

At Marcus High School, Jacob is a member and leader within the Marcus band, who won a State championship this year. He is also involved in the Junior Classical League, the National Honor Society, and other organizations. He has received a plethora of academic awards at Marcus and was a National Merit finalist.

Jacob is a notable example of how the education system in Texas is committed to fostering growth in students and giving them the skills they need to achieve. Congratulations to Jacob, his family, and Marcus High School for this outstanding achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARTIN VIRSIS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Martin Virsis for his unwavering dedication and service to the veterans community of Northeast Ohio.

Martin began his path to success by earning a bachelor's degree at Kent State University and later by receiving his master's degree at Ohio University. As a licensed nursing home administrator, Martin used his talents and implemented his knowledge to manage several nursing facilities in Ohio. His devotion to help others in need continued as he began to offer transportation for those in the community who encountered challenges with mobility due to their disabilities.

As an Army veteran, Martin is no stranger to the sacrifices and the hardships that face those who have courageously served our country, only to come home as unrecognized heroes. Because of Martin's desire to help those who have fought to protect us, it was no surprise when he, Joe Paul and Patricia Cicowicz established Mobil Martin.

Since 1996, Mobil Martin has provided Northeast Ohio veterans with quality service and the recognition they deserve. Each year Mobil Martin makes donations to various charities that benefit the veterans' community and local businesses.

Every June, Mobil Martin provides transportation to Founder's Day, a celebration of the Founder's Path Organization, which gives opportunities to disabled and less fortunate veterans without homes. He also ensures that the transportation needs for the VA Per Diem at 2100 Lakeside Avenue are met. In addition to the multitude of services Mobil Martin provides, Mobil Martin also employs a large percentage of U.S. veterans.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Martin Virsis for his commitment to helping those less fortunate. His integrity and selflessness bring great pride to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JULIA CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Ms. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I was unable to record my rollcall votes No. 187, No.

188, and No. 189. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all three.

A TRIBUTE TO IRVING FEINARMAN

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to honor my valiant constituent, Tec. Sgt. Irving Feinarman, as he receives the Jubilee of Liberty Medal for his courageous acts during the Normandy Invasion, and his illustrious legacy of courage throughout World War II.

Mr. Feinarman was drafted at the age of 22 into the army. He trained at Fort Meade, Camp Picket, and Fort Dix before he was sent into combat in North Africa and Sicily. After operations ended in Sicily, he was sent to train in England for the 8 months leading to a great invasion and then, as he put it, "Before I knew it, I was on Omaha Beach on D Day."

Tec. Sgt. Feinarman was supposed to be part of the second wave on the beach, landing at 6 a.m., but the beach was so overrun, it was difficult to tell the first from the second wave of soldiers. He and his fellow soldiers just kept fighting, cut off from their leadership, and pushing onward until they found themselves fighting in the hedgerows of Normandy.

As the Battle of the Bulge began, Feinarman had been given leave in Paris for a few days. Suddenly, however, all American soldiers were rounded up. He and his compatriots did not know that they were being put back into combat as the Germans were about to start "their big push, trying to get us all out of Europe, period. Giving us everything they had."

Mr. Feinarman was awarded the Bronze Star for his valor in Aachen, Germany. Surrounded by enemy tanks and cut off from the commander of his unit, he volunteered to cross the field and get help. He was shot at, but got through unharmed, and returned with the assistance his company needed.

At the end of the war, Irving Feinarman was the only man from his entire original company—over 200 soldiers—who survived and remained unwounded, an amazing victory itself.

To his family and his lifelong friend Bill Eetros, Mr. Feinarman's warmth and laughter are part of every fond memory. With great humility and humor, he insists that he is no hero for his brave actions, that he was only doing his duty. Would that there were some recognition beyond a medal that this country could award Mr. Feinarman who came through the hell of war with a laugh in his heart and a smile on his lips.

I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me today in expressing the Nation's gratitude to a brave soldier, Irving Feinarman.

