

Cox Communications, whose civic and professional contributions to Southern Nevada have motivated the Clark County School Board of Trustees to name a new elementary school in his honor. Steven has been a vital part of our community since he and wife, Holly, moved to Las Vegas with their two sons, David and Darrin, in 1977.

Mr. Schorr's remarkable civic involvement has earned him much deserved recognition. He has been named Public Citizen of the Year in Nevada and was cited as "One of the Most Influential Men in Southern Nevada." Mr. Schorr has also received the Glenn Smith Humanitarian Award from Opportunity Village and was named to the "National Erase the Hate" honor roll. He was presented the Nevada Points of Light Award by former Governor Kenny Guinn and the Nevada Commission for National and Community Service for his dedication and commitment to serve our community. In acknowledgement of his contributions to the community, Mr. Schorr was recently inducted as an honorary board member and executive board member of the 100 Black Men of Southern Nevada, which is an organization geared towards mentoring children. Mr. Schorr serves on several boards such as the National Urban League, Nevada Ballet Theater, and Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center.

As Vice President of Public and Government Affairs for Cox Communications for the past 19 years, Mr. Schorr is the liaison to local, state and national elected officials and government bodies. Prior to his work with Cox Communications, Mr. Schorr was a television news journalist, during which time he received wide recognition for his outstanding work. For his efforts as a news anchor, Mr. Schorr was awarded two Emmys, two National Freedom Foundation Awards, a Headliner Award, and an Armstrong Award for Broadcasting. In addition to these awards, Mr. Schorr's achievements in television journalism were recognized when he was inducted into the Nevada Broadcasters Association's Hall of Fame. Mr. Schorr has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Greenspun School of Communications.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor my friend Mr. Schorr and his many achievements and congratulate him on being recognized with the dedication of a school in his name. His dedication to the community is remarkable and I wish Mr. Schorr continued success in his future endeavors.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE SIMON WIESENTHAL HOLOCAUST EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2007*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Simon Wiesenthal Holocaust Education Assistance Act. Through grants to qualifying education organizations, I hope to promote awareness of the Holocaust and the devastating effects of hate crimes. As the generations who survived the Holocaust pass away, we need to make sure that new generations know the horrors of that terrible time. We need to make sure that those who would deny the existence of the

Holocaust do not have the ability to rewrite history.

This bill, named after the honored Holocaust survivor who spent his life's work devoted to seeking justice for the six million Jews who were murdered by the Nazis, seeks to provide competitive grants for educational organizations working to teach today's youth the lessons of the Holocaust. Through grants from the Department of Education, Holocaust organization programs that are designed to specifically improve the awareness of the Holocaust through such means as classes, seminars, conferences, educational materials, and teacher training, can apply for federal funds to assist in carrying out these initiatives.

Several states now require that the Holocaust be taught in public school curriculums. Though there are resources such as the Holocaust Memorial Museum here in Washington, DC, and similar museums in a few other cities, many teachers are still left with the challenge of teaching a complicated subject without the expertise. Many Holocaust educational organizations have risen to meet this demand, but their resources are limited, hindering their outreach. This bill will provide more resources to these organizations, who have the expertise and knowledge of the tragic events during the Nazi era, to teach more students, teachers and communities the dangers of inter-group conflict and the importance of tolerance in our society.

#### HONORING MICHAEL B. SCHAD FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES

**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2007*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise before you to honor Michael B. Schad, of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, for his many years of dedicated service to the U.S. Army National Guard. For Mr. Schad, this marks the end of a 35 year career with the National Guard during which his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty exemplified the true spirit of our armed forces.

Mr. Schad first served four years with the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. Upon returning home, Mr. Schad joined the National Guard and worked tirelessly, many times volunteering for extra duty. When there was a call for help to guard a nuclear facility in New Jersey, Mr. Schad stepped up. When Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf Coast, Mr. Schad joined the relief effort without hesitation. Mr. Schad filled in at supply commands at Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base and in Germany. Yet through all of this, Mr. Schad maintained a full-time job and raised a family, a tremendous feat given his level of commitment to the National Guard.

