

Staff Sergeant William Ryan Fritsche. His love of country and willingness to serve will forever reverberate in our memories. It gives me great pride to honor one of our nation's fallen heroes.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTEGRATION OF THE ARMED FORCES

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to stand before you today in support of H. Con. Res. 297, a measure that recognizes the 60th anniversary of the integration of the United States Armed Services.

On July 26, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order 9981, declaring that all members of the military are equal regardless of race, color, religion, or national origin. These long-overdue words marked the beginning of the end of institutionalized discrimination in the U.S. Armed Services, and instilled into the military the democratic principle of equality.

Prior to this executive order, minority soldiers not only fought against our enemies, but also struggled against prejudice at home and in the military. In spite of these unjust circumstances, many segregated units were universally renowned for their courage and valor, such as the 54th Massachusetts Regiment during the American Civil War, the Harlem Hellfighters (369th Infantry Regiment) in World War I, and the Tuskegee Army and the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Combat Infantry group in World War II. We should never forget the sacrifices they made to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy.

It has been 60 years since President Truman courageously and justly integrated the U.S. Armed Services. Our military was strong then, but it is stronger now, in no small part because all service men and women serve together as equals. Indeed, this year America may elect its first African-American Commander in Chief.

Indiana's First Congressional District enjoys a rich diversity that has helped produce some of the most capable units in the armed services. Servicemembers from Northwest Indiana have fought in integrated units during every military engagement since World War II. Right now, Indiana has the fourth-largest National Guard in the United States, with more troops deployed in Iraq than any other State in the union. I am extremely proud of the patriotic men and women from Indiana who have served and are serving in uniform, and thank them for their service to our country. The successes of Indiana's men and women in uniform of all races, colors, religions, and countries of origin, and across all generations, have been echoed throughout the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the 60th anniversary of the integration of the United States Armed Services. Such integration has enriched our military with the same democratic equality that they have fought so valiantly to protect.

RECOGNIZING ARIZONA STATE ATHLETICS

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Arizona State University Athletics Program, the top school in Sports Illustrated's SI.Com 2007–2008 collegiate athletic rankings. I am proud to have such a prestigious athletic and academic institution housed in my district!

This year, Sports Illustrated commissioned its own ranking system for top collegiate athletic programs because the magazine believed that the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA's) system for determining the top collegiate athletics program was too complicated. Based upon three qualifications—the number of national championships won in the 2007–2008 season, number of top 30 finishes in each sport, and the number of conference championships—ASU was awarded the top honor.

The Sun Devils pulled off this feat by claiming three NCAA national titles in Men's and Women's Indoor track and ASU Women's softball, four conference championships including women's softball, men's baseball, men's golf and men's track, and 12 top 30 finishes including a surprising top 20 finish in men's football. With three national titles, ASU led the NCAA in championships this season. In addition, ASU placed fourth in the Director's Cup standings, the official award given out by the NCAA for top collegiate athletic programs. This is the Sun Devils' highest ranking in school history!

As an alumnus of Arizona State, I am honored and excited to see my alma mater's athletic excellence honored on a national stage. I want to congratulate President Michael Crow, athletic director Lisa Love, all the coaches and staffs, and most of all, the student athletes who excel on the field and in the classroom.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating the remarkable success of Sun Devil athletics. Go, Devils!

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF DAVIS COLLEGE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker. I rise to recognize the sesquicentennial celebration of Davis College in Northwest Ohio. The Toledo, Ohio college has offered post-secondary business education to generations of students for 150 years and continues to grow.

Toledo Business College was established in 1858. It came into its own in 1881, when "Matthew H. Davis left his chairmanship in the mathematics department and his position as director of the business department at Albert College, Belleville, Ontario, to accept the management of Toledo Business College." Under his tutelage the school grew tenfold, from 35 students to 350.

The college's history recounts that under Davis' direction, four other schools were ab-

sorbed and the school was renamed Davis Business College. "The curriculum was gradually changed from Latin, German, Greek, calculus, and epistolary writing to banking, mercantile trades, shorthand, and typing.

"After Davis' death in 1904, his son, Thurber P. Davis, left the University of Michigan to take over the management of Davis Business College. Under the leadership of the younger Davis, electric typewriters were added, making the College one of the best equipped in the United States. Stenotype and data processing augmented the expanding curriculum.