HONORING DAVID K. ISRAEL

**HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Israel on the occasion of his retirement from teaching. For over 40 years Mr. Israel has served the East Williston School District with passion and commitment. With a degree in English, Mr. Israel graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College, and later received his masters in education from Harvard Graduate School. In 1965 he went to work as an English teacher at the Wheatley School, part of East Williston Union Free School District.

David Israel has been a brilliant asset to his community, to local teachers, to statewide legislators, and to the students he has taught. He became president of the East Williston Teachers' Association in 1980, a position which he holds to this day. Throughout his tenure, he has co-founded the East Williston Teacher's Association Scholarship Foundation, which awards a 4-year scholarship each year to a worthy Wheatley School graduate who intends to become a schoolteacher. Recently he has been elected to the New York State United Teachers as a representative of District 19, comprising the northwestern portion of Nassau County. Not only has Mr. Israel been a valuable member of his community, but he has been a great friend to myself and my staff with his guidance and advice.

The future of this country depends on the hopes and dreams of its children, and our community and our Nation are enhanced by the contributions of passionate and committed teachers like David Israel.

HONORING ROBERT LYNCH

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor one of my constituents, Robert P. Lynch, for his 65 years of service and commitment to the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Lynch joined the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department in May 1942. Since then, he has served in every appointed and elected position in the fire department, including President, member of the Board of Directors, and Fire Chief, with over 15 years as Assistant Chief for Rescue. He has served as a Delegate or Alternate to the Maryland State Fireman's Association for an astonishing 52 years. Mr. Lynch has served his community at the county, state and national levels for scores of years and served as a Delegate to the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. He taught emergency care for nearly 20 years and continues to serve on committees and workgroups, playing an active role, attending nearly every function, and participating in every company meeting.

Mr. Lynch retired from the United States Justice Department, where he served since 1941. He earned the American Legion's Citation for Meritorious Service. He was a devoted

husband to Margaret, who was also active in the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, until her recent death.

Thanks to the tireless and dedicated efforts of Robert P. Lynch, our community is a safer place to live and work. Mr. Lynch is an extraordinary and unselfish American and an inspiration to us all.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Lynch for his outstanding contributions to the people of the State of Maryland.

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HONORING THE 2007 NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS: THE SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY OWLS

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**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Ms. DELAUBRO. Madam Speaker, it is with the pride and excitement that I rise today to join our community and the State of Connecticut in congratulating this year's NCAA Division II Women's National Basketball Champions, the Southern Connecticut State University Owls. Led by coach Joe Frager and the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, Kate Lynch, the Owls earned the national title after a 61–45 win over previously undefeated Florida Gulf Coast—making the victory that much more thrilling.

Unlike the Division I tournament, where teams are seen from coast to coast throughout the season and information on the strengths and challenges of each team are well documented, the Owls of Southern Connecticut State University began their journey with little knowledge about any of the opposing teams. They did not waiver from the teamwork that brought them to the tournament. Navigating this uncharted territory with the trust they built throughout the season and an indomitable spirit, the Owls steadily moved through the tournament. With four teammates posting double figures in the final game against Florida Gulf Coast, the Owls cruised to a blow-out victory and proudly brought the championship trophy home, where they were greeted with a confetti-strewn welcome.

The people of Connecticut are tremendously proud of the Owls, who have set an example for us all with their teamwork and standard for perfection. This victory was a team effort—because of their hard work, absolute determination and a commitment to teamwork on and off the court, these talented young women have earned the title champions. Their outstanding success and unbridled enthusiasm for the game will certainly be remembered, serving as an inspiration for future players.

It is with my heartfelt congratulations that I stand today to honor the women of the Southern Connecticut State University basketball team on this outstanding victory. They played hard, they played smart, and they have made us all proud. Go Owls!

HONORING DANIEL HAHN

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**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**  
OF MARYLAND  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mr. Daniel Hahn, in celebration of his over fifty years of federal service.

