

children and families affected by Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

TRIBUTE TO SANDY HUANG

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sandy Huang, of Ames, Iowa, one of fifty outstanding U.S. high school students selected to attend the twenty-fifth annual Research Science Institute sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Education and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The mission of the Center for Excellence in Education is to nurture young scholars to careers of excellence and leadership in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The Research Science Institute is a highly competitive six-week program which emphasizes advanced theory and research in mathematics, the sciences, and engineering. Sandy was selected for this program upon scoring in the upper one-percent of those in the U.S. who took the PSAT exam. From June to August 2008, Sandy will learn from distinguished professors and conduct a research project.

I commend Sandy Huang for his commitment to leadership in science and technology. He is a future leader of this country of whom Iowa is very proud. I am honored to represent Sandy in the United States Congress and I wish him the best in future endeavors.

HONORING SHERIFF BROWNLOW

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize an outstanding citizen and public servant, J.R. Ronny Brownlow, in honor of his retirement from law enforcement after serving the public for 44 years.

In 1964, Sheriff Brownlow began his life of public service at the Mesquite Police Department. Three years later, Sheriff Brownlow moved to the Texas Department of Public Safety where he served for 27 years as a Highway Patrolman and a Texas Ranger.

Since then, Sheriff Brownlow has worked as the Anderson County Chief Deputy Sheriff, spent 1 year with the U.S. Marshals Service, and worked 3 years as the Henderson County Chief Deputy Sheriff. In 2000, he was elected Henderson County Sheriff and has worked tirelessly since then.

Sheriff Brownlow's work has not gone unnoticed. In addition to receiving the Peace Officer Award for Excellence, Sheriff Brownlow secured a spot in the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and in 2004 won the Chairman's Award from the Texas Ranger Association Foundation. This year, Sheriff Brownlow was named the 2008 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Sheriff Brownlow accomplished all this while raising three sons and a daughter. Currently, he is a proud grandfather of four and husband to wife Theresa.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize

Sheriff J.R. Ronny Brownlow for his courage in protecting and serving citizens all across the Fifth District of Texas.

MS. SALLY GALEGO HONORED FOR HER LONGEVITY

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Sally Galego of Largo, Florida who I am proud to represent, for being one of Florida's longest living persons at 108 years old.

During Ms. Galego's rich life she has witnessed the popularization of indoor plumbing, electricity, flight, the internet and so many wonderful innovations that made the last century so great. Born in 1900, she lived through the American Century, a time of great turmoil and triumph, through which our nation has become one of the truly great nations of the world.

For the benefit of my colleagues, I would like to include in the RECORD a story about Ms. Galego from her hometown paper, the Largo Leader.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Galego is a reminder of this last century as we look forward to the new one stretched out ahead of us. Please join me in congratulating her for her long lifetime of experiences.

[FROM THE LARGO LEADER, JUN. 12, 2008]

(By Thomas Michalski)

LARGO—Sally Galego will be 108 years old on Saturday, June 14. She might be among the oldest person in Pinellas County, man or woman, and possibly the state, but still goes to the YMCA three times a week to exercise.

She was born before the Wright Brothers flew their first plane and before the popularity of electricity, automobiles, radio and television came along.

"I have many, many fond memories," Galego said. Born June 14, 1900 in Belfast, Maine, she and her two brothers and two sisters grew up on a 100-acre farm. There was no electricity. No telephones. No inside plumbing.

One sister, Louise, 99, of Bangor, Maine, survives and the two sisters stay in touch on a regular basis.

Galego's father was killed by a swarm of bees when she was 9. She later not only graduated elementary school, but high school and college as well. That was almost unheard of in those days. Galego recalls seeing television for the first time at the 1939-40 New York World's Fair.

Over the years, she traveled the world to visit the pyramids in Egypt, the Vatican in Rome and toured England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and other countries.

TRIBUTE TO NICK DONOFRIO

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to Mr. Nick Donofrio who is retiring after more than 40 years in various leadership capacities at the IBM Corporation.

Nick Donofrio is an adopted son of the Green Mountain State. For many years, Nick led IBM's semiconductor development and manufacturing facility in Burlington and he and his wife, Anita, raised their two children, Nicole and Michael, in Vermont.

