

The College offered Congress the use of Nassau Hall, where it met in the second floor library to conduct the essential business of our fledgling Nation. It was in these rooms that the foreign policy of our country began to be formed. However, Congress's time in Princeton was not all hard work. At Princeton's Fourth of July Celebration, members of the Continental Congress joined students of the University and townsfolk in celebration. According to Samuel Beach, a student at the college, at the end of the evening "some were drunken and all were tired." Congress did not reconvene for five days.

In August, the Continental Congress summoned General George Washington to Princeton to receive the formal thanks of the Nation for his dedicated service as commander-in-chief. Leaving Major General John Knox in charge of the encamped army at Newburgh, New York, General Washington traveled to the Rockingham estate in Rocky Hill, New Jersey with his wife Martha and a guard of dragoons. General Washington stayed at the Rockingham estate for the next three months, advising the Continental Congress on the creation of a peacetime military and pondering his military career. It is at Rockingham that General Washington completed writing his Farewell Orders to the Armies of the United States dismissing the troops and announcing his retirement.

During the time that Congress met there Nassau Hall and the town of Princeton played host to three future Presidents of the United States, seven signers of the Declaration of Independence, nine signatories of the Articles of Confederation, and 11 signers of the Constitution. It is where the seat of government was located when John Adams, John Jay, and Benjamin Franklin signed the Treaty of Paris on September 3, 1783, marking the end of the American Revolution and establishing the boundaries of the new Nation. Although Congress's tenure at Princeton was brief, this community played a pivotal role in the formation of the United States of America.

I would like to take a moment to recognize the unique role that New Jersey played in the American Revolution. In 2006, my colleagues in the New Jersey Delegation took action to help protect the battlefields and historic sites where this conflict took place. We passed legislation that created the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area linking together 14 counties in New Jersey where the War of Independence took place. New Jersey was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution for a number of reasons, as thousands of troops marched through the State and fought on our soil. The State's strategic location between the British stronghold of New York and the rebel capital in Philadelphia meant that New Jersey and New Jersey citizens were at the crossroads of the founding of our new Nation. In fact, New Jersey had more military engagements during the Revolutionary War than any other State. Crossroads has proved to be an exceptional way to preserve New Jersey's unique history for future generations.

I am pleased that the House of Representatives has passed H. Con. Res. 351 today commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Continental Congress meeting in Nassau Hall in Princeton, New Jersey.

## CONGRATULATING JOANY CABRERA

### HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my most heartfelt congratulations to Joany Cabrera for winning the 2008 Congressional Arts Competition.

In the fourth largest school system in America, Joany has created a breathtaking piece of art that allows him to stand apart from his peers at Miami Jackson Senior High School.

It is a testament to the greatness of our Nation that a young man from a disadvantaged Latino family could have the fruit of his labor hanging in the halls of the United States Capitol to represent his community.

This beautiful painting which will represent south Florida for the next year will serve to remind us all that we should never be hindered by circumstance and that we should never accept anything less than the very best from ourselves.

I pray that Joany's devotion to art never waivers so that he may continue to inspire us with his work and bless us with his friendship.

## HONORING NORTHWEST CHURCH

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Northwest Church upon celebrating their 50th anniversary. The church will be celebrating the anniversary throughout 2008 with golf tournaments, luncheons, all-church Bunko nights, reunions and a dedication and renaming of the church's chapel on September 28, 2008 at the church in Fresno, California.

In 1958 a group attending First Baptist Church in Kingsburg began discussing the possibility of establishing a Baptist General Conference church in Fresno, California. The core group of planners consisted of three families; the Swansons, the Bertzs and the Satterbergs. The group determined that Curt Martin, a recent graduate of Bethel Seminary, was to be the first pastor of, what was then, Northwest Baptist Church. Pastor Curt and his wife, Carol Martin, moved to Fresno in August and the first public service was held on September 21, 1958 in their home. The church was officially formed on November 13, 1958 with twenty-four members. That number quickly grew to sixty. With the rise in numbers, the visionaries decided to purchase a five-acre piece of property, complete with a farmhouse.

Almost one year after holding the first public service, they broke ground for the new church on September 20, 1959. The building was completed in 1960, with seating for one hundred. The members quickly realized that they were going to need more space for an educational unit. A building was completed for that purpose in the early 1960's. In 1961, Pastor Martin resigned to pursue his education goals. Reverend Eric Moody and Reverend Rollo Entz both served as senior pastor during the mid-1960s.

