

colleague and Ohio Governor Ted Strickland will present Clarence with the inaugural award. I know of no finer person to receive this distinguished recognition in its first year than my friend, Clarence Seavers.

Wherever one goes in Erie County OH, there will be Clarence Seavers. Well into his eighth decade of life, Mr. Seavers remains an active community participant. Not one to seek the glory of leadership, he is nonetheless a community leader in the truest sense, leading us by example to be good citizens.

A lifelong resident of Sandusky, Mr. Seavers is a World War II veteran, and was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame for his service with the 811th Aviation Engineering Battalion. He served the whole of U.S. involvement, 1941–1945, building airfields in the Pacific Theatre. Following military service, Mr. Seavers joined the ranks of the civil service, working as a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service for 30 years until his 1978 retirement.

In addition to his presence at many community events, Mr. Seavers has also formally given of his time in numerous ways. He has served on the boards of the YMCA, Goodwill Industries, Providence Hospital, Firelands Regional Medical Center, Erie County Board of Elections, Erie County Health Department, Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts and Erie Huron Community Action Commission. He is a lifetime member of the NAACP and a member of St. Stephen's AME Church. He volunteers as a baseball umpire and at the Ohio Veterans Home. His community calls him "one of Erie County's heroes and treasures," a sentiment I echo. Yet, true to the man, Clarence Seavers says of his involvement, "I just tried to give something back. As long as you're able, you can never give back too much."

Clarence Seavers has never been one to hide his light beneath a bushel. Instead, he has let his light shine forth in guidance. Quiet, humble, with graceful dignity, he is a fine example of the best that is in us. He has been a wise counsel to me, and countless others, and we dearly value his friendship. Clarence Seavers has spent his lifetime in achievement, and I am so honored to share with my colleagues a glimpse at the embodiment of a true American patriot as I congratulate Clarence Seavers on his receipt of this distinguished recognition.

RECOGNIZING SPECIAL AGENT
JAMES G. MACFARLANE

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Special Agent James G. Macfarlane, currently the Deputy Inspector General and Deputy Assistant Director for the Office of Inspections of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, NCIS. He will retire on March 1, 2007, after more than 23 years of service to our great Nation.

Jim began his career as a special agent with the then Naval Investigative Service in 1983 as a general crimes investigator at Portsmouth, VA. Special Agent Macfarlane was then selected as the Special Agent Afloat aboard the USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV-67) in June 1985. While serving aboard the *JFK*, Jim

helped arrange law enforcement and force protection support required as the *JFK* was selected to participate in the rededication of the Statue of Liberty and the first naval "OPSAIL" celebration in New York City.

In 1986, Jim was selected as the Representational Resident Agent (RRA) at the Naval Investigative Service resident Unit in Misawa, Japan. In 1989, Jim was reassigned to NCIS Headquarters and worked in the Offensive Counterintelligence Operations Division, where he served with distinction for 5 years. During this time, SA Macfarlane was selected to attend Strategic Arms Reduction Training and deployed to Votkinsk, Russia, for 3 weeks in 1992 as the inspection team's CI specialist. In January 1994, Jim was selected to attend the Military Operations Training Course. In May 1994, he was reassigned as senior special agent working counterintelligence cases in Okinawa, Japan.

In 1996, Jim was selected as a Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) and began his first supervisory assignment at the NCIS Washington DC Field office where he provided Counterintelligence support to Navy special access programs. In 1997, Jim established the NCIS office at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren, VA, where he was cited by DoD for setting the standard in providing Counterintelligence support to Navy Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RTD&E) programs. In 1999, Jim returned to the Washington DC field office, where he became the SSA for all offensive CI activities. In 2000, he was selected as the SSA for the Office of Special Projects and in August 2001, Jim was promoted to GS-14 and selected as the Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge (ASAC), NCIS Middle East Field Office, in Manama Bahrain.

Jim served as the sole ASAC during a period of great national interest and military activity, supporting both OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Jim brought great credit upon himself and the NCIS during his tenure in the Middle East and was awarded the Superior Civilian Service Award.

In July 2003, Jim was promoted to GS-15 and assigned as the Senior NCIS Representative to Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC). For his significant efforts at HQMC, he was awarded the Marine Corps' Meritorious Civilian Service Award. In 2005, Jim was selected for his current position as the Deputy Inspector General.

I wish to express my gratitude to Special Agent MacFarlane for his many years of distinguished service to this country.

IN MEMORY OF MR. ROBERT
GUSTAFSON

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the life and achievements of a great business leader, teacher, and Michigander, Mr. Robert Gustafson, who passed away on February 20, 2007.

While Mr. Gustafson's career rose to great heights as CEO and Chairman of Hubert Distributors, Inc. in Pontiac, Michigan, his humble beginnings give insight into his future achieve-

ments. After graduating from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mr. Gustafson became a teacher at Wayland High School in Wayland, Michigan. An avid music fan, his leadership of the school's band program saw a threefold increase in student participation during his tenure.

