

6 hours on the ice without tools, communications equipment, or sufficiently warm clothing. It was, Brewer said, a "moment of truth" in a potentially fatal scenario.

For his work at the North Pole, Brewer received the Navy Commendation Medal; for being the first to dive at the North Pole, he was elected a member of the National Explorers Club, a distinction he called "one of the finest awards" he had ever won.

After many distinguished years in the Navy, Brewer capped off his career with a stint in the offices of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he worked as chief of one of the National Military Command and Control Centers. He called the job the most rewarding of his life. For his service there, he won the Legion of Merit and then retired from the Navy in 1976.

Inside the Navy and out, Brewer has always competed.

During one tour of duty, Brewer raced hydro planes in the Southern California Speedboat Club in the American Power Boat Association, where he won two national championship hydro plane races. He set world records in straight-away speed and competition speed and earned a spot in the Gulf Oil Marine Racing Hall of Fame.

In 1985, a hang-gliding accident left Brewer paralyzed from the waist down. The injury, however, didn't stymie his competitive spirit or work ethic. He returned to his ancestral home in Fayetteville, GA, and restored his family's antebellum farm. He also played wheelchair sports and won more than 60 medals, mostly in the National Paralyzed Veterans Wheelchair Games.

For the past 16 years, Glenn "Tex" Brewer has served the people of his city as a member of the city council. During Brewer's tenure, he has strongly advocated restoration of Fayetteville's historic buildings, and he has championed the needs of the city's seniors and its youth.

For his lifetime of service to his Nation and community, Glenn Brewer deserves the praise of this House. On behalf of Georgia's Third Congressional District, I would like to pay personal thanks to him for all of his good works and wish him health and happiness as he prepares to retire from the city council.

#### TRIBUTE TO MS. DIONNE LIEBL

#### HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Ms. FALLIN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and congratulate Ms. Dionne Liebl; teacher at Putnam City West High School and recent recipient of the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

Ms. Liebl has demonstrated what it means to be a leader to our youth and the State of Oklahoma. The task of educating young people is one of the most important responsibilities a person can assume. Her ability to give of her time and energy with dedication and enthusiasm makes her deserving of such special recognition. This award serves as a testament to the impact she has had on both her students and colleagues.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the entire House of Representatives, please join me in

congratulating Ms. Liebl on receiving this important recognition.

#### DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 15, 2007*

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of overriding the President's veto of the L-HHS-Education conference report. I stand with Chairman OBEY and greatly appreciate his support of funding programs that are essential to the growth and development of the communities I represent in Oakland, California.

This bill includes funding for critical programs under the Department of Health and Human Services—programs like nurses education; the Ryan White CARE Act, and the Minority AIDS Initiative. These are all programs for which we should increase funding, as opposed to playing politics with the lives and well-being of the American people.

We are in a fundamental struggle over war vs. peace. We now conclusively know where the President's priorities lie—they are with occupying Iraq, as opposed to funding critical labor, health and education programs at home. In one stroke of a pen, the President signed the Defense funding bill, and yet in the next stroke he vetoed the LHHS funding bill.

What is the President saying to the American people when he rejects legislation that funds education programs like 21st Century Community Learning Centers, TRIO, GEAR UP and programs that strengthen Historically Black Colleges and Universities? He is saying that he does not care about the programs that our people care about—programs that we need and want to see implemented to help our communities grow. He is more concerned with occupying Iraq.

We are now spending \$12 billion a month in Iraq and yet the President is asking us to approve another \$200 billion. This is absurd! For the price of one month of our occupation of Iraq, we could be paying for 1.5 million children to go to Head Start for a whole year; we could hire 200,000 new school teachers for a year; we could have even insured 7 million of the 8.7 million children living in this country that do not have medical insurance—for a whole year.

This is a fundamental question of where our priorities lie. Would you rather we continue to waste our American tax dollars on a war without an end, or would the American people rather spend their tax dollars on our children, our schools, and in our communities? Mr. Speaker, I hope to continue our fight for our funding priorities at home, as opposed to waging war abroad. I urge my colleagues to override the President's veto.

