

became a lifelong resident of Colton, California. Her mother, Gertrude Valenzan, was the first female Mayor Pro-Tem of Colton.

Bobbie graduated from Colton High School in 1948. An enterprising young woman, long before women were encouraged to work outside the home, Bobbie began working at the age of 16 in the mail room of the Retail Clerks Union, which would later become the United Food and Commercial Workers Union UCFW. For nearly forty years, Bobbie worked tirelessly for the UCFW, rising through the ranks from what she called "an envelope lick" to Insurance Department Supervisor for the UCFW for all of San Bernardino County. She was also the recorder for all of the minutes of all the union meetings for all of those years.

After retiring in 1985, Bobbie took up golf. Always insisting on walking, never using a cart or caddy, she famously walked all 18 holes 3 or 4 times a week well into her seventies. She was known in her neighborhood as a caring, compassionate woman, the "Mother Teresa" to her friends.

A devout woman, Bobbie was an active member of Immaculate Conception church in Colton, CA. Also a family woman, she raised her three children Nick, Larry, and Becky by herself. In 1980, she met and married Leroy Johnson and shared in a loving relationship for 28 years. Bobbie's true pride was her 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

In her youth, Bobbie was known as a first-rate dancer, and had once been a dance partner of the great Johnnie Bracia. And it was with that same spirit of grace, style and elegance that Barbara Eloise Earnest touched the lives of all those around her.

Let us take a moment to remember this amazing woman and her admirable dedication to others and leading an exemplarily life, one of whose footsteps we all hope to follow. Having known her for over twenty years, the thoughts and prayers of my wife Barbara, my family and I are with her loved ones at this time.

Madam Speaker, the community of Colton has lost one of its greatest native daughters, but she will forever live on in the hearts of those that knew her. God Bless Bobbie Earnest for love of country and mankind.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

#### HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, this year we mark the 34th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, a day in which the freedoms and human rights of the island's Greek Cypriots were violated. 200,000 Greek Cypriots lost their homes and almost 5,000 were killed in the invasion. Today, 43,000 Turkish troops maintain an illegal occupation in gross violation of international laws. Amazingly, there are more Turkish military personnel on the tiny island than U.S. troops serving in Afghanistan. Since the beginning of the occupation, thousands of Cypriots have been killed and many families were torn apart as a result of the invasion. Religious artifacts, many dating back to the 8th Century, were stolen, desecrated or destroyed. It is our duty to re-

member this anniversary so that we can move forward in bringing a resolution to the Cyprus Problem.

In 1997, I had the opportunity to travel to Cyprus. I saw the barbed wire that divides free Cyprus from occupied Cyprus and hoped for a day when Cyprus would be unified. Turkey's violation of international law and the United Nations' peace treaties remains an injustice. Free Cyprus has been a crucial ally to the United States in the War on Terror and has provided million in economic aid to Turkish Cypriots. In Congress it is our responsibility to stand up for those Cypriots who have stood with us for so many years. It is our duty to speak for the hundreds of thousands of silenced Greek Cypriots who are threatened with oppression in Turkish occupied Cyprus. There is a reason to feel hopeful about a solution to the Cyprus Problem. Preliminary discussions have taken place between Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot leaders to hopefully lay the groundwork for official negotiations. It is my hope that Turkey allows these discussions to go on undisturbed and for the Turkish military to retreat back to its own nation. The next time I visit Cyprus, I want that barbed wire to be a distant memory. I want Cyprus to be free again. Together, with cooperation from the United States and the international community, we will see that day.

#### HONORING KYLE WILLIAMS

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Williams of Grain Valley, Missouri. Kyle is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1362, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Williams for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### HONORING THE U.S. AIR FORCE B-52H STRATOFORTRESS CREW LOST ON JULY 21, 2008

#### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives and service of Major Christopher M. Cooper, aircraft commander; Major Brent D. Williams, navigator; Captain Michael K. Dodson, co-pilot; First Lieutenant Joshua D. Shepherd, navigator; First Lieutenant Robert Gerren, electronic warfare officer; and Colonel George Martin, flight surgeon,

who were the crew of a B-52H Stratofortress that crashed off the coast of Guam on July 21, 2008. The crew was assigned to the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron based at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana and were deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam as part of the Air Force's continual bomber presence in the Pacific. Colonel Martin was the on-board flight surgeon and deputy commander of the 36th Medical Group at Andersen Air Force Base. The B-52 was preparing to fly over Guam's annual Liberation Day parade, commemorating the 64th Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam during World War II after thirty-two months of occupation by enemy forces.

This tragic event reminds us of the constant dangers that are faced by our men and women in uniform. The loss of this crew is felt by the Air Force family throughout the world and our island community of Guam. The people of Guam will always remember this crew on Liberation Day and their untimely passing gives us all the more reason to appreciate our freedom and the many sacrifices made by the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces defending our nation.

In their honor, I would like to recite the poem "High Flight" by John Gillespie Magee, Jr.:

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue,  
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew—  
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

I offer my deepest sympathies and prayers to all the families of these brave airmen who gave their lives in the service of their country.

God bless the families of these brave men, God bless the men and women defending our freedom, God bless Guam, and God bless our country, the United States of America.

#### RECOGNIZING THE JCC MACCABI ARTSFEST: FAIRFAX 2008

#### HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jewish Community Center (JCC) Maccabi ArtsFest that is taking place this summer in Fairfax, Virginia.

The JCC Maccabi ArtsFest was first launched in Baltimore, Maryland, during the summer of 2006. The program was designed to inspire Jewish teenagers to engage in the fine arts while using their religion as a vehicle to impact their community. This is accomplished by a dynamic combination of workshops, performances, exhibitions, recognition

of excellence, community service and social activities.