After teaching, Mr. Gustafson went on to pursue his interest in aviation. He founded Michigan Air Activities, where he taught hundreds of students under the Federal G.I. flight program, as well as sold and repaired aircraft. In addition, Michigan Air Activities had a fleet of aircraft that serviced well known customers such as General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler. Mr. Gustafson would later establish Kalamazoo Aviation and serve as President of the Airport Advisory Group.

Mr. Gustafson then joined Hubert Distributors where he oversaw the construction of one of their warehouses. From there he rose up the ranks from a sales manager to the CEO and Chairman. Utilizing his teaching experience, Mr. Gustafson overhauled the employee training program at Hubert by writing, producing, and directing the training videos that are required for all new hires.

Yet Mr. Gustafson's works reach beyond the realm of business as he was actively involved in philanthropy and charitable work. The Robert Gustafson Wing of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital bears witness to his commitment to give back to the community.

Today, I remember Mr. Robert Gustafson for his lifetime of service and dedication to our community. My sincerest thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones.

REMEMBERING STATE SENATOR
ADELARD L. "ABE" BRAULT

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the House to the passing of Virginia State Senator Abe Brault on February 13, 2007. Senator Brault served in the Virginia General Assembly for 18 years, including a term as majority leader from 1976 to 1980.

A Navy veteran who served during WWII, Abe opened a law practice in Fairfax County during the 1950s and dedicated his life to serving those in Fairfax and the surrounding area. He was a good man who served Virginia well and I was honored to know him. A family man and true Virginia gentleman, Abe died at the age of 97 and is survived by his wife, three children, and nine grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I insert for the RECORD an obituary published in The Washington Post which details the many accomplishments of Senator Brault.

[From Washingtonpost.com, Feb. 14, 2007]

ADELARD L. 'ABE' BRAULT, 97; INFLUENTIAL
N. VA. SENATOR

(By Adam Bernstein)

Adelard L. "Abe" Brault, 97, a feisty Fairfax County Democrat who retired in 1983 after 18 years in the Virginia Senate, including a term as majority leader, died Feb. 13 at his home in Front Royal, Va. He had pneumonia.

For years, Mr. Brault was considered dean of the Northern Virginia delegation, and he used his authority to push through funding for the Metro system, George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College.

He and Sen. Omer L. Hirst (D-Fairfax-Falls Church) helped shape legislation and financing for the 13-mile Dulles Toll Road, built in 1984 to link Interstate 66 and the Capital Beltway with Dulles International Airport.

Mr. Brault was the majority leader from 1976 to 1980, largely because of a moderate-liberal coalition that successfully challenged the more conservative elements of the Senate. A conservative faction led by Hunter B. Andrews (D-Hampton) eventually removed Mr. Brault from the leadership. He described his loss as a "power play" meant to weaken Northern Virginia's influence.

Mr. Brault was known for blunt and critical commentary that he regarded as honesty and others sometimes found uncollegial. As a result, then-Gov. Charles S. Robb (D) appointed Mr. Brault to the State Board of Education in 1985, a year later than expected. The delay was attributed to Mr. Brault's criticism of the leadership ability of Sen. Clive L. DuVal II (D-Fairfax).

Adelard Lionel Brault was born in Winsted, Conn., on April 6, 1909. He grew up in Washington, where he was a 1927 graduate of Gonzaga College High School and a 1933 graduate of Columbus Law School, now part of Catholic University. He served in the Navy in the North Atlantic during World War II.

He had a private law practice in Washington before the war and opened a practice in Fairfax County in the early 1950s, where he specialized in representing insurance companies. He was president of the Fairfax County Bar Association when he was appointed to the county Board of Supervisors in 1962 to fill the unexpired term of James Keith, who years later became a Virginia Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Brault did not seek reelection to the Senate in 1983, saying at the time, "Y'all can do what you want to next year. I'll be in Florida."

In 1991, state legislators renamed the Dulles Toll Road the Omer L. Hirst-Adelard L. Brault Expressway, which, having met the fate of many other such renamings of roads, bridges and buildings, has not readily been adopted by commuters.

Survivors include his wife, Clarice Covington "Percy" Brault of Front Royal; 3 children, Adelard L. Brault, Jr., of Fairfax County, Nancy Supples of Front Royal and Mary Lynn Coleman of Moscow; 9 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND DR.
PAUL M. MARTIN

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the exceptional accomplishments and extraordinary life of the Reverend Paul Martin, Senior Pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado. This remarkable gentleman merits our recognition and admiration as his impressive record of spiritual leadership and invaluable service has done much to improve the lives of our people.

