

and to the country he loved. He moved back to Brady, Texas and became its mayor. He was elected Land Commissioner of Texas, a position he used to clean up abuses in veterans' land programs.

When he became the President of Texas A&M University, his beloved alma mater, Earl Rudder told his close classmate of '32 and my mentor, Congressman Olin E. Teague, that he had to make a decision that in some ways brought more heat on him than German guns at Pointe du Hoc. He decided to allow women into A&M and to make the Corps of Cadets voluntary for A&M students.

Some Aggies didn't talk to President Rudder ever again. But, just as he did on D-Day, Earl Rudder showed the courage of his conviction. Just as D-Day literally helped save the world as we know it, President Rudder's decision in the 1960s saved the future of Texas A&M. It was, perhaps, the most important decision ever made by any President of Texas A&M, and I am not sure if any other person but Earl Rudder could have made it. In 1967, President Lyndon Johnson presented Earl Rudder with the Distinguished Service Medal, our Nation's highest civilian award.

Love of faith, family and country; courage under fire; integrity; and lifelong service to others—these were the values of Earl Rudder. They are the quintessential American values that have made ours the greatest nation in the world.

My hope is that the story and values of Earl Rudder will inspire the lives of everyone who walks through these doors for generations to come. If so, then ours will be a better community and a better country, and we will have truly honored the service of this American hero.

May God bless James Earl Rudder High School and all who will serve there.

BUD DOGGETT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of my good friend, and a pillar of our Washington community, L.B. "Bud" Doggett, Jr. Bud died last month, while Congress was out of session, but I want to take this moment to note how dearly he will be missed, and how many will miss him.

Bud was one of Washington's most successful businessmen, who turned a small parking company founded by his parents into a local business powerhouse. But he was far from content to simply enjoy his success; instead, he made himself into a vital civic leader, contributing immeasurably to Washington's development into a world-class city. Bud was born here in the District, and he always said he never crossed "the Potomac Ocean" unless absolutely necessary. Everyone who lives here is a beneficiary of his dedication to his hometown.

But to Bud, leadership meant service as much as it meant power. He learned the spirit of service in the European Theater of World War II, and he put it to work back home. Perhaps his most lasting accomplishment was the foundation of Heroes Inc., a charity that for the last 45 years has provided for the families of

police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. As his wife, Cherrie Wanner Doggett, said at his funeral: "What he most loved was watching his friends and the people he loved being happy. His pleasure in life was doing for others—especially when he knew he was helping someone who could never give him anything in return."

Our community was blessed to have a servant-leader like Bud Doggett, for so long. He will be dearly missed.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF OHIO

SPEECH OF

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, mentor, and a true pioneer. Congresswoman STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES was taken from us at far too young an age when she passed away on August 20th. On August 30th, during a memorial ceremony held at the Cleveland Public Hall, I addressed the hundreds of friends and family in attendance to pay tribute to STEPHANIE and I would like to share those remarks here as well:

There was a famous song a few years back called, "I Hope You Dance." And it's a song that passes along some advice to all of us, and the refrain of the song says, "If you have the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance." And we all know that STEPHANIE didn't sit it out; she danced. She danced through this life with a style all her own, and she now gets to dance once again with her favorite partner, Mervin. Whether literally dancing on the dance floor or dancing through life, she possessed the key quality of any great dancer—she was fearless. She wasn't real concerned with criticism because she got her instructions from the inside. And as Connie Shultz pointed out last week in her wonderful column, "When the rough and tumble side of Cleveland politics reared its head and threatened STEPHANIE, she simply said, 'I don't have time for fear.'"

Gandhi said, "My life is my message." And so it is with STEPHANIE. Her life instructs us that if we live a life without fear, we allow God's light to pour through us, like His light poured through STEPHANIE. We saw this light in her bright smile and her catchy laugh; her high-fives she always liked to give when she made a witty comment; and the nicknames she gave us, as Congressman MEEK said, I was the "white son." We felt this light in her passion for justice and her warmth for humanity. Her life teaches us that if we live with courage and allow God's light to shine, we can travel farther and higher than we ever dreamed; that we can achieve the seemingly unachievable; and that we can break glass ceilings and overcome barriers with grace and joy. Whether it's Mervin, or Barbara, or her staff, or Members of Congress, or Senators, or presidential candidates, STEPHANIE's death gives us what she gave us so many times in life—our marching orders: To live a fearless life. To let our light shine. To bring joy and

hope. To lift people. To dance. The daughter of Cleveland's life mission. And the credo she asks us to live by is reflected in the short poem called, "I Am One."

