

thank Jim's wife Juli and his children for sharing him with us for all these years. Thank you Jim for your service and congratulations on all of your success. Best of luck in the upcoming season; I know you and your team will continue to make us proud.

DANIEL WILLIAM BYRNE

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, on October 5, 2008, Daniel William Byrne passed away at his home in Tulelake, CA with his wife, Geri, and his family at his side. Dan was one of the finest stewards of our great natural resources that I have ever known, and his contributions to northern California's agricultural community will be sorely missed.

Dan was born on Sept. 19, 1954, in Klamath Falls, Ore., to Robert A. Byrne and Elizabeth (Betty Lou) Byrne (Dalton) Shirley. He attended Newell Elementary School and graduated from Bellarmine College Prep in San Jose in 1972, then earned his Bachelor of Science degree in farm management from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo in 1977. While at Cal Poly, he met his future wife and partner, Geri Bielar, whom he married in 1978.

Dan returned home after graduation and operated the family ranch with his father and his brothers. He demonstrated remarkable intelligence and earned respect as a rancher who took great pride in running cattle while also working in partnerships to improve stewardship of the land. He and his brother, Mike, were awarded the Society for Range Management California Section Award in Excellence in Range Management in 1968 as well as the conservation award from the Klamath Soil and Water Conservation District and the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair Farmer and Rancher of the Year Award, both in 2007. Dan was also given the California Farm Bureau Federation Distinguished Service Award in 2008. Dan was a good friend and a fine man.

His loved ones were an integral part of his life and his work, and I wish to offer my condolences to the entire Byrne family. Dan is survived by his wife, Geri, of Tulelake; sister, Elizabeth Flynn, of Danville, Calif., and her sons, Michael and Thomas; a brother, Bob, and his wife, Cory, of Tulelake and their daughters, Melissa, Gwen and Katelyn; a brother, Mike, and his wife, Bev, of Tulelake, and their son, Matt, and their daughter, Brianna; a sister, Pat Byrne, of Lodi, Calif.; his stepfather, Bob Shirley, of Chico, Calif.; and his mother-in-law, Joan Bielar, of Rocklin, Calif.

TRIBUTE TO PETER HART

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter Hart for his diligent and outstanding leadership as chairman of the Alleghenies Chapter of SCORE, a nationwide

organization providing free counseling to small businesses around the country. As chairman of Alleghenies SCORE from 2006–2008, Peter led a team of 45 volunteers in assisting and counseling 400 small businesses around the region.

SCORE was most fortunate to have had Peter as its chairman for the past two years. His background in the railroad and steel industries and as a college educator has served him well in the dual role of counselor and administrator. His accomplishments include providing formal training for new counselors; establishing a chapter Web site; renaming the chapter "Alleghenies" to better identify the wide region that is served; and establishing a system for providing clients with counselors who closely match their professional needs. Peter has zealously devoted many extra hours into publicizing SCORE's mission and service in the Allegheny region. He is an excellent recruiter for the chapter, and his son has followed in his father's footsteps, becoming a counselor in the Pittsburgh Chapter.

Peter has demonstrated extraordinary devotion toward providing counseling for start-ups and continuing businesses located in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton and Somerset Counties. Peter Hart's chairmanship of the Alleghenies SCORE Chapter has inspired and enthused the volunteer members of the chapter and many others who have benefited from his selfless and tireless dedication and leadership. I and the volunteers of Alleghenies SCORE would like to thank Peter Hart for his devotion to assisting his community and for inspiring so many others to do the same.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE OF RAY STEELE, JR.

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues from California Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. NUNES and Mr. RADANOVICH to pay tribute to the distinguished public service of Ray Steele, Jr. After 41 years, Ray Steele is retiring as publisher and president of the Fresno Bee in Fresno, California.

Prior to embarking on his distinguished career with the Fresno Bee, Ray worked at the Fowler Ensign and for the Associated Press Bureau in Fresno. In 1967, he began what would result in 41 years of service to the McClatchy Company. Mr. Steele worked tirelessly in various positions with the Fresno Bee, the Sacramento Bee and with corporate headquarters.

Ray started as a reporter with the Fresno Bee while he was still in college. During his time there he held several positions in