The 2008 Arts Fest has already made a significant impact in Northern Virginia. By employing 150 members of the community to actively work on all aspects of ArtsFest, engaging 120 host families to provide housing for the 250 visiting teen artists and enlisting nearly 800 more volunteers to help during the festivities, the JCC Maccabi ArtsFest is truly living up to its 2008 theme "Yachad" meaning "we are one".

The ArtsFest comes at a time when the general perception is that passion for the fine arts is being lost; I am glad to know that this is not the case in Virginia. To see creativity by teenagers flourishing in festivals such as this is very promising for the continuation of artistic innovation for generations to come. I know that Fairfax is glad to be part of such a promoted event within the Jewish artistic community nationwide.

By engaging so many volunteers and encouraging participation in the fine arts, the JCC Maccabi ArtsFest has truly been a catalyst for enhancing our community in Northern Virginia. For this, Fairfax is greatly honored to be the host of the 2008 JCC Maccabi ArtsFest.

#### HONORING TREVOR BOSAK

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Trevor Bosak of Kansas City, Missouri. Trevor is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Trevor has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Trevor has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Trevor Bosak for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. GLENDEN CASTEEL

#### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments and dedication of the Bedford Rotary Club's 2008 Citizen of the Year, Mr. Glenden Casteel. Mr. Casteel will be recognized for his service at a banquet held in his honor on July 28, 2008.

Over the past decade Mr. Casteel has worked consistently to enhance the value of the community in which he has lived. Since 2003, Mr. Casteel has made every effort as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the

Bedford County Historical Society to lead the society forward in a positive direction. Mr. Casteel's invaluable leadership in this society has opened the door for new beginnings in Bedford. These beginnings include the idea and adoption of a new official flag for Bedford County, as well as, the establishment of "Bedford County Day". Mr. Casteel's oversight in both of these new additions truly brings the community together and no doubt illuminates his nomination by the Bedford County Historical Society for the 2008 Citizen of the Year Award.

As a retired school teacher, Mr. Casteel has always understood the immense importance of history and has sought to inform others in his community of the historical uniqueness of Bedford. Historic education is a cornerstone which Mr. Casteel has sought to preserve by helping to establish the Bedford County Heritage Alliance—a coalition to provide a means of cooperation among historians throughout the United States. He also serves as an active member of the Bedford County 250th Anniversary Advisory Group which celebrates the founding of one of the most instrumental counties in Pennsylvania. Mr. Casteel strives to highlight Bedford's venerable historic achievements and bring a community together with knowledge.

As he reflects upon his work as a leader among many, Mr. Casteel can be proud of his life of service with which he has found a great amount of success. Mr. Casteel's dedication has brought a greater appreciation to our area and his accomplishments are a monumental asset to the community. I would like to wish Mr. Glenden Casteel all the best in his future endeavors as he continues to serve Bedford County. I am confident that Mr. Casteel will continue to faithfully contribute his knowledge to the community and I thank him for his dedication and service.

#### TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM C. DEMENT, M.D., PH.D.

#### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. William Charles Dement, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Stanford University School of Medicine, and the Division Chief of the Stanford University Division of Sleep, on the momentous occasion of his 80th birthday and his 45 years of service to Stanford.

Born in 1928 in the State of Washington, Dr. Dement attended the University of Chicago, where he earned his M.D. in 1955 and his Ph.D. in Neurophysiology in 1957.

A pioneer in the scientific study of sleep and sleep disorders, Dr. Dement began his career in sleep research as a medical student in the 1950's when he joined the lab of Dr. Nathaniel Kleitman. There, from 1954 through 1957, he helped discover and describe Rapid Eye Movement (REM) sleep and established the sleep patterns of humans as well as the relationship between REM sleep and dreaming. In doing so, he launched a new field of scientific discovery.

Dr. Dement joined the Psychiatry Department at Stanford University in 1963, where for

the past forty-five years he has continued his studies on the neurochemistry of sleep and the functional significance of the different sleep states, and has become one of the world's foremost experts on sleep disorders. Among his many major accomplishments, he established the world's first Sleep Disorders Clinic in 1970, started the publication *Sleep Reviews*, has written hundreds of scientific papers on sleep and dreaming, and developed the Multiple Sleep Latency Test which remains the standard diagnostic measure of daytime sleepiness. He has established an extraordinary human research program at Stanford which has led to the discovery and understanding of countless sleep-related disorders as well their clinical implications and the development of effective treatment strategies.

Dr. Dement co-founded the Sleep Research Society in 1961 and the American Sleep Disorders Association (ASDA) in 1975, where he served as President for 12 years. During his Presidency, the ASDA grew from five sleep disorder centers with twenty individual members to 140 accredited centers with over 2,000 members. In recent years, Dr. Dement has shifted his focus from research to public education about sleep disorders and the health dangers of persistent sleep deprivation. At the age of 80, Dr. Dement still works at least 40 hours a week and continues to direct the Sleep Disorders Clinic and Research Center. He is legendary for his research on dreams and is one of the most popular lecturers ever on the Stanford campus.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring this distinguished American on the occasion of his 80th birthday and his 45th anniversary at Stanford University. As Dr. Dement celebrates this important milestone, the gratitude and respect of the entire House of Representatives are extended to him for his decades of contributions to academic research which have illuminated the significance of sleep and for his work which has formed the basis for the diagnosis and treatment of millions of people affected by sleep-related disorders. How privileged I am to know him, to represent him and to have him as my friend. America is immeasurably better because of him.

#### HONORING JEFFREY COOK

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 24, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jeffrey Cook of Kansas City, Missouri. Jeffrey is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jeffrey has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jeffrey has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jeffrey Cook for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.