

HONORING ROBERT AYERS GOULD,
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HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor Mr. Robert Ayers Gould, Sr. on the occasion of his retirement after twelve years of service on the City Council of Athens, Texas, where he has overseen many projects benefiting his community.

After graduating from Athens High School in 1957, Bob joined the United States Navy where he served aboard the USS *Coral Sea*. Following an Honorable Discharge, he returned to Athens where he opened the Gould Insurance Agency in 1962, which he has owned and operated for over forty years.

Among his many civic activities, Bob has been the Director and Vice-President of the Athens Chamber of Commerce, Co-Founder of the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame, and the Charter Director for the Henderson County YMCA. He has also received many awards from his community including the Roadhand Award from the Texas Highway Commission and the Athens Citizen of the Year Award in 1984.

In addition to faithfully serving his community, Bob is a husband to Mrs. Peggy Lorene Lubben Gould, and father of four children: Robert Jr., Joseph, Patricia, and Mary.

I want to recognize Bob for his service and commitment to his community. Due to Bob's leadership in the city and throughout the business community, Athens remains a strong, supportive, and vibrant community.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the 5th District of Texas, it is my pleasure to congratulate Mr. Robert Ayers Gould, Sr. on his retirement from the City Council and thank him for a job well done.

HONORING PHILADELPHIA'S
PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, an extraordinary win-win development has recently expanded and enriched the cultural scene in the City of Philadelphia. And it is thrilling for countless youngsters across our region.

Philadelphia has always been remarkable for its museum experiences, from the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Franklin Institute, the Academy of Natural Sciences, to museums that interpret the history and origins of our nation and liberty, museums that extol the experiences of African Americans, Jewish Americans, Polish Americans and many, many more.

But there is nothing quite like the Please Touch Museum for hands-on, visceral (and subtly educational) appeal to our youngest and most curious citizens. Please Touch has been the must-stop for youngsters and young-at-heart adults since it opened in 1976 not far from Philadelphia's museum-choked Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Its name was Rule One. Everything was up-close and available.

No longer did parents have to tell their kids, "Don't touch that!" Please Touch moved and expanded several times, but inevitably, its popularity outpaced every new location.

Meanwhile stately Memorial Hall, grand icon and last vestige of the world-shattering 1876 Centennial Exhibition, stood almost unused and slowly deteriorating in Fairmount Park, a few miles to the west.

Under the leadership of President and CEO Nancy Kolb, the search for a new home for Please Touch began in earnest a decade ago. When a riverfront plan failed to materialize, the search turned to Memorial Hall. A landmark agreement among the City of Philadelphia, the Fairmount Park Commission and Please Touch resulted in an 80-year lease signed in 2005, and the project was underway.

On October 18, 2008, the "new" Memorial Hall, fresh from an \$88 million renovation, opened its doors as home for the dramatically expanded, 38,000 square foot Please Touch Museum. At the same time, Please Touch won coveted accreditation by the American Association of Museums, one of just 775 institutions out of the nation's 17,500 museums to be currently accredited.

Please Touch now joins the nearby Philadelphia Zoo and other attractions—as well as Fairmount Park itself—in the exciting Centennial District of West Philadelphia. The October 18 official opening drew a record attendance, and the crowds keep on coming—to ride the century-old restored carousel or the monorail, to "drive" a kid-size SEPTA bus, to "shop" in a scaled down ShopRite grocery store (complete with checkout counters), to float water duckies, to visit Fairytale Garden and Alice's wonderland adventures . . .

And always, always to "Please Touch."

TRIBUTE TO SAN BERNARDINO
VALLEY COLLEGE TRUSTEES
CHUCK BEEMAN AND ALLEN
GRESHAM

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I would like today to pay special tribute to San Bernardino Community College District Trustees Chuck Beeman and Allen Gresham, who over the past several decades have overseen the rapid growth and maturing of the major community colleges in my district in California.

A respected attorney in San Bernardino County, Allen Gresham was first elected as college trustee in 1971 and is now the third-longest-serving in California. Chuck Beeman, a retired pharmacist and owner of Beeman's Pharmacy, was appointed to the board in 1983. The two men are leaving the board this year after a combined 62 years of public service.