Madam Speaker, the eagerness with which Mr. Schad served his country is the very trait that serves as the backbone of the National Guard. His willingness to stand at his country's guard, while at the same time undertaking the rest of life's responsibilities, deserves special appreciation and respect. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mr. Schad for what at many times may have

seemed like a thankless task. Mr. Schad was not seeking praise or reward, but only the unique feeling of satisfaction that comes with serving your country and making it safer for others.

Mr. Schad has passed these principles on to his son, U.S. Army Sgt. Brian Schad, who will soon be deployed to Afghanistan after serving in Djibouti, Africa. We all owe a debt of gratitude to families such as the Schads, who have taken up their country's call. Madam Speaker, I am proud to express the gratitude and affection of myself and my constituents to Mr. Schad and his entire family.

#### TRIBUTE TO COLORADO STATE SENATOR JOHN EVANS

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2007*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former Colorado State Senator John Evans.

A fifth generation Coloradoan, Mr. Evans's contributions to the State of Colorado are innumerable.

After graduating from Lakewood High School, Mr. Evans earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Denver. He later completed his Masters of Education and Ph.D. at Georgia State University, in Atlanta. In 1986, Mr. Evans graduated from Valparaiso University School of Law.

For over twenty-three years Mr. Evans devoted his talents to serving in both the public and higher education arenas. Drawing on this experience, he served as an at-large member of the State Board of Education for four years. During his tenure Mr. Evans was a leader in making Colorado a national leader in school reform.

Mr. Evans continued his work as a champion of Colorado school children in the state Senate. In addition to his work on education issues, he also served as Assistant Majority Leader, Chair of the Legal Services Committee, and Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Evans's service to the people—especially the students—of Colorado will not soon be forgotten. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. John Evans.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROSSI RALENKOTTER

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor my friend Rossi Ralenkotter for his commitment and dedication to the Las Vegas community.

Rossi Ralenkotter has been a resident of Las Vegas for over 54 years. During this time, Rossi earned his bachelor of science in marketing from Arizona State University and his master of business administration from University of Nevada Las Vegas. He has worked with the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors

Authority for 33 years, and is currently serving as the President and CEO. Rossi has previously served as the Authority's executive vice president and senior vice president of marketing. He is also an active member of a number of professional associations, such as, the International Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus, the American Society of Association Executive and the Hotel Sales Marketing Association.

During his long and distinguished career, Rossi has received numerous accolades; most recently the Las Vegas Ad Club inducted him into the Las Vegas Advertising Hall of Fame for his lifetime marketing achievements. Rossi has also been honored by the American Marketing Association and the Travel and Tourism Research Association with Lifetime Achievement awards, and in 2004 he was selected by Brandweek Magazine as the Grand Marketer of the year. On Sunday, February 25, 2007, Rossi is being honored as the "Man of the Year" at the 79th Annual Academy Awards Oscar Night America and Arthritis Foundation Ceremony.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor my friend Rossi Ralenkotter for his considerable contributions to the success and expansion of the Las Vegas community. I commend his professional and personal commitment to southern Nevada. I applaud his efforts and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

#### INTRODUCTION OF WOMEN'S HEALTH OFFICE ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2007*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the Women's Health Office Act with my Republican colleague, DEBORAH PRYCE from Ohio. This Act establishes permanent authorization for the offices or officers of women's health in five federal agencies: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the Food and Drug Administration.

Women's health research has been historically underfunded in the United States and for years women have been banned from clinical trials. For example, in 1977, the FDA barred all women of child bearing potential from participating in most early phase clinical research, and this continued for 16 years. Unfortunately, sex differences continue to be ignored in medical research today and we have not made up for the dearth of information on women's health.

The offices of women's health in these federal agencies were intended to provide a much needed focus on women's health including research, service delivery, policy, education, and outreach. However, these offices are currently unable to perform their responsibilities due to a lack of support from our federal government. They are severely underfunded and understaffed, and vulnerable to elimination in the future.

