

Anthony Apuron, Father Duenas Memorial School Principal, Mr. William Roth, the faculty and staff, and the various orders and laypeople who have educated many of Guam's outstanding young men since October 1, 1948. May Father Duenas Memorial School enjoy many more years of service to our community.

HONORING ANDREW NELSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew Nelson of Smithville, Missouri. Andrew 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 1360, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

HONORING CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Charlotte Williams as she receives the first "Making Democracy Work" Award from the Flint Michigan League of Women Voters.

The League will honor Charlotte at an event on Wednesday, September 17th in Flint.

The League of Women Voters gives the "Making Democracy Work" Award to a Flint female community leader. Charlotte Williams was chosen to be the first recipient. Charlotte was elected as a Genesee County Commissioner in 1968. She was the first black female elected to the position. She went on to become the first female Chair of the Board. She became active in the National Association of Counties and served on several State and local committees. Her work with the National Association of Counties culminated in being elected president of that body in July 1978, and she served one term. Charlotte also chaired a workshop at a White House Conference on "Balanced Growth and Economic Development" and contributed to White House briefings during the terms of four Presidents. She retired from the Board of Commissioners in 1980.

Charlotte is the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Stewards at Quinn Chapel AME Church and has been an active member for

40 years. She has also worked as a Home Counselor in the Mott Foundation program and taught Bishop sewing classes.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to stand and applaud the work of one of the pioneers for political equality, Charlotte Williams. I commend her for her courage, insight, and work to improve the quality of life in Genesee County. May she continue her work for many, many years to come.

IN SYMPATHY FOR THE LOSS OF
FORMER KIRKWOOD MAYOR
MIKE SWOBODA

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a man of passion, spirit and service—former Kirkwood Mayor Mike Swoboda, who struggled against incredible odds after tragedy and on September 6, 2008, was released from his suffering and went Home.

Mike Swoboda will be remembered for his innovation in the city of Kirkwood, Missouri, creating "Mayor for a Day" program for youths, his endless enthusiasm for all things Kirkwood, and his years of faithful service. He was a man of hope and optimism who loved the people he served. He will be remembered for striving to do great things and as a man of his word.

I want to extend my condolences to the family of Mike Swoboda and echo family and friends in saying "He will always be remembered."

IN HONOR OF NICK "SONNY"
NARDI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Nick "Sonny" Nardi, and in appreciation of his outstanding dedication to social justice and workers rights. I, along with the Parma Democratic Party, join in recognizing Sonny for his invaluable leadership in the Democratic Party, as he is being honored as the 2008 Parma Democrat of the Year.

Sonny, a native of the Greater Cleveland area, has a multifaceted history of leadership and social service. He graduated from Parma High School in 1978 and joined the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 416 here in Parma in 1981. Since joining Local 416, Sonny has demonstrated his dedication to workers rights in the various leadership roles he has held over the past twenty-seven years. From 1986 to 1989, he was the Trustee and Business Agent. He became Vice President of Local 416 in 1992, a position he held for three years, until becoming Secretary-Treasurer in 1996. Sonny held the position of Secretary-Treasurer for ten years and just last year, he became Local 416's President and Principal Officer.

His commitment to workers rights and to the local Democratic Party has earned him the honor of being one of only two Super-Delegates of the 1.4 million Teamster membership. From 2003–2006, Sonny served on the Labor Advisory Council for Governor Taft and was also appointed to the RTA Board of Trustees. His experience as a true leader in the local Democratic Party earned him an appointment to the Executive Committee for the Democratic Party in 2006. In 2007, the same year he became Local 416's President and Principal Officer, Sonny was chosen to represent Ohio as a member of the Democratic National Committee.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Nick "Sonny" Nardi, and in recognition of his invaluable dedication to workers rights and to the local Democratic Party. May his commitment to social justice serve as an example for all of us to follow.

HONORING CHARLES CASSIDY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Charles Cassidy of Platte City, Missouri. Charles 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 1351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, on September 15, 2008, I missed rollcall votes numbered 589, a resolution honoring the dedication and outstanding work of military support groups across the country for their steadfast support of the members of our Armed Forces and their families; 590, a resolution honoring the 28th Infantry Division for serving and protecting the United States; and 591, a bill to extend the authority of the Secretary of Education to purchase guaranteed student loans for an additional year, and for other purposes.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 589, 590, and 591.

HONORING COMMANDER JOSEPH R. DRINKHOUSE FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Commander Joseph R. Drinkhouse for his 40 years of service in the United States Navy Reserve. As he nears his official retirement on January 1, 2009, Commander Drinkhouse deserves respect and appreciation for his long service in the United States Armed Services.

Commander Drinkhouse served the first 12 years of his Navy career as an enlisted intelligence specialist first class. During this time, his responsibilities increased as he served as an intelligence analyst, team leader, group leader, and leading petty officer. In 1980, Commander Drinkhouse received a direct commission as an intelligence officer with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

Commander Drinkhouse received full credentials as an officer agent in 1986, while serving in the Naval Investigative Service Reserve Unit 0893. He supervised an investigative team and conducted criminal investigations, including witness and suspect interviews, scene processing, and evidence collection. Commander Drinkhouse was transferred to Reserve Intelligence Area 15 in 1997, where he set up a team of officers and agents to take part in joint task force exercises as counterintelligence scriptors. For his service during this time, Commander Drinkhouse was awarded the prestigious Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal from the Secretary of the Navy.