While they have been on the board, the district's two campuses have grown significantly—now serving more than 18,000 students with nearly 500 full- and part-time faculty members. Since Allen Gresham joined the board, more than 150,000 students have received degrees and certificates. The two campuses—San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College—have two of the most diverse student bodies in California.

As the student body has grown, Mr. Gresham and Mr. Beeman have led the board of trustees in meeting their needs through a continuing building program that has expanded and significantly modernized both campuses. With the help of Federal Emergency Management Agency earthquake mitigation funding, Valley College has completely remade its central facilities, building a new library, Health and Human Sciences Building, administration building and a 37,000-square-foot Campus Center. A new art building with a modern gallery—named in honor of Clara and Allen Gresham for their devotion to art—opened last year.

At Crafton Hills College, ground was recently broken for a new library and learning resource center, as well as a new swimming center. The district has also built a new central headquarters at the former Norton Air Force Base and upgraded facilities for its public-access television and radio station, KVCR—which provides the only broadcast local news for San Bernardino County. In addition, the college district has opened a nationally-recognized academy at the former air base to give firefighters hands-on training in dealing with jet fuel and aircraft fires.

Madam Speaker, wary California taxpayers have turned back construction bond measures for many cities and school districts in recent years. But thanks in large part to the leadership of Allen Gresham and Chuck Beeman, San Bernardino County taxpayers gave solid approval to a \$190 million bond in 2002 and a \$500 million bond just this year to continue the expansion of these fine college campuses.

In addition to academic excellence, the college district has won intercollegiate athletics championships in many sports. These accomplishments have especially delighted Chuck Beeman, who came within a fraction of a second of qualifying for the 1956 U.S. Olympic team and taught track at Valley College for many years. The college's track was named in Mr. Beeman's honor last year.

Madam Speaker, Allen Gresham and Chuck Beeman can look back with pride as they come to the end of their time on the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees. Please join me in saluting them for their decades of service to education and our community and wishing them well in their future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HULSHOF. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican leadership's policy on earmarks, I am requesting funding for Special Operations Forces Advanced Mission Planning Tools in fiscal year 2009, in H.R. 2638, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2008, Continuing Resolution, from account 31 0603003A Aviation Advanced Technology. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Westar Aerospace & Defense Group, Inc., 4 Research Park Drive, St. Charles, MO 63304-5685. The funding would be used for the continued development of enterprise-enabled, integrated aviation tools and provide this ability to all Army aviation systems. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an entity or program named or will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended for a "front" or "pass through" entity; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of Federal taxpayer funds.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RONALD M.
DAVIS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Ronald M. Davis, who sadly passed away on November 6 after a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer. A resident of Michigan's Eighth District in East Lansing, Dr. Davis will be sorely missed. Yet his legacy of service and compassion will never be forgotten.

First and foremost, Dr. Davis was a committed father and loving husband. He will also be remembered as a distinguished public health advocate throughout his entire career, most notably during his time as president of the American Medical Association. During his tenure at the American Medical Association, he worked tirelessly to promote public awareness of healthy lifestyles, encourage health insurance reform, and push doctors to reduce medical errors and improve patient care.

Even while suffering from a terminal illness, Dr. Davis fought to advance critical public health initiatives. A staunch opponent of smoking, Dr. Davis worked every day to save lives by promoting tobacco control. Over the years, Dr. Davis served the tobacco control community in numerous ways, including as Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Office on Smoking and Health and as chief medical officer of the Michigan Department of Public Health. He was an expert witness in litigation against the tobacco industry and a National Cancer Institute-funded researcher. Dr. Davis was also the founding editor of the world's very first scientific journal dedicated to the field of tobacco control.

Through his cancer treatment, Dr. Davis continued to work diligently as a leader in the health care community. His remarks to the American Medical Association last year were particularly memorable and moving as he discussed his terminal illness, even joking about the baldness caused by his chemotherapy. In spite of the odds against someone with a diagnosis that included such a slim chance of long-term survival, Dr. Davis told his fellow physicians to "never take away someone's hope." They agreed and cheered his courage.

As a cancer survivor myself, I understand the challenges Dr. Davis faced every day, and I deeply admire his indomitable spirit throughout such a difficult battle. He will be remembered as a remarkable leader and a determined public servant. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Nadine, their sons and entire family during this difficult time.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Dr. Ronald M. Davis.

