

1996 through 2000. He has served on a long list of many of the county's committees—everything from Airport to Youth Programs. During his career, he has also been appointed to the following:

Board of Directors of the Warren-Hamilton Counties Action Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc.; Warren County Sewer Commission; County Jury Board Member; Advisory Council for Warren-Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging; Warren County Traffic Safety Board; Warren County Deferred Compensation Program; Warren County Representative of the Adirondack Park Centennial Committee; Industrial Development Agency; Warren County Labor/Management Committee; Inter-County Committee of the Legislative Bodies of the Adirondack Representatives; Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council; Warren County Local Development Corporation (LDC); Warren County LDC—Executive Committee of the Board of Directors; Inter-County Solid Waste Coordinating Committee; Bi-County Ad Hoc Committee for Burn Plant Negotiations; Negotiating Committee for Burn Plant Acquisition; Warren County Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Alternatives to Incarceration Service Plans; Sub-committee on Revenue Enhancement; Airport Consultant Selection Board; Lake Champlain—Lake George Regional Planning Board; Bi-County Ad Hoc Committee for Hartford Landfill Negotiations.

Please join me, the Town of Lake George, the people of Warren County and New York's 20th Congressional District in wishing Supervisor Lou Tessier a very happy 80th Birthday.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NEVADA  
AIPAC DELEGATION

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 2008*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor the Nevada delegation from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. I am delighted to have my colleagues in the Nevada Congressional Delegations, Representatives SHELLY BERKLEY and DEAN HELLER, join me in recognizing the advocacy efforts of the AIPAC delegation.

The Nevada delegation from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) recently visited Washington, DC to advocate on behalf of Israel and ensure that American support for Israel remains strong. AIPAC is working to promote strategic cooperation between the two nations, to develop sound U.S. anti-terrorist policies, to share homeland security techniques and technologies, and to stop rogue nations such as Iran from acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

Following several days of meetings and speakers, the Nevada delegation visited with their Congressional Representatives to advocate on behalf of these ideals and share their views with the Nevada Congressional delegation. It is truly an honor to meet with such dedicated advocates. AIPAC has a strong record of creating citizen advocates who are passionate about pro-Israel issues and are dedicated to learning how they can affect Israel's future and security by promoting strong ties with the United States.

This years Nevada AIPAC delegation included: Ms. Ariel Shalin, Miss Heather Brown,

Ms. Adriel Espinoza, Mr. Michael Roitman, Mr. Andrew Spivak, Mr. Michael Thomas, Ms. Sara Kantor, Mr. Max Berkley, Dr. Stanley Ames, Mrs. Georgia Ames, Dr. Allen Anes, Mrs. Eileen Anes, Mr. Eli Applebaum, Ms. Vanessa Aragon, Mr. Jerome Blut, Mrs. Arlene Blut, Rabbi Hershel Brooks, Ms. Diane Brounstein, Mr. Jonathan Craft, Mr. David Dahan, Mr. Bob Dubin, Mrs. Shelley Dubin, Mr. Peter Dubowsky, Mr. Leslie Dunn, Mrs. Joan Dunn, Mrs. Liz Goodman, Mr. David Jacobson, Mrs. Jewell Jacobson, Ms. Eva Kallick, Ms. Stephanie Lehrner, Dr. Larry M. Lehrner, Dr. Marc Leitner, Ms. Terri Greer, Ms. Vivian Perlmutter, Mr. Brett Primack, Mrs. Christina Primack, Mr. Joshua J. Primack, Mr. Jordan Primack, Mrs. Deborah Primack, Mrs. Laurie Robinson, Dr. Joseph Shalev, Mrs. Batsheva Shalev, Ms. Lisa Skurow, Ms. Nicole Steiner, Mr. David Stone, Mr. Steven Strasser, Mrs. Sharon Strasser, Mr. Stuart Blake Tener, Mr. Sam Ventura, Mrs. Rachael Ventura, Mr. Michael Werner, Mrs. Dana Werner, Mrs. Lynn Wexler, Rabbi Yitzack Wyne, Mr. Benny Yerushalmi, Mr. Elad Yerushalmi, Mr. Jeff Zucker, Mr. David-Jacques Farahi, Ms. Parinaz Farahi, Mr. Hy Kashenberg, Ms. Brenda L. Nelson, Ms. Tali Farahi, and Mr. Faramarz Yousefzadeh.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Nevada AIPAC delegation. These individuals have dedicated themselves to a very worthy cause, and I applaud their efforts and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING HANK THOMPSON'S  
SERVICE TO SUMNER COUNTY

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 2008*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Hank Thompson, who passed away July 6.

