

has become an essential part of the health and well being of all residents of the Valley.

In addition to his support for Clinic Ole, Mr. Shafer also spearheaded the building of the Napa Valley Vinters Community Health Center. This facility houses not only Clinic Ole, but also the Sister Ann Community Dental Clinic, Napa Emergency Women's Services and also Healthy Moms and Babies, which provides pregnancy care, education and support to women in underserved communities. By seeing this project through to completion Mr. Shafer has helped to ensure that healthcare will be available to the underserved in a way that is both coordinated and accessible.

Madam Speaker, it is fitting at this time that we thank John Shafer for his commitment and dedication to helping others and his community. His efforts have ensured that thousands of residents in the Napa Valley have access to the best medical care for themselves and their children. The Making a Difference Award is only one reflection of what will surely be a legacy that will last for many years.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR MARC
ZIMMER

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Professor Marc Zimmer of Connecticut College for his outstanding achievements and contributions to local, national, and international academic communities. Marc was honored with a Professor of the Year award by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and The Carnegie Foundation in Washington, D.C. on November 15.

Upon completing his undergraduate degree in chemistry at the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa, Marc moved to the United States where he earned his doctorate at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and worked as a postdoctoral fellow at Yale University. Marc remained in the academic community, continuing original research in the fields of chemistry and joining the Connecticut College faculty in 1990. Throughout this period, he served on numerous boards and committees in chemistry and related fields and was a featured lecturer at some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the United States, Latin America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

His publications in pioneering chemistry subjects have promulgated technological innovation, but just as importantly, inspired student involvement and interest. His most recent publication, "Glowing Genes", simplifies complexities of chemistry and biotechnology to a pedestrian relevancy and understanding. "Glowing Genes" explores the potential of green fluorescent protein (GFP), a glowing component in the *Aequorea victoria* jellyfish species, with detecting biological weapons, combating cancer, and improving agricultural production.

Academic faculties provide the foundation for education systems, and in turn, potential health, safety, and prosperity of our society. Professor Zimmer has proven to be an exemplary academic leader at Connecticut College, and more broadly through his contributions to

international chemistry curriculum. These contributions will undoubtedly ensure a healthier, safer, and more prosperous society for all. I ask my colleagues to join with me and my constituents in recognizing Professor Zimmer's outstanding accomplishments and contributions and welcome many more to come.

IN MEMORY OF SEAN TAYLOR

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, the poem below was written by poet and Capitol guide Albert Carey Caswell in honor of Sean Taylor, a Miami native and professional football player for the Washington Redskins. I rise with a heavy heart in mourning the tragic passing of Sean Taylor, a man with a bright future who left behind a loving family and scores of adoring football supporters and admirers. We pray for the Taylor family during this difficult and wrenching time. I hope these words provide some comfort to a grieving family. I humbly submit the following poem into the RECORD:

TAYLOR MADE

God Is Good, God Is Great!
All in his image, in what he has made . . .
All in what he creates!
To give to this world, in what we do . . . in
how we act . . . in all we say, to leave
behind to view!
Into our lives as sent . . .
Messages from our Lord, Taylor Made for all
of us of what life is meant . . .
To reach us, To teach us, To beseech us by
people, who in our time with us is
spent . . .
Taylor Made . . .
Beauty and The Beast!
As was Sean Taylor, number "21" . . . was
such a fine work of art to say the least!
For Sean Taylor, was Born To Run . . .
Upon, football fields of green . . . in Sunday
suns . . . in The NFL, as was this his
father's fine son!
As what our Lord had so begun . . .
A quiet and caring man, with but a calm and
steady hand!
Who high above all others, did stand . . . as
to his teammates' hearts and souls, he
ran!
Who on fields of green, brought forth such
roars throughout the stands . . .
A Man of passion . . .
Who to all hearts and souls, would so inspire
. . . as he would fashion!
A man of heart and soul, body and mind . . .
all in his short lifetime, so portrayed
in all his actions . . .
Not a hole but left by him!
But, perhaps a Void . . . that which may
never so be filled again?
For only such things in life, as left . . . by
those hearts who bring such inspiration
all in their short breaths!
A humble, quiet caring man . . .
Who in the spotlight, did not so wish to
stand . . . a family man!
Who upon fields of green, would turn into a
machine . . . creating one of The NFL's
greatest scenes!
For all that which is Good and Great! For all
that which our Lord so makes . . .
By his hand, Taylor Made . . . he creates . . .
Will not run, and Will not lie . . . with
hearts of gold, will so rise!

