

motivational speaker on issues pertaining to affirmative action, women's issues, diversity awareness, community empowerment and workforce development. In addition, she is very active in the community and is often called upon to be a speaker, advisor, and/or mediator by local schools, colleges, universities, churches, local/Federal government, and civil and professional organizations.

In April 2000, she founded and currently serves as the president/CEO of The Portrait of Empowerment Inc., a not-for-profit community based organization. This organization is dedicated to enabling individuals and families to become self-sufficient, which ultimately will improve the economic development as well as the quality of life in the community-at-large. In May 2001, she graduated from the Interdenominational Theological Center with a certificate of theology in Atlanta, Georgia. In 2002, she was elected as the vice-mayor for the city of Opa-Locka, Florida, and also served as the interim mayor. She also serves as the volunteers' coordinator for the Carrie Meek Foundation, Inc.

This public servant is married to Roy Johnson, has two daughters, Roilanda and Tamika, and two grandchildren, Joshua and Nisiah. Dottie is known in the community as "Lady Justice".

It is an honor to have the privilege of knowing this valued leader of the Miami-Dade County community and beyond. I salute Mrs. Dorothy "Dottie" Johnson on behalf of a grateful community that she truly loves and cares for. Now, in retirement, she embarks upon new challenges in life and I am certain her legacy of greatness will only grow and develop as she enters this new phase of life. I wish her every happiness and success.

#### HONORING THE CHILDREN OF APPLETIME CHILDCARE CENTER

#### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota, Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the children of Appletime Childcare Center of Rogers, Minnesota, and the Trike-a-Thon they sponsored to help fight childhood cancer.

The children of Appletime Childcare Center worked hard to raise community support and resources with their families and friends through a Trike-a-Thon on May 16, 2008. Their efforts will support research at St. Jude's Children's Hospital, the world's largest cancer research center. St. Jude's contributions to pediatric medicine have assisted doctors around the world in treating children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. This event demonstrated a remarkable commitment by these young Minnesotans to help others.

The story of this effort reached me by way of Sharon Wilson, a proud grandmother and constituent of mine from St. Paul whose grandson, Zach Schmitz, was one of the many children who worked so diligently to organize and complete this event. The Trike-a-Thon taught young children the importance of helping others while also introducing valuable concepts of bike riding safety. By combining the fun of riding bicycles and tricycles with charitable giving, the Trike-a-Thon was a wonderful

introduction to philanthropy for these youth, and an outstanding example for the rest of our community.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the children of Appletime Childcare Center and their successful Trike-a-Thon to fight childhood cancer.

#### HONORING BENJAMIN BRESLOW

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Benjamin Breslow of Platte City, Missouri. Benjamin 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.

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

#### TRIBUTE TO HOWARD HODSON

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Howard R. Hodson, Sr., as the recipient of the 2008 Iowa Legionnaire of the Year Award by the American Legion for his servitude to this country and to the ideals of the American Legion. He was also awarded three other awards by the department commander and one award from the national commander.

The Legionnaire of the Year Award is presented every year to an outstanding member who has served the Legion and their community, state, and nation. Howard is a Vietnam veteran having served in the Army and is a member of the American Legion for forty-three years. In the American Legion, he has served as a post commander, post historian, post membership chairman, 3rd District senior vice commander, and as the membership chairman of the 3rd District.

I congratulate Howard R. Hodson, Sr. on his well-deserved award, and I'm certain that he will continue to serve this great nation and the American Legion. It is a great honor to represent Howard in the United States Congress, and I wish him the best.

#### RECOGNIZING THE DALLAS CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to make my colleagues aware of an exciting new facility opening in my district. The Dallas Arts District will soon be home to the Dallas Center for Architecture.

Officially opening on October 7, 2008, the DCFA will add another facet to the ever-expanding Arts District in downtown Dallas. The Center will be at 1909 Woodall Rogers Freeway and will face the Woodall Rogers Plaza. In fact, the first exhibit at the DCFA will be about the soon-to-be-constructed plaza.

I am excited about this addition to the already world renowned arts district in my hometown. The DCFA is designed for those interested in learning more about the art and science of architecture and will feature a wide variety of exhibits on topics such as environmentally sustainable design, historic preservation, adaptive reuse of buildings, urban planning, and a personal interest of mine—brownfield redevelopment.

The DCFA, in addition to the exhibits for the public, will be a place of continuing education for the architecture community and the home of the Dallas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

I know this project is the culmination of the work of many people. Specifically I would like to acknowledge Tip Housewright, of the AIA, for being the commissioner of the Dallas Center for Architecture during its construction. This large project has been funded by gifts from 25 of the top local architecture firms and will be sustained by events hosted by the Dallas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Finally, as a Texan I need to note that the size of the Dallas Center for Architecture—it will cover over 9,000 square feet—will make it the second largest Center for Architecture in the Nation. It will be quite an asset in the continuing enhancement of Dallas.

#### COMMENDING BARTOW ELEMEN- TARY ACADEMY'S DESIGNATION AS A 2008 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

#### HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the faculty, staff, and students of Bartow Elementary Academy (BEA) for their designation as a 2008 No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

Bartow Elementary Academy achieved this distinguished honor as a school performing in the top 10 percent within the State of Florida in the category of schools with less than 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds. One of 320 schools in the nation to receive this honor, the Blue Ribbon reflects the dedication and commitment shared among faculty and students alike at BEA.

Bartow Elementary Academy has long displayed excellence in education. Earning an 'A'

all but one year since Florida first implemented school grades during the 1998–99 school year, BEA's teachers and students continue to distinguish themselves—helping students to continually achieve at high levels while making significant progress in closing the achievement gap.