In 1968 a young Youth for Christ director, Bufe Karraker, was brought on to serve as interim Pastor of Northwest Church. At that time, the average attendance at the Sunday morning services was about seventy-five to eighty people. However, with Pastor Bufe's gusto and passion during the services, the people began pouring in. Pastor Bufe was asked to stay on as senior pastor. Within six years the refurbished chapel was full; over 750 people would filter in and out for the three Sunday morning services. There was excitement surrounding the church and growth was inevitable. Over the next three decades the congregation built seven additions, including an 850-seat sanctuary and office building. Pastor Bufe was instrumental in this growth, and after thirty-three years at Northwest Church he passed away at the age of seventy-four. Northwest Church has since been lead by Dr. Jim Westgate (interim senior pastor), Pastor Scott Gossenberger, Pastor H. Spees and Pastor Mark Platt.

Over the years, Northwest Church has been instrumental in developing new congregations in the Fresno area including New Covenant Community Church, Central Community Church and New Harvest Church. The church currently supports twenty-three local and national missionaries, and offers various mission trip opportunities to members of the church. They hold three services on Sunday for about 1,200 worshipers, a Thursday night service, and the doors are open to the community for various gatherings, such as Sunday school classes, Weight Watchers group meetings, Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon. The focus on religion, family and community is the foundation that has led Northwest Church to be so successful.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Northwest Church upon their 50 anniversary. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Northwest Church many years of continued success.

## TRIBUTE TO THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAKE PARSIPPANY

### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 75th Anniversary of the Lake Parsippany Property Owners Association of Parsippany, NJ.

Lake Parsippany sits in the center of the Township of Parsippany Troy-Hills, Morris County, NJ. The lake and grounds cover 168 acres and offer well kept swimming beaches as well as many different recreational areas to enjoy the summer. Boating, fishing, volleyball, and horseshoes, are just a few of the many sporting activities enjoyed at Lake Parsippany. Lake Parsippany began in the early 1930's when the New York Daily Mirror, part of the Mirror Holding Corporation, purchased a large expanse of pasture and farmland in The Township of Parsippany. They dug out 159 acres and constructed a dam that formed Lake Parsippany, which became the headwaters for Eastman's Brook.

The Mirror Holding Corporation made the 7,916 lots surrounding the lake available to anyone agreeing to subscribe to the Daily Mirror for at least six months. Lots measured 20

by 100 feet and were offered for \$98.50 each. A minimum of two lots had to be purchased to build a cabin.

On October 29, 1933 the Mirror Holding Corporation held a meeting at Lake Parsippany. The meeting was attended by approximately 1,500 people. The meeting formed an incorporated organization of lot owners. The Mirror Holding Corporation then turned over the property to the new organization, The Lake Parsippany Property Owners Association.

Today, the Lake Parsippany Property Association is supported by member volunteers. The membership seeks to preserve the natural beauty of the lake through its fees, and through active volunteer participation in the community.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the dedicated people of the Lake Parsippany Property Owners Association on their 75th anniversary.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I submit the following: H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act.

Account: Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation, Army (R-1 Line 55).

Project: Compact Pulsed Power for Defense Applications, \$3 million.

Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409.

Percent and source of required matching funds: The Center for Pulsed Power and Power Electronics (P3E) at TTU has an operating budget approximately of \$3 million supported almost exclusively by competitive grants from DOD and DOE laboratories and relevant U.S. contractors.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: This initiative will continue the work of the P3E Center to develop compact electromagnetic radiation technology that will disrupt remote detonation electronics used in improvised roadside bombs and inner-city car bombs. The Department of Defense's Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) is aware of the P3E Center's technology and has invited the Center to submit an unsolicited proposal for funding from JIEDDO, which is currently pending. The P3E Center also receives support from the Office of Naval Research.

In the past 10 years, the P3E Center has focused its research in the areas of high power microwave systems, explosively driven pulsed power, compact pulsed power and ultra high-power electronics. Much of this research has been sponsored by DOD and its agencies. These technologies have matured in the last few years to a point where system integration now is possible. A great push needs to be made in this area to allow these electric weapons to reach the military now, where they are clearly needed today. Funding from this initiative will accelerate the P3E Center's research to allow the compact pulsed power technology to be fielded by the military in a shorter period of time.