Over the past decade Commander Drinkhouse has completed multiple deployments to Bahrain in the Middle East. In 2001, he provided force protection support to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service Middle East Field Office. Commander Drinkhouse also wrote and headed terrorist based exploitation assessment operations and vulnerability assessments while stationed in Bahrain. These services earned Commander Drinkhouse two additional Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals from the Secretary of the Navy. In addition, Commander Drinkhouse provided force protection support at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

Over his long career Commander Drinkhouse has won many awards, including the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two Gold Stars, the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, the Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the National Defense Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Bronze Star, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and the Navy Expert Rifle Medal and Navy Sharpshooter Pistol Ribbon.

Madam Speaker, Commander Drinkhouse is an excellent role model for young Americans considering serving in the United States Armed Forces. He is an inspiration to service members everywhere, and to all citizens of our great nation. I commend Commander

Drinkhouse for his 40 years of service to our country and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF GLENN W. KRUEGER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Glenn W. Krueger on the occasion of his retirement, and in recognition of his outstanding commitment to his country, his family, and his community. Glenn is retiring as Fire Chief after 41 years of dedicated service to the city of Brook Park.

Glenn Krueger has an immeasurable track record of community and public service. Prior to becoming a fire fighter in Brook Park, Ohio in 1967, he served in the United States Navy from 1960 to 1963. He was hired as a fire fighter for the city of Brook Park on September 15, 1967. Fire fighters often endure long work hours and dangerous conditions when responding to emergency calls. Fire fighters put their lives on the line everyday to protect and serve the community; and are often the first emergency workers to respond to critical situations. In addition to protecting the public from hazardous situations, many fire fighters like Glenn become certified EMT's in order to provide medical treatment at the scene. Glenn was promoted to Lieutenant in 1973 and served as a certified EMT for 6 years. He was again promoted in 1986, this time as Captain of the Brook Park Fire Department. He would serve in that position for 13 years, until his promotion to Fire Chief 8 years ago.

Glenn and his wife Carol Jaye have been married for 46 years and have resided in the city of Brook for the last 36 years. They have five children; Christi, Tricia, Rebecca, Glenn and Scott; and have six grandchildren; Cory, Alicia, Rob, Leah, Jeremy and Jordan.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Glenn W. Krueger, and in recognition of his exceptional leadership and dedication to the city of Brook Park, on the occasion of his retirement as a fire fighter after 41 years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL RENEWABLE COOPERATIVES ORGANIZATION

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on the day that the House is considering far-reaching legislation that encourages the development of renewable energy please join me in applauding the efforts of the National Renewable Cooperatives Organization (NRCO).

The North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) recently announced its participation in the efforts of this newly formed national cooperative to help electric cooperatives develop renewable energy resources through projects and infrastructure improvements.

NCEMC is a generation and transmission cooperative that supplies all or part of the en-

ergy needs to the state's electric cooperatives. North Carolina's electric cooperatives provide energy to 2.5 million people in 93 of 100 counties, primarily in rural parts of the State. The electric cooperatives own and maintain 95,000 miles of power lines, by far the most of any electric utility in North Carolina.

Generation and transmission cooperatives across the nation are already working to further develop renewable resources and many are purchasing renewable energy credits. NRCO provides expertise and information for participating co-ops and provides the opportunity to match the needs of some cooperatives with the practical potential of others.

It is anticipated that NRCO will work with the North Carolina's electric cooperatives' newly formed renewable company, GreenCo Solutions, Inc., to identify cost-effective projects and opportunities to purchase renewable energy credits that will benefit consumers in the future.

By working closely together and sharing information, these electric cooperatives will be able to minimize investment risks and maximize the benefits. This is an important effort with enormous potential to help move America toward energy independence.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in applauding the important outstanding collective and collaborative efforts of the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and the National Renewable Cooperatives Organization.

IN HONOR OF RON BROWN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ron Brown, and in recognition of his work for social justice and dedication to the Parma Democratic Party. I, along with the Parma Democratic Party, recognize Ron as the Parma Democrat Volunteer of the Year.

Ron has an immeasurable track record of community and public service in the local Democratic Party and for the city of Parma. He graduated from Valley Forge High School in Parma Heights in 1996 and continued his education at Cuyahoga Community College, where he earned a degree in business administration. His dedication to serving the residents of Parma is demonstrated by his 14 years of public service for the city of Parma. He currently works as a case manager for the Parma Public Housing Department and is always at the forefront of activism on behalf of the citizens of Parma.

Ron earns the award of Parma Democrat Volunteer of the Year for his enthusiasm and commitment to the Parma Democratic Party. For years, Ron has worked diligently with the community on voter registration and has volunteered as a precinct chairman. A familiar face to many in the community, he has gone door-to-door, volunteered at polls and canvassed for all the democratic elected officials in Parma. Ron has been a tremendous volunteer and leader for the local Democratic Party.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Ron Brown, and in recognition of his commitment to social justice and public