The work of these offices is essential to improving the health of women in the United States. Creating a permanent authorization

would ensure that these offices retain their allocated funding, are sufficiently staffed, and can accomplish the important work for which they were established.

#### HONORING ZACH COHEN FOR HIS WORK WITH OPERATION DVD

**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2007*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Zach Cohen, an extraordinary young man from Lower Makefield, Pennsylvania. Through his involvement with Operation DVD, Zach has shown exceptional selflessness and caring, well beyond his years.

The Charles Boehm Middle School seventh grader wrote me recently to promote the project, excited to help our community show support for troops overseas. Operation DVD was started by AMVETS, a national veteran's organization. Those running the project collect new or used DVDs and CDs, which are sent abroad to our service men and women. The goal of Operation DVD is to send over one million discs to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, where outdoor recreational activity comes at great risk. By providing soldiers with music and movies, they can enjoy what little free time they might have in safety.

Zach became involved with the project when he was researching a community service project to complete in preparation for his Bar Mitzvah. He felt his love for movies and music would be shared by our men and women fighting overseas. But most important, Zach's attitude showed appreciation and maturity that hopefully rubs off on others his age. Zach wrote in his letter, "I also think it's very important to support our troops and thank them for all that they do for our country. And I thought it was great that I had found a way to do a lot of good without having to ask people for money." Madam Speaker, we should all share this genuine thoughtfulness and consideration, especially for men and women who have sacrificed so much. And as someone who served in Baghdad only three years ago, I can attest to the affect these acts of generosity have on morale.

From the moment Zach discovered Operation DVD, he showed tremendous determination in spreading the word. He attended a Lower Makefield Township Supervisors meeting. He was featured in articles by the Yardley News and the Trend Midweek. He has sent letters to Bucks County school districts and various other community organizations. Madam Speaker, Zach's tireless efforts represent the potential of our youth for contributing to our communities through selfless and noble acts.

#### TRIBUTE TO ARNOLD GERMANN

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2007*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Arnold Germann on the occa-

sion of his retirement from the Farm Service Agency after 35 years of service. Since December of 1971, when he began as a County Office Manager trainee, he has dedicated his professional life to the Farm Service Agency. He became very effective in his first position as the Office Manager in El Paso County. After serving in El Paso County for a short time, he decided to give up his position and go to Weld County to manage the county office with the largest workload in the State.

Arnold has seen the office through numerous changes. When he started, farm programs in Weld County were limited to dryland farms. Through the years, the situation has changed dramatically and now nearly every farm in Weld County is enrolled in some sort of farm program.

Over the years, Mr. Germann has served on many State and National Committees to help develop ways to administer Farm Programs more efficiently. His impressive efforts earned him numerous leadership positions including President of the Colorado Association of County Office Employees from 1979 through 1982 and the Legislative Committee chair from 1987 to 1991. His outstanding work has been acknowledged with numerous awards including the 1976 Pro Employee award and the 1983 Service to Colorado Association of County Office Employees distinguished service award.

Mr. Germann has served the Farm Service Agency and the agricultural producers of Weld County with great dedication over these many years. I extend my heartfelt thanks to him for a lifetime of service.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. LINDA NOWLIN, KITTY STONE ELEMEN- TARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2007*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mrs. Linda Nowlin of Jacksonville, Alabama. Mrs. Nowlin is a highly accomplished educator and was recently named Kitty Stone Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.

According to recent media reports, for the past 34 years Mrs. Nowlin has been inspiring young students in Alabama and Tennessee and has been a member of the Kitty Stone Elementary faculty since 1998. Over the years, Mrs. Nowlin has integrated advanced teaching methods and the Internet to equip her kindergarten students with the skills they need to be successful.

I congratulate Mrs. Nowlin for her years of service, and for her recent commendation.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO REBECCA A. JOHNSON

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rebecca A. Johnson, principal of Kirk