Daniel Hahn, a Tool Room Mechanic at the Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore, Maryland, often tells people he feels like he's been at the Coast Guard Yard his whole life. Except for a few years while he served in the United States Marine Corps, he has spent his whole life at the Yard. In 1933, Daniel Hahn was born in a brown shingle house just outside the Coast Guard Yard's main entrance. His father, Louis, a 30-year Coast Guard Yard veteran, met his mother Elizabeth through a co-worker at the shipyard. Five of his uncles in the Hahn family also devoted their federal careers to the Coast Guard Yard. When Daniel was 3 years old, he and his family attended the Yard's Christmas Party, held in the on-base movie theater. That memorable afternoon, Daniel won a handmade wooden rocking horse—a now cherished possession that he keeps to this day. Not only did Daniel enjoy the rocking horse he won at the Coast Guard Yard, but his 3 children, 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren have also enjoyed many hours of play on the Coast Guard Yard holiday prize from 1936.

While attending Glen Burnie High School, Daniel worked the summer of 1951 at the Coast Guard Yard. He graduated the following year and joined the United States Marine Corps. However, within 3 years he returned to the Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay and after a brief period of outside employment, has worked at the Coast Guard Yard ever since.

Most of Daniel Hahn's federal career at the Curtis Bay shipyard was as an electrician in the Electric Shop. Since 1990, he has worked in the Yard's Central Tool Room as a Tool Room Mechanic. On April 5, 2007, the United States Coast Guard will extend honors to Mr. Hahn in recognition of his 50 years of dedicated service. He is 1 of only 4 current Coast Guard civilian employees who have attained their Golden Anniversary with the federal government. Mr. Hahn plans to continue his work at the Coast Guard Yard beyond his 50th anniversary. Four months after this unique career achievement, Daniel Hahn will celebrate another milestone in life. He and his wife, Thelma, will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary on August 30, 2007.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mr. Daniel Hahn. He is an outstanding and dedicated employee at the Coast Guard's Curtis Bay Shipyard. Through his tireless efforts in over 50 years of public service, he has shown a unique and committed work ethic that few can emulate. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty in his devotion to the United States Coast Guard and the United States of America.

A TRIBUTE TO LT. COLONEL JOHN MULZAC

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**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**  
OF NEW YORK  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, constituent and all around great guy, Lt. Colonel John Mulzac. Colonel Mulzac, or Daddy John as he is affectionately called, is an original Tuskegee Airman. He is an original member of the very first group of African-American World War II fighter pilots of the "99th Pursuit Squadron," later incorporated into the "332nd Fighter Group" and finally the "477th Bomber Group."

After fighting in World War II, Daddy John went on to fly in the Korean War and later the Vietnam War. He was then a member of the Air Force Reserve and then the New York State Air National Guard. Overall, Daddy John has logged more than 15,000 flying hours for the United States Air Force serving from 1942 to 1983. In addition to his service with the U.S. Air Force, Daddy John worked for 20 years as a New York City firefighter. His son Robert Mulzac is continuing the family legacy and is currently a Lieutenant in New York City's Fire Department.

In 1970, Daddy John left the New York City Fire Department and became a member of the First Group of U.S. Sky Marshals Flying World with several airlines including TWA. He continued his career as a Sky Marshal through 1972 training other Sky Marshals in Washington, DC.

Following 21 years of service as a United States Customs Inspector for New York Kennedy Airport's Area Inspection and Control Division, Daddy John retired.

Born on October 11, 1923 in Baltimore, Maryland, Daddy John spent his childhood in Bedford-Stuyvesant, where he now resides with his wife of 61 years, Beatrice. They have been blessed with 8 children, 24 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. It was his wife Beatrice who pinned on Daddy John's pilots wings upon his graduation from Tuskegee Institute in 1944.

Daddy John now spends most of his time in real estate and on the computer emailing his 6 grandchildren, who are enrolled in colleges throughout the country.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Lt. Colonel John Mulzac for his years of service and his invaluable contributions to our country. He is a true leader among men.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a remarkable man, Lt. Colonel John Mulzac.

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COMMENDING CAROLINE HAMILTON

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**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**  
OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Caroline Hamilton of Lewisville High School for her recognition as a 2007 Presidential Scholar.

The Presidential Scholar Commission honors up to 121 graduating seniors each year for