

Representatives to honor the great sacrifices and contributions made by the Korean War veterans to preserve our freedom.

Fifty-eight years have passed since its outbreak on June 25, 1950, yet the Korean War has never formally ended. In lieu of a peace treaty, a cease-fire armistice was signed on July 27, 1953, leaving in its wake 4 million military and civilian casualties. H.R. 6363 will commemorate the Korean War Armistice Day by displaying the flag at half-staff in remembrance and recognition of the Korean War veterans and a war that has yet to end.

The truest heroes of the Korean War are the thousands who served without question and never returned home to their loved ones. This bill is to honor them, especially, as well as to salute their comrades who placed themselves in harm's way in defense of their country. Even as we place this spotlight on the fighting men and women in the Forgotten War, I also wish to remember the tens of thousands of families, both Americans and Koreans, who suffered through this bloody conflict.

Indeed, the Korean War was one of the bloodiest wars fought in one of the coldest winters. In just 3 years, the United States suffered 54,246 casualties and 8,176-plus POW/MIAs. A total of 26 nations were involved in the War (22 UN Allied, 1 Support; 3 Communist); yet few people understand that the lingering effects of the Korean War and the resulting stalemate continue to impact our world today.

Sandwiched between World War II and the Vietnam War, the Korean War is often overlooked in the public consciousness and often referenced as the 'Forgotten War'. The courageous service and sacrifice of our Korean War veterans must never be forgotten and deserves to be honored. Let us remember the 6.8 million American men and women who served during the Korean War period, June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955. Only 2 million are surviving today and nearly 1,000 die each day.

TRIBUTE TO BOB SANDY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob Sandy for reaching an important milestone of 60 years as a public servant to the people of Warren County, Iowa.

For the past 60 years Bob has honorably served Warren County. His work with the county began when Bob took a job as a surveyor and bridge inspector for the county engineer's department at the age of 19. In 1953 he earned a degree in civil engineering from Iowa State University. Five years later, in 1958, he was hired as the county engineer and remained in that position until 1997. In the following year, Bob was elected to the Warren County Board of Supervisors and is currently serving his third term.

When Bob began working for the county, there were no paved roads in the entire county. Over 150 miles of roads were paved while Bob was the engineer. His friends say his success has come from getting along with, and earning the respect of those around him, including those who have shared their dif-

ferences. In addition to his work with the county, Bob was a widely recognized and regarded sports announcer for local high school and Simpson College athletics with KBAB radio for 30 years. He also was the president of the Little League Association for many years.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Bob Sandy for his six decades of leadership and service to Warren County. I consider it an honor to represent him in Congress, and I wish him the best in his future service.

HONORING THE EYE CENTER OF LENAWEE

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one hundredth anniversary of the Eye Center of Lenawee. It is with great admiration and pride that I congratulate the optometrists, both present and past, who have served the eye care needs of the Lenawee community over the past one hundred years. From its founding optometrist, Dr. J Berris, to today's practice that boasts three doctors and nine staff members, the Eye Center of Lenawee has long been a familiar and trusted business in Lenawee County, Michigan.

The history of the Eye Center of Lenawee is full of quality care and dedication to the Lenawee County community. The eye care center was established in 1908 by a Canadian immigrant, Dr. J Berris, in Adrian, Michigan next to the Crosswell Opera House. Over the years, the practice passed through generations of highly qualified optometrists. In 1939, Dr. Robert Birmingham bought the practice and hired an associate, Dr. Robert Davis. In the late 1940s, Dr. Davis moved the eye care center to Maple Avenue. Upon Dr. Birmingham's retirement in 1979, Dr. Edward Schenkel, former Air Force optometrist, entered the practice and eventually became a partner with Dr. Davis. The center was moved to larger quarters when the Adrian Optometrists merged with Dr. Rick Allan Snow's practice in 1986. Shortly after the merge the name was changed to Eye Center of Lenawee, P.C. Today, the Eye Center of Lenawee has three resident optometrists, partners Dr. Rick Allan Snow and Dr. Jodi Kordyzon, and associate Dr. Kelli Lambert.

