

Major Dale Myers for his numerous contributions and wholeheartedly wish him the very best of luck with his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CON-WAY FREIGHT'S
DAVID MAY FOR BEING NAMED
2008 ATA NATIONAL DRIVER OF
THE YEAR

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David May of West Seneca, N.Y., the American Trucking Association's 2008 National Truck Driver of the Year. David, a relay and city driver for Con-way Freight, should be proud of this impressive accomplishment and commitment to keeping our nation's highways safe.

The National Truck Driver of the Year award is the greatest honor a professional truck driver can achieve. In his 27 years on the road, David has driven over 1.4 million miles without getting in an accident. This is a great accomplishment for David, and we are proud to claim him as our own.

David has served as a committed and influential leader by serving as America's Road Team Captain in 2005, the driver representative on the CDL Advisory Committee in Washington, DC, and as a participant in the 2007 National Conference of State Legislatures Summit. He has spoken with the public and colleagues about the importance of improving highway safety and has addressed numerous groups including legislators and school children.

Congratulations and best wishes for continued success to David May for maintaining such high standards and encouraging others to do the same. This remarkable accomplishment should inspire us all to pursue our goals with devoted persistence.

A TRIBUTE TO NEIL A. EMORY

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long service of Mr. Neil A. Emory to Harnett County, North Carolina. On October 31, 2008, he will retire as County Manager, capping a public service career that spans three decades. Mr. Emory began his tenure as one of the longest serving County Managers in Harnett County history 15 years ago and has been serving the citizens of North Carolina for nearly 28 years.

Mr. Emory is a native son of Weaverville, North Carolina. He attended Appalachian State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Local Government Administration and went on to earn his Master of Arts degree in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration.

Neil Emory's innovative leadership and unique vision have benefited Harnett County in innumerable ways. Mr. Emory oversaw a period of tremendous growth in Harnett County resulting from the expansion of nearby Fort

Bragg, leading up to and continuing through the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission process. His greatest accomplishments have been the many improvements to county infrastructure; the construction of a new county courthouse; the construction of new schools and the restructuring of the community college system; the expansion of emergency services; and an extensive update to the county mapping system. He accomplished all of this by working across party lines and through sound long-range planning. I remember working together in the aftermath of Hurricane Fran to address the needs of Harnett County's ailing communities.

Neil has worn many different hats during his career, but perhaps his most important jobs are being a husband to his wife, Elizabeth, and father to his daughter, Hannah, and his son, Taylor. Ever active in his community, Mr. Emory has served as the PTO president of the Harnett County School Board and is involved in numerous associations for county managers and public administrators. He was recently named a Paul Harris Fellow as a lifetime Rotarian and has also received the International County Manager's Association Award for 25 years of service to local governments. Mr. Emory has also found time to enjoy American's favorite pastime, serving as assistant coach of the Dunn All-Stars for the past 12 years.

Madam Speaker, Neil Emory exemplifies dedication, leadership and commitment. As a former county commissioner, I am proud to honor the career of Neil A. Emory today. I ask all of my colleagues to join my wife, Faye, and me in celebrating his 28 years of service to Harnett County and to the State of North Carolina.

IN HONOR OF DR. EPHRAIM
MCDOWELL

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, Dr. Ephraim McDowell, the Father of Abdominal Surgery, is one of the most well-known Kentuckians and physicians in American history. During a year-long celebration continuing through the end of 2009, Danville, Kentucky and the Sixth Congressional District will celebrate Dr. McDowell's contributions to the field of medicine.

Originally born in Virginia in 1771, Dr. McDowell's father, Samuel McDowell, served in the Virginia House of Burgesses. He was sent to Central Kentucky when Ephraim was 11 to serve as one of the first land court judges in the County of Kentucky.

Dr. McDowell received his early education in Danville and then returned to Virginia to study medicine under Dr. Alexander Humphries. Recognizing his great talent, Dr. Humphries encouraged him to travel to the University of Edinburgh, the seat of medical learning at the time. He studied there for two years, returning to Danville in 1795.

In December of 1802, Dr. McDowell married Sarah Hart Shelby, daughter of the first governor of Kentucky, Isaac Shelby. They had nine children, five of whom lived to adulthood.

On Christmas Day in 1809, Dr. McDowell performed the world's first successful ovarian

surgery. Mrs. Jane Todd Crawford, a 46-year-old Green County housewife, had been told by other physicians that she was pregnant with twins. Using no anesthesia, Dr. McDowell removed a twenty-two and one-half pound tumor. Mrs. Crawford recovered in 25 days and lived for 32 more years, to the age of 78.

Throughout his career, Dr. McDowell performed many other surgeries, including one on future United States president, James K. Polk, who traveled from Tennessee to Kentucky for Dr. McDowell's expertise.

He was also an original founder of Centre College—a private, liberal arts school in Danville—allowing his legacies of education and ingenuity to remain alive in Central Kentucky's students.

Dr. McDowell lived until 1830. He died at his summer home, Cambus-Kenneth, of what is now believed to be appendicitis. Mrs. McDowell lived out her life at the home of one of her daughters. She passed away in 1840.