#### RECOGNIZING ARLETTA MINORE

#### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Arletta Minore as she retires from the Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce. Arletta was honored at a dinner on November 28 in Flint, Michigan.

Arletta is a lifelong resident of Flint. She graduated from Flint Northern High School and attended Flint Junior Community College. She was married to Jack Minore and had four children, Jeffery, Eric, Steffan, and Jennifer.

She began her career arranging print ads for the Yankee Store and moved on to organizing the print ads for the Fair Store. From there Arletta moved to the Flint Journal, giving her the opportunity to work with many advertisers. She then moved to the Chamber of Commerce and has worked there for the last 19 years, eventually becoming the office manager.

Between working and her family, Arletta managed to restore her Victorian home into the Avon House Bed and Breakfast. She has operated her business since 1985. Her interests range from forming a dance troupe with friends and her daughter and performing for several small groups, to participating in the Michigan 60 Mile Cancer Walk.

Not content to sit back and rest, Arletta has already made plans to spend her retirement spending more time with her family and working with community groups like the Crim Run and the Geoffrey Midwest Workshop. Arletta plunging into a new business venture is also a possibility.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Arletta Minore for her service to the Flint area and hope that she continues her involvement in the community for many, many years to come. I wish her the best as she embarks on this new phase of her life.

#### TRIBUTE TO G. WARREN ELLIOT AND CHERYL S. PLUMMER

#### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor G. Warren Elliott and Cheryl S. Plummer, who are retiring as members of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners after 12 years of leadership. Both were honored yesterday for their longtime service to the community at a retirement ceremony in Franklin County, PA.

Both Cheryl and Warren have dedicated much of their lives to bettering the region, both as commissioners and advocates of the community. They have served Franklin County honorably, bringing about key changes to operations and programs within the county, increasing efficiency and creating and revitalizing key community initiatives. With their leadership, Franklin County has become the best economy in Pennsylvania and number 5 overall in the entire northeastern region. Their service and leadership has been fundamental

to the success of the county and the quality of life of its residents. Commissioner Elliott and Commissioner Plummer jointly received the Outstanding County Commissioner of 2007 Award.

G. Warren Elliott has served as the chairman of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for 12 years, leading one of the most successful and efficient boards in Franklin County history. Elliott has also served on numerous boards of directors, including the Franklin County Area Development Corporation and the Franklin County Conservation District. He has received multiple civic awards, including the Penn State Centennial Fellow Award and the Commissioner of the Year for Conservation Award. He also gives back to his alma mater, Shippensburg University, by serving as an adjunct faculty member. Commissioner Elliott's accomplishments are vast, and his work for the community irreplaceable. His presence will be sorely missed as he retires from his post as chairman of the board of commissioners.

Cheryl Plummer also served as a member of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for 12 years. She has dedicated much of her career to improving human services in the county, serving as chair of the Human Services Committee in the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. In addition to performing her duties as a county commissioner, Plummer led multiple community organizations, dedicating time and effort to the United Way, Chambersburg Area School District, and the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce, just to name a few. She has been recognized often for her efforts, and her dedication and leadership will be missed by her colleagues and community members.

Commissioner Elliott and Commissioner Plummer deserve great thanks, as they have brought about lasting changes and improvements to Franklin County and have vastly bettered the quality of life of the entire community. While their presence will be missed, I wish them both a happy retirement, and I am sure they will continue to volunteer and inspire others to follow in their footsteps to become leaders within society.

#### RECOGNIZING THE EASTERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP

##### HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Eastern Montgomery County Emergency Management Group for their outstanding service and dedication. They provide world-class regional training symposiums, multi-jurisdictional field training exercises and specialized training in disaster management to emergency responders throughout Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District.

Formed in 2001, in response to the tragic events of September 11, the Eastern Montgomery County Emergency Management Group has been helping the community prepare for emergencies. The group consists of emergency management officials from across our community who are committed to work to-

gether as partners on all emergency management issues and incidents. These dedicated individuals are responsible for coordinating the community's preparation for, response to, and recovery from man-made and natural disasters.

