

their staff on many of our most critical educational issues. In the past 10 years, she has specialized in elementary and secondary education, including No Child Left Behind. Sandra was involved in helping to pass NCLB and has kept the lines of communication open between the Executive and Legislative branches of Government.

Sandra is a career civil servant who knows that Federal education policy matters. She has served under administrations of both parties and has consistently received internal recognition for her professionalism and commitment to excellence. Her quiet, thoughtful comments in congressional meetings and discussions with congressional staff have provided both with information and guidance. Sandra's Rolodex is renowned for both its size and breadth. And no matter how stressful the situation because of time pressures or personalities, Sandra has never lost her calm, composed, and friendly demeanor.

After graduating from Southern Illinois University, where she was an honors student, Sandra Cook began her professional life as a teacher. She taught language arts and history for 6 years in West Lafayette, IN. Though she did not stay in the classroom as a career, those experiences shaped the rest of her professional life, particularly her work at the U.S. Department of Education.

Sandra's public service prior to joining the Department included work for several Members of Congress: Representatives Robert Daniel, Jr., Tom Railsback, and Rod Chandler; and Senator Paul Trible. She also worked for Fairfax County Supervisor Farrell Egge in Virginia, who represented the Mt. Vernon district.

As she retires from Government service and heads back to her family in her home State of Illinois, I am proud to thank Sandra Cook publicly on behalf of this Congress for her many contributions to our Nation and its students.

HONORING THE BAND CHICAGO FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the numerous achievements of the band Chicago and congratulate them as they celebrate their 40th anniversary with a concert event at the Chicago History Museum on December 4, 2007. Over the last four decades, Chicago has become one of the most successful and longest lasting musical groups in history, and their music has touched hundreds of millions of listeners around the world.

The band was originally formed in 1967 as the Chicago Transit Authority by saxophonist Walter Parazaider, trombonist James Pankow, trumpet player Lee Loughnane, guitarist Terry Kath, keyboardist Robert Lamm, drummer Danny Seraphine, and bassist Peter Cetera. Within 2 years, this band composed mostly of Loyola University music students was signed to Columbia Records and released their first album.

During the next four decades, Chicago would go on to sell over 120 million records while releasing over 30 albums, 19 of which went gold. Among their many great singles,

Chicago reached the top of the charts with favorites such as "If You Leave Me Now," "Hard to Say I'm Sorry," and "Look Away." In addition to their incredible commercial success, Chicago has garnered considerable respect among critics and has won numerous awards, including three Grammy Awards as well as a Favorite Rock Group award at the American Music Awards.

Awards and honors aside, Chicago has a special gift for bringing people together, something I have personally experienced. My wife, Judy, and I are long-time fans of the band, and I will always remember that I proposed to Judy while we listened to the Chicago song "Beginnings." Chicago also employs their fame to connect with others by supporting a number of charities including World Hunger Year. In addition, Chicago donates a portion of their ticket sales to the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation which seeks a cure to the fatal children's disease Neimann-Pick Type C and also to Charlie Weis's Hannah & Friends Foundation which helps improve the quality of life for children and adults with special needs.

Madam Speaker, it is fitting that we honor the band Chicago as they celebrate their 40th anniversary, and I encourage all those who appreciate the band to visit an exhibit at the Chicago History Museum honoring the band's musical legacy. I wish the members of the band the best as they continue into their fifth decade.

CONGRATULATING FORMER PENNSYLVANIA GOV. WILLIAM W. SCRANTON, RECIPIENT OF THE 2007 MONSIGNOR MCGOWAN CORNERSTONE AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to former Pennsylvania Gov. William W. Scranton who is being honored as this year's recipient of the Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Cornerstone Award.

This prestigious award honors an individual who best exemplifies the spirit, leadership and service of Msgr. Andrew J. McGowan as a catalyst for social, cultural and economic growth, and to promote the charitable ideals of philanthropy and collaboration in northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Monsignor McGowan Cornerstone Award was designed through the efforts of the nonprofit organizations throughout northeastern Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic region that benefited from Monsignor McGowan's participation as a board member and a mentor for community improvement.

Governor Scranton has distinguished himself in so many ways throughout his eventful life.

