus point for innovation can be seen through the company's Science & Technology Center. Guardian has also been an active supporter of the community, such as offering scholarships for local students pursuing advance education and providing financial support to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Madam Speaker, Guardian Industries has been a leader in the United States and global glass, automotive, and building products industries. I congratulate them on their 75th anniversary as they continue to implement its philosophy of entrepreneurship and progressive management.

#### HONORING DR. MARSHA COLEMAN-ADEBAYO FOR HER LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO CIVIL RIGHTS

#### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today, as we begin observance of Black History Month, to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Dr. Marsha Coleman-Adebayo, a leader in the struggle for civil rights and worker protection.

Dr. Marsha Coleman-Adebayo won an historic lawsuit in 2000 against the Environmental Protection Agency for race, sex, and color discrimination and a hostile work environment. As a result of this victory and her subsequent testimony before Congress, the Notification of Federal Employees Anti-Discrimination and Retaliation Act ("NO FEAR Act") was passed by Congress and signed into law. Thousands of federal workers and their families have benefited from this law.

After passage of this legislation, Dr. Coleman-Adebayo formed the No FEAR Coalition, a group of civil rights and whistle-blowing organizations dedicated to working for increased legislative protections for federal employees, who speak out to protect the public good. We must ensure that these courageous individuals are not penalized.

Dr. Coleman-Adebayo has had a distinguished academic career. She earned a B.A. degree from Barnard College/Columbia University and a doctorate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She holds an academic chair at George Mason University and is an Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Studies. She has also taught at MIT, American University and the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Dr. Coleman-Adebayo has served at the United Nations, representing it in Ethiopia and Tanzania. At the National Summit on Africa, she chaired the Sustainable Development and Environment Expert Group and was the Executive Secretary for the U.S./South Africa Bi-national Commission.

Dr. Coleman-Adebayo's work has been frequently recognized and she has received numerous honors and awards, including Harvard University's award for Outstanding Commitment to Global Health and Development and Good Housekeeping Magazine's Woman of the Year. She was selected by the National Whistleblower Center as one of the most influential "truth-tellers" in the United States and was inducted into the Project on Government Oversight's Hall of Fame. Dr. Coleman-Adebayo is the subject of a major motion picture, currently in production, entitled "No FEAR: The Marsha Coleman-Adebayo Story."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Dr. Marsha Coleman-Adebayo for her lifelong commitment to civil and workers' rights.

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HONORING NEWARK MAYOR DAVID W. SMITH

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**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 2007*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Mayor of Newark, California, David W. Smith. Mayor Smith has served the citizens of Newark, California for 27 years. He has the distinction of being the longest serving Mayor in California and presently the fourth longest serving Mayor in the United States.

Mayor Smith is a native of Detroit, Michigan. He has extensive management experience in the private sector and is currently Executive Director for Asset and Enterprise Management Systems at Ohlone College.

His government experience is equally impressive. He was elected to the Newark City Council in 1976 and was elected Mayor in 1978. He has served in the United States Conference of Mayors in a myriad of capacities including Trustee on the Executive Committee, Nominating Committee Chair, Membership Committee Chair, member of the Arts Committee and the Education Committee.

Mayor Smith is past President of the Alameda Conference of Mayors and former Chairman of the Alameda County Transportation Authority. He is Chairman of the Newark Redevelopment Agency, the Newark Community Development Advisory Committee and the Newark Disaster Council.

His awards and honors are noteworthy. He is a life member of the U.S. Jaycees, and had the honor of being selected as one of California's Five Outstanding Young Men, Outstanding Young Alumni at Michigan Technological University and is a former member of Mensa. He is among the Distinguished Alumni of Calumet High School and received the Hometown Hero Award from the Newark National Little League.

On March 22, 2007, the Mission Peak District of the Boy Scouts of America will present Mayor Smith with its 2006 "Good Scout Award" at a community breakfast in its honor. I join the community expressing appreciation to Mayor David Smith for his commitment to service.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE PERMANENT INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT OF 2007

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**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 2007*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act of 2007. This legislation completes the work begun by Congress in 1998, by permanently banning discriminatory or duplicative state or local taxes on Internet access and e-commerce.

