

community. Among many other achievements and activities, Mr. Niemann was co-chair of the NVUSD Educational Plan Committee for the new American Canyon High School from 2005–2006. He also coordinated National History Day for Napa County Schools, with more than 2,000 students participating annually from 2000–2004. Mr. Niemann has reached out to get others involved, serving as a delegation leader for the “People to People” Student Ambassador Program. The program attracted participants from Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, New Zealand, and Australia. He has been a mentor teacher, track coach, and has always made himself available after hours to work with parent volunteers.

Mr. Niemann strives to not just teach history, but to experience it. He has traveled to 49 countries on six continents. He has consulted with educators and observed schools in Mexico, Fiji, Russia, Germany, Japan, Central America, South Africa, India, Kenya, Thailand, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Richard R. Niemann for his many years of service to the Napa Valley, and to thank him for his contributions to the community. I join his wife, Marsha, his children, and our colleagues in wishing him the best as he enters this new phase of his life.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLONEL  
MICHAEL L. BARTLEY**

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2008*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor my friend Colonel Michael L. Bartley by entering his name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I pay tribute to Colonel Bartley for his distinguished service to the United States Air Force and his exemplary record as Commander of the 99th Base Wing at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

Colonel Bartley has had a long and illustrious career as an airman. Having graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in June 1983, Colonel Bartley distinguished himself in his early duty assignments as an A/OA-10 and F-16 instructor pilot. He also performed duties as a weapons officer, flight evaluator, flight commander, assistant operations officer, deployment commander, and served as a member of the 354 TFW Gunsmoke team in 1987.

During Operation Desert Storm, Colonel Bartley flew over 40 combat missions over Iraq in the OA-10 and flew 65 combat missions over Northern Iraq in the F-16C during Operation Provide Comfort and over Southern Iraq during Operation Southern Watch as the Operations Officer of the 523rd Fighter Squadron. Following his tenure in the Middle East, Colonel Bartley served as Vice Commander of the 35th Fighter Wing at Misawa Air Base, Japan and was subsequently assigned to serve as the Commander of the 99th Air Base Wing at Nellis.

Over the course of his career as an airman, Colonel Bartley has been highly decorated.

Colonel Bartley has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor, the Meritorious Service Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with 6 oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award and numerous other accolades and awards.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to be able to recognize Colonel Michael L. Bartley. His dedication to defending freedom and his exemplary record of service illustrate that Colonel Bartley is a true American patriot. I thank him for his service, applaud him on all his successes and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

**THE 52ND REUNION OF THE U.S.  
AIR FORCE'S 4080TH STRATEGIC  
RECONNAISSANCE WING**

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2008*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, recently in Del Rio, Texas, the veterans of the U.S. Air Force's 4080th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing held their 52nd and final reunion.

I am proud to say that many of Minnesota's finest have served in this distinguished outfit, including the man who shared with me their incredible achievements, Minnesota native Jim Wemple, Airman 2nd Class, who joined the unit the year it was formed, 1956.

The 4080th is one of the most distinguished units in the great history of the American armed services. In fact, it holds the distinct honor of being the highest decorated unit in the Air Force during peace time. The unit has received a Presidential citation, and its members have been awarded the highest honors afforded by the military, including the Silver Star and the Medal of Honor.

With skill and courage, the 4080th flew critical recon missions time and again, including many daring missions during the Cold War. Their efforts and sacrifices averted conflicts, saved lives and secured peace.

The brave patriots who served in this unit have played a pivotal role in many of the defining events of the 20th Century. With courage and dignity, they put their lives on the line to defend our flag and our freedoms and these men truly deserve our undying gratitude.

And so it is my honor to recognize and pay tribute to the all the men of the 4080th Recon Wing. We must always hold the American serviceman in our hearts, for, as General MacArthur said, they hold America's destiny in their hands.

**HONORING ALWARD AND HENRY  
MEEKER POST 2833 AND LADIES  
AUXILIARY, VETERANS OF FOR-  
EIGN WARS**

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2008*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Alward and Henry Meeker Post 2833 and the Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kenvil, Township of

Roxbury, County of Morris, New Jersey, as we commemorate the Post's 75th Anniversary.

