

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

mine, Mr. Wayne Williams, and his steadfast service to his community.

Mr. Williams has served as the fire chief of station 18 of the Ohatchee Volunteer Fire Department since 1981. His many years of service have helped further strengthen station 18 as an institution the people of Calhoun County have always relied upon to provide safety and peace of mind. On December 6, the members of station 18 will gather to honor Mr. Williams' service during their annual Christmas Dinner.

I am proud to join the members of the Ohatchee VFD in thanking Mr. Williams for his service and wish him and his family the best at this important occasion to honor his dedication and leadership.

HONORING RICHARD SCHNEIDER
OF SONOMA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard Schneider, who has been recognized as the City of Sonoma's 2007 Treasure Artist of the Year. Mr. Schneider is being recognized for his contributions to Sonoma and his leadership of the Sonoma Hometown Band.

Mr. Schneider was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, but moved to northern California at a young age when his father was transferred to work at Alcatraz Federal Prison. At the end of the war, the family moved north to Fields Landing in Humboldt County, where Mr. Schneider was raised in this small town and attended the local school. In 1949, the family moved to Eureka, where he participated in a band for the first time.

After graduating from Eureka High School in 1954, Mr. Schneider joined the Navy hoping to become a member of the Navy Drum and Bugle Corps. He was accepted, but was subsequently assigned to the Naval Communications School. After completing his training, he spent 2 years in Korea and 2 years in Germany. In 1959, he left the Navy and began attending Humboldt State University, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in music in 1963.

After completing college, Mr. Schneider began teaching music in the Central Valley, first in Hanford and then as a full time teacher at three different schools in Corcoran. In 1965, he moved to Sonoma after being hired to teach at local schools. The following year, he was transferred to the high school, where he founded the high school band with strong support from Principal Max Murray.

In 1967, Mr. Schneider founded the Sonoma Hometown Band in order to provide a musical group for the 4th of July parade. The band was initially made up of 25 high school students, but has gradually expanded as former students returned to participate and members of the community joined. Today, the band gives a half-dozen performances each year, bringing together musicians of all ages under Mr. Schneider's direction. From concerts at the Sebastiani Theatre to the 4th of July, the Sonoma Hometown Band has become an important fixture in Sonoma under Mr. Schneider's leadership.

Madam Speaker, at this time it is appropriate that we congratulate Mr. Schneider for

being recognized as the City of Sonoma's 2007 Treasure Artist of the Year. As the leader of the Hometown Band, he has brought his community an exciting musical group catering to all ages, interests and skill levels.

TRIBUTE TO NASA FLIGHT
DIRECTOR MATT ABBOTT

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, with great appreciation I rise today to honor a dedicated and highly respected western New York native, Matt Abbott, for his leadership in directing the recent space shuttle mission *Endeavour*.

As lead flight director on the recent space shuttle mission *Endeavour*, Matt has proven that when you put your mind to something anything is possible. Since he can remember, Matt has dreamed of working in Mission Control. When he was 6 years old, he watched on television as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon. While most of Matt's friends dreamed of becoming astronauts, Matt saw the challenge and inspiration in working behind the scenes, leading the mission.

While not physically aboard the shuttle, Matt has become one of the most important members in Mission Control, as the ultimate responsibility for decisions made during the flight lies on his shoulders.

After graduating from Texas A&M, Matt started working at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston as a Mission Control flight dynamics officer. In this position he was responsible for monitoring the location and performance of the shuttle during flight, as well as planning maneuvers. He then took a position with the Canadian Space Agency in Montreal, working with the Canadarm2 robotic arm on the International Space Station. He eventually returned to the Johnson Space Center, where he became a flight director. Matt has worked on 40 shuttle missions in flight dynamics, including 27 launches and 11 landings.

Throughout his life, Matt has been committed to pursuing his dreams. His achievements serve as an excellent example of how to make your dreams a reality, and he serves as a true role model for children across the country.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of his tremendous service, for his leadership, his dedication to our country, I ask this honorable body join me in honoring NASA flight director Matt Abbott.

TRIBUTE TO UPPER DUBLIN
TOWNSHIP

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud the efforts of Upper Dublin Township to adopt environmentally conscious practices and to encourage use of alternative energy sources.

Upper Dublin Township currently relies on 100 percent clean, renewable energy for its municipal energy needs and encourages its residents to use clean energy for their homes and businesses. It was the Commonwealth's first municipality to switch to 100 percent clean energy.

Upper Dublin Township has demonstrated its commitment to protecting the quality of the quality of water, land and air resources. Efforts have included increasing reliance on renewable energy, creating community incentives to increase recycling, preserving open space, educating the community on sustainable practices, and reducing pesticide use through Integrated Pest Management. With much of its land developed, Upper Dublin Township has recognized the need to focus its environmental efforts on influencing the behavior of its residents and businesses.

Madam Speaker, Upper Dublin Township sets an example of how sustainability can work for suburban communities. Thanks to policies and programs enacted by the Board of Commissioners and the Environmental Protection Advisory Board, Upper Dublin Township is helping to move the 13th Congressional District towards greater use of renewable resources.

I am proud to represent the people of Upper Dublin Township in Congress and applaud their success in working to reduce our dependence on imported sources of energy, and create a cleaner and healthier environment for future generations. I congratulate them for their critical efforts and wish them continued success with this endeavor.

IN HONOR OF SHIRLEY SHERROD

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Shirley Sherrod, who has worked determinedly for more than 20 years as the Georgia Director of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives and Land Assistance Fund, an outstanding organization dedicated to enhancing rural communities through sustained operation of family farms.

As a part of her work, Shirley has helped to run one of the countries most successful USDA Outreach and Technical Assistance Projects, providing assistance on debt restructuring, alternating crops, marketing, financial planning, recordkeeping, and farm management to minority and disadvantaged farmers. The project has operated in four states, and seen an increase in the number of minority-owned farms in two of those states.

Shirley's leadership with the Federation of Southern Cooperatives exemplifies her lifetime of dedication to her community. Shirley's work began in 1965, where as an organizer for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Southwest Georgia Project, she helped to start a 6000-acre land trust. She also worked with women to organize childcare and pre-school programs, and was intensely dedicated to the numerous voter registration and education projects which helped African Americans become elected officials.