

impoverished immigrant to achieve success for himself and his family.

Benny is survived by his wife Irene, his brother Harry, his children Bill Friedman and Debbie Chapman, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Benny Friedman's life is an example for all of us that hard work, honesty, and caring for others leads to success. But Benny went far beyond that in giving back to this community and to all who knew him. I will miss Benny, but I am thankful to have had the opportunity to be one who knew him.

JOE POWELL: LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a longtime leader in the labor movement, Joe Powell. Joe is the business manager/financial secretary of the Sheet Metal Workers' Local 206 representing approximately 1,300 members. As business manager, Joe serves as the chairman of the committee which negotiates wages, hours, and conditions of employment.

As financial secretary, Joe assumes full responsibility and liability to the local union and the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association for all monies received and recorded. Additionally, Joe serves in numerous capacities with other Local 206 affiliates such as the trustee for the Sheet Metal Workers' Trust Fund, chairman of the San Diego Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee, JATC, executive board member for the AFL-CIO Labor Council, co-chairman for the Local 206 401(a) plan and executive board member of the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council.

Joe showed his desire to participate in the advancement of his union's labor movement in 1994 when he was elected conductor for Sheet Metal Workers' Local 206. He served in this position until 1997 when he ran for and was elected as a trustee of the Sheet Metal Workers' Local 206. Joe served as a trustee until 2000 and in July 2000, he was elected as business representative of his local. From 2000 to 2004, Joe was responsible for the dispatching and drug testing of members and handling any grievances that may arise. From 2004 to the present, Joe Powell has served as business manager and financial secretary-treasurer of Local 206.

Advancement in education has also been a priority to Joe as he has completed numerous courses and training that has greatly aided his career development. In addition to completing his 4-year apprenticeship training and becoming a certified instructor in CPR and first-aid training, he attended the National Labor College at the George Meaney Center where he received the bachelor's degree in labor studies.

Joe has been a resident of Alpine, California, his entire life along with his wife and daughter. His wife and family have been very supportive of his career choices.

I am very proud to join with the San Diego labor community in honoring Joe Powell as the 2008 Labor Leader of the Year.

TRIBUTE TO BRIDGET McCUE OF CAPE CORAL, FL

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding young hero from my district, Bridget McCue of Cape Coral, Florida, for her extraordinary bravery during a fire.

On July 31, 2008, a small fire broke out in the computer room at the McCue home. Thanks to 13-year-old Bridget's quick thinking, she was able to get her younger brother and sister out of the house and to safety. She then called 911 from a neighbor's house and called her parents, who were returning home from an errand.

Bridget's parents, Randy and Barbara, credit Bridget's training through a Red Cross babysitting class for her quick thinking and bravery. She is a role model for other teenagers across southwest Florida and is very deserving of the Lee County Red Cross' Certificate of Recognition for Extraordinary Personal Action. The people of southwest Florida and I are very proud of Bridget and her accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor and a privilege to represent such a courageous young lady as Bridget McCue in Congress. I wish Bridget and her family all the best and congratulate her on a job well done.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POSTAL SUPERVISORS

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the National Association of Postal Supervisors on their 100th anniversary. This organization, which started in my hometown a hundred years ago, has become an international leader in the fight for workers' rights.

In 1908, 50 individuals gathered at the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, to fight for the working conditions of their fellow employees. These individuals were tired of endless hours without break, deplorable working conditions, low and inequitable pay, and stringent penalties for speaking out. This meeting marked the beginning of a powerful voice in Washington that now represents 34,000 active and retired employees. NAPS has fought hard to provide hard-working people with a decent salary, proper benefits, and the opportunity to work with dignity. And today, on their 100th anniversary, it is safe to say they succeeded.

Generations of postal supervisors have come and gone since that day in 1908, and each has built upon the accomplishments of their predecessors. NAPS continues to fight for reform, taking a stand for full pension and health care benefits, working to bring postal leadership into line with the 21st century, and increasing the revenue for the United States Postal Service. The organization is also leading the call for a vote by mail system so every individual has the opportunity to participate in

our democracy regardless of the barriers they face on election day.