All in that moment of truth, of which now so
lies . . . but for their loved ones, will
so die!

Only, The Good Die Young! Now, in Heaven
Sean you run!

As so too have you, Sean our fine son . . .
now with all of those Angels, too
among!

As you are, but with all of those who have
flown, Up To heaven . . . with our
Lord, where you belong!

And in the coming years, on Sunday morn-
ings here . . .

Whenever, we think of you Sean . . . we'll
hear your voice beyond . . . all in our
tears!

Remembering how you lived life, remem-
bering how your soul burned bright . . .
as with you, we'll be near!

And what God has Taylor Made!

Hush . . . hush!

Hush . . . Little baby, Don't You Cry!

Because, one day up in heaven . . . once
again, you will gaze into your fine fa-
ther's eyes!

TRIBUTE TO CIRCUIT JUDGE
JERRY WINCHESTER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I want to bring to the notice of the House the long distinguished career of one of Kentucky's greatest attorneys, Jerry Winchester, who is returning to private life. His career spanned the wide expanses of the profession, from private practice to prosecuting attorney and judge. He was tough but fair, diligent and prepared—attributes that command the respect of anyone who has ever witnessed him in a courtroom.

Circuit Judge Jerry Winchester is leaving the bench after 20 years of deciding major civil and felony criminal cases—the murders, assaults, robberies and drug cases. He brought closure to victims and justice to perpetrators and there was nobody better.

His judicial circuit, made up of McCreary and Whitley Counties, has the highest case-load in Kentucky. Yet, he ran the court at a steady clip to handle the load, when it could have bogged down under less able leadership. He had few staff, and in the early years, none at all. He was the sole judge for over a decade and citizens counted on him alone for conducting speedy trials. This basic right, embodied in the sixth amendment of the Constitution, was upheld for thousands in southern and eastern Kentucky because of this one dedicated individual.

As the Commonwealth's prosecuting attorney in the 70's and 80's, Jerry Winchester was not interested in "running the numbers," or measuring success by how many people he put in prison. When offenders deserved harsh punishment, they got it. He weighed fairness and ethics to seek a punishment that fit the crime in those many cases where good judgment is the only thing that keeps justice from unraveling. The golden scales of justice were felt in the courtroom, it was witnessed over and over by judges, attorneys, victims, criminals and juries.

Before serving as Commonwealth's Attorney, Jerry was a high school teacher, an FBI

agent and a lawyer in private practice. He served as a Sunday school teacher for 35 years. These real-life experiences made him understand people better, as the best judges and attorneys do.

Now as Jerry heads into retirement he will have time to pursue his varied interests. These include taking up piano lessons with his seven-year-old grandson Jerry Paul and ballroom dancing lessons with his wife Nell. When he masters the piano and ballroom dancing he can tend to his bees and keep making honey and hunt and fish.

I am proud to know Jerry Winchester. There are only a few people like him. These rare individuals don't seek glory, and they don't have to. Faithfully adhering to legal principles as lives hang in the balance leads to its own recognition. It is unto itself and as pure as gold—it will never rust and will always shine. There is no substitute.

Madam Speaker, I commend to you and our colleagues of the House, the outstanding career and public service model of the Honorable Jerry Winchester of Kentucky.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: November 15, 2007: rollcall vote No. 1116, on the McHenry of North Carolina Amendment I would have voted "aye"; rollcall vote No. 1115 on the Garrett of New Jersey Amendment I would have voted "aye"; rollcall vote No. 1114 on the Price of Georgia Amendment I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO THE CHORALE MUSICAL GROUP BASED IN CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Chorale musical group based in Champaign, Illinois. This musical group founded by director Julie Beyler has been performing for audiences around the State of Illinois and abroad for the past 25 years and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize this milestone in the group's history.

The Chorale is a unique blend of individuals from various walks of life who share a love for singing and performing. The organization of mixed voices performs four concerts during a season and often provides music for a variety of community events.

Since the group's inception in 1982, The Chorale has grown from a small ensemble of singers performing holiday music in the Village of Mahomet to presently having 70–75 members from numerous local communities and performing in the areas most historic venues in front of sellout crowds.

One of the group's most notable performances was in May of 1991 at the Virginia The-

atre in Downtown Champaign. After three decades of being used primarily as a movie house, the Virginia Theatre made its return to hosting live performances by having the Chorale perform its "songs of America" concert. The group is proud to have been a part of returning this historic building to a performing venue once again.

Whether it is at the Virginia Theatre, community events around the state, or abroad, the Chorale offers its audience an unforgettable musical experience and I want to congratulate the members of the group for 25 years of success.

HONORING JOHN F. RUCKER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John Rucker for his dedication and service to his community. Mr. Rucker passed away at the age of ninety on November 11, 2007 at his home in Sonora, California.

Mr. Rucker was born December 15, 1916 in Sacramento, California. He completed courses in medical technology at the Sacramento County Hospital, and was licensed in Medical Radiology Technology. He later introduced the first electrocardiogram in Tuolumne County and upon moving to Sonora in 1948 he established a laboratory at the Columbia Way Hospital. He also helped to create the laboratory and radiological departments at Sonora Hospital and Tuolumne General Hospital.

During the 1950's Mr. Rucker helped to establish Sierra Hospital. This is where he met his wife, Patricia. Mr. Rucker was elected to the Board of Directors for Sierra Hospital and was Vice-President until 1980, when the hospital was sold to Sonora Community. Mr. Rucker retired from the medical field in 1982. However, his service did not end there.

Mr. Rucker was very involved in many aspects of Tuolumne County, and held numerous elected positions. He was elected to the Sonora City Council in 1986 and again in 1998, serving more than twelve years. He was twice elected by his council colleagues as mayor, serving from 1990 to 1992 and from 1996 to 1998. He was also a member of the Sonora Planning Committee from 1982 to 1986 and was a member of the Sonora Rotary Club, serving as president in 1953 and 1954. Mr. Rucker was heavily involved in the Tuolumne County Republican Central Committee where he served as chairman in 1987.

John Rucker is survived by his wife, Patricia Rucker; his brother and sister-in-law, James and Gloria Rucker; sons and daughters-in-law John and Janice Rucker, Daniel and Erika Rucker, and Brian Rucker; and his daughter, Sally Rucker.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor John Rucker for his leadership and assistance in expanding the horizons for all of Tuolumne County. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

RECOGNIZING THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES' 2007 NATIONAL CONVENTION AND INCOMING PRESIDENT MICHAEL McGRATH

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the members of the Navy League of the United States for their exemplary work in supporting our sea services. In my hometown of Jacksonville, Florida, we have two Navy bases, a Coast Guard Sector, a U.S. Marine Corps Command and a large port, so we are constantly aware of the impact your members have on our mariners.

Our area is home to several Navy League Councils, including the Mayport Council, which is one of the largest in the country and the home Council for J. Michael McGrath, your incoming National President. As Mike prepares to accept the challenges of guiding this fine organization, I want to congratulate him and wish him well. I am confident he will lead the Navy League with the same dedication and commitment your membership is accustomed to.

Following a full Navy career, Mike continued his support of the sea services through the Navy League. Both he and his wife, Gloria, are active life members. Based on his experience and insight, Mike can provide a clear and knowledgeable plan for the future of this organization.

As our military is stretched in resources, organizations like the Navy League are even more important in fighting for the priorities and goals of our sea services, not only to Congress but also to local community leaders and businesses who must understand the value that our military institutions bring to local economies.

The 21st Century is still young, and the roles of the sea services are ever evolving. It will take innovative and effective leadership to weather these transformational times. I look forward to continuing to work with Mike McGrath in his new role as National President of the Navy League of the United States.

MACLE JOYCE SPICER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Macle Joyce Spicer of Guilford, Missouri.

Macle will be celebrating her 80th Birthday on November 25th and it is my privilege to offer her my warmest regards on achieving this important milestone. Macle is a fine citizen of Missouri and the Guilford community. It is an honor to represent Macle in the United States Congress, and I wish her all the best on this birthday and many more in the future.