

he attended a one-room country school and then a parochial school in Alma, MI. In the summer of 1956, his family moved to the small farming community of Ithaca, MI. Mr. Manina went on to graduate from Ithaca High School in 1965 and attend Central Michigan University to study secondary teaching. He worked as a harness horse groom and horse trainer during his summers while in college, a hobby that has stuck with Mr. Manina throughout his life. In June 1969 he graduated with a degree in secondary education and was simultaneously commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

In July 1969 Lieutenant Manina went on active duty and after completing the Infantry Officer Basic Course and Airborne School he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. He was reassigned to Vietnam and served there until May 1971 as a platoon leader and intelligence officer. For his service, Lieutenant Manina was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and Basic Parachutist's Badge.

Upon release from the Army, Mr. Manina trained harness horses for a year prior to entering graduate school at Central Michigan University in August 1972. He graduated with a special education certificate in June 1973 and soon after received a master's degree in special education. On August 4, 1973, he married Susan Hashbarger and they soon moved to La Grange, IN, where Mr. Manina taught at Lakeland High School. Archie and Sue were blessed with two sons.

In 1975, Archie and Sue Manina moved back to Michigan, where Archie worked in Roscommon, MI, as teacher for severely mentally impaired students. In June 1979, he left the education field and became the assistant to the administrator of Ogemaw Valley Medical Facility in Rose City until January 1984. In June 1983, Archie Manina became the director of Veterans Affairs in Ogemaw County, a position he still holds today.

As a U.S. Army veteran himself, Archie Manina has been a tireless advocate for Ogemaw County's veterans these past 26 years and has distinguished himself as a true leader in the community. Mr. Manina has worked for more than a quarter century to help honor the commitment our Nation has made to our veterans. For this, I know he has the gratitude of Ogemaw County's veterans and the entire Ogemaw County community.

Madam Speaker, Archie Manina is a humble man who has worked hard to recognize his fellow veterans for their achievements, while never seeking recognition for his own. I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in thanking and saluting Mr. Archie Manina for his 26 years of service with the Ogemaw County Veterans Affairs Office and wishing him well on his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN ROTH AND
MS. MARY TOMPKY

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work of two great Americans, Mr. John Roth and Ms. Mary Tompkey. These two dedicated civil servants have been

the glue in the resource management community of the Department of Defense since the start of the War on Terror. They have been tremendous assets in assisting the staff of the Defense Subcommittee in their review of the defense budget and have worked tirelessly in the service of their country.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Roth is the Deputy Comptroller (Program/Budget) within the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Comptroller). As such, he is responsible for all aspects of the Department of Defense budget's preparation, defense, and execution. The FY 2009 budget alone totaled \$515 billion in over 50 appropriations and accounts in addition to \$70 billion to support operations for the War on Terror. Before taking his current position in 2001, Mr. Roth was the Deputy Director for Investment with the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Mr. Roth entered civil service as a trainee in the Department of the Navy's Centralized Financial Management Training Program. He has completed tours of duty at the Norfolk Naval Supply Center, the Naval Data Automation Command, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). He started in the Defense Comptroller's office as a budget analyst in 1984 and has, over the years, reviewed a wide variety of weapon system programs across all Defense components.

Madam Speaker, since 2005 Ms. Tompkey has been the Assistant Deputy Director of the Program Budget Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (OSD) Comptroller. In this position she has helped to lead during a time of significant organizational change and has assisted the Under Secretary Comptroller during noteworthy periods of transition.

From 2002 to 2005, Ms. Tompkey worked as Director of Operations and Personnel in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (OSD) Comptroller and was previously the Deputy Director for Military Construction and Classified Activities, Under Secretary of Defense (OSD) Comptroller. She has also worked as an Associate Director for Investment, a Budget Analyst for the Directorate for Plans and Systems, a Budget Analyst for the Directorate for Operations and Personnel, and a Budget Analyst in the Department of the Air Force where she started in 1975.

Together, these two have been instrumental in the formulation and passage of all of the Department of Defense Appropriations bills and War Supplemental Appropriations bills since the War on Terror began in 2002.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the hard work and selfless service of these two outstanding individuals. On behalf of the United States Congress, I say "thank you" for their over fifty years of combined service and experience, for their dedication to the Department of Defense, and for their work on behalf of our brave men and women in uniform. I would like to conclude my remarks by saying that I look forward to working with them for many more years.