With NAPS' long history of success, I feel confident the organization will continue to deliver victories for the next generation of postal supervisors. As the congressional Representative for Branch 1, the first of what will grow into scores NAPS' branches in all 50 States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam, I offer my sincere thanks for years of hard work and wish you a happy centennial celebration.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GLEN A. SMITH, SR.

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and accomplishments of a man who dedicated his life to service and seizing the day, Glen A. Smith of Rockwall.

Smith was born on May 24, 1939, in Normal, Illinois to Myers and Marybelle (Miller) Smith. He married Peggy (Pannell) Smith, and they were fortunate to have five wonderful children, Kimberli Geissler Smith of Fort Worth, Glen Allen Smith, Jr. of Dallas and Katy Chesshir of Sachse, and stepchildren Christina Hoff of Forney and Joel Rhorer of Prairie Home, Missouri.

Smith was the owner of Curry Auto Leasing in Dallas for many years until his retirement in September of 2005. In March 2007, he opened Smitty's Roadhouse Bar & Grill in Rockwall, which he owned and operated until his death. Glen enjoyed living life to the fullest, and was a race car driver all of his life, racing in the 24 hours of LeMans in France and receiving the 1986 Formula Atlantic Indy Car Rookie of the Year Award.

Glen was also involved with his community and in civic affairs. He was a member of the Rockwall Breakfast Rotary Club and was also a City of Rockwall Planning & Zoning Commissioner. He also believed in sharing his faith and was a member of the Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

Madam Speaker, we are privileged to have known such a great public servant and genuine individual. Please join me today as we honor the memory and celebrate the life of Glen A. Smith, Sr.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6599) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes:

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Chairman, my amendment would make it easier for veterans to find

employment in their communities. While it would be subject to a point of order, I believe it has a great deal of merit. My amendment is simple and inexpensive. It directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use funds from the VA's General Operating Expenses Fund to establish a portal on the VA Web site containing a comprehensive list of employment opportunities throughout the United States so that veterans are better able to secure employment after they return home from combat.

Furthermore, these results could then be updated annually to reflect the current and changing needs in the local job market. With the posting of this information on the VA Web site, veterans could simply plug in their ZIP code and see a list of the occupations that are most in demand within their commuting area, allowing them to use their Federal job training more effectively.

I have received a commitment from Chairman EDWARDS and Ranking Member WAMP to send a letter to the VA Secretary asking him to establish a portal on the existing VA Web site that would contain comprehensive, up to date employment opportunities in various job markets across the country. In addition, I would like to work with the chairman and ranking member to get comparable language in the conference report to ensure this happens.

I would like to thank Chairman EDWARDS and Ranking Member WAMP for their commitment to veterans and for their offers of support for ensuring that the idea of my amendment becomes a reality.

HONORING HM2 (FMF) ANTHONY
MARK FEJERAN CARBULLIDO,
U.S. NAVY

HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Hospital Corpsman Petty Officer 2nd Class Anthony M. Carbullido, United States Navy. He was assigned to the Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Illinois, where he volunteered for his second assignment as a combat medic in July 2007, stationed in Herat, Afghanistan. HM2, FMF, Carbullido died on August 8, in Sangatesh, Afghanistan, from injuries sustained when his convoy vehicle hit an improvised explosive device.

Anthony Carbullido was born on August 25, 1982, and grew up in Agat, Guam. He attended Southern High School and graduated with the class of 2000. After graduation, Tony answered the call to duty and enlisted in the United States Navy on September 28. He reported to Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois, on November 1, 2000, and afterwards he reported to the Naval Hospital Corps School where he completed training on June 8, 2001. HM2 Carbullido's first duty station was at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego, California. He received additional training at the Fleet Medical Service School at Camp Pendleton, California, and was later assigned to the 1st Marine Logistic Group, Marine Forces Pacific where he deployed with the Marines to Iraq on a 7-month tour. Upon earning his instructor qualification, he was assigned to Naval Hospital Corps School as an