Dr. McDowell's residence, apothecary and office are preserved as a museum, the McDowell House, in Danville and are designated as a National Historic Landmark. This premier historical site will serve as a host for the year-long celebration to remember the most prominent surgeon west of the Alleghenies in the early 19th century.

HONORING RYAN PATRICK
WILLIAMS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Patrick Williams of Platte City, Missouri. Ryan 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 1419, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

HONORING DIWALI

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the celebration of Diwali, the "Festival of Lights."

It is during this time that the Hindu people celebrate their heritage with festivals, fireworks, and worship.

I would like to acknowledge the thousands of Hindus in my Congressional District and their valuable contributions to our community as citizens of strong faith, families with deep

cultural roots, and business leaders of unmatched work ethic and ingenuity.

Diwali marks the Hindu commitments to faith, peace, family and heritage.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in acknowledging the celebration of Diwali and wishing the Hindu people of Illinois' Sixth Congressional District a peaceful holiday.

HONORING THE WORK OF SUPERVISOR TIM SMITH

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, to recognize and honor Tim Smith, who is retiring after serving for 20 years on the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Upon his retirement, Supervisor Smith will have earned the distinction of being the longest continuously serving supervisor in the county's history.

Supervisor Smith began his service to our country as a Navy radioman in Vietnam. When he returned from Vietnam, he attended Sonoma State University, where he graduated with a B.A. in Political Science in 1976.

Shortly thereafter, he joined the staff of State Assemblyman Doug Bosco and continued as his district director when the Assemblyman was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Supervisor Smith was elected to the Board in 1988. As Supervisor, he provided constituent services to 95,000 people in the Third District. The Board also sets the policy direction for the \$700 million annual budget and 3,500 county employees, works extensively with the legislative delegation on legislative and regulatory issues and serves on many regional and local agencies, commissions and boards.

Just a few of these agencies, commissions and boards include the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, the National Association of Counties, the California Association of Counties, the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Sonoma County Community Development Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

In his spare time, he has been a volunteer, advocate or fundraiser for many nonprofit organizations, including the Volunteer Center, United Way, Day of Caring, the Hate Free Community Project, the Valley of the Moon Children's Home, the Heart Association and the Sonoma County Climate Protection Campaign.

Supervisor Smith intends to spend his well earned leisure time traveling with his wife, Suzanne, enjoying his hobbies of golf and fly fishing, and spending more time with his three children and five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Supervisor Smith leaves a distinguished record of public service and a lasting reputation as a problem solver who always had the best interests of the people of Sonoma County in mind as he worked on their behalf. We will miss our partnership with him but know he will continue to be a strong advocate for his community. It is appropriate that we honor and acknowledge him today for his lifetime of public service.

IN HONOR OF THE STUDENTS AT ST. CATHARINE'S ACADEMY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the innovative students at St. Catharine's Academy in the Bronx, NY, who have dedicated their time to raising awareness of the plight of women in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Earlier this year, students at St. Catharine's Academy read a magazine article about the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the various humanitarian issues facing women in the country. St. Catharine's Academy is a unique all-girls school that strives to teach its students responsibility, compassion, social justice, collaboration and concern for women's issues. The students brainstormed and mobilized efforts to address the humanitarian crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They organized fundraising bake sales to send money to Panzi Hospital in the DRC, a hospital dedicated to treating women who are survivors of rape and abuse. Through their efforts, the students raised \$5,600 to send to Panzi Hospital, which continues to treat over 60,000 women a year. The students furthered their efforts to mobilize the student body by creating a video highlighting obstacles faced by women in the DRC for the school's annual international show.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the students of St. Catharine's Academy for their work on raising awareness of the plight of women in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in recognition of their contributions to their community, their vision and their innovation. May their efforts serve as an example for all of us to follow.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, over fifteen years ago, President Clinton signed into law the Family and Medical Leave Act (PL 103-3), legislation that allows employees to take time off from work to care for a new baby or sick family member. Because of this landmark legislation, millions of Americans have been able to take unpaid leave without the risk of losing their jobs.

Today, I am introducing the Family and Medical Leave Enhancement Act. Building upon the success of the 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act, FMLA, this legislation would allow more people to benefit from FMLA by allowing employees in companies with more than 25 employees to take Family and Medical Leave and would extend employee leave for workers to meet their family's needs. The legislation includes 24 hours of leave (during any 12-month period) for parents and grandparents to go to parent-teacher conferences or to take their children, grandchildren or other family members to the doctor for regular medical or dental appointments.

Currently, the FMLA allows qualified workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for newborns, seek emergency medical care for themselves, parents, children under 18 or legal spouse. My legislation would add commonsense enhancements to FMLA.

In 1997, this legislative measure was supported by President Bill Clinton. In February 1997, President Clinton said, "I call upon Congress to expand the family leave law to give parents an additional 24 hours of unpaid leave each year to take a child or an elderly relative to a regular doctor's appointment or to attend parent-teacher conferences at school. In so doing, we'll make our families stronger and our workers more productive, building the kind of country and economy we all want for our children."

On behalf of America's families, I urge my fellow colleagues to join me in support of the Family and Medical Leave Enhancement Act.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is September 29, 2008 in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today, Mr. Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 13,034 days since the tragedy called Roe v. Wade was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves of why we are really all here. Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government." The phrase in the 14th Amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says, "No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth