

of golf, Mr. Phipps was involved in city government. He was appointed to the Ceres city council in 2001 after serving 2 years on the planning commission. He was elected to the City Council in 2003 and re-elected in November of this year. Councilman Phipps served as vice mayor.

While serving on the council, Councilman Phipps' primary focus was on public safety, economic development and recreational opportunities for children. He was instrumental in the development of Neel and Sam Ryno neighborhood parks, the Costa Field renovations and numerous other City improvement projects. He worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for Ceres' residents and was heavily involved in a plan to develop land within the city to recruit higher-paying jobs. He served on a number of committees including the Planning Commission, Christmas Festival Committee, City-Schools Committee, Daniel Whitmore Home Restoration Committee, General Plan Review Committee, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Volunteer Fire-fighter of Service Qualification Review Committee, Stanislaus-Ceres Redevelopment Commission, Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance and The Alliance Board of Directors. He was a passionate advocate for the City of Ceres.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Councilman Rob Phipps for his impact on the city of Ceres and those that live there. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

HONORING FREDERIC FRICK

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Frederic Frick, upon his resignation as superintendent of Holmen School District. Fred is a dedicated public servant who has earned the respect and admiration of the teachers, staff, and over 3,000 students under his supervision. His work will be greatly missed.

In his 18 years as superintendent, Fred has made significant improvements in a rapidly expanding community. To accommodate the several new families moving into the area and to ensure each child had access to a quality education, Fred was responsible for the construction of a new elementary school, high school, and district administrative office. In addition, Fred successfully tended to the daily needs of his students, teachers, and parents and in 1998 was named Superintendent of the Year by the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators.

Although Fred is retiring from his current position, he will remain a visible presence in the lives of students and teachers in the Holmen community. His advocacy, dedication, and leadership will leave a lasting legacy, and the area will continue to benefit from all that he has accomplished. On behalf of the students and staff, I would like to thank Fred for his many years of tireless service and for making students his top priority. I wish Fred a long and very happy retirement.

RECOGNIZING SARA CRUMP FOR THE 2007 MILKEN FAMILY FOUNDATION NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sara Crump, of Blue Springs, Missouri. Sara Crump is the recipient of the 2007 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

This prestigious award demonstrates Sara's commitment to academic excellence. She displays exemplary leadership, and continues to inspire and motivate her colleagues and students beyond the classroom. Sara's excellent work ethic and character show why she was selected for this esteemed award that is often referred to as "the Oscar of Teaching" according to Teacher Magazine.

Sara graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a bachelor of arts in English, and has earned her masters degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She now teaches advanced placement English courses at Blue Springs High School through UMKC. Recently, Sara has also received the Cornerstone of Education Award, which is the most prominent award offered to educators in the Blue Springs School District.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in honoring Sara Crump, whose dedication and service to her students and community have been truly inspirational. It is an honor to represent her in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF DOW JONES INDEXES

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tenth anniversary of Dow Jones Indexes, which will be celebrated on December 14, 2007, in New York City.

Our good friend and former colleague, Guy Vander Jagt, who we lost this year, was proudly associated with Dow Jones and Company for much of his professional career, and I know that if he was still with us he would be joining in this anniversary celebration.

For over a century the name of the Dow Jones & Company has been linked with integrity and business investment in America. Much like other words that have entered the America lexicon in everyday use, "Dow Jones" means stocks and their value on Wall Street to virtually every American. It is remarkable that the Dow Jones Industrial Average is the oldest continuing stock market index in the world. However, over the past 10 years of serving the American people, Dow Jones Indexes has grown far beyond just the time-honored Dow Jones Industrial Average to become a leading authority in the global financial markets, researching, launching and supporting a staggering 130,000 indexes, tracking equity markets and other asset classes around the globe.