As a County Commissioner, Mayor of Hendersonville and Sumner County Executive, Hank served the people of Sumner County for more than 25 years.

Hank always sought what was best for the people he represented. He was a very forward-thinking public servant and a good friend and adviser to me. I worked with him for many years and always admired his passion and love for his community.

Following the devastating Gallatin tornado in 2006, Hank was the first person to contact me to get federal assistance for storm victims. He also led the local assistance effort, helping people put their lives back together and rebuild their communities.

He was a tireless advocate for the people of Sumner County and his contributions to the families there are countless. Whether it was building bridges, expanding highways, creating greenways or building new baseball and soccer fields, Hank was always Sumner County's number one advocate. I spent many hours in his car, driving from community to community while he showed me projects he envisioned for the area.

He served on the boards of numerous organizations, including Children Are People, Inc.; the Jason Foundation and Youth Inc. Hank was a member of the Homeland Security Region Executive Board, Regional Transit Au-

thority Board, Tennessee Municipal League Board, Sumner County Resource Agency, U.S. Conference of Mayors, Hendersonville and Gallatin Chambers of Commerce, Civitan Club and Rotary Club.

Hank served his state and nation as a first lieutenant in the Tennessee National Guard.

Hank will be missed by his wife, Nancy, his children Nick, Lance and Amanda and his many friends in Sumner County and across Tennessee.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL ROBERT  
MAGNUS, USMC

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 2008*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that a distinguished military career is coming to an end. General Robert Magnus, U.S. Marine Corps, is retiring from active duty after serving our nation for 40 years.

General Magnus enlisted in the Navy in February 1968. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1969 with a bachelor of arts degree in history and received a masters of science in business administration from Strayer College in 1993. He received a commission in June 1969 and completed the following military training schools: Naval Aviation flight training, nuclear safety officers course, survival evasion resistance and escape course, weapons and tactics instructors course, aviation safety command course, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, National War College, CAPSTONE Course, Joint Force Air Component Commanders Course, Executive Business Course.

During his 40 years of service, General Magnus has served during several operation tours and held many squadron assignments. These include intelligence officer, HMM-264; operations officer, H&MS-15 SAR Detachment, Task Force Delta, Nam Phong, Thailand; training officer, Station Operations and Engineering Squadron, MCAS Quantico; aviation safety officer, MAG-26 and HMM-263; weapons and tactics instructor, MAG-26 and HMM-261; operations officer, MAG-29; executive officer, HMM-365, MAG-29; commanding officer HMM-365, MAG-29; commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area; and deputy commander, Marine Forces Pacific.

General Magnus also has served in several staff assignments, including aviation assault medium lift requirements officer; chief, Logistics Readiness Center, joint staff; executive assistant to the director of the Joint Staff; head, Aviation Plans and Programs Branch; Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation; Assistant Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations; and Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources.

General Magnus's decorations and awards include: Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

General Magnus is concluding his career having served as the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. In this capacity, he has been the principal adviser to the Commandant of the Marine Corps on all decisions affecting

the readiness and future health of the Marine Corps. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in honoring General Magnus and his family for their outstanding service to our country.

#### HONORING ANNE RAGSDALE

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 2008*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, as I come to the floor today to speak, friends and colleagues of Anne Ragsdale are gathering in Nashville to celebrate her life and her many contributions to her city and to her country. Anne Ragsdale was an extraordinary woman who chose to spend her life encouraging others and inspiring those of us who knew her to give selflessly of our time and talents. Anne Ragsdale believed in this great nation and its goodness and felt that every child who called America home should be able to dream big dreams and have those dreams come true. She embodied the spirit of philanthropy, never giving for any reason other than knowing that her gifts would make a positive difference in the lives of others. She did not focus on herself. She focused on the people around her: her family, her friends, her charitable causes, and her church. As a matter of fact, if she were standing here on this floor with me today, she would probably tell me to use the time focusing on a cause for human good and not to use the time talking about her. Those of us who called her our friend loved this trait in Anne.