Further, the school's willingness to explore creative new learning techniques and methodologies, such as “brain-based” learning, attributes to BEA's academic progress and ability to create varying curriculums when it comes to Sunshine State Standards.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Principal Carol Borders and her team of inspiring educators and extraordinary students. You're making a true difference in the lives of so many, and building communities that improve students' learning.

#### HONORING KYLE BORGESON

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Borgeson of Gladstone, Missouri. Kyle 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 1155, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

#### TRIBUTE TO DAN DAVIS

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recent heroic actions of Dan Davis of Badger, Iowa.

On Saturday, June 14th at 4:00 a.m., Dan heard the sound of popping tires when he looked outside and saw flames shooting out of the neighbor's house. He knew that two teens were in that home while their parents were away. Dan ran into the home and woke Hannah and Max Edwards, who were sleeping through the smoke alarms. Although the house and possessions were nearly a total loss, Dan, Hannah and Max made it out unharmed.

Dan's decisive decision making in such a critical situation goes above and beyond what we are asked of as citizens of this country. His courage illustrates the compassion of Iowans; willing to do whatever it takes for a neighbor in need. I know my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating Dan Davis on a job well done. It is an honor to rep-

resent such a compassionate Iowan in Congress, and I wish Dan the best in his future endeavors.

#### STENNIS CENTER PROGRAM FOR CONGRESSIONAL INTERNS

#### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, for 6 years now, the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership has conducted a program for summer interns working in Congressional offices. This 6-week program is designed to enhance their internship experience by giving them an inside view of how Congress really works. It also provides an opportunity for them to meet with senior congressional staff and other experts to discuss issues ranging from the legislative process to the influence of the media and lobbyists on Congress.

The program is a joint effort of the Stennis Center and a collection of current and former senior congressional staff leaders who are serving as Senior Stennis Fellows. These fellows use their experience and expertise to design the program and to participate in each of the interactive sessions and panel discussions.

Interns are selected for this program based on their college record, community service background, and interest in a career in public service. This year, 21 outstanding interns, most of them juniors and seniors in college, who are working for Democrats and Republicans in both the House and Senate participated.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the interns for their participation in this valuable program and I thank the Stennis Center and the Senior Stennis Fellows for providing such a unique experience for these interns and for encouraging them to consider a future career in public service.

I ask that a list of 2008 Stennis Congressional Interns and the offices in which they work be printed in the RECORD.

Matt Beato, attending the College of William and Mary interning in the office of Rep. Brian Higgins.

Molly Box, attending the University of Wyoming interning in the office of Sen. Mike Enzi.

Geoff Browning, attending Loyola College interning in the office of Rep. James McGovern.

Chloe Cabot, attending the University of Wisconsin interning in the office of Sen. Herb Kohl.

Zach Chalett, attending New York University interning in the office of Rep. Jim McDermott.

Jason Chang, attending Brandeis University interning in the office of Rep. Emanuel Cleaver.

Shaun N. Christiansen, attending the University of Oregon interning in the office of Rep. Earl Blumenauer.

TJ Garrigan, attending Catholic University interning in the office of Rep. Robert Brady.

Mitch Hunter, attending Harvard University interning in the office of Sen. Amy Klobuchar.

Jon Junig, attending the University of Rochester interning in the office of Rep. Tom Petri.

Jonathan Kay, attending Middlebury College interning in the office of Sen. Hillary Clinton.

Rebecca Lurie, attending the University of Maryland interning in the office of Rep. Robert Brady.

Grainne Lynn, attending Catholic University interning in the office of Rep. Robert Brady.

Chris Mickey, attending the University of Wyoming interning in the office of Sen. John Barrasso.

Kristina Nesse, attending the College of St. Benedict interning in the office of Sen. Amy Klobuchar.

Jillian Petrella, attending William Smith College interning in the office of Rep. Brian Higgins.

Trevor Pierce, attending the University of Michigan interning in the office of Rep. John Campbell.

William Poindexter, attending Mississippi State University interning in the office of Sen. Thad Cochran.

Betsey Sawyer, attending Louisiana State University interning in the office of Sen. Thad Cochran.

Harrison Tome, attending the University of Pennsylvania interning in the office of Sen. John Barrasso.

Neil White, attending Princeton University interning in the office of Sen. Thad Cochran.

#### HONORING HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND STUDY CENTER

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, the Holocaust Museum and Study Center over the past 30 years has become an important museum, cultural and educational center for one of the greatest tragedies of history that must never be forgotten.

The museum originated in 1979 with the appointment of the Rockland County Holocaust Commission by the County Legislature. It opened its doors in 1988 dedicated to educate, examine and explore the history of the Holocaust. The museum uses educational programs, lectures, exhibitions, teaching training seminars, and commemoration ceremonies to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust are not forgotten.

The Holocaust Museum and Study Center uses the witness of Holocaust survivors living in Rockland, stories of triumph and survival in the face of a highly efficient and determined Nazi death machine. The museum also includes the stories of Allied soldiers who, in defeating the Nazis, liberated the death camps.

Remembering and teaching the history of the Holocaust is essential if we are never to repeat its terrible events. The tragic events of Rwanda tell us that the lessons of the Holocaust are still to be learned.

The murder of six million Jews as well as millions more of Gypsies, the handicapped, Slavic peoples and others such as Communists, homosexuals, Jehovah Witnesses, and Socialists, just for being who they were must not be repeated.

The Holocaust Museum and Study Center teaches this dramatic lesson so that we never have to learn it again. It is a powerful force for good in a world that still needs it.