Nick joined IBM in 1967 and spent the early part of his career in integrated circuit and chip development, as a designer of logic and memory chips. He held numerous technical management positions and, later, executive positions in several of IBM's product divisions. He has led many of IBM's major development and manufacturing teams—from semiconductor and storage technologies, to microprocessors and personal computers, to IBM's entire family of servers.

Nick has always been a champion for innovation across IBM and its global ecosystem. He has been the leader of IBM's global technology strategy. In addition to his strategic business mission, Nick has led the development and retention of IBM's technical population and strives to enrich that community with a diversity of culture and thought.

Nick has been focused sharply on advancing education, employment and career opportunities for under represented minorities and women—all issues of great importance to me as well.

He served for many years on the Board of Directors for the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME). He has served on the Board of Directors for INROADS, a non-profit organization focused on the training and development of talented minority youth for professional careers in business and industry, and he is co-chair of the New York Hall of Science. A fellow Italian-American, Nick was awarded the prestigious 2007 National Education and Leadership Award from the Sons of Italy Foundation.

He is the holder of seven technology patents and is a member of numerous technical and science honor societies. In 2002, Nick was recognized by Europe's Institution of Electrical Engineers with the Mensforth International Gold Medal for outstanding contributions to the advancement of manufacturing engineering. In 2003, he was named Industry Week magazine's Technology Leader of the Year, the University of Arizona's Technical Executive of the Year, and was presented with the Rodney D. Chipp Memorial Award by the Society of Women Engineers for his outstanding contributions to the advancement of women in the engineering field. In 2005, Nick was elected a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he was presented with Syracuse University's highest alumni honor—the George Arents Pioneer Medal, and he was honored by CNBC with its Overall Technology Leadership Award.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Nick Donofrio, as he begins a new exciting chapter in his life.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DEMA GUINN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor the former First Lady of Nevada, Dema Guinn, by entering her name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD,

the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today, I pay tribute to Dema Guinn for her outstanding service to the State of Nevada.

Mrs. Guinn has served the Nevada community in countless ways including her fundraising campaigns for both the Nevada State Museum and the Keck Mining Museum. Her efforts in bringing Nevada's second statue, Sarah Winnemucca, to Statuary Hall of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. and her renovation of the Governor's Mansion to better reflect Nevada's history were both great successes. While First Lady Dema Guinn has been involved in many projects, her largest contribution has been her continued support of Nevada's health care system. Having lost a cousin to breast cancer in 1995, Mrs. Guinn recognized the hardships and suffering felt by many Nevadans in similar situations. The real tragedy is that Mrs. Guinn's cousin did not have health insurance and never had the chance to have a mammogram performed, which could have staved off this vicious disease. From this devastation, First Lady Dema Guinn was able to found the Mammovan, a traveling health care van that provides free mammograms to uninsured women.

The Mammovan began touring Nevada in January of 2000. During Mrs. Guinn's tenure as First Lady, the Mammovan assisted more than 17,000 women. In 2007, after many successful trips throughout the state visiting rural areas of Nevada, it became necessary to acquire a new van to continue this vital service to our State.

A community partnership was formed with Harrah's Foundation and the Nevada Health Center to help finance a new Mammovan. This improved van will have the ability to help even more women. Mrs. Guinn's many accomplishments during her term have extended far beyond her duties as First Lady. Today, her tireless generosity continues as she works to assist many citizens in our great State. Dema Guinn's endeavors leave behind the legacy of a compassionate woman and a dedicated Nevadan.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Dema Guinn. Her dedication to our community, and specifically the health care system, has impacted countless Nevadans. I applaud her successes and thank her for her dedication to Nevada.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL HOLSTE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Mr. Daniel Holste, a science teacher at Humboldt High School in Humboldt, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to the youth of Iowa.

For the last 39 years, Mr. Holste has contributed his time to educating and enriching the lives of youths. After graduating from Wartburg College, Mr. Holste began teaching in Alta, Iowa, for 2 years and took a year off for graduate studies at Fisk University. He returned to teaching for 3 years in Eddyville, Iowa, until he took a teaching position at Hum-

boldt High School, where he remained for 34 years until his recent retirement. In the classroom, Mr. Holste has taught numerous courses including Chemistry, Advanced/Organic Chemistry, Physics, Geology/Astronomy, Hydrology and several math courses. Mr. Holste has also sponsored the Junior Engineering Technical Society Tests of Engineering Aptitude in Math and Science (JETS-TEAM), Science Bowl, Knowledge Master Open and the Physics Olympics. In 1990, his team earned the Iowa Physics Olympics Team Grand Championship, and his JETS-TEAM has placed as high as second nationally.