When Congress first instituted a temporary moratorium in 1998, the goal was to promote the growth of online commerce and encourage universal access. This policy has been a resounding success, fostering growth in productivity and innovation and widening public access to information. A 2006 report by the Pew Internet and American Life Project demonstrated that 73 percent of those polled were Internet users, up from 66 percent in a similar 2005 survey. While Americans use the Internet for a myriad of reasons, e-commerce has particularly flourished and continues to grow at an exceptional rate. In 2006 alone, online retail exceeded \$100 billion, increasing 24 percent over 2005.

Despite the successes we have seen, there is still much work to be done. Internet usage still lags behind in rural and lower income areas and the United States has fallen from 4th to 16th in broadband penetration worldwide since 2001. In order to reverse this trend, we need to ensure that access costs are kept to a minimum. Prohibiting unnecessary access taxes will help accomplish this goal.

We also need to allow unfettered access to the products and new services that are only available through the Internet and prevent multiple layers of state and local taxes. Otherwise, we will open the door to a myriad of barriers to Internet commerce that will drive consumers from a web-based marketplace and stifle innovation.

Congress twice passed extensions to the moratorium in 2001 and again in 2004. Unfortunately, in November of this year the most recent extension will expire. Should Congress fail to renew this moratorium the continued growth and progress in Internet access and e-commerce will be endangered.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting my efforts to make this moratorium permanent and finally assure consumers that their Internet access and e-commerce will remain unhindered by discriminatory and duplicative taxes.

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BLOUNTSTOWN FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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**HON. ALLEN BOYD**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 2007*

Mr. BOYD of Florida. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to congratulate a group of students from Blountstown, FL, who have recently won the National Future Farmers of America Forestry Career Development Event at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

The forestry team from Blountstown represented the State of Florida, competing against 37 other teams from around the country in the national forestry event. The competition was part of the 79th National FFA Convention.

I am pleased to recognize all of the members of the Blountstown forestry team who contributed to the victory. The championship team consisted of Blountstown students Nic Stoltzfus, Will Leonard, Max Herndon, and Jennie Fagen. As the winning team, these exceptional students received scholarships to further their educations at a post-secondary institution of their choice. Leading the team of future agricultural professionals was Blountstown FFA sponsor Ron Mears.

These students have demonstrated impressive knowledge in the area of forest management, and I'm so proud of their hard work and their dedication to this important field. On behalf of my fellow Floridians, I applaud the Blountstown Future Farmers of America on their victory and national recognition.

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LANE EVANS POST OFFICE BUILDING

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SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2007*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 521 which would designate the United States Postal Service building located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, IL, as the Lane Evans Post Office Building. I thank Representative HARE for introducing this legislation.

Lane Evans has been a close and dear friend to me and my husband, Bob Creamer, since Lane's very first campaign in 1982. That friendship, through thick and thin, has been and will always be so precious to us. We are grateful to Lane for being such an important part of our lives. We love him very much.

I had the privilege of working for Lane Evans's first campaign. At the time Lane declared his candidacy, he was considered a sacrificial lamb running against a well-entrenched Republican incumbent. His winning seemed like a pipe dream. However, there was something special in this young, legal assistance attorney, and he quietly fought to win his seat in the House, giving the many labor union workers, consumer and civil rights activists, and ordinary residents of this western Illinois district the representation they deserved.

During that first campaign, Lane was modest, unassuming, friendly, and also inspiring. He showed a humble respect for each and every voter, addressing them in the soft-spoken, sincere manner that he never lost. The quiet strength that came from being a United States Marine during the Vietnam era always shone through.

From the first day and throughout his career in the House, Lane Evans remained true to his core progressive beliefs. The working and retired men and women of his district and the veterans throughout the Nation could always count on Lane Evans being there for them—no excuses, no exceptions.

As the Ranking Democrat of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, Lane Evans was