In 1941 he interrupted his law school education at Yale to enter the United States Army Air Corps where he served as an Air Transport Command pilot during World War II.

Following the war, he completed his law school education and began private legal practice as well as participation in several businesses.

In 1959, he was appointed by U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower to serve as special assistant to U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. A year later, he ran and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

In 1962, he was elected governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and, during his term, he signed into law sweeping reforms in the State's educational system including creation of the State community college system, the State board of education and the State Higher Education Assistance Agency. In addition, he created a program designed to promote the State in national and international markets and to increase the attractiveness of the State's products and services.

In 1967 and 1968, Governor Scranton participated in the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention and helped write a new constitution for the State.

Since then, he has served on the boards of directors of some of America's most influential companies including A&P, IBM, the New York Times, Pan American Airways and the H. J. Heinz Company. He also served as president of the Northeastern National Bank and Trust Company.

In 1976, U.S. President Gerald R. Ford named him U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations where he served with distinction until his retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Governor Scranton for the contributions he has made to the northeastern Pennsylvania community he cherishes so much and to this Nation which owes him a profound debt of gratitude for his years of service and his remarkable achievements.

And let us also recognize the late Msgr. Andrew J. McGowan who labored tirelessly to improve the quality of life in his beloved community and to inspire others to share in the joy of service to mankind.

It is indeed fitting that the first Monsignor McGowan Cornerstone Award be presented to an outstanding Pennsylvanian who shares the same zeal for community service as the man for whom this award is named.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WILLIAM R. MOLZAHN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mr. William R. Molzahn for his service to the Department of the Navy as Deputy General Counsel to the Office of General Counsel. Mr. Molzahn will retire on January 3, 2008 upon having served 33 years of distinguished service. His tenure and record exemplifies the highest traditions of public service.

Born in Chicago, Mr. Molzahn attended California State University, Fullerton, and received his Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Los Angeles. He began his career with the Department of the Navy's Office of General Counsel in 1974, and quickly distinguished himself as an outstanding young attorney. In 1986, he became a member of the Senior Executive Service, after which he

served as Counsel to the Naval Space and Warfare Command and Counsel to the Naval Sea Systems Command.

As the Deputy General Counsel and senior career civilian attorney for the Navy since 2000, Mr. Molzahn has expertly guided an organization of more than 600 attorneys. Among numerous other honors he has received throughout his career, he received a Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive Award in 1997 and 2005 and a Presidential Rank of Distinguished Executive Award in 2002.

Recently, Mr. Molzahn was integral in the creation of the Navy's Acquisition Integrity Office, the first consolidated program within the Department tasked with proactively investigating and protecting against procurement fraud and other unethical business practices. Also, his advisement on legal issues involving the interrogation and the treatment of foreign nationals detained at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base resulted in the revision of interrogation guidelines to reflect national and international legal and ethical norms.

Serving a critical role in the revitalization of the Department of the Navy's intelligence oversight mechanisms, Mr. Molzahn was actively involved in transforming the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) from a law enforcement agency to a premier counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and force protection organization.

Throughout his career, Mr. Molzahn has been an agent for transformation. He has been adept at anticipating the need to realign legal offices and policies to support the Navy mission when needed. His peers trust his unparalleled legal acumen, personal integrity, and consummate professionalism; his supervisors view him as trusted and indispensable legal advisor.

Madam Speaker, I commend Mr. Molzahn for his leadership, and I am proud to have him live in Virginia's 8th Congressional District. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. William R. Molzahn for his many years of exemplary service to the Department of the Navy, and our Nation. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING DR. PATRICK SAYNE ON HIS RETIREMENT AS SUPER- INTENDENT OF PASO ROBLES JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DIS- TRICT

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Patrick Sayne on his retirement as Superintendent of Paso Robles Joint Unified School District.

Dr. Sayne is currently the longest serving superintendent in California. He accepted his first leadership position in Warner Union Elementary School District in San Diego County in 1978, and also served in Valle Lindo School District and Lakeport Unified School District. In 1998, Dr. Sayne became the superintendent of Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, which I represent.

Dr. Sayne is a native of New Jersey, but moved to Long Beach, California with his family when he was a teenager. After graduating

from California State University at Long Beach with a bachelor of arts degree in Russian history, he later obtained a master of arts degree in education in 1977. Dr. Sayne then went on to earn his doctorate in educational administration from the University of Southern California in 1988, and remains an avid Trojan fan.