VFW Post 2833 was formed during the winter months of 1932 and 1933 in a road stand which is now the office of the Kingtown Mountain Motel. Twenty-one other charter members were recruited by Frank Van Houten, a Spanish American War veteran, after his move from Paterson, New Jersey to Netcong. Mr. Van Houten was previously a member of the Alexander Hamilton VFW Post 139, Paterson. Netcong had already formed a post a year earlier, but Mr. Van Houten and his recruits from the Netcong/Succasunna area sought to establish their own Post.

The Post was named in remembrance of two brothers, Private Alward Wilson Meeker and Private Henry Fordham Meeker Jr., who both died during World War I. The brothers were sons of Henry F. and Charlotte H. Meeker, who operated a general store on Main Street in Kenvil. On Flag Day, June 14, 1933, the A & H Meeker VFW Post officially was chartered with Frank Van Houten as its first Commander. The Ladies Auxiliary was chartered on October 13, 1933. Ruth Hart was its first President.

On January 12, 1935, Post charter member John Kasweck and Auxiliary charter member Margaret Kasweck deeded land for the new Post home. The members signed for a bank loan to cover the cost of building materials and held fundraisers and dances to pay off the debt. The loan was repaid by the early 1940s, so by the end of World War II, returning veterans had an established post to join.

In the late 1960's a merger took place between Alward & Henry Meeker 2833 and Roxbury Memorial Post 10135, including the Ladies Auxiliaries. The Post retained its name.

During 1988 additions were completed for the Post building, and land was purchased for a parking lot. The flag pole was moved to its present position at the Post building. Sidewalks and wheelchair access were also added, but funds fell short, and loans were once again given by members. In the 1990's the Post and Auxiliary joined forces, sponsoring spaghetti dinners to meet the obligation of these loans.

Today, the Post celebrates its 75th anniversary. The members take pride in all the service they have provided to our veterans and the community of Roxbury Township over many years.

Madam Speaker, I am privileged to honor the Alward and Henry Meeker Post 2833 and the Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars. I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of this valuable, dedicated organization for their seventy-five years of service!

**IN HONOR OF THE STUDENT  
GRADUATES OF SADDLE RIVER'S  
YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2008*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Madam Speaker, today, the Saddle River Police Department will hold its Youth Leadership Program graduation ceremony with the students of the Wandell School. The young people participating in this important program have made

a commitment to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence. They have done this with the support of Chief of Police Timothy McWilliams, Superintendent Dr. David Goldblatt, teachers, Mike Nussear and Glen Stokes.

The Saddle River Youth Leadership Program allows children to defeat the negative cultural influences that they are challenged with daily by opening the lines of communication between law enforcement and youth and empowering them with confidence and courage to say no to drugs.

I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program at the Wendell School, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship:

Jeffrey Conocenti, Scotty Derosier, William Fullerton, Sydney Hayday, Samantha Holder, Ellie Hughes, Ankit Kakar, Baasil Khalil, Jeffrey Korb, Nathan Levin, Kyler McVay, Courtney Micallef, Joshua Moll, Rachel Pasternak, Bailey Pennell, Dylan Pierz, Anne Pless, Glennis Walter, Francis Ahearn, Victoria Amimroumand, Alejandro Asef-Sargent, Nicholas Biondi, Connor Bovino, Kristyn Del Campo-Banrevy, Shannon Duggan, Alex Formento, Ashley Holder, William Hughes, Woody Kim, Skyler King, Tyler Levin, Julia Massimi, Michelle Ritota, Russell Simmons, Jennifer Vincent

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CLUB

SPEECH OF

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2008*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress, we know how difficult the transition to Washington, DC, can be for our spouses. The Congressional Club provides them a home away from home, encouraging bipartisan friendships.

The Congressional Club was established in 1908, by a group of 25 women from Washington who sought to establish a nonpolitical group which would bring the spouses of Members of Congress together when in Washington, DC. The Club was officially chartered by a unanimous Act of Congress in 1908, and remains the only club to be established by Congressional action. President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Congressional resolution into law on May 30, 1908.