AMERICA CAN LEARN FROM THE
EXPERIENCE OF ZAKA SEARCH
AND RESCUE

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, in the aftermath of September 11th, we have made huge strides in expanding and updating our Nation's emergency preparedness and response capabilities. As a whole, our communities are better prepared than ever before. However, like with everything else, more can be done and we cannot lull ourselves into believing that we have all the answers; especially considering that we do not know what the next terrorist attack may look like. The old military adage is that you go into the next war with your army prepared for the last war; and I believe that philosophy applies to our Nation's emergency response system. I believe that our first responders have worked hard to anticipate and train for a future crisis but what will we do if those experts become the victims? It is not hard to imagine a scenario where terrorists attack police, firefighters and other emergency responders in order to sow more chaos and confusion. If our frontline responders go down are others prepared to step up and handle the crisis?

I believe that we should look to the efforts of ZAKA Rescue and Recovery, an Israeli volunteer organization dedicated to helping victims of terrorist attacks, accidents or natural disasters for guidance. I think we can all agree that the threat of terrorist attacks and missile strikes are an everyday worry for the people of Israel; and ZAKA volunteers are often the first to arrive on the scene when tragedy strikes working seamlessly with Israel's police and emergency responders. At the core of ZAKA's mission is the belief in the preservation of human dignity when disaster strikes. ZAKA volunteers provide first aid and rescue services, aid in the identification of the victims of terrorism, accidents and other disasters, and where necessary ensure that the deceased receive a proper Jewish burial. ZAKA first aid materials and supplies and volunteers are prepositioned in practically every Israeli community; along with special motor scooters ready to take them to the scene of any accident or terrorist attack day or night.

ZAKA has gained international recognition by expanding their rescue and recovery work around the world to include the United States. In the aftermath of the deadly Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami in 2004, ZAKA teams were on the ground and worked side-by-side with the host nations and other international rescue and recovery teams to help identify victims. ZAKA has also helped return victims of plane crashes in Russia and Namibia as well as help rescue and preserve sacred Jewish Torahs in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Last year alone, ZAKA volunteers participated in more than 18,000 life-saving or search-and-rescue incidents, and I believe that ZAKA has a level of emergency preparedness and response expertise that we here in the United States could benefit from. That's why I truly believe America's first responders and our communities could benefit from ZAKA's expertise and vice versa. ZAKA's dedication to

"saving those who can be saved, and honoring those who cannot" should be commended and I am proud to stand up and recognize their good works.

Our Nation's first responders are dedicated and, in my opinion, the best in the business. I commend all of America's first responders and the countless volunteer organizations who came to the rescue of their fellow citizens following September 11th, Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike, and who joined in the international relief efforts to aid the victims of the 2004 tsunami. Simply put, international relief organizations, like ZAKA and the Red Cross, are critical backstop players in search-and-rescue and recovery efforts, and I hope my colleagues will take the opportunity to research and learn about ZAKA's story and capabilities.

TRIBUTE TO CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great city in Southern Illinois that has earned a great honor.

Centralia, Illinois, was recently named a 2008 Governor's Home Town Award winner for its Centralia Clean Community Campaign, a community cleanup program. This year, roughly one in eight members of the community participated in some facet of the community cleanup, which included such events as curbside pickup, school neighborhood cleanups and liberty garden planting.

I want to congratulate the citizens of Centralia not only on earning this recognition, but also on their civic mindedness and their willingness to take the time to show their pride in their community by helping to keep it clean. I especially want to acknowledge Bev Virobik, coordinator for Clean & Green and Keep Centralia Beautiful for her organization's efforts in leading this project. Centralia's efforts are truly a model for other communities to follow in expressing their civic pride.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL RITA ARAGON

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Ms. FALLIN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commend and congratulate retired Major General Rita Aragon, who has been named Woman of the Year by the Journal Record business newspaper in Oklahoma City.