As the son of a former Philadelphia police officer, I know how hard America's emergency responders work to keep our cities and towns safe—especially in disaster situations. The Eastern Montgomery County Regional Emergency Management Group's commitment to our community is undeniable. As their representative, I am proud to be just as committed to providing them, and our other emergency management groups with the tools and resources they need to do their jobs. After all, true homeland security means supporting those who keep our families safe.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the families across Eastern Montgomery County, I want to thank the Eastern Montgomery County Emergency Management Group for their tireless and lifesaving efforts. They and other emergency management groups throughout our country need—and deserve—our continued support.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BRIGADIER GENERAL (CA ARNG—RETIRED) EDWARD E. MUNGER

##### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Retired BG Edward E. Munger who served our Nation in the California Army National Guard as well as the United States Army. A native of Fresno, General Munger is an individual who exemplifies outstanding work ethic and is certainly worthy of special recognition.

During his senior year in high school, Edward enlisted in Fresno's 185th Infantry Regiment of the California Army National Guard as a private. From there, his military career blossomed, as he progressed through staff and command positions, eventually including battalion commander of his infantry regiment.

While serving in the California National Guard, Edward owned and operated Engineered Sound, an electronics contracting business with offices in Fresno, Reno, and Las Vegas. Under his leadership, Engineered Sound landed major contracts at such landmarks as the Las Vegas Hilton, The Sands Hotel, and Caesars Palace, as well as many others in Reno and Lake Tahoe.

Various local television and radio stations have called on General Munger to comment on military operations and strategic planning. He is respected throughout the area, and remains involved in many community service organizations. Some of these organizations include: the Fresno Rotary Club, Valley Children's Hospital, and the Fresno Chamber of Commerce.

In his personal life, General Munger and his wife Tamsen have two adult children. It is both an honor and a pleasure to recognize such a great man who throughout his life has demonstrated courage and love of our country. I want to extend, on behalf of the residents of Fresno, my sincerest appreciation for his dedication and service to the country.

#### CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE DUNN HOUSE IN CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

##### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial celebration of the historic Dunn House in Citrus County, FL. The current owners, Rev. Harvey and his wife Astrid Dunn, have had the Dunn House in their family since 1916. Originally constructed in 1907 as a field house and meeting place for the Florida Mutual Mining Company, the building was purchased and turned into a home by the Dunn family in 1916.

At the center of the phosphate boom in the 1890s and into the early 1900s, Citrus County was home to several mining companies, among them the Florida Mutual Mining Company. The company built what became known as the Dunn House in 1907, not as a home, but as a field office. Historical documents describe the house as a place for the owners and stockholders to go when they needed to conduct business in the area.

The field superintendent of the company's Floral City Mines was William Harvey Dunn, Rev. Harvey Dunn's grandfather. While many Dunn family members called the house a home, one of the Dunn family members born there, Hampton Dunn, became a well-known Citrus County historian and writer. A prolific author, Hampton is best known locally for his work, "Back Home, a History of Citrus County, Florida." A World War II veteran, Hampton also had careers as a reporter, author, editor, soldier, historian, preservationist and a crusader for traffic safety.

In 1973 Harvey and Astrid Dunn took over the Dunn House after a 20-year vacant period, working to rehabilitate and restore the home to its original state and beauty. Today the Dunn House is of the pride and joy of Citrus County residents, with its two-story, porch-over-porch house and eight original fireplaces. In fact, the front of the house faces an old abandoned mine road which existed long before the current Bedford Road. Therefore, visitors approach the property from the back and side of the house, not the front as you would at most other period homes.

Madam Speaker, the historic Dunn House is a venerable institution and tourist attraction in Citrus County, FL. The residents of Floral City take great pride in the home, and look forward to celebrating its centennial anniversary this year. I know that the Dunn family has spent many years preserving and restoring the Dunn House to its full glory, and I congratulate them on their commitment and effort.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WAYNE WILLIAMS

##### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay recognition to a constituent of