I am only one,
But I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But I can do something.
And that which I can do,
I ought to do.
And that which I ought to do,
By the grace of God, I shall do.

We love you, STEPHANIE.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA ENHANCED TRADE ASSISTANCE, ECONOMIC RECOVERY, AND RECONSTRUCTION ACT OF 2008

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to introduce the Republic of Georgia Enhanced Trade Assistance, Economic Recovery, and Reconstruction Act of 2008. This bill will provide urgently needed economic and reconstruction assistance to the people of Georgia following Russia's invasion of that sovereign and independent country last month.

Madam Speaker, the war between Russia and Georgia resulted in the displacement of tens of thousands of men, women, and children from the conflict zone in South Ossetia and elsewhere in Georgia. There is credible evidence that at least some villages were hit because they were populated by ethnic Georgians. As we know, people can't work when they have nowhere to live and their basic needs are not being met. Additionally, the Russians clearly targeted critical components of Georgia's economic infrastructure for destruction, resulting in the disruption of domestic and regional commerce.

The dire circumstances in the aftermath of the invasion require timely action by the United States and the international community.

As Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation, the body charged by Congress with monitoring human rights throughout Europe and beyond, I am deeply concerned over developments in and around Georgia, a country I have visited on numerous occasions, most recently in January. It pains me that there is a need for the kind of legislation I am introducing today—an urgent measure to aid one OSCE country—Georgia—which is recovering from devastating damage done to its people, economy, infrastructure, and environment by another OSCE country—Russia.

The Helsinki principles were meant to preclude such armed conflict between participating states. Among them were the commitments to refrain from the threat of or use of force to resolve conflicts; and respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of other states. In invading Georgia, Russia has violated these OSCE commitments and I am saddened to be compelled to condemn Russia's conduct.

Madam Speaker, it is apparent that Russia deliberately sought to cripple Georgia's economy, wreaking economic hardship and perhaps seeking to foment upheaval. In the process, Russia has sought to degrade key economic and commercial zones in the region, and I'm concerned that the most serious long-term damage could be the loss of confidence in Georgia as a reliable transit point for oil and gas pipelines—currently the only transit point for oil to Europe from central Asia and the Caucasus that does not go through Russia.

This legislation, while it cannot undo all of the damage done to Georgia's economy and infrastructure, will go far in helping Georgia, a strategic U.S. partner, begin to rebuild its economy and critical infrastructure while helping to create new trade, business, and economic opportunities among key countries in the region.

I welcome the administration's announcement of a package of U.S. emergency assistance to be provided to Georgia. My legislation seeks to complement these preliminary efforts with the aim of ensuring the kind of sustained assistance the people of Georgia will need in the coming months to rebuild their lives and country.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation and ensure its timely passage.

RABBI STANLEY HALPERN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I congratulate Rabbi Stanley Halpern as he celebrates a milestone, his 20th anniversary as Rabbi at Temple Israel in Gary, IN. Throughout his years of service at Temple Israel, Rabbi Halpern has been one of northwest Indiana's most dedicated and distinguished citizens. The people of northwest Indiana have certainly been rewarded by the service and uncompromising loyalty he has displayed to the parish and the entire community, and for his outstanding efforts, he was recognized at a dinner in his honor at Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton, IN, on September 6, 2008. As part of the celebration, a very special Shabbat service also took place the previous night.

Stanley Halpern was born and raised in Spokane, WA, where he received an intensive Jewish education at Keneseth Israel Synagogue. Following his graduation from Lewis & Clark High School, he went on to receive his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Washington, where his studies were focused on Philosophy and Near Eastern Languages and Literature. He also served as Scholar in Residence at Dropsie College in Philadelphia, PA. Following his ordination, Rabbi Halpern spent the next ten years focusing on fundraising and Jewish educational work as the Executive Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in Sacramento. Finally, in 1988, Rabbi Halpern settled into his first pulpit, Temple Israel in Gary, IN, where he has served since 1988.

Temple Israel's long tradition of dedication to social justice and active involvement in the life of northwest Indiana was a perfect fit for

Rabbi Halpern's commitment to Tikkun Olan, the obligation in Judaism of each individual to do all they can for the healing of the world.