Mr. Holste has also received a number of awards in recent years. In 2006, he was honored with the Outstanding Youth Leadership Award. In 2007 he received the Fort Dodge District Air Force Association Teacher of the Year Award. This year he also earned the ISEA UniServ Unit 10 "Distinguished Service to the Association" Award.

Mr. Holste's leadership will be missed, but he leaves a lasting impact on the Humboldt community and everyone he has been involved with. I consider it an honor to represent Mr. Daniel Holste in the United States Congress, and I wish him and his wife, Jean, a long, happy and healthy retirement as they both continue to serve the community through different projects.

COLONEL LEONARD SCHROEDER HONORED AS FIRST AMERICAN INVADER ON D-DAY

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Retired Colonel Leonard Schroeder of Largo, Florida who I am proud to represent, for being the first American soldier to land at Utah Beach.

During the Invasion of Normandy, Colonel Schroeder led F Company onto Utah Beach as part of the first wave of American infantry at the battle that would turn the war. Commander Schroeder bravely battled for eight hours before being shot and forced to leave the fight.

As part of the first landing, F Company took heavy casualties with half of the members killed or injured before Colonel Schroeder was hit himself.

Colonel Schroeder continued to serve our great nation through World War II earning both a Silver and Bronze Star. He went on to fight in the Korean War and provide logistical support during the Vietnam conflict. Colonel Schroeder retired from the Army in 1971.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Schroeder represents the best our Nation has to offer. He served our Nation in uniform and to protect our freedom and liberty in its darkest days. Please join me in saying thank you to him for his actions and his lifetime of service.

[FROM THE ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, JUNE 6, 2008]

(By Demorris A. Lee)

Leonard Schroeder will never forget watching the sun rise off the coast of France the morning of June 6, 1944.

Schroeder, who was 25 and an Army company commander, spent the night before the

D-day invasion with the 219 soldiers from Company F in small, flat-bottomed boats.

"We were a little nervous, hoping we were going to hit the place we were supposed to hit," said Schroeder, who is now 89 and lives in Largo.

At about 6:30 a.m., Schroeder's company began wading toward shore in waist-high water. He held up his .45-caliber pistol to keep it from getting wet.

Amid a flurry of smoke and gunfire, they stormed Utah Beach. Schroeder is believed to be the first American soldier to step foot on the beach during the battle considered the turning point of World War II.

"We prayed and prayed that everyone got the right signal," said Schroeder, who retired from the Army in 1971 as a colonel.

It's been 64 years since that fateful day. But Schroeder said the images from that morning remain etched in his mind forever.

For the next eight hours, Schroeder led his men in battle. By noon, half of them were either killed or injured.

Relatives thousands of miles away in America were desperate for details.

Schroeder's wife, Margaret, 91, said she received a call from her mother-in-law that morning.

"She said, 'My son and your husband landed safely on the beach,'" Margaret said, laughing. "I thank God over and over that he made it back safely to his family."

During the fight, a machine gun round ripped open Schroeder's left forearm. The next thing he remembers, he was heading to a hospital in England.

"I lost some time after that, and don't remember what happened or how long," Schroeder said. "The decision was whether they could save my arm." Schroeder's forearm still bears the long scar from his five surgeries.

From Glen Burnie, Md., Schroeder graduated from the University of Maryland. After World War II, he went on to fight in the Korean War and worked logistics during Vietnam. He believes he is the only remaining survivor among his college classmates who participated in World II. Two of those classmates died last year.

Schroeder, who earned a Silver Star and a Bronze Star during World War II, now surrounds himself with memories of his Army service. Two ball caps with his unit's name are proudly displayed in his living room. In his office are framed military ribbons and certificates.

The black leather boots Schroeder wore when he landed on Utah Beach are in the garage. There is also a huge poster of him on the front of a French magazine that proclaimed him the first man to land on a beach in Normandy during D-day. He and his wife of 66 years were flown to France in 1984 in honor of D-day's 50th anniversary.

Though he turns 90 on July 16, there's another date that's just as important. "I say that June 6 is my second birthday," he said.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER REEMSTMA

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Mr. Walter Reemstma, a science teacher with Algona Community School District in Algona, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to the youth of Iowa.

For the past 41 years, Mr. Reemstma has contributed his time and talents to educating