

platform after a visit to South Vietnam, where he discovered that the number of political prisoners was increasing despite claims from the State Department. He later urged the Catholic Church to condemn war as “morally objectionable.” Father Drinan continued to serve faithfully as he represented the constituents of Massachusetts in the House of Representatives for ten years.

His attention was not reserved to Vietnam or civil rights. Father Drinan also was an outspoken advocate for the underprivileged and, after leaving his Congressional office in 1980, he maintained his commitment to the poor and the marginalized. He served as the president for Americans for Democratic Action, and traveled the country giving speeches on hunger and the dangers of the arms race.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Reverend Robert Drinan, whose fierce devotion to the most vulnerable among us serves as a model for all of us who continue to serve those in need.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH
EDWARD GALLO

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and sincerity that I rise today to honor an exceptional community leader, the late Mr. Joseph Edward Gallo. Mr. Gallo, a prominent Merced County rancher, dairyman and cheese producer, died February 17, 2007 at his home in Livingston, California at the age of 87.

Joseph Gallo started life as an immigrant's son on September 11, 1919 in Antioch, California, and ended it as one of the most successful dairymen in the country. He was the youngest of three boys to parents Joseph Sr. and Susie Gallo who moved to California from the Piedmont region of northern Italy. At a young age, Joe moved to Modesto, California with his family, and attended Franklin Grammar School. In 1937, Joseph graduated from Modesto High School and began his studies at Modesto Junior College. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and served in the Philippine Islands and Korea. In 1945, one year before he left the Army Joseph married Mary Ann Arata of Modesto and together they had three children: Peter Joseph, Michael David and Linda Ann. The family suffered a great loss in 1968 when 1st Lt. Peter Gallo was killed in action in Vietnam. Michael and Linda are partners in the Gallo business and farming enterprises, Michael serving as CEO since his father's retirement and Linda's husband Kenny is Ranch Operations Manager for the firm.

When Joseph returned home from the service, he became the ranch manager for his brothers' grape-growing operation, E&J Gallo Vineyards in Livingston. In 1966 Joseph married Patricia Morgan-Gardali of Modesto. Patricia and her nine year old son, Sam Gardali, joined the family, making their home in Livingston. During the 20 years he worked for his brothers' operation, he was also developing his own vineyard and cattle business. Joseph eventually accumulated 4,000 acres of vineyards, at one time becoming one of Califor-

nia's largest wine grape growers. In the years following, his interest in livestock developed and in 1979 Joseph built his first diary with 4,000 milking cows. Four more diaries would follow as did the founding of the Joseph Gallo Diary & Cheese Co. in 1982. In the 25 years since, Joseph's business has flourished and in addition to becoming a successful agricultural organization, it has become a leader in protecting the environment and public health for this and future generations. I remember as a child always hearing my father talk about what an amazing farmer Joe Gallo was and how impressed he was with how the Gallo operation had skillfully grown from a small ranch to one of the nation's most successful dairyman and cheese producers. His success was truly phenomenal and reflective of Joe's commitment, hard work and dedication to his business.

The Joseph Gallo Farms tradition and commitment to balancing success with environmental responsibility is unmatched and has set the standard for farming operations across the country. Joseph Gallo will be remembered as one of the early pioneers in using methane from manure as a source of electricity. He has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and was most recently named the International Dairy Foods Association's Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year. Joseph's interest in environmentally conscious farming had much to do with his love of the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and traveling. His work has truly helped shape the future of environmentally-friendly farming and will forever be admired and remembered for his ingenuity.

Throughout his life, Joseph has supported and been involved with countless community organizations and foundations including the Livingston Community Health Center, Mercy Medical Center Merced, St. Jude's Catholic School and Emanuel Hospital Chairman's Club of Turlock. He was also a major contributor to the Veteran's Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. in memory of his son Peter. Joseph's legacy will also be memorialized in the Joseph Edward Gallo Recreation and Wellness Center at the University of California, Merced, after his son Michael and daughter Linda donated funds to its construction in their father's name.