Under Rabbi Halpern's leadership, the people of Temple Israel have involved themselves in a myriad of social and community projects, including: the Open Housing Center of Northwest Indiana, the Interfaith Clergy Council of Gary, and Muslim/Jewish Dialogue—Breaking Down Barriers by Breaking Bread Together. Temple Israel has also played a major role in assisting local veterans by teaching skills to prepare them for re-entry into the workforce. Through Rabbi Halpern's involvement with Hospice, the Bio-Ethics Committee of Community Hospital, and AIDS awareness, they have also been very active in Northwest Indiana's health care community, and they have been outstanding advocates in the fight against domestic abuse through their efforts with the Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau of Lake County. With a focus on doing what is right, Rabbi Halpern and Temple Israel have remained active in these causes, all while continuing to prosper in the building of a vibrant Jewish community in northwest Indiana.

Rabbi Halpern and his wife, Carol, reside in Portage, IN. They are the proud parents of one daughter, who also resides in Portage, and Carol's son, who resides in the Boston, MA, area.

Madam Speaker, northwest Indiana is a better place because of the tireless service of people like Rabbi Halpern. He is a man who has dedicated himself to serving others. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Rabbi Halpern for his many years of enduring service and the unforgettable effect he has had on the people of Temple Israel, as well as the entire northwest Indiana community, and I ask that you join me in congratulating him on this impressive milestone.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
CHARLES JOSEPH POLLMAN

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and the State of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor Charles Joseph Pollman and pay tribute to his memory.

A lifelong resident of Mobile, Charles graduated from McGill Institute and Spring Hill College. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps, Second Air Division, in Norwich, England, during World War II.

After his service in the war, he used his veteran benefits to attend the Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis, MN, where he studied baking. He followed in the footsteps of his father, Fred Pollman Sr., and became owner and operator of his parents' bakery, Pollman's Bake Shop. He started working in the family bakery when he was just 12 years old, and at the age of 88, he was still going to the bakery several days a week.

Three generations of the Pollman family have been baking in Mobile since 1918, and his passing is a tremendous loss to the city. Every Mobilian cherishes Pollman brownies, and many a schoolchild in Mobile County has

carried a Pollman po'boy in their lunch box. From ham biscuits to king cakes—Pollman's is the place to go downtown or in west Mobile. It is not an overstatement to say that thousands of wedding cakes have had the Pollman touch.

Charles Pollman also devoted much of his time to his community. He was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Council No. 666.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader, a friend to many throughout southwest Alabama, as well as a wonderful husband and devoted father. Charles Pollman will be dearly missed by his family—his wife, Beverly Pollman; their six children, Chase J. Pollman, Mary Corinne Pollman, Thomas L. Pollman, Leannah P. Duncan, Frederick J. Pollman, III, and Page H. Pollman; his sister, Mary Pollman Bender; his seven grandchildren, Zachary J. Pollman, Fred J. Pollman, IV, Michelle C. Pollman, Charles B. Duncan, Adrienne D. Duncan, Blake H. Pollman, and T. Bender Pollman—as well as the many countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

RECOGNITION OF THE NORTH
CAROLINA AZALEA FESTIVAL

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to ask you to join me in recognizing the long and important tradition of the North Carolina Azalea Festival, held each year in Wilmington, NC. The North Carolina Azalea Festival's rich history reminds us of its rightful place among our nationally-recognized festivals.

Founded in 1948 as the Wilmington Azalea Festival, the festival has since grown and is now recognized at the North Carolina Azalea Festival. Now, preparing for its 62nd year, this festival deserves to be nationally recognized as a valuable tradition. It is a unique showcase for our community's rich array of artwork, gardens, history and culture through recreational, educational and family-oriented events. Furthermore, the Festival encourages volunteerism and civic participation as it contributes to the region's economy and promotes the rare qualities of Wilmington's river-to-the-sea community.

Throughout the last 62 years the North Carolina Azalea Festival has brought numerous entertainers and celebrities to the port city, including Frankie Avalon, Cab Calloway, Dionne Warwick, Bob Hope, Barbara Mandrell, Marie Osmond, Tom Jones, the Judds, Frank Sinatra, Ronald Reagan, the Beach Boys, Tim McGraw, Jessica Simpson, and Carrie Underwood. Also, it is attended each year by local, State and nationally-elected officials. The 3-day Street Fair along the Cape Fear Riverwalk brings hundreds of thousands of people out to see the local entertainers, arts, crafts, and food booths, multicultural stage performances, fireworks show, and of course the annual North Carolina Azalea Festival Parade. A Coin Show, Horse Show, Boxing Event, Circus,