

his fourth impressive career when he retires as founding executive director of the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association (TMA). In that capacity Pete contributed directly to the economic vitality of the 7th Congressional District by advancing hundreds of transit improvements, including the 422 River Crossings Projects, I-76/I-476 TSM project and many more.

Without doubt, however, Pete's greatest accomplishment is his loving and devoted family. His wife Maryanne, the love of his life and best friend, has been one of the area's finest Latin teachers for nearly two decades at the Haverford School. Their daughter Maryanne, her mother's namesake, scholarly equal and successful business leader, is married to Mr. Bryan Hancock with 2 beautiful children, Will and Hugh. Pete Quinn Jr, husband to Kristen and father of Warner and Anderson, reflects the best of his father. A graduate of the US Naval Academy and F-18 Hornet pilot, he's currently serving our nation as we fight wars on two fronts.

Madam Speaker I ask that we pause and salute Pete and Maryanne Quinn, their exceptional children and grandchildren for representing the epitome of a life well lived in loving service to one another, their community and our great nation.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE JOINT VETERANS COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

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**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Joint Veterans Commission of Cuyahoga County as they commemorate Flag Day 2008, Naturalization Day and the two hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the U.S. Army at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

I stand today in recognition of the individuals and organizations who make up The Joint Veterans Commission of Cuyahoga County: Army and Navy Union, Catholic War Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Korean War Veterans Association, Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Polish Legion of American Veterans, Reserve Officers Association, Southwest Asia Veterans, Ukrainian American Veterans, United Spanish War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, Waves National, and the 82nd Airborne Division Association. Their collective and individual efforts ensure a memorable celebration of this year's Flag Day, Naturalization Day and the 233rd Birthday of the U.S. Army.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of The Joint Veterans Commission of Cuyahoga County as they commemorate Flag Day 2008, Naturalization Day, and the 233rd Birthday of the U.S. Army, and in recognition of the individual and collective commitment of the members and organizations to the Greater Cleveland Area.

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**CLYDE HAN**

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**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Clyde Han, of Cameron, Missouri. On May 31, 2008, after 25 years of service, Clyde retired from the Cameron, Missouri Fire Department.

Mr. Han has established a distinctive and well respected career serving and protecting the public. Clyde is a Certified Instructor for the University of Missouri Fire Service, and was the University of Missouri Fire & Rescue Training Coordinator for Northwest Missouri for several years. Mr. Han is a certified Fire Investigator for the State of Missouri. Clyde was also an instructor for the Cameron Fire Department, as well as the Fire Inspector for the City of Cameron, Missouri. Mr. Han ended his career with the Cameron Fire Department as Captain.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Clyde Han, whose dedication and service to the citizens he helped protect has been truly outstanding. I commend Clyde on an exceptional career, and I am honored to serve him in the United States Congress.

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TRIBUTE TO TENNESSEE'S 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FIRE-FIGHTERS

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**HON. LINCOLN DAVIS**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2008*

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, over 250 years ago, Benjamin Franklin created the Union Fire Company, the first volunteer fire fighting company in America. Today, volunteers make up over 70% of United States firefighters, with 820,000 Americans dedicating their free time to protecting their neighbors, homes and communities from fire and other calamities.

More than 21,000 of the roughly 30,000 fire departments in the country are entirely comprised of volunteer service members ready and willing to respond to over a million fires every year. Our volunteer fire fighters spend their time and resources to train, prepare and equip themselves so they are ready to face whatever challenge might threaten our homes or safety. Moreover, firefighters are summoned to address a wide variety of emergencies in our country every year, from emergency medical care to natural disasters, water rescue to threats from hazardous materials and more.

The volunteer firefighters of today are working hard to carry on a tradition of commitment to each other that outlasts America itself. As long as fires threaten the well-being of our neighbors and loved ones, the volunteer firefighters of America will continue to answer the call in our defense. For all they do, they deserve our thanks and respect. I rise with my colleagues today to applaud their service and that of paid full-time and part-time firefighters to our country and their noble regard for the protection of us all.