"In 1948, when Thurber became ill, his daughter, Ruth L. Davis, became the third generation of the Davis family to lead the school. In 1953, Davis Business College was among the first to be accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Business Schools. In 1964, it met commission requirements for a junior college of business. Office management, payroll accounting, and the Automation Institute were added to meet the growing needs of business and technology.

"In 1983, John Lambert became President of Davis College. President Lambert expanded the Davis curriculum to include allied health, aviation, computer, and graphic design programs, which doubled the College's enrollment. In 1986, Davis met the requirements for accreditation by the American Association of Medical Assistants. In 1991, Davis College was granted accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

"In 1993, Diane Brunner became the fifth President of Davis College. At the time of her appointment, she was the youngest female college president in Ohio. In 2002, Davis College hosted its first student conference, bringing nationally renowned authors to the institution. As was true of all past Davis College leadership, President Brunner is dedicated to the promotion of higher educational standards and continuing the College's service to the community."

This family owned century business in Toledo, Ohio remains a standard of business education in our region, all the while expanding into other fields of study. In the present day, the college was named as one of the 2008 Ohio's best employers by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. This year as well, Davis College earned the Better Business Bureau's Torch Award for marketplace ethics. As Davis College grows into its third century in the business of educating people, it remains true to its founders' dedication to preparing its students for success while adhering to the highest standards and latest technologies in the fields of study. Standing on the shoulders of those who built its foundation, Davis College honors the vision of its past leaders while looking forward to a bright future.

TRIBUTE TO IOWA SELECT FARMS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Iowa Select Farms in Iowa Falls, Iowa for earning the "Above and Beyond" award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) organization, for

supporting its employees who are in the National Guard or Army Reserve.

The "Above and Beyond" award received by Iowa Select Farms was preceded by a "My Boss is a Patriot" certificate in 2005, which was awarded after an Iowa National Guard employee nominated the farm for providing special consideration and benefits during his deployment. Iowa Select Farms' corporate policy obliges the company to pay a year's salary while a soldier employee is deployed, thereby removing considerable stress and uncertainty in how a soldier can provide for his or her family while serving abroad. By providing top notch support to its military employees, Iowa Select Farms shows the respect and honor deserved by America's troops, who continue to sacrifice for our nation.

I offer my utmost congratulations and thanks to Iowa Select Farms for playing such an active role in supporting our troops. It is an honor to represent Jeff Hansen, President and CEO, and all the employees of the Iowa Select Farms in the United States Congress, and I wish them success in their future endeavors.

DRILL RESPONSIBLY IN LEASED LANDS ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2008

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the DRILL Act, H.R. 6515. We continue to hear from my colleagues on the other side of the aisle that opening up more Federal lands to oil and gas drilling will be the magic bullet that will solve our energy crisis. They continue to try to mislead the American people into believing that drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf, OCS, and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge will bring instantaneous relief to American families desperately seeking help with painful gas prices. There is no easy solution to this crisis, and it is widely accepted that drilling in OCS would save only pennies per gallon, more than a decade down the road. It is unseemly that my colleagues would continue to take advantage of the suffering of Americans to promote their own political aims.

Currently 81 percent of the oil and gas deposits known in our Nation's Federal lands is available to be leased for drilling. Sixty-eight million acres, approximately 75 percent, of the lands open for drilling both onshore and offshore currently are leased by oil companies who are not using them for production. It is estimated that these leased but unused lands could produce an additional 4.8 million barrels of oil and 44.7 billion cubic feet of natural gas each day, nearly doubling U.S. oil production and cutting oil imports by a third. This includes the 20 million acres with an estimated 10.6 billion barrels of oil in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, NPR-A, currently available for drilling but most of which is lying unused.

The DRILL act would require oil companies to certify to the Department of the Interior that they actively are developing on the lands that they have already leased. If these oil companies are not producing on these lands, they either would have to relinquish these leases or start producing on them before they could apply to lease additional lands. It would en-

courage expedited oil production by requiring the Secretary of Interior to offer at least one lease sale annually in NPR-A. H.R. 6515 would require the Secretary of Transportation to extend the Alaskan oil and gas pipeline to NPR-A, and require the President to make improvements to the existing oil and gas pipeline so that we can export oil more expeditiously. Finally, the DRILL Act would prevent the export of Alaskan oil and gas so that this supply is available for American consumers.