instructor at Great Lakes. It was during this tour at Great Lakes that HM2 Carbullido volunteered for a second deployment and was assigned to augment the United States Army at the Afghan Regional Security Integration Command West in Herat, Afghanistan. He provided training and medical assistance to United States and Afghan forces and was recognized by his comrades as a professional and compassionate corpsman. He received many awards and commendations, most notably the Bronze Star for Valor and the Purple Heart.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I offer my condolences to his wife Summer Chaney Carbullido, his daughter Lexie, his parents Anthony Jesus and Aurora Fejeran Carbullido, his siblings Austin Matthew and Ashley Maria, his grandmother Maria Sablan Fejeran, and to his extended family and friends. He will be missed dearly by his family, friends, and our island community. HM2 Anthony M. Carbullido died in the service of our Nation and we honor his patriotism and his dedication. He is a hero who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We will always remember him and we will always be grateful for his service in the United States Navy.

God bless the Carbullido family, God bless our men and women in the Armed Forces, God bless Guam, and God bless our Nation, the United States of America.

CONGRATULATING THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL KITCHEN FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THOSE IN NEED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, which is observing its 25th year of continuous service to those in great need.

In 1983, Catholic Social Services in Wilkes-Barre recognized that a growing number of people in the community were suffering and in need of material assistance. Monsignor Donald McAndrews, the executive director of CSS, laid the groundwork for the kitchen with the belief that if people in need could be fed, they could attend to other needs more easily.

Monsignor believed that the kitchen project would be needed for 2 to 3 years and could then be dissolved once the regional economy improved.

He purchased a vacant automotive garage that was being targeted for sheriff sale due to tax delinquency. Local labor unions donated manpower to accomplish minimal renovations. Used kitchen equipment was purchased and CSS obtained a restaurant license.

Sister Lucille Brislin, the kitchen's first director, recruited volunteers and the first meal served 60 people. The kitchen continued to serve one meal a day 7 days a week. Local supermarkets helped by donating leftover bread and pastries. The kitchen depended on private donations and the community responded to that call for help.

Five years after it opened, the kitchen added a free clinic to assist in caring for the

homeless. A used clothing room and a food bank were added later to expand services.

However, the need continued to grow. More than 300 meals a day were being served. In 2003, major renovations were undertaken to accommodate the growing demand. Those renovations were completed in 2005.

In 2007, an evening meal was added 3 nights per week which is served to about 125 people.

Donations are still encouraged and CSS conducts two organized fundraisers each year to help continue the services available at the kitchen. A core group of 60 volunteers come at least once each week and groups of volunteers come once or twice a year.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating those who make possible the humanitarian services that emanate from the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre. Without fanfare, demand for recognition, or monetary compensation, the volunteers who dispense nutritional, medical, and clothing services are helping those in the greatest need sustain not only their very lives but also their hope that new opportunities will emerge to end their dependence on others and restore their ability to become self-sufficient.

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S.
ARMY SPECIALIST JONATHAN
MENKE

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on August 4, 2008, the great Hoosier state lost one of its sons. Army SPC. Jonathan Menke was killed in Baghdad, Iraq, when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. Specialist Menke was born in Columbus, Indiana, and raised in Madison, Indiana.

An honor roll student, Jon graduated from Madison Consolidated High School in 2005, where he played football and ran track. During his senior year, he surprised friends and family by landing the role of Gaston in "Beauty and the Beast."

Jon joined the Indiana National Guard in March 2004. In 2008, while living and attending college in Indianapolis, Menke was activated by the Indiana National Guard and sent to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Specialist. Menke served with the 38th Military Police Company, stationed in Rustamayah, Iraq. During his tour, Specialist. Menke frequently asked his father to send him things for the Iraqi children—namely shoes, toys, and candy. In Jon's mind, the needs of the Iraqi children were more important than his own comforts.

SPC Jonathan Menke is a hero and a true example of Hoosier values. His ultimate sacrifice deserves our most sincere thanks. I, along with the towns of Madison and Columbus, mourn the death of SPC Jonathan Menke. His friends and loved ones are in my prayers.