Dr. Sayne has not only dedicated his life to ensuring excellence in education for his students in the school districts he has served, but he has also served his country with 34 years of military service, which includes active and reserve duty with the U.S. Marine Corps. He also joined the U.S. Navy Reserve, and in 2004, Dr. Sayne retired from the Navy Reserves with the rank of Commander.

Not only did he serve his country in the military and dedicate his life to improving the educational opportunities of his students, Dr. Sayne is active in the community, as a volunteer with Rotary International, the Association of California School Administrators, and the American Red Cross, where he is on the board of directors for the San Luis Obispo chapter and spent two weeks in Louisiana helping those communities impacted by Hurricane Katrina. He is also a former member of the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce board of directors and a current member of the Paso Robles Library Foundation board of directors.

Dr. Sayne will be remembered as an active and involved leader during his nine years at Paso Robles Joint Unified School District. Through his long career as both a teacher and a superintendent, he always put his students first, was a strong advocate for alternative education, and consistently worked with his teachers to examine student performance to ensure that his schools were making a difference for the students.

One of his proudest accomplishments as superintendent of Paso Robles Joint Unified School District was working with the California Office of Emergency Services, OES, and the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, to secure funding to rebuild Flamson Middle School, which was destroyed in the December 2003 San Simeon earthquake. His leadership and dogged determination ensured that Flamson will be rebuilt and will again serve the students of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District.

Dr. Sayne and his wife Mary currently live in Paso Robles and are the proud parents of daughters Cari and Kelly. He and his wife look forward to retirement and staying involved in the Paso Robles community, and I wish Dr. Sayne well in this new chapter of his life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LADY COUGARS OF RICHARDSON'S CANYON CREEK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. I rise to congratulate the Lady Cougars of Richardson's Canyon Creek Christian Academy. They won the State championship in volleyball last weekend.

It's a true Cinderella story. Slated to finish last, with no seniors, the team defeated Tyler

All Saints Episcopal to clinch the coveted state title on the campus of TCU.

The Lady Cougars ruled with a 135–7 season. They'll celebrate their huge victory this Sunday at the Conquering the Giants Celebration at Canyon Creek Baptist Church in Richardson, TX.

Congratulations to the Lady Cougars. You make Texas proud.

TRIBUTE TO LUTHER W. HERNDON

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robeson County Commissioner Luther W. Herndon of St. Pauls, NC, who recently passed away. Affectionately referred to as "Bill" by those who knew him and those he served, Commissioner Herndon added new depth to the word, dedication. As a native Southeastern North Carolina and as a public servant, he offered an unwavering service to everything he did and to everyone who knew him, and unwavering commitment to his responsibilities as an elected official.

Born and reared in Robeson County, Commissioner Herndon understood the people he represented and cared deeply about making a positive difference in their lives. Over his lifetime, he experienced firsthand the dramatic changes that have taken place within our Nation's rural communities. Through his visionary leadership, he worked to ensure that the citizens of Robeson County were given the benefits that come with that progress. Because of his strong passion for his hometown, Commissioner Herndon never forgot the traditions and beliefs that make Robeson County unique. Through his dynamic leadership abilities, he was able to strike the crucial balance required by a community that values stability as well as change.

Commissioner Herndon spent more than one-third of his life in public office, sitting for 27 years on the Board of County Commissioners. His list of accomplishments as a public servant is extensive. Throughout his time in office, he worked on projects that improved the county's water services and water quality. Commissioner Herndon was instrumental in the construction of a landfill in his district that remains an example of waste management that is among the best in the State of North Carolina. He also was a strong supporter of county-led efforts to improve Social Security services among the underserved segments of the area.

Commissioner Herndon's dedication to Robeson County both as a native and as an elected official is an inspiration to us all. His record of service is a strong representation of what can be accomplished through devotion to a community and its people. As a retired member of the United States Army, it is not surprising that this dedication encompassed service offered to our Nation as well. The scope and depth of his vision for southeastern North Carolina will be felt for generations to follow. May God bless his family, and may we always remember the leadership and life of Commissioner Bill Herndon.