This is common sense legislation, and I urge my colleagues who keep shouting "drill, drill, drill" to support it. We do not need to open up more lands to oil and gas drilling when they are not utilizing the leases and resources they already have.

This is only a short term solution to America's energy needs. Currently we produce 3 percent of the world's oil and consume 25 percent. Unless we find a way to dramatically reduce our consumption we will never be able to drill our way to energy independence. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to develop a long term solution to this crisis.

HONORING THE INTERNATIONAL MODEL A FORD

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the contribution of the International Model A Ford to the history of U.S. transportation. This is a significant week for Model A owners across the country. I rise to specifically applaud the Model A Ford Club of Long Island, New York as they celebrate Model A Ford Day on Saturday, July 26th in my Congressional District.

This year's annual remembrance is momentous for owners as it falls on the 80th anniversary of the introduction of the first 1928 Model A Ford. This weekend's celebration of their car's 80th birthday will include thousands of Model A Ford enthusiasts, restorers and preservers taking these vehicles out on American roadways nationwide and events with other Model A enthusiasts.

Notably, there were only 5 million Model A Fords produced between 1928 and 1931. I am pleased to say that the dedication of Model A Ford owners has enabled 250,000 of these historic vehicles to be preserved. Remarkably, most of these vehicles are driven regularly to the enjoyment of many as I have seen in my Congressional District.

The Model A Ford was a trailblazer of its time. It was the first Ford to use the standard set of driver controls, with conventional clutch and brake pedals, throttle and gearshift. The Model A's fuel tank was located in the cowl and had an optic fuel gauge and the fuel was distributed to the carburetor by gravity. Also, the Model A was the first car to have safety glass in the windshield.

Again, thank you to Model A Ford owners for preserving a flagship American automobile and to the Model A Ford Club of Long Island for keeping this historic tradition active on Long Island.

HONORING VOLKER EISELE OF
NAPA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Volker Eisele, who is being honored as the Napa County Farm Bureau's 2008 Agriculturalist of the Year.

I have had the honor for the past 10 years to represent in the U.S. House of Representatives the Napa Valley, an area known throughout the world for its immense beauty, environmental consciousness and bountiful agriculture. Were it not for the tireless efforts of Mr. Eisele, Napa Valley as we know it today would simply not exist.

Since arriving in the Napa Valley, Volker Eisele has dedicated his life to protecting its rich agricultural tradition. The timeline of his community involvement reads like the history of preservation in Napa. In 1974, he joined Citizens' Council for Napa Tomorrow, the group that passed Napa County's 1 percent growth measure, Measure A, in 1980. In 1977, he joined the board of what is now Greenbelt Alliance, which has become one of the preeminent Smart Growth organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area. He has also served on the boards of directors for the Napa County Farm Bureau and the Napa Valley Grap growers. During his term as President of the Farm Bureau, he led the effort to create the 160 acre minimum for agricultural, watershed and open space land.

From 1989 through 1990, in what was perhaps his crowning achievement, he led the campaign to pass Measure J, Napa County's revolutionary land protection measure. Today, he is organizing the campaign to renew Measure J, which will protect Napa Valley agriculture for fifty years.

Mr. Eisele has been a preeminent activist in Napa Valley for more than thirty years, but he has also led by example. He planted the first entirely organic vineyard in Napa in 1975, and practiced sustainable farming long before it became widely accepted. He has maintained an enduring reverence for the land that serves us all so well, respecting animal habitat and riparian corridors. As a result, his Volker Eisele Family Estate wines reflect the best that Napa has to offer.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Volker Eisele for his many years of leadership. The Napa Valley and the entire environmental movement owe him an enormous debt of gratitude.

HONORING ARMY SPECIALIST STEVEN CHRISTOFFERSON

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, in April, over 350 friends, family members, and others in the community inspired by the life of Army Specialist Steven Christofferson gathered at the Cudahy High School Field House in my district to pay their respects to