He is truly deserving of our respect and admiration for his tremendous contributions to our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO REND LAKE WARRIORS MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding group of young men attending Rend Lake College in Ina, Illinois. On November 8, 2008, Rend Lake Warriors Men's Cross Country Team placed fourth in the National Junior College Men's Cross Country Championship. After an impressive fourth place finish in 2007, the Warrior's trained hard during the 2008 season to maintain their spot in the top five cross country teams in the Nation.

The Warriors had an outstanding freshman on their team this year. Kenyan native Stephen Sambu, also an All-American, was the National Champion, or "cross country king" and helped lead the team to fourth place.

My congratulations go out to Coach Brent McLain on this great achievement. Most of all, I want to congratulate the members of the 2008 Men's Cross Country team: Dey Tuach, Bailey Bunyan, Scott Speare, James Noonan, James Gramtham, Stephen Sambu, and Clay Locke.

I congratulate them on their achievement, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF ENID SALES

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Enid Sales, a unique woman and a fierce fighter for historic preservation, who passed away at the age of 86. Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 3, 1922, she moved to Carmel, California with her family when she was 10. She attended Reed College in Oregon and was married for awhile to jazz critic Grover Sales.

Enid operated a vineyard in Calistoga for 10 years. In 1962, she became the first woman in California to hold a state general contractor's license. In the mid-1970's she served as the head of the rehabilitation department of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. One of her most memorable accomplishments was organizing and moving 12 Victorian homes in a single night. She shut down the transit system and traffic lights and completed the entire job in time for the next morning's commute.

Enid moved back to Carmel in 1986. She was the first chairwoman of the city's Historic Resources Board and founded her own Carmel Preservation Foundation. She was also on the board of the Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists. Her "roll up her sleeves and take no prisoners" approach is credited with saving Carmel's Sunset Center and the George Marsh Building in Monterey, as well

as many of the original cottages that define Carmel's charm.

Enid's legacy is to be seen in the recent upswing of interest in "heritage tourism." It was her vision that preserving our historic buildings would make good economic sense, and not be done just for esthetic or sentimental reasons. Enid was a giant in the world of historic preservation. Few people can maintain such fierce tenacity to fight through to the end against all odds. Enid Sales had that fighting spirit, and she will be greatly missed.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Enid Sales for her dedication to preserving history. She is survived by her daughter Rachel Lopez, her grandchildren Esther and Valley, her sister-in-law Barbara Thompson, and her nephews Peter, Matthew, and John Thompson. We will all miss her dearly.

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY GREEN

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, every so often we encounter an individual who, wittingly or not, becomes a transformative figure—one who leaves a profound and permanent impact on countless lives and their community.

Dorothy Green, founder of Heal the Bay and one of the most influential environmental leaders in California in the last generation, was such a person.

An unlikely activist, Dorothy was a housewife and mother in the early 1970s when her brother was splattered with untreated sewage from an open drain at Ballona Creek, which runs directly into the Santa Monica Bay. Outraged, she convened a group of friends and activists in her living room to form what grew into the 15,000-member strong Heal the Bay. Under Dorothy's leadership, the organization has tackled everything from the health of marine life to oil spills to ocean water quality.

But Dorothy's vision was much broader than the view from her living room window. She also founded the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council and the California Water Impact Network to educate Californians on water policy and to redefine how we use and think of water as a precious and limited resource.

I cannot remember when I first met Dorothy Green. But I do remember being told that if I wanted to run for Congress she was the lode star on water issues. And she was! No issue was too big or too small for her, as long as it has something to do with water. From storm drains to the Peripheral Canal, she knew about it all and inspired thousands to join and support her efforts to fix dysfunctional policies.

On October 13, 2008, Dorothy lost her battle with cancer. Yet her legacy will continue to motivate many. She fought for what she believed until the end. Five days before her death, she penned an op-ed piece from her hospice bed calling for sensible plans to preserve and treat the natural resource she spent her adult life defending.

I am proud to have known Dorothy Green as a friend and colleague. She always focused on getting things done and never accepted the status quo. A brilliant grassroots organizer, her friends—and adversaries—will all tell you of