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RECOGNIZING THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GRAND BLANC

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**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2008*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the First Baptist Church of Grand Blanc as they celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Church's founding. A celebration was held on June 1st in Grand Blanc, Michigan to mark this momentous occasion.

The First Baptist Church of Grand Blanc was founded in 1833 when 26 settlers came together to establish a place of worship. Their guiding beliefs were a dedication to God, religious liberty, belief in the literal translation of the Bible, separation of Church and state, and the autonomy of the local Church.

The 26 individuals were Daniel Williams, Alfred Brainerd, John Tupper, Alden Tupper, Newall Tupper, Harrison Tupper, Alexander Tupper, Phile Miner, John Fritz, Robert Winchell, Philander Williams, Betsy Tupper, Hannah Tupper, Isabelle Tupper, Asenath Brainerd, Sarah Brainerd, Alice Miner, Susanna Fritz, Electa Williams, Sophrona Straw, Almira Phelps, Lovina Gilbert, Sarah Perry, Lovina Williams, Jason Austin, and Eunice Austin. The first meetings were held in a barn and the First Baptist Church of Grand Blanc became the first Protestant Church between Pontiac and the Straits of Mackinaw.

Over the years the congregation has grown. The Church was officially dedicated in 1851 and over the years the congregation has expanded the building and facilities to suit the growing needs of the faithful. In addition to the classrooms and dining hall, a new fellowship hall and a 400-seat sanctuary have been added. The Church was named a State of Michigan Historic Site in 1974 and a National Historic Site in 1983.

Under the current leadership of interim pastor, Reverend Darrell Foltz, the congregation continues to work under the principles of vision, faith and courage to meet the challenges of our world. The congregation meets these challenges every day armed with their spiritual guidance and love of God.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the First Baptist Church of Grand Blanc for celebrating their 175th anniversary. The bell that was installed in 1837 continues to ring today calling the faithful to worship. May it continue to ring for another 175 years.

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A TRIBUTE TO M. MAGDALENA CARRILLO MEJIA

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**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2008*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. M. Magdalena Carrillo Mejia's years of service as the superintendent of the Sacramento City Unified School District. Dr. Mejia leaves a lasting legacy in Sacramento and she will be deeply missed. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring one of Sacramento's leaders in education.

After earning her bachelor's and master's degree in Multicultural Education from the

California State University, San Diego, Dr. Mejia has been a tireless advocate for education. She began her career in the Sweetwater Union High School District serving as a classroom teacher at Sweetwater High School and later at Mar Vista High School. Dr. Mejia's dedication to improving California's educational system led to her 1999 appointment as superintendent in the Montebello Unified School District. In 2000, Dr. Mejia received a Doctorate of Philosophy in Educational Policy and Administration from the University of Southern California and was appointed superintendent of the Sacramento City Unified School District in 2003.

During her time as superintendent of the Sacramento City Unified School District, Dr. Mejia has developed and implemented a strategic plan entitled "Success for Every Student by Name." This plan gives special attention to four essential areas for improving education: closing the achievement gap, ensuring a successful transition from middle school to high school, integrating physical, social and emotional supports with academics, and improving parent and community engagement. In addition, Dr. Mejia has led other innovative initiatives in Sacramento. This includes seeing that the Sacramento City School District became the first district in California to earn an international certification for standardizing procedures and practices at the central office. She undertook a rigorous district review with the guidance of the Annenberg Institute for School Reform, a process in which only ten districts in the Nation have engaged in. In 2007, Dr. Mejia was instrumental in the creation of a middle school task force to undertake reforms at that level. This has led to increased support for teachers and students alike.

Dr. Mejia has received many honors and professional recognition for her work in improving K-12 education. She was named the Association of California School Administrators Superintendent of the Year in 2006 and most recently she was one of the two California superintendents chosen by State Superintendent Jack O'Connell to represent California at the National Academy of Superintendents conference in Ohio. In addition Dr. Mejia has been awarded the first annual Administrator of the Year award from the California Association for Bilingual Education, named the Milken National Educator of the Year, and State Senator Martha Escutia's Woman of the Year for the 30th State Senate District.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Dr. M. Magdalena Carrillo Mejia's distinguished commitment to education here in Sacramento and throughout California. Dr. Mejia's outstanding leadership and dedication to the Sacramento City Unified School District has increased the performance of our schools and most importantly our students. We all are thankful for her efforts. As Dr. Mejia's husband Carlos, their two children, her colleagues, family and friends gather to honor her service, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing her continued good fortune in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLES JOSEPH ZERZAN, JR.