Account: Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation, Defense-Wide (R-1 Line 6).

Project: Zumwalt National Program for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats, \$1.2 million.

Requesting Entity: Texas Tech University, 2500 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79409.

Percent and source of required matching funds: The Zumwalt Center will provide \$246,842 in matching funds coming from the State of Texas.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: The Zumwalt Program for Countermeasures to Biological and Chemical Threats at Texas Tech University coordinates and facilitates multidisciplinary, basic and applied research in cooperation with the Department of Defense to enhance military capabilities to more effectively and efficiently identify, prevent, mitigate and eliminate biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction. This research is directly applicable to protecting Department of Defense (DOD) personnel and facilities from covert and overt exposures to biological and chemical weapon agents. The successes of this program thereby enable more effective and efficient identification, prevention, mitigation and elimination of potential and real threats posed by biological and chemical agents and weapons of mass destruction. Research is focused on the following areas: pre-incident communications and intelligence; personal protective equipment; detection and measurement of chemical and biological agents; recognition of covert exposure; identification of availability, safety, and efficacy of drugs, vaccines and other therapeutics; and creating computer-related tools for training and operations.

Account: Military Construction, Air Force.

Project: Multipurpose C-130 Maintenance Hangar.

Requesting Entity: Dyess Air Force Base, 7 Lancer Loop, Ste. 136, Dyess AFB, TX 79607.

Percent and source of required matching funds: As a Federal military installation, the Department of the Air Force is responsible for the construction and funding of this facility.

Justification for use of Federal taxpayer dollars: Dyess Air Force Base has two active duty C-130 squadrons that are heavily used in overseas deployments. For maintenance work, Dyess has a shortage of one bay and several other bays are substandard. For example, the facilities used for C-130 full cell maintenance are 50 years old and cannot fully enclose the aircraft. The Air Force has included funding for a new two-bay hangar in FY 2013 on its Five-Year Plan. However, the need for a new hangar is clearly there today.

The Air Force has said that it will begin replacing the old C-130H1 aircraft at Dyess with new C-130Js in 2010. Moving the funding for the hangar from FY 2013 to FY 2009 will ensure that the new aircraft at Dyess will have the necessary maintenance facilities.

#### TRIBUTE TO SHELLEY CLARKE

#### HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Shelley Clarke, the president and CEO of Goldenwest Credit Union, headquartered in my district in Ogden, UT, on her recent elec-

tion to the board of directors of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions, NAFCU.

For the past 30 years, Mrs. Clarke has been a part of the Goldenwest community, having started her career as a teller, working on the front lines helping customers with day-to-day transactions. She now leads more than 220 employees as CEO of Goldenwest Credit Union. As the president of Goldenwest she has focused on the personal and professional development of her employees, as well as providing helpful and personal service to all Goldenwest's members. This combination of member and employee satisfaction has been instrumental in Goldenwest's growth in recent years.

This dual commitment has also garnered much recognition for Goldenwest including distinction as Utah's "Best of State" in the credit union category for 2008 as well as the "Best company to work for" by Utah Business Magazine. Mrs. Clarke operates Goldenwest under the mantra "credit unions are organizations of people, not dollars." This belief is displayed in the community outreach Goldenwest provides through their sole sponsorship of the annual "5k For Schools" fundraiser as well as being the highest corporate donor for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Mrs. Clarke's personal commitment to the community is also reflected in her chairmanship of the Ogden/Weber Chamber of Commerce.

It is because of the good work of Mrs. Clarke and others like her that credit unions enjoy the success they have today. Such service is the hallmark of our Nation's credit unions and I know that she will bring this dedication to her service on the NAFCU Board of Directors. I wish Mrs. Clarke the best.

ROBERT C. PYATT

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 25, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Robert Pyatt, 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 31, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Robert has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Robert has shown an extraordinary commitment to Scouting as evidenced by earning over 30 merit badges. Robert is a recipient of Ad Altare Dei Religious Award Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic O' Say with his troop.

Robert's Eagle Scout service project consisted of constructing and installing Blue Bird houses at the Living Community Health Care Center in St. Joseph, Missouri. This project continues the long tradition of community service established by the Boy Scouts of America.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Robert Pyatt for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.