Joseph Gallo is survived by his wife of 41 years, Patricia; his son Michael and wife Lori; his daughter Linda and husband Kenny Jelacic; his stepson Sam Gardali and wife Kay; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Peter, and his brother, Julio Gallo. He is also survived by his brother Ernest Gallo. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor and privilege to join our community and the Gallo family in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Joseph Edward Gallo. We lost a pioneer, a community leader and a dear friend in his passing.

INTRODUCTION OF THE KIDNEY
CARE QUALITY AND EDUCATION
ACT

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Kidney Care Quality and

Education Act that I am proud to introduce today with my colleague from Michigan, Mr. CAMP. This comprehensive legislation will help educate Americans about how to prevent and delay the onset of kidney disease and ensure high quality care for patients with irreversible kidney failure.

More than 400,000 Americans have kidney failure, which is also known as End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). The only treatment available to these patients is a kidney transplant or renal dialysis. Because there are so few kidneys available for transplantation, most dialysis patients must undergo 3-hour treatment sessions three to four times per week.

Diabetes and hypertension are two of the leading causes of kidney disease. We continue to see the numbers of Americans with these conditions rise, and as a result, we will continue to see more Americans suffering from chronic kidney disease. Statistics show that African Americans are particularly at risk for kidney disease and kidney failure. They make up more than one third of all patients on dialysis in this country. Most alarming, the growth rate of kidney failure among African Americans age 30 to 39 has risen 26 percent since 2000 and it shows no signs of stopping. African Americans have a higher risk of developing the conditions that lead to kidney failure. For example, the American Heart Association reports that more than 40 percent of African Americans have hypertension. African Americans with diabetes experience kidney failure about four times more often than white Americans with diabetes. In addition, African Americans are less likely to receive treatment in the early stages of the disease or to learn about how they can slow the progress of kidney disease.

The Kidney Care Quality and Education Act will help address these issues by improving public awareness about kidney disease and improving access to quality care. The importance of educating our citizens about kidney disease cannot be understated. The Kidney Care Quality and Education Act will provide funding to establish critical educational programs to increase public awareness about kidney disease treatment and prevention. These programs will also help people already suffering from chronic kidney disease and kidney failure, by providing important self-management skills that will improve their quality of life and help them continue their normal activities, such as working. This legislation also takes steps to improve the quality of kidney care by creating a 3-year Continuous Quality Improvement Initiative within the Medicare ESRD Program.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation, which also has the support of all sectors of the kidney care community. We should maintain our commitment to Americans with kidney failure by improving the quality of care for these patients and help slow the occurrence of chronic kidney disease and kidney failure.

CONGRATULATING MR. PAT LOBB

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Pat Lobb for being

recognized as having an environmentally friendly car dealership.

Mr. Pat Lobb's dealership, Pat Lobb Toyota and Scion, was recently recognized by the National Automobile Dealers Association as a certified Leadership of Energy and Environmental Design facility. The dealership is of a unique design, having exterior panels made of recycled aluminum, a cistern that captures and reuses rainwater and condensation, and a special membrane roof. Although the facility cost 5 to 7 percent more than a conventional dealership, Mr. Lobb intends to recover the difference in 3 to 5 years from energy and water savings.

Having recently built a new eco-friendly home, I have witnessed first hand the benefits of planning to construct environmentally friendly businesses. I certainly hope that Mr. Lobb's decision encourages others to follow in his footsteps.

I would like to join Mr. Pat Lobb's family and friends in congratulating him on this outstanding achievement. His concern for energy and the environment has led to a creative design that contributes to the safety and wellbeing of our community. I am proud to represent Mr. Lobb in Washington, and may his compassion and dedication be an inspiration to us all.

IRAQ WAR RESOLUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 16, 2007

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I made a statement on the House floor as part of my participation in the debate on the War on Terror and House Concurrent Resolution 63. In that statement, I repeated a quote I had read as part of an article from the Washington Times, that I believed at the time was attributed to Abraham Lincoln, because it was cited as such. I have since learned that it was not true Abraham Lincoln quote, and even though the Times never corrected the mistake, I retract my attribution. I do stand by the sentiment however, which is that in wartime, Americans, especially America's elected leaders, should not take actions that damage the morale of our soldiers and military—and that is exactly what the non-binding resolution does. I could never in good conscience support H. Con. Res. 63. Instead, I choose to support our men and women in the military.

