

Earhardt award as “woman of the year” in the aviation industry for 2004, which has only been given to two other women since its inception.

Throughout her career, Ms. Sadler has demonstrated her profound commitment to all aspects of aviation business, as well as a dedicated commitment to excellence. With my many dealings regarding aviation issues as a Member of Congress, I have come to know Ms. Sadler’s abilities and realize that she is the consummate professional whose performance in over 39 years of service to one of our Nation’s leading businesses has personified those traits of competency and integrity that we have come to expect from business professional leaders.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Linda C. Sadler for her honorable service to business and our great State of Iowa. Please join me in wishing her all the best in the future.

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HONORING JOE ANN COUSINO

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe Ann Cousino of Toledo, Ohio.

A newspaper once headlined, “Name any art media, and chances are good that Mrs. Cousino has had experience in it.” Joe Ann Cousino blessed Toledo with her artistic talents, beautifying the world she touched. Mrs. Cousino passed from this life Wednesday, December 19, 2007 due to ailing health. She was one of the most eminent artists in the Toledo area for more than 50 years and a renowned sculptor. Mrs. Cousino’s sculptures can be seen in public spaces, buildings, and private collections throughout northwest Ohio, in surrounding states, and as far away as Cairo and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Her figurative bronze pieces have won national acclaim and her work has appeared in more than 100 shows nationwide.

Born Joe Ann Bux, she was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. George Carl Bux. She graduated from Scott High School in Toledo, Ohio and later the University of Toledo, where she majored in art and minored in English literature. To finance her education, she taught classes in mural painting and glass etching at Toledo’s YMCA and YWCA. She was accepted to study at the prestigious Pratt Institute in New York, but chose to stay in Toledo with her fiancé, Wayne Kenneth Cousino.

Among her most visible sculpture projects are the 6-foot-tall “Woman with the Birds” at Toledo Botanical Garden, the 7-foot bronze Outreach of a “Woman and a Dove” at the University of Toledo Medical Center, the former Medical College of Ohio, and the 6-foot, 3-inch “St. Clare” at the Franciscan convent’s gardens in Tiffin. “She has been such a prominent figure in the Toledo art world, and a lot of that has to do with so many of her pieces being public art,” said Greg Jones, former director of the School of Art and Design at the Toledo Museum of Art.

Mrs. Cousino was a founding member and later a president of the Toledo Potters’ Guild. She focused on sculpture but her work in-

cluded interior decoration, fashion design, jewelry, ceramics, painting, and architecture. In the early 1950s she designed her family’s Otawa Hills home. Mrs. Cousino traveled the world to research art and cultures, going as far as a village in Egypt in search of tapestries made by Bedouin children.

In March 2007 Mrs. Cousino presented her last major sculptural work in Bowling Green, Ohio: a stoneware bust of local silent film star Lillian Gish. It was a capstone achievement to a distinguished professional career that began to take shape in the late 1940s. Through the years she became known for her industrious work ethic, indomitable spirit, and outspoken nature—traits which availed her rise to prominence during the 1950s in what was then a largely male-dominated sculpture field. “She was like a dynamo,” said Tracey Ladd, one of Mrs. Cousino’s art instructor colleagues. “There just weren’t a lot of female sculptors [in the 1950s], and she had to struggle a bit to make her artwork.”

The Toledo Blade interviewed Mrs. Cousino in 2000, providing a glimpse of her persona in which she explained her approach to instructing students. “I’m fussy. I’m a taskmaster, and for myself too,” she said. “People run all over artists. You learn. I learned the hard way. I sometimes get on the case of these young artists because they just get abused.”

She taught sculpture for most of her life, and until a few months ago gave private lessons from home while teaching adult continuing education classes at the Toledo Museum of Art. “She had the ability to teach them exactly what they need to sculpt a human figure, and to do that out of a lump of clay is very, very difficult,” Mr. Jones said.

The Toledo community deeply will miss the loss of this artistic treasure. Her talent and the generous nature of her public work remain irreplaceable. The Toledo community will remember her courage, skill, and spirit every time they pass by and view her momentous and beautiful creations.

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TRIBUTE TO HEAD COACH HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER AND THE FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY OWLS FOOTBALL TEAM

**HON. ROBERT WEXLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger, his coaching staff and the Florida Atlantic University Owls Football Team for their momentous win in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl on December 21, 2007. Their 44 to 27 victory over the University of Memphis Tigers marked the first bowl victory in FAU’s history, setting an NCAA record as the youngest program in NCAA history to win a bowl game.