Today, the Club is a charitable organization active in the Washington, DC, community and hosts events for the spouses of foreign dignitaries.

Since its beginning, the Congressional Club has participated in a wide range of charitable work, including rolling bandages, purchasing two evacuation planes for wounded soldiers, and honoring local fire and police departments. They have hosted Christmas parties and end of school pizza parties for inner-city children, appreciation days for local nursing home senior citizens. The annual First Lady's luncheon raises tens of thousands of dollars for charity.

To celebrate its 100th anniversary, the club has a year full of festivities and ceremonies that include a Founder's Day program, a birth-

day cake at the First Lady's Luncheon, an anniversary postage stamp, and a 100-year pin/pendant designed by past president Lois Breaux.

I would like to thank all the members of the Congressional Club for all their work and dedication over the years. Congratulations on your first 100 years. I wish you many, many more.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN LARRY BOUNTY

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2008*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor my friend Captain Larry Bounty by entering his name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I pay tribute to Captain Larry Bounty for his life and accomplishments, and applaud him for 30 successful years with the Boulder City Fire Department.

Larry began his fire service career as a volunteer Fire Fighter with the Boulder City Fire Department in 1975 while working for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power at Hoover Dam. He was then hired as a full time career Firefighter in 1978 and would spend the next 30 years with the Boulder City Fire Department. During Larry's career, he has held many different positions and assignments. He was a Firefighter/EMT, an Engineer, and for the last 18 years he was a Fire Captain of A Platoon.

He was one of the department's first arson investigators and eventually, the department's only fully post certified investigator. He was also instrumental in improving the city's emergency dispatch procedures, which resulted in faster response times and saved lives. When the Boulder City Fire Department decided to upgrade its Emergency Medical System, Larry became heavily involved in the project. He helped lay the groundwork for the transition from an intermediate based program with little invasive skills, to a full-blown Advanced Life Support paramedic program which has been hugely successful throughout the community.

In the 30 years he has spent in the fire service, Larry has been honored several times for his service and valor to our community. He has been honored with both the Valley of Heroes Medal and with the Medal of Valor.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Captain Larry Bounty for his distinguished accomplishments during his 30 years at the Boulder City Fire Department. His dedication to his career and the community is a true testament to his character. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF LEE FOSTER

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2008*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise this evening to praise and thank the dynamic, effervescent and talented Lee Foster for her

service to the community and congratulate her on winning Hillbarn Theater's highest honor, the Bravo! Award.

Madam Speaker, there are few areas of this country with a finer performing arts tradition than the San Francisco Bay Area. With top-notch professional theaters, operas, symphonies and dance companies, not to mention first-rate venues for live music and comedy, Northern Californians have a phenomenal choice for live entertainment. In this competitive, excellence-driven market, it is remarkable that a community organization like Foster City's Hillbarn Theater can not only survive, but thrive.

Much of the credit for this is attributable to Lee Foster. Just ten years ago, Hillbarn was in dire straits. Faced with a debt in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, a dwindling audience and a roof the fire chief said wouldn't support his crew in the event of a fire, this proud institution, that entertained my family and thousands of others for more than a generation, was about to close its doors.

When Lee took the helm as Executive Director, she set four goals: Hire a top notch Artistic Director, create new and strengthen existing relationships with local communities, build a sound financial foundation and most urgently, repair the roof.

With the help of volunteers and a committed Board of Directors, Lee accomplished her goals. And in the process, Madam Speaker, she made the 12th Congressional District of California even more inviting than it was when she started.

On top of her remarkable management and fundraising skills, Lee is also a many-faceted and inspiring performer. I have been fortunate to be in her audience for numerous productions and Lee has never been short of amazing.

Lee's hard and selfless work has led to hundreds of opportunities for local actors, singers, dancers, set constructors, lighting and sound techs, and all the other volunteers who make community theater possible. Without Lee Foster, my blessed, beautiful and entertaining district would be a little less beautiful and entertaining.

#### SUNSET MEMORIAL

**HON. TRENT FRANKS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2008*

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is June 3, 2008, in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today, Madam Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 12,916 days since the tragedy called Roe v. Wade was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Madam Speaker, died and screamed as they did so, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, no one could hear them.