BROWARD COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON IRAQ

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following resolution on Iraq by the Broward County Veterans Council passed on January 16, 2007.

Whereas: The President of the United States has put forth a plan to the American people and to Congress which calls for an escalation of 20,000 or more of our troops going

to Iraq to combat the insurrection in the Bagdad and Anbar provinces.

Whereas: The majority in Congress has put forth several plans that do not include escalation of combat troops.

Whereas: The General Election of Nov. 7th showed that the American people voted for a new direction in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Whereas: The Administration has tried four times to escalate the war with the additional troops in Iraq, all to no avail in stopping the bloodshed among the Sunnis and the Shites.

Therefore: The Broward County Veterans Council, believes that the best plan is to bring our troops home now, in a phased redeployment, and start redeploying our combat troops to the outer borders of Iraq and into Kuwait. Let's get them out of harm's way, without our troops getting involved in a bloody civil war, expedite the training of Iraqi military and police forces and let the Iraqis settle their differences among themselves. At the same time bring all the regional Arab nations to a summit meeting to discuss a final political settlement as recommended by the Iraq Study Group.

Bill Kling, Chairman, Broward County Veteran Council.

This resolution was passed by the BCVC members present at the meetings and does not necessarily reflect the views of the National Veteran organizations.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID BREWER

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments and contributions of David Brewer to the city of Charleston, Missouri, in the Eighth Congressional District. Mr. Brewer is retiring from his position as city manager, a post which he has held for the last 10 years. I have personally known David for 25 years as a farmer, levee board president, a banker and then as city manager of Charleston. He has excelled in every endeavor, and I am proud to call him my friend.

As the longest-serving Charleston city manager on record, Mr. Brewer has been instrumental in attracting new business opportunities for southern Missouri and to the city of Charleston. By using Tax Increment Financing and Enhanced Enterprise Zone programs to their greatest benefit, Mr. Brewer has drastically helped to enhance the business climate in our rural part of the state. His involvement was essential to making essential city improvements, especially the new city water plant and the new wastewater lagoon, important parts of Charleston's water infrastructure.

However, I cannot sum up Dave Brewer's importance to the city and the region simply by enumerating his many accomplishments. Doing so would not adequately describe Mr. Brewer's dedication to his job and to the people he serves. Whether it was his open door policy at work or his commitment to solving problems in a fair and equitable way, Mr. Brewer took his service seriously. With a concentration on the future, Mr. Brewer volunteered his time to a number of boards and community groups. Always, Mr. Brewer thinks about how good planning and full use of the resources available to a small community can be best used to the benefit of all our citizens, present and future.

Mr. Brewer's retirement will leave a tremendous challenge for the city of Charleston to replace his expertise, his skill, and devotion to his work. Fortunately for us all, Dave Brewer has left us with an excellent head start for our future. I wish him the best of luck in his retirement and thank him for his generous years of service to our communities, our State, and our Nation.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE CHARLIE NORWOOD, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA

SPEECH OF

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I rise to remember the life of CHARLIE NORWOOD. I know CHARLIE had an impact on everyone that he came into contact with and we are all grieving the loss.

I had the privilege of serving with CHARLIE on the Energy and Commerce Committee. CHARLIE loved a robust discussion of the issues. He loved the ability to debate an idea and he loved espousing his conservative beliefs. When his microphone went on in committee, you could see the gleam in his eye as he readied for a hearty exchange. His love of engaging the issues was appreciated by all his colleagues on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

CHARLIE was a man of deep conviction and integrity. He will be deeply missed, not only by this body but also by his constituents and his family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and accomplishments of Congressman CHARLIE NORWOOD.

TRIBUTE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mrs. Wilson of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate to the University of New Mexico College of Education.

This past January the UNM College of Education was ranked 8th in the national Faculty Scholarly Productivity by Academic Analytics, for its teacher education and professional development programs. The college has also won nine national awards for their outstanding quality and graduates 400 new teachers a year. The creation of the Institution of Professional Development, through the College of Education, encourages greater teacher quality for New Mexico teachers.

The College of Education provides a unique education. The college has six American Indian tenured or tenure-track faculty members, more than any other major college of education in the nation. More than 20 percent of the College of Education's members are Hispanic, and they have strong bilingual and