

Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio, my friend Milton Grant.

Mr. Grant was the owner of Silk Screen Process Inc. for more than 50 years. He worked for the Cleveland Public Library, painted and was involved in many other business endeavors. I met Mr. Grant in 1981 in Cleveland when I ran for a Cleveland municipal judgeship. Mr. Grant was the owner of Silk Screen Process, Inc. I requested an estimate of the costs for the signs that I needed. This was my first run for public office and I had very little money. Mr. Grant, observing that I lacked the necessary funds to cover my order, extended credit to me. From that day forward he considered me part of the family and I knew that without the largess of Mr. Grant I would not have won that seat. I recently learned that I was not the only recipient of his kindness.

One day I realized that a friend of mine of many years, Margo Roth was Mr. Grant's daughter and that her sister, Paula had assisted me when I visited the business. I should have known that they were related to Mr. Grant, because they both exhibited the same caring and kindness.

Over the years I have celebrated graduations, weddings, births, homecomings, anniversaries, and successful elections with this wonderful Grant/Roth Family.

Mr. Grant was married to his wife Laura, who predeceased him in death for 61 years. He leaves to celebrate his life, a loving companion Roberta Silber, daughters Paula Rubinstein, Dr. Lee and Margo Roth, Bob, grandchildren, Michael Grant Jaffe, Karen Chaikin, Chip, Jennifer Jaffe Kaufman, Douglas, Julie Namy, Rob and 17 great grandchildren. His siblings, Ruth Buckland and Herman Goldstein and his grandson, Grant Roth, predeceased him.

Madam Speaker, I thank God for making Mr. Grant a part of my life and Mr. Grant for making me a part of his family. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in celebrating the wonderful 96 years of life of Mr. Milton Grant.

HONORING SEAN MCCALMON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sean McCalmon of Weatherby Lake, Missouri. Sean 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 1495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Sean has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Sean 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 Sean McCalmon for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF MICHIGAN RADIO

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2008

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the anniversary of Michigan Radio for 60 years of service to the state of Michigan and the citizens of Southeast Michigan.

Michigan Radio, first known as WUOM, signed on July 5, 1948 with the first broadcast coming from the Angell Hall Observatory on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The station's studios have been in Ann Arbor ever since. As a multi-decade affiliate of National Public Radio, Michigan Radio strives to inform listeners throughout Michigan of the important issues taking place in the world around them. Michigan Radio also broadcasts informative programs like The Environment Report, and its national award-winning news documentaries. There is also no better source for news in Michigan than WUOM.

Michigan Radio's signal reaches the southern half of Michigan. With about 400,000 listeners per week, it has the largest audience of any public radio station in the state. Throughout its tenure, Michigan Radio has provided citizens of Michigan with detailed accounts of world and local news. This informative public radio news service has been essential to the Southeast Michigan community for the past 60 years. I fully believe that Michigan Radio will continue to serve the state of Michigan for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise and join me in commending Michigan Radio for 60 years of dedicated service to the people of Michigan.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PAT FERRIS

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2008

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember a dear friend of Southern Oklahoma who passed away on July 20th, 2008 after a short battle with cancer. Pat Ferris devotedly served Johnston County as the District 1 Commissioner for nearly ten years and was a recognized friend of the entire community.

Pat lived most of his life in his home county, leaving briefly to pursue higher education through earning a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education from Oklahoma State University in 1977. Ferris was an incredibly active member in the Johnson County community, but his true passion was working with Oklahoma youth. He was heavily involved with Future Farmers of America and the Johnson County Junior Livestock Association.

While a rancher in Connerville, Oklahoma for most of his life, Pat received the call of public service and ran for a County Commissioner position in 1998, winning in a hotly contested election. He was reelected twice, most recently in 2006. Throughout his tenure in the position of Commissioner, Pat worked on

issues important to his constituency. He was instrumental in preserving the county hospital and in the creation of a new jail.

Pat Ferris is not only dearly remembered by his wife Robin and their five children, but also by countless citizens in Johnston County, Oklahoma who he touched in the 53 years of his life. I stand today to honor and celebrate the life of this great Oklahoman.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3999, The National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act.

In my home state of North Carolina there are hundreds of bridges that have been rated structurally deficient, and in my district alone there are over 150 bridges that have been rated structurally deficient. This bill enhances our ability to address this critical need.

H.R. 3999 will improve the safety of our nation's bridges by ensuring that they are properly monitored for repairs, and by ensuring that the federal funding that is set aside for their maintenance and repair goes towards that specific purpose. This bill authorizes an additional \$1 billion in fiscal year 2009, on top of the current \$4.5 billion authorized in the Federal Highway Administration's Bridge Program. In addition to this funding, this legislation requires the Federal Highway Administration to conduct annual inspections on bridges that are rated deficient, and inspect all other bridges every two years.

This additional funding, along with the mandated inspections, will go a long way towards insuring that the American public will have confidence in the bridges they traverse, without having to fear the disaster that occurred in Minnesota nearly one year ago.

Madam Chairman our nation's infrastructure is the engine that drives our economy, and the safety of our citizens also depends on the reliability of this infrastructure. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on H.R. 3999.

HONORING BYRON PENDLETON III

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Byron Pendleton III of Gladstone, Missouri. Byron 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 1354, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Byron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Byron 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 Byron Pendleton III for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

COMMEMORATING TERRY NIEBEL'S LONG CAREER AS COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS IN CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Terry Niebel's long career as elections commissioner in Chautauqua County, New York. Terry's more than 27 years of service is a brilliant example of commitment and devotion to one's community.

Terry was first elected in April 1981 and, at the age of 28, became the youngest Republican election commissioner in New York State. Since that day, Terry has served six four-year terms, becoming the longest serving election commissioner in Chautauqua County's history.

Terry has overseen several changes over the course of his career as election commis-

sioner, including computerization of office files and election-night reporting. His expertise in election procedure, wise and fair sense of judgment, and gracious spirit will be missed in the Chautauqua County Election Commission.

Terry has been a true public servant in every sense of the word. He is a devoutly proud Western New Yorker, and his dedication to the people of Chautauqua County is commendable; his service, exemplary.

Terry Niebel's work should inspire us all to serve our communities and fellow man with dedicated hearts and committed lives. I hope that you will join me, Madam Speaker, in offering congratulations to Terry and join me in wishing Terry and his family the very best of luck and Godspeed for years to come.

COMMEMORATING THE 34TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2008

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 34th anniversary of the July 20, 1974 Turkish invasion and occupation

of Cyprus. The island has been effectively partitioned since that time, and Turkey currently maintains a force of at least 30,000 troops in the unilaterally declared Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. This is roughly equivalent to the number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan, where we are actively pursuing a war.

The Turkish occupation of northern Cyprus has had a tremendous impact on the lives of the Greek Cypriots. My district includes part of Chicago, home to the largest Greek population in the United States, and I have spoken to countless people who relay stories of occupation including the destruction and desecration of churches, restrictions on Greek Cypriots in the Turkish region. Recently Turkey's image was further injured after the European Court of Human Rights found Turkey guilty of human rights violations on Cyprus.

I am very encouraged by news reports stating that Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders, both of whom have publicly committed to working toward reconciliation, will meet tomorrow to discuss the possibility of restarting direct peace talks. I hope that these talks will pave the way toward true reconciliation for the people of Cyprus.