Rita Aragon's story is an inspiration to all women. As a single mother working as a public school teacher, she joined the Oklahoma Air National Guard more than 30 years ago. In 1989 she became the first unit commander in the Guard, and by 2003 she had risen to the rank of Brigadier General. As a Major General she served on active duty as assistant to the commander of air education and training and later as assistant to the chief of Staff Manpower and Personnel in the Pentagon. Since her retirement she has returned to education as director of advance programs at the Col-

lege of Continuing Education at the University of Oklahoma.

Throughout her career, Rita Aragon has given her time and talent to many community organizations and served on the boards of many of those groups. During Oklahoma's response to the 1995 federal building bombing in Oklahoma City she helped lead the military contingent at ground zero. I am honored to recognize Rita Aragon's life of service to her nation, state and city.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JERILYN MCINTYRE, PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I wish to speak today to pay tribute to Dr. Jerilyn McIntyre, the President of Central Washington University (CWU). Dr. McIntyre, who is the first female to serve as President of CWU, will retire at the end of this year after completing eight years of exceptional service to the students, faculty, and community of Central Washington University.

Since her appointment, CWU has experienced a period of incomparable growth and development. In fact, enrollment has increased by 27 percent. Dr. McIntyre has inspired academic advancement and diversity through the implementation of several initiatives. Specifically, the Performing Arts and Presidential Speaker Series, started in 2002, brings nationally renowned speakers and artists to CWU's campuses; providing unique opportunities for students to learn about various ideas, art and cultures. Dr. McIntyre has also encouraged excellence and ingenuity through the Spheres of Distinction initiative, which supports innovative and resourceful approaches to academic, student and campus life.

To complement the growing student body, Dr. McIntyre worked to transform the University's campuses into the state-of-the-art facilities we see today. In fact, the extensive renovation and restoration of both residential campus and academic facilities under Dr. McIntyre's tenure have been recognized with national architectural awards. CWU's University Centers in Lynnwood, Des Moines, Steilacoom, Wenatchee, Moses Lake, and Yakima have also benefited from renovation projects, providing a modern and exciting atmosphere that stimulates student life and academic discovery.

In addition to her role as President of the university, Dr. McIntyre has continued to regularly teach courses at CWU. Sharing her instructional talents and knowledge of communications studies clearly illustrates her enthusiasm and desire to directly contribute to her student's academic success.

Dr. McIntyre earned her Bachelor of Arts in History and Master of Arts in Journalism at Stanford University, and received her Ph.D. in History and Communication from the University of Washington. She is the author of numerous articles and papers on communication history, journalism ethics, and higher education issues.

Dr. McIntyre provided exemplary service to our state and the Central Washington Univer-

sity community throughout her eight years at CWU. I am honored that I had the opportunity to work with Jerilyn, and I commend her for her achievements and dedication to expanding the educational opportunities at the university. Undoubtedly Dr. McIntyre's contributions have made a remarkable and positive impression on the lives and academic opportunities of countless students.

I am also pleased to hear that Jerilyn and her husband David will be retiring in Ellensburg. It is great to know that they will remain constituents of mine and a part of the Ellensburg community. Finally, I would like to thank Dr. McIntyre for her service at CWU, and wish her the very best in all of her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MURPHY, TX

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the city of Murphy, TX, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this week. This city's rich history and enduring perseverance serves as a shining example of the mettle of all Texans.

The first settlers of Murphy arrived in 1846, establishing a village which later became known as a shipping point for area farmers and stock raisers.

However, it wasn't until 1888 that it received the name it is known by today when William Murphy donated the right of way used to build a railroad line through the center of what would become the town.

Although Murphy's borders enclose only 3.8 square miles, the population has quadrupled since the last U.S. census.

Murphy is known for its close-knit community, family values, and friendly faces. With a rich history of country living and community building activities, Murphy prides itself on promoting the well-being of its residents of all ages.

This fast-growing city boasts over 14,000 residents, comprised largely of families. Popular D Magazine has ranked Murphy as one of the premiere Dallas suburbs to live. Ebby Halliday, a local real estate company, notes that "Murphy offers a small town environment with 'big city' convenience. . . . This town is ideal for families looking for the best of both worlds."

I congratulate the good people of Murphy on its 50th anniversary and wish the residents many more years of prosperity.

INCREASING SCHOOL'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS ACT OF 2008

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the Increasing School's Opportunities for Success Act to make two important changes to "No Child Left Behind."