Reverend Martin's standing within our community is rivaled by few others. He has been on the front line of progress for decades and has used his skills and talents to advance the

public good and care for the spiritual well-being of many of our citizens. As a dynamic pastor, educator, scholar and radio commentator, Paul Martin's leadership and service has made us stronger, more caring and more resilient.

Reverend Martin began his life in South Central Los Angeles where he completed his secondary education in the public schools. He graduated with honors from Pepperdine University with a bachelor's degree in Religion, Psychology and Greek. He attained his Master of Divinity from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University and went on to earn his Doctor of Philosophy at the California Graduate School of Theology. Reverend Martin also received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the Denver Seminary and has done additional study at Fuller Seminary, the Claremont School of Theology, and the Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Martin's many educational and scholarly accomplishments prepared him for a life of spiritual leadership that has left an indelible imprint on all of us.

Under Reverend Martin's leadership, Macedonia Baptist Church has become a beacon of hope and remains a positive force in the spiritual and civic life of our community. Not only has Reverend Martin moved us from the pulpit, he has also edified us through his numerous radio ministries. While in Los Angeles, he had four radio ministries and in Denver, he created and hosted Religion in Focus on KNUS Radio and cohosted Community Focus on KRKS Radio with his wife, Dr. Agnes Martin. He is the host of two weekly radio ministries on KLDC in Denver—Focus on Live and Charisma—and is cohost of the Agnes Martin Show on Channel 58, DCTV.

Those who know Reverend Martin know it is difficult to ignore his moving and resonant voice. His words give meaning and poignancy to the spiritual aspirations we all share. Over the years, I have had the privilege of working closely with Macedonia Baptist Church as part of a church exchange with my congregation, Montview Presbyterian. As a member of Montview's choir, I have had the opportunity to lift my voice with the remarkable choir at Macedonia. I have also had the opportunity to reflect with Reverend Martin on matters of social concern and I will never forget a discussion we had concerning the War on Poverty.

He reflected on how making poverty a national priority set in motion new laws and created programs such as Head Start, work study, Medicare and Medicaid. He noted how these programs brought about real results, reduced rates of poverty and improved living standards for America's poor. But what struck me was his conclusion—that this endeavor was great because it gave Americans the opportunity to care for and serve one another and that this kind of social stewardship changed our country for the better.

Clearly, community service matters. But for Reverend Martin, community service is not just an empty catchphrase. It is personal commitment and active engagement in outcomes—it is stewardship at its finest. Under the leadership of Paul Martin, Macedonia Baptist Church has touched the community through a host of specialized programs and outreach ministries designed to enhance the spiritual and educational growth of our youth. His service to our community is extensive and includes being past president of the Urban

League of Metro Denver; special advisor to former Mayor Wellington Webb and Mayor John Hickenlooper; member of the Denver Police Task Force; and Board Chair of the Stapleton Development Corporation. He is the first African American minister to serve as President of the American Baptist Region of the Rocky Mountains. He is an adjunct professor at the Denver Seminary and the Iliff School of Theology and an instructor with the Congress of Christian Education of National Baptist Convention. He has been a past trustee of the University of Sioux Falls, a member of the Committee on Ministry for the Presbytery of Denver, Vice President for Membership for the East Denver Ministerial Alliance and a lifetime member of the N.A.A.C.P. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Martin Luther King, Jr., once noted that everybody could be great because everybody can serve. Reverend Martin has burnished a reputation of spiritual leadership that I think is the opposite of what most people think. His leadership is not only guidance, it is service. It is caring for one another. It is serving along side those whom you lead. It is service which is ordinary and yet extraordinary.

Reverend Martin's tenure as Senior Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church is quickly drawing to a close. His leadership has been exemplary and his contributions are rich in consequence. On behalf of the citizens of the 1st Congressional District, I wish to express our gratitude and extend our best wishes to Pastor Martin, Agnes Martin and their family.

Please join me in paying tribute to the Reverend Dr. Paul M. Martin, a distinguished spiritual and civic leader. His stewardship and service command our respect and they speak to the spirit of our founders and future of our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARGE
SWEENEY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Marge Sweeney, whose I tremendous dedication to her family, friends and community serves as a shining example for all who have been blessed by her presence and care.

Back in the mid-sixties, Marge started her career as a bookkeeper, but by the mid-seventies she had already worked her way up to the position of Principal's Secretary at St. Stephen's Elementary and Junior High School. In 1982 she was appointed Recreation Instructor, and since has progressively earned promotions, until she became Manager of Halloran Rink—a position she held for over twenty-five years.

Throughout her career, Marge had an enormous impact on local programs and organizations in the community, including: Cuyahoga Counties' Juvenile Court Victim-Aid Restitution Program; the Westtown Community Development Corporations' Night Out Against Crime; the Metro Parks Youth Programs; and many more. She has also been honored by the Mayor's Office on Volunteerism, City of Cleveland; the First District Police Community Relations