The Eye Center of Lenawee offers extensive and state-of-the-art eye care services for both adults and children. Services range from routine eye examinations and contact lenses, to treatment of eye injuries and laser vision correction. In addition to the numerous treatment options, the Eye Center of Lenawee is renowned for its knowledgeable and friendly staff that readily assists patients with scheduling appointments, arranging insurance coverage and the proper fitting of their eyewear. Over the past one hundred years, the Eye Center of Lenawee has never swerved from its firm commitment to first-rate patient service.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Eye Center of Lenawee for one hundred years of respected business and outstanding service to Lenawee

County. May others know of my high regard for the exceptional quality of this business, as well as my best wishes for the Eye Center of Lenawee in the future.

URGING REFORM OF OUR INEPT IMMIGRATION LAWS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to implore my colleagues to review, and subsequently ameliorate, the current state of immigration law. After the failure of this Congress to enact sensible, compassionate, and effective immigration reform last year, selective—and at times nonsensical—enforcement has been the rule. It has meant, in the face of inaction and silence on the part of the Federal Government, fragmented and contradictory responses from local municipalities, ranging from establishing sanctuary cities to conducting incessant, violent, and sometimes illogical raids and deportations. Waiting is no longer a suitable solution, particularly not for those hardworking undocumented immigrants, free of any criminal record, who live every day in fear, and certainly not for those legal immigrants who committed long-ago misdemeanors and become victims to the fervor for increased deportations.

A New York CARIB News June 3 article, "Deportation Hanging Over West Indian's Head," reports the case of the deputy chief of staff to a prominent New York City Council member—a legal resident—who now faces deportation because of a minor drug offense he committed 20 years ago as an 18-year-old. The law was meant to apply to those immigrants who have committed serious offenses, but in today's climate, it is increasingly being used against persons convicted of rather small crimes, like shoplifting. These are legal residents, having now become model citizens, who have built lives in this country and have none elsewhere, committing small-time crimes years ago as teenagers and finding themselves in deportation proceedings. This is just one example of an American immigration system that proves illogical, demands fixing, and provides blanket judgment as opposed to reasoned case-by-case due process.

As we forestall meaningful action on immigration, good Americans suffer. I urge that we get back to work on this most imperative issue, and do what's right for this country and its residents.

HONORING ART CHAN

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Arthur Chan, a dedicated staffer and an exceptional public servant, on his retirement from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Over the last 15 years, Art has undertaken a number of critical roles on the Committee, and has been integral to the passage of numerous landmark pieces of legislation designed to rebuild America. Throughout his

service, protecting the public interest was paramount to Art as he worked to develop transportation policy.

In 1993, Art joined what was then the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, serving as Chief Economist for the Full Committee under Chairman Norman Mineta. In the 104th Congress, Art made the transition to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment in order to focus on the passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. Art quickly learned the intricacies of the Army Corps of Engineers programs and was instrumental in the enactment of the legislation. Art continued to play a key role on the subcommittee, and was vital to the passage of a number of water infrastructure bills. In 2003, Art took on the role of Highway Policy Director for the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, where he quickly became an expert on the Federal-aid highway program and was a lead negotiator during the creation of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the 2005 surface transportation legislation.

Prior to his public service, Art earned his Ph.D. in economics, master's degrees in both economics and political science, and his B.A., with distinction, all from the University of Nebraska. A true intellectual, Art stayed in academia, teaching students first at Boston University and then at New Mexico State University.

When Art began his public service, first with GAO and then with the Committee, his teaching experience was quickly apparent to all who worked with him. Art always found the time to share his knowledge with anyone who asked, from Members of Congress to new Committee staffers. Throughout his career, he developed a command of a range of issues spanning the Committee's jurisdiction.

Art's expertise is complemented by his dedication to defending the public interest. In his decade and a half of service, his first priority was always crafting sound public policy. The depth and breadth of his knowledge allowed Art to understand the benefits or shortfalls of the most complex legislative proposal, and to assess its potential impact on the users of our transportation system. The American public has been well-served by Art's insightful commitment to his work.

Art is a true believer in the intents and ideals of our transportation programs, and has always sought to protect and improve upon them. As anyone who has sat across from him at the negotiating table knows, Art is relentless in his efforts to achieve the best possible policy solutions to address our transportation challenges. His devotion to this pursuit and his attention to detail led to many long days and late nights in the legislative counsel's office, and is reflected in the high quality of the work he produced. His commitment to maintaining the integrity of our transportation infrastructure programs has been a hallmark of Art's service.