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Madam Speaker. I rise today to note the passing of a true American hero and fellow Oregonian, Dr. Charles Joseph Zerzan, Jr. Dr. Zerzan passed from this world on May 23, 2008 in the presence of his beloved wife and children. This man devoted his life to service of his family, the community and our Nation, and it is a singular sign of America's special blessing that individuals such as he have lived, enriching us all in the great enterprise of our Nation. I know this entire body will rise with me and give a solemn note of thanks to Dr. Zerzan, and our condolences to his family.

Charles Zerzan was born on December 1, 1921 in Portland, Oregon and attended primary and secondary school in the Portland and Salem areas. At the age of sixteen his parents lied about his age so that he could enlist in the Oregon National Guard; three years later America entered World War II and Dr. Zerzan found himself a 2nd Lieutenant in an Airborne division commanding men several years older than he in the harsh jungle and mountain terrain of the China-Burma-India theatre. At the end of the war, by which time he had earned the rank of Captain, he returned home to Oregon to attend Willamette University and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. He then proceeded to medical school at the University of Marquette, where he earned the degree of Medical Doctor with a specialty in internal medicine. Following medical school Dr. Zerzan re-enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in many prestigious posts. Among these were two tours in Washington at Walter Reed Army Hospital; Chief of Medicine at Rodriguez Army Hospital; and he served as U.S. Army Medical Advisor to the Jordan Arab Army. Dr. Zerzan had the privilege of serving as personal physician to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, His Majesty King Hussein bin Talal of Jordan, members of the U.S. Supreme Court and numerous United States Senators and Congressmen. During the Cuban Missile crisis Dr. Zerzan was part of the invasion force planning to go ashore in Cuba, in the event of a conflict which thankfully never came to pass.

Dr. Zerzan was highly decorated for his service to the United States. Among the military honors he received are the Legion of Merit, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the World War II Victory Medal, the Pacific Theater Medal with two battle stars, the National Defense ribbon and the American Defense ribbon. These honors, which are awarded among other reasons for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements," are but a small symbol of the patriotism and devotion of Dr. Zerzan to our country. As is true for so many of our veterans the true worth of his service cannot be measured.

Upon retirement from the Army in 1968 Dr. Zerzan returned to Oregon, where he served as Director of Continuing Medical Education at the Medical School of the University of Oregon-Portland (now known as Oregon Health Sciences University), and later as partner in the NW Permanente Clinic, Sunnyside Kaiser.

Despite his many professional achievements Dr. Zerzan viewed his greatest accomplishment to be his family. It was while attending college at Willamette University that Dr. Zerzan met the great love of his life, Ms. Joan Margaret Kathan of Rogue River, Oregon. As Mrs. Zerzan described it, the first time they kissed her "shoes flew off," and she knew it was true love. They married on February 7, 1948 and during their 60 years of marriage proceeded to have 12 children. These children, who live in Oregon and throughout the United States, in turn gave Dr. Zerzan 30 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The passing of Dr. Zerzan is a sad day for Oregon and all of America. But at the same time, it is a source of celebration for the accomplishment of his life's work. Dr. Zerzan was a man of courage, honor and great faith. As recorded in the Gospel of St. Matthew: "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Dr. Zerzan's treasure was in his devotion to his family, his country and his work. He has now passed on to receive his reward, and to enjoy the treasure he stored up during his time on earth. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for joining with me and our colleagues today to celebrate Dr. Zerzan's life and reward.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I have been out on medical leave. I have been unable to cast votes; however, I would like the RECORD to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 366, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 365, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 364, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 363, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 362, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 361, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 360, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 359, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 358, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 357, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 356, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 355, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 354, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 353, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 352, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 351, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 350, I would have voted "aye."