In only its seventh year, the Florida Atlantic University football program has ascended quickly under the leadership of Coach Schnellenberger. Known for his success at rebuilding programs at the University of Miami and the University of Louisville, Schnellenberger was hired as Director of Football Operations in 1998 to build a new program at FAU, and he immediately set the goal

of building a program that would eventually compete for a National Championship. The program’s string of successes to date shows the Owls are on their way to reaching that goal.

Beginning with an upset victory over Bethune Cookman College in only its second game in 2001, FAU’s short football history is full of accomplishments. In 2003, its third season in Division 1-AA, the Owls reached the national semifinals and finished the season ranked fourth in the nation. Following four seasons in Division I-AA, FAU jumped to Division I-A in 2004 and joined the Sun Belt Conference, where it was immediately competitive and took on a schedule of tough non-conference opponents from the Big Ten, Big 12 and SEC. This season, FAU defeated its first Big Ten opponent, the University of Minnesota, as well as defending Sun Belt Conference champion Troy University to win the 2007 Sun Belt Conference Championship and a berth in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl.

The Owls jumped to an early lead in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, which was never relinquished behind Quarterback Rusty Smith, who won the Most Valuable Player Award after completing 25 of 32 passes for 336 yards and five touchdowns. FAU was also well-decorated at the Sun Belt Conference Awards, where Smith received the Player of the Year Award, Coach Schnellenberger received the Coach of the Year Award, and six players including Smith were named First-Team All-Conference.

This win is one that brings great pride not only to those affiliated with Florida Atlantic University, but to the entire South Florida community, and I am proud to recognize their historic achievement.

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CONGRATULATING JERRY SEALY ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jerry Sealy on his retirement as the Executive Director of Okaloosa Regional Airport in Okaloosa County, Florida.

Jerry has been a role model for not only his colleagues, but also to those in northwest Florida. He served the county for just short of 14 years and during that time he was an active member of the American Association of Airport Executives and served as the President of the Florida Airport Managers Association in 1999. Not only was he selected as the 1999 Aviation Professional of the Year by the Florida Department of Transportation, but he also received the highest accreditation available from the American Association of Airport Executives as an Accredited Airport Executive, A.A.E.

Through his leadership and vision, Okaloosa Regional Airport was awarded the 2005 Commercial Service Airport of the Year by the Florida Department of Transportation and the 2006 National Excellence in Construction Merit Award from Balfour Beatty Construction through the Associated Builders and Contractors for the construction of a new airport terminal.

Okaloosa Regional Airport has seen tremendous growth over the past 10 years as people from all over the world come to enjoy north-west Florida's finest offerings. With over \$90 million in airport improvements, Jerry has transformed the airport into a modern, welcoming gateway for visitors and residents. His dedication and passion will be greatly missed.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate Jerry Sealy on his retirement and wish him many more years of success and happiness.

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TRIBUTE TO CAROL SILVA

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of Georgia's 3rd Congressional District, I'd like to extend my congratulations to Carol Silva, named the 2007 Harris County Citizen of the Year by the county's newspaper.

Silva dedicated 20 years to serving the people of Harris County and retired recently from her post as county manager. During Silva's tenure, she provided the county with a steady and patient hand of leadership at a time of exponential population growth.

Before Harris County fell in love with Carol Silva, Carol Silva and her family fell in love with Harris County. The Silvas decided to plant roots in Harris when her husband began working for the National Weather Service in neighboring Muscogee County. They bought property there 30 years ago and enrolled their children in the local elementary schools. Then, 20 years ago, she became the receptionist for the Harris County Commission.

Silva's dedication and people skills quickly led to greater responsibilities. She became the county clerk and chief financial officer in 1992 and then the county manager in 1999.

In addition to providing Harris with leadership, she steadfastly advocated for her employees. County Clerk Nancy McMichael worked for Silva for 15 years. Speaking of her boss, she told the Harris County Journal: "She is honest and ethical and treated everyone with integrity and forthrightness. You always knew where you stood with her, and her door was always open for employees and citizens alike."

Harris County Commission Chairman echoed that praise, saying that Silva put "her heart and soul in her job."

Madam Speaker, I would like to personally thank Carol Silva for her many years of public service. As an elected official, I know it is often the professional staff working behind the scenes who meet the day-to-day needs of Georgians. They don't do it for glory and they don't do it for riches. They do it because they care and they want to help their fellow citizens.