Anne held a deep and abiding faith and was an active member of First Southern Methodist Church of Nashville and was a member of St. Paul Southern Methodist Church for 25 years. In the community, her true passion involved helping children in need and providing them with education in a safe and loving environment. She and her husband, Dick, have been wonderful supporters of scholarships and educational opportunities for children at schools throughout Tennessee.

She was a small businesswoman, homemaker, and activist for many charitable causes. She was also co-founder and board member of Birthright of Nashville, YMCA Community Action Programs and East Academy. She served on the board of directors of the Salvation Army, Nashville for 15 years and also on the board of Alive Hospice. She was a founding member of the Nashville Symphony's Schermerhorn Symphony Center. She especially enjoyed serving as the costume designer for the Nashville Children's Theatre.

Anne Ragsdale will be missed. Her participation and support will be missed by the schools, churches and organizations to which she provided leadership and support. She will be missed by her friends who leaned on her for support and comfort. She will be missed by the family she adored and cherished.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in appreciation of a life well lived.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 2008*

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker consistent with Republican transparency standards, the following is a disclosure for each of my requested projects in the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009, H.R. 5658:

Requesting Member: Rep. JAMES T. WALSH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Syracuse Research Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 6225 Running Ridge Rd., Syracuse, NY 13212.

Description of Request: Include \$4 million in H.R. 5658—Army Account RDT&E—Advanced Tactical Computer Science and Sensor Technology—to assist transition of the Foliage Penetrating, Reconnaissance, Surveillance, Tracking, and Engagement Radar (FORESTER) prototype to an operational configuration adding User specific capabilities.

The FORESTER Program is on-going with radar integration and testing continuing through the remainder of FY08 on the A160 Hummingbird. The Program objectives are being met, namely to detect and track moving dismounted soldiers and vehicles under foliage to a range of at least 30 km, and to detect and track people and vehicles in the open or through foliage to a range of at least 50 km. FORESTER can also detect and track moving low-altitude air vehicles such as helicopters, small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and aircraft to a range of 75 km. Additionally, FORESTER has a real-time radar mode to image targets concealed in the foliage. The FY09 request will provide funding necessary to transition FORESTER to the User community and apply the technology to additional platforms.

Currently, U.S. Forces have no radar capability to detect and track activity under foliage. FORESTER is an airborne sensor system that provides standoff and persistent wide-area surveillance of dismounted troops and vehicles moving through foliage. Designed and developed to fly on the A160 Hummingbird unmanned helicopter, FORESTER is one-of-a-kind technology providing the warfighter with all-weather, day-night target detection and tracking capability in real-time. This request would leverage the existing technology to accommodate other platforms and border surveillance applications. Specifically, transition the FORESTER prototype to an operational configuration adding User specific capabilities, including: performance improvements, platform integration, flight test execution, and demonstration of the system on new platforms.

#### RECOGNIZING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DISASTER RECOVERY AND RELIEF EFFORTS IN ADAMS COUNTY

#### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 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, County Council, and all the other outstanding individuals in Adams County who rose to the occasion during these difficult times. This area 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 Adams County will be well served by these officials.

#### TRIBUTE TO SFC GREG HUBBY

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize SFC Greg Hubby, a native of Boone, Iowa, as a recipient of a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement during combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Bronze Star is the fourth highest award that the Department of Defense gives for bravery, heroism, and meritorious service.

SFC Hubby earned the Bronze Star while he was a retention NCO with the 3rd Infantry Battalion, stationed in Mosul. During one of his helicopter trips to another outpost, their helicopter came under fire.

SFC Hubby's bravery goes above and beyond what we are asked of as citizens of this country. Although recruiters are typically non-deployable, SFC Hubby reached out to share in the sacrifices of our other brave men and women who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan by volunteering his service at a time of need. His heroism illustrates the compassion of Iowans; willing to risk their own lives for their country. For this I offer him my utmost congratulations and thanks for his service and sacrifice for this great nation.

I commend SFC Greg Hubby's courageousness and service, and I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I know my colleagues join me in recognizing his service and wishing him and his family the very best in their future endeavors.