Madam Speaker, it is with wholehearted gratitude that I rise today to honor Art Chan's service to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to the House of Representatives, and to the United States. Art's institutional knowledge, insightful counsel, and tenacity have earned him the well-deserved respect of Members and colleagues on both sides of the aisle, and he will be greatly missed. I wish Art continued happiness and success in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MINDY DAUGHERTY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mindy Daugherty of Dallas Center, Iowa for earning the Hero of the Heartland honor presented by the Central Iowa chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mindy is a legal nurse consultant with Bradshaw Law Firm in Des Moines, but during her free time she volunteers with the Mid-Iowa Sexual Assault Response Team, where she is able to utilize her forensic nursing background. Her duties involved with being a member of the team include extensive hours of being on call to administer assistance to sexual abuse victims at any given time. When a patient is sexually assaulted, Mindy does a history, physical and collects DNA evidence for the patient. At the same time she has the difficult task of comforting and giving reassurance to distressed victims.

Mindy's willingness to utilize her strengths by volunteering and helping people involved in traumatic events is certainly an example to all of us. Her dedication to her community and commitment to serving those in a time of great need should be commended. I consider it an honor to represent Mindy Daugherty in the United States Congress, and I know my colleagues join me in congratulating her on this honor and wishing her the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DISASTER RECOVERY AND RELIEF EFFORTS IN BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and recognize the extraordinary contributions of emergency management, disaster response, and recovery personnel as well as elected officials and community leaders in my district which was devastated by the recent severe weather in Indiana.

I wish particularly to honor the Board of Commissioners and County Council, as well as these outstanding individuals in Bartholomew County:

Dennis Moats, Director, Emergency Management Agency

Mark Gorbett, Sheriff

Jim Bickel, CEO, Columbus Regional Hospital

Fred Armstrong, Mayor, City of Columbus

Jim Worton, Chief of Police, City of Columbus

These areas suffered greatly from severe storms and weather, creating a catastrophe of nature that inflicted injuries, destroyed property, and displaced many of our citizens. In response, these officials went above and beyond the call of duty, showing great poise while saving many lives and serving the people of their communities.

Madam Speaker, I commend these fine men and women for their tremendous dedication to

the Hoosier families, businesses, farmers and communities that they serve. As Hoosiers continue to recover from Mother Nature's fury, I feel confident that the people of Bartholomew County will be well served by these officials.

IN HONOR OF DR. LEATRICE RABINSKY

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished member of the Jewish Community and a real role model in my life.

Dr. Leatrice B. Rabinsky, an Adjunct Professor of Jewish Literature at the Siegal College of Judaic Studies and a board member of the Ohio Council on Education, has recently retired after 25 years of dedicated service, teaching Ohio youth about the Holocaust at Cleveland Heights High School.

During her 25 years of service she pioneered Holocaust education and led eight "Journeys of Conscience" for students and survivors to the sights of the Holocaust in Europe and Israel.

I was privileged be a student of Dr. Rabinsky. She instilled in me principles and knowledge that have had a lasting impact on my life. She shaped me as a person and as a public servant. One of my proudest moments as a state legislator in the Florida legislature was when we passed the Holocaust Education Act, legislation that I authored that mandated teaching about the lessons of the Holocaust in all of Florida's public schools. Because of this legislation, which grew out of Dr. Rabinsky's inspiration, more of America's children will know the consequences of bigotry and intolerance. Now, as a member of the United States Congress, and as the Chairman of the Congressional Taskforce Against Anti-Semitism, I continue to make Holocaust issues a priority.

I am sure that each and every one of our colleagues can identify a teacher from their past who left a significant mark on their lives. I know that I would not be where I am today without the motivation and encouragement of Dr. Rabinsky.

Finally, I would like to thank the Jewish National Fund for honoring Dr. Leatrice Rabinsky as a "Woman of Valor." She is a pillar in the Jewish community and, I am proud to honor her in the U.S. House of Representatives.

IN RESPONSE TO THE SUPREME COURT DECISION ON DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VS. HELLER

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Mr. BOYD of Florida. Madam Speaker, I want to voice my support for the landmark Supreme Court decision to overturn the District of Columbia handgun ban. This was a long and hard-fought battle, one in which I signaled my support for the rights of gun owners by joining many of my colleagues in signing an