

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Hay for his distinguished career in the real estate industry and his inauguration as the 85th president of the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors®.

TRIBUTE TO MILTON CONGER

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, Milton Conger, from Burlington, Colorado. Mr. Conger was born on October 1, 1924, in rural Kansas. He was a member of the greatest generation and served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946.

Milton grew up in Kit Carson County, Colorado, and entered the Army immediately following graduation from high school. He married Marjorie Irene Schmidt on October 1, 1943, while home on leave, right before being sent to Europe to serve with the 79th Infantry Division, 314th Regiment, L. Company. Milton's company fought primarily in France. On October 9, 1944, while digging a foxhole at the edge of the Forest of Parroy, a Jeep pulled up and out stepped a 4-star general and asked him how things were going. He later determined that he had spoken to General Marshall, who had come to France to see the troops. Milton was awarded the Purple Heart for a leg wound he received a few days before his meeting with the general. It was also in the Forest of Parroy that Milton and one of his buddies captured four German soldiers. Mr. Conger received the Combat Infantry Badge and the Croix-de-Guerre from the French in 1997.

During their time in France, 862 soldiers of Milton's 314th Regiment were killed in action, 4,139 were wounded, and 56 were reported missing in action. They also captured 11,822 German soldiers. The trip home from Europe was dangerous for Milton, he was sent home on the French ship *Athos II*. On December 21, 1945, they encountered a huge Atlantic typhoon and were tossed about the sea for two days. The soldiers were forced to stand for hours in the slimy lower passages as ballast. The ship was badly battered, and had to stop in the Azores. There they waited to be transferred to the aircraft carrier *Enterprise* for the rest of the trip home.

After the war, Milton returned home to Colorado where he worked as a carpenter and building contractor, operating Conger Construction. Milton and his wife Marjorie raised three daughters: Linda Kay (Malm), Nancy Lee (Brown), and Connie Rae (Ogle). Mr. Conger is a charter member of VFW Post 6491 and is also a member of American Legion Post 60.

I am proud to honor Milton Conger for his dedicated service to our Nation. He is an American hero who left his home to defend our Nation, and then returned home to be a valued member of his community, showing his children and grandchildren how to live meaningful lives of service. Milton truly is the embodiment of all the values that have molded America into the great nation it is today. May God bless Milton and his family, may God bless our precious veterans, and may God bless America.

THE RETIREMENT OF GLENN CANNON FROM WAVERLY POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Glenn Cannon on his retirement as general manager of Waverly Power and Light Company. At the end of the past year, Glenn retired after a 17 year career with Waverly Power and Light. Waverly Power and Light is a municipal electric utility that is owned by the city of Waverly, a town of 9,000 people in northeast Iowa.

Over the past 17 years, Glenn served as the driving force behind the success of Waverly Power and Light. Glenn's efforts allowed the company to lead the way for wind energy development across the Midwest. In 1993, under Glenn's leadership, the company installed the first utility-scale wind turbine in Iowa. Today, Iowa has approximately 350 wind turbines and ranks third in the Nation for wind energy development. Iowa, and America, are following Glenn's lead.

In 2001, Waverly Power and Light launched the Iowa Energy Tags Program becoming the first electric utility in the Nation to offer green tags, which verify that electricity was generated from a renewable energy source. In 2002, thanks to Glenn's leadership, Waverly Power and Light received the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's Paul Rappaport Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Award. Glenn accepted the award on behalf of the company and the city of Waverly.

Glenn has dedicated his life to the promotion and development of wind power and renewable energies. His work has proven that communities in Iowa and across the country can be powered by clean renewable energies. I am proud to be representing Glenn and the Waverly Power and Light Company in Congress.

I am happy to hear that Glenn will be continuing his work to promote and develop renewable energies. He will be serving as a consultant for the promotion of wind power, energy efficiency and soy-bean transformer oils. I wish him the best in all his endeavors.

WALKER BLAIR ETHERIDGE MAKES HIS MARK ON THE WORLD

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my son David and his wife Casey on the birth of their first child, Walker Blair Etheridge. Walker was born on December 22, 2007, and weighed 8 pounds and 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. My wife Faye and I are ecstatic about the birth of our fourth grandchild, and she joins me in wishing David and Casey all the happiness and love that a first child brings into your life.

Faye and I are truly blessed by the arrival of Walker Blair Etheridge. The birth of a new child is a joyous occasion that reminds us of the promise of a new life. Children remind us

of the incredible miracle of life, and they keep us young-at-heart. Every day they show us a new way to view the world.

God has truly blessed my family with this new addition. My family and I are looking forward to spending a lot of time with our new bundle of joy and introducing him to all of our friends and neighbors in North Carolina's Second Congressional District.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Alpha Kappa Alpha on the occasion of their centennial anniversary.

As a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, I would like to welcome the thousands of fine AKA members who have traveled to Howard University this week to celebrate the birth of Alpha Chapter and the nine visionaries who founded the sorority in 1908.

As our Nation's oldest black Greek letter fraternity founded by women, Alpha Kappa Alpha was established in order to provide social and intellectual enrichment through member interactions. Throughout the years, AKA's purpose has expanded as it strives to promote high scholastics and ethical standards, vocational and career guidance, health services and the advancement of human and civil rights. Led by International President Barbara A. McKinzie, the women of AKA seek to make a difference in our communities and to be of supreme service to all of mankind.

When you look at AKA's distinguished membership it is easy to see its impact on America. Amongst these women are: Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, Ella Fitzgerald, and Dr. Mae Jemison—just to name a few.

Today, Alpha Kappa Alpha is a worldwide organization with 200,000 members in 975 chapters all over the globe and on every continent. The century of achievements by AKA women are felt everyday in the progress of our communities, and the work our members are doing today will be felt by generations to come. This centennial celebration is both a reflection upon our history, and a celebration of our future.

I commend Alpha Kappa Alpha on their centennial anniversary and wish them well for their next 100 years.

ANDREW TIMOTHY OTTO MAKES HIS MARK ON THE WORLD

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my daughter Catherine and her husband Tim Otto on the birth of their second child and my fifth grandchild Andrew Timothy Otto. Andrew was born yesterday, January 14, 2008, and weighed 8 pounds and was 20.5 inches long. My wife Faye and I are

delighted to welcome Andrew as he joins our four other grandchildren, William, Virginia, Cameron, and Walker. Faye and I wish Catherine and Tim and big brother William great happiness upon this new addition to our family.

Faye and I are truly blessed by the arrival of little Andrew Timothy Otto. The birth of a new child is a joyous occasion that reminds us of the promise of a new life. Children remind us of the incredible miracle of life, and they keep us young-at-heart. Every day they show us a new way to view the world.

My family and I are looking forward to spending a lot time with our new bundle of joy and introducing him to all of our friends and neighbors in North Carolina's Second Congressional District.