Carol Silva's career with Harris County exemplifies the best of public service. I congratulate her on this honor and I wish her much happiness in her retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND  
MEMORY OF HENRY O'LEARY

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Henry O'Leary, a true American hero who dedicated his life to serving this country. As a member of the U.S. Navy for 21 years, Henry saw combat in both World War II and Korea, and later supported the American mission in Vietnam. When he retired from the Navy in 1963, Henry began his new life in San Diego, California, where he dedicated himself to serving the local community.

Henry was born on April 17, 1925, in Worcester, Massachusetts, and enlisted in the Navy in 1942. Ten years later, Henry was recommended by his command for the Silver Star with Valor for single-handedly saving his burning ship while under intense enemy fire and, along with it, the lives of his shipmates. For his courage and selflessness, he was awarded the Bronze Star.

After serving in the Navy, Henry worked at San Diego State University for 23 years until his retirement. While many often see retirement as an opportunity to travel and experience new things for themselves, Henry saw retirement as an opportunity to serve others in the community, including our veterans. He was a regular volunteer at both San Diego's VA hospital and Kaiser Permanente, where his humor is said to have brought smiles to many faces. Additionally, throughout his life, he volunteered for church ministries, community programs, political campaigns, and was involved in the activities of his children.

Most notably, Henry never turned his back on anyone in need. Whether it was dangerously exposing himself to enemy fire to save the lives of his shipmates or volunteering countless hours at the VA hospital, Henry always put others before himself. He was a practitioner of good citizenship and remains a shining example of the courage and selflessness that continue to carry our Nation forward.

President Ronald Reagan once said, "Good citizenship is vitally important if democracy is to survive and flourish. It means keeping abreast of the important issues of the day and knowing the stakes involved in the great conflicts of our time. It means bearing arms when necessary to fight for your country, for right, and for freedom. Good citizenship and defending democracy means living up to the ideals and values that make this country great. Today the world looks to America for leadership. They look to what they call our miracle economy for an answer to how they may give their people a better life. And they look to our courage and might to protect them from the forces of tyranny, brutality and injustice." Madam Speaker, when President Reagan spoke these words, he was referring directly to Americans like Henry, who were willing to sacrifice their lives for this country and commit themselves to benefiting the lives of others.

I extend my prayers and deepest condolences to Henry's loving wife of more than 50 years, Miriam, and his children Jeff, Colleen, Patti and Shawn, and ask that my colleagues join me today in paying tribute to the life and memory of this American hero.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
FIRE CHIEF TERRY L. WEBB

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Terry L. Webb on the occasion of his retirement as Fire Chief for Duncanville, Texas.

Over the past 34 years, Chief Terry Webb has worked tirelessly to promote efforts that ensure the safety and well-being for the citizens of Duncanville. During his career he has advanced through the ranks of the department serving in such positions as an Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, Lieutenant, Captain and Assistant Fire Chief. In 1999, he was appointed by the mayor to serve as Emergency Management Coordinator. Chief Webb is currently the senior employee for the City of Duncanville.

Chief Terry Webb has received numerous awards for his outstanding service. He was named the City of Duncanville 2001 Man of the Year, the Duncanville High School Distinguished Alumni in 2003, the Duncanville Fire Department Meritorious Service Award and the American Legion Local, Regional and State Firefighter of the Year.

Chief Webb is an active member of many fire and civic associations including the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, the North Central Texas Fire Chief Association, the Dallas County Fire Chiefs, the National Fire Protection Association, and the Emergency Management Association of Texas. He has also served as President of the Duncanville Lions Club and was named Lion of the Year from 1994-1995. He belongs to the Board of Directors for the Duncanville Educational Foundation and is the Chairman of the Board for the Duncanville Outreach Ministries.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to commend and congratulate Chief Terry L. Webb on all of his accomplishments. His numerous years of service and dedication to the City of Duncanville is worthy of recognition. It is an honor to represent Chief Webb in the 24th District of Texas and I wish him continued success in the years to come.

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HONORING MS. TAMMY DODSON

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Tammy Dodson from Colorado's 6th Congressional District for being recognized as a finalist for the American School Counselor Association's first School Counselor of the Year award.

As a former educator, I understand the constructive job counseling takes in the development of our children. The roles and responsibilities of student guidance counselors have increased over the past few decades, and so too has the quality and professionalism of their work. This month, the American School Counselor Association seeks to nationally commemorate the finest counselors our nation has