For example, The Dow Jones Wilshire Indexes are benchmarks for the entire institutional investing community—affecting the retirement plans of Americans across the land. The Dow Jones-AIG Commodity Indexes and the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes are just two more examples of more specialized Dow Jones indexes that have changed the way the world views these markets. Through expansion and innovation in financial markets, the Dow Jones Indexes have continued to serve as a linchpin of the American financial industry. Indeed, across America and around the world their innovations have changed the very landscape of investing and the financial community. Today, over \$2.1 trillion of assets—from millions of investors worldwide—are linked to indexes published by Dow Jones Indexes and STOXX, its joint venture in Europe that is co-owned with Deutsche Borse and the Swiss Exchange, SWX.

Through its growth, Dow Jones Indexes has helped to build awareness and drive the adoption of index-based products as an important investment category, a trend that is widely viewed to benefit investors by offering them diversified, transparent and low-cost investment alternatives. The indexes additionally offer investors tools with which they can appropriately evaluate their portfolio's performance, no matter what its composition.

It is with this background that I wish to recognize the Tenth Anniversary of Dow Jones Indexes and their service to the American people. I would like to recognize John A. Prestbo, one of the first recipients of the William F. Sharpe Indexing Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes the most accomplished innovators and practitioners in the indexing industry. He was awarded this prestigious honor for serving as the long time Editor and now Executive Director of the Indexes group within Dow Jones. Along with the stewardship of Michael Petronella, the group president and over 200 dedicated employees, they continue to innovate and grow and strengthen the vast family of Dow Jones Indexes, and with that growth they have helped to serve, enhance, and protect the dreams of millions upon millions of Americans who are planning their own financial futures.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NORINE SCHUHMAN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to stand today to celebrate the life of Norine Schuhmann, a lifelong resident of Bloomburg, Texas. Mrs. Schuhmann died recently at the age of 97, having lived all but one year of her life in Bloomburg, a town her family pioneered.

Mrs. Schuhmann, a bona fide example of a servant leader, gave of her talents and time selflessly. For 45 years she taught in public schools, all but one of those years in her home of Bloomburg. She also helped establish and organize the Cullen Baker Fair in Bloomburg, where she served as a board member until her mid-eighties.

Throughout her 97 years, Mrs. Schuhmann was a dedicated member of the community.

Her civic commitment was evidenced by the many community organizations in which she was involved. For 40 years Mrs. Schuhmann taught Sunday school at the First Baptist Church in Bloomburg. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Delta Kappa Gamma sorority and the Order of the Eastern Star. In 1997 Mrs. Schuhmann was recognized by the Atlanta Area Chamber of Commerce as Woman of the Year for her extraordinary commitment to her community.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor the life, accomplishments and memory of Mrs. Norine Schuhmann. With her passing, east Texas loses a pioneer, a profound educator, and a wonderful mother. Her contributions will be greatly missed throughout Cass County, but her kindness and service will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING ADAM D. HATHHORN
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Adam D. Hathhorn, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Adam has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Adam has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Adam D. Hathhorn for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall vote on December 12, 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 1155: "yea".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday December 5, 2007 and Thursday, December 6, 2007, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation. That prior obligation was to join hundreds of Oklahomans for the dedication of the USS *Oklahoma* Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On December 7th,

1941, the Japanese attack led to the death of 429 sailors and Marines stationed on the USS *Oklahoma* on that Sunday morning. I was proud to gather with survivors and the loved ones of the deceased servicemen to dedicate a memorial in their honor. I am proud to have worked towards the authorization of the creation of this memorial in the 2006 National Defense Authorization Act. Because of my presence at the ceremony, I would like to make it clear how I would have voted if I had been present in the House.

Madam Speaker, had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows:

(1) Rollcall vote No. 1131: "yea" (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 3791, the Securing Adolescents From Exploitation-Online Act.)

(2) Rollcall vote No. 1132: "yea" (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 2517, the Protecting Our Children Comes First Act.)

(3) Rollcall vote No. 1133: "yea" (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended H. Res. 822, Recognizing the 100th anniversary year of the founding of the Port of Los Angeles.)

(4) Rollcall vote No. 1134: "nay" (Consideration of H. Res. 846, Providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 6), Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation Act.)

(5) Rollcall vote No. 1135: "yea" (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3505, the Securities Law Technical Corrections Act.)

(6) Rollcall vote No. 1136: "nay" (On Ordering the Previous Question H. Res. 846, Providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 6), Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation Act.)

(7) Rollcall vote No. 1137: "nay" (On Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 846, Providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 6), Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation Act.)

(8) Rollcall vote No. 1138: "yea" (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 4253, the Military Reservist and Veteran Small Business Reauthorization and Opportunity Act.)

(9) Rollcall vote No. 1140: "nay" (On Agreeing to the Senate Amendments with Amendments to H.R. 6, the Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation Act.)

(10) Rollcall vote No. 1141: "yea" (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2085, the McGee Creek Project Pipeline and Associated Facilities Conveyance Act.)

VETERANS FOOD DRIVE TRIBUTE

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, with the holiday season upon us, it is more important than ever that all of us take a moment to honor the service and sacrifice of our brave men and women deployed abroad. With that in mind, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Veterans Food Drive in Delta County, Michigan.

The Veterans Food Drive has provided holiday food baskets to local veterans, their families, and widows over the last two decades.

Gary Bjorkquist first undertook this generous project in 1987 when he served as a Local Veterans Employment Representative. He was joined in this venture by his friend Richard Kryza, then a Disabled Veterans Outreach Worker for the State of Michigan.

As veterans outreach workers, these two distinguished men saw that some local veterans needed additional help during the holiday season to make ends meet. Seeing some veterans struggle, Mr. Bjorkquist and Mr. Kryza organized a Veterans Food Drive.

As Gary Bjorkquist explains it, the Veterans Food Drive is not charity it simply provides veterans with a helping hand "from one friend to another." This program embodies the spirit of the holiday season: giving your time and resources to those who are in need.

My district is home to more veterans than any other Congressional District in Michigan. As such, the annual Veterans Food Drive has been very important to many of my constituents in Delta County.

During the first year of the food drive, Mr. Bjorkquist hoped to distribute 50 holiday food baskets. Not surprisingly, the first Veterans Food Drive reached that goal. As the years have passed, the Veterans Food Drive now distributes more than 100 baskets a year.

The generosity of local community members who provide cash donations for the holiday food baskets make the Veterans Food Drive a reality. Gary Bjorkquist collects donations all year round from employers, organizations, and community members. Some have given every year! Local veterans' organizations, including the Disabled American Veterans of Delta County, the American Legion of Rapid River, and the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 571, have been very supportive of the Veterans Food Drive.

Each year, Elmer's County Market in Escanaba arranges the holiday baskets. These baskets include enough food for a family of four to have two complete meals during the holiday season.

Something that started as a small gesture for our veterans has now turned into a community affair. Every year, more volunteers come out to help their fellow neighbors and join those who have been making deliveries since 1987. I had the pleasure of taking part in the Veterans Food Drive last year. If I have a break in the Congressional schedule, I will join in delivering veteran holiday food baskets again this year!

Gary Bjorkquist works diligently to ensure that as many veterans and families as possible are given a food basket through the Veterans Food Drive. If a veteran is already receiving a holiday basket from a different organization, the food basket is saved for another veteran in need.

Any remaining baskets are given to families in the community who are in need of help, through the local Salvation Army and Society of St. Vincent DePaul. And if there are left-over donations, they too go right back into the community. Last year, Mr. Bjorkquist gave donations to the Society of St. Vincent DePaul councils in Gladstone and Escanaba as well as the Menominee-Delta-Schoolcraft Community Action Agency's Walk for Warmth program.

In honor of the 20th anniversary, many of the volunteers who participated in the first Veteran Food Drive will be back in Escanaba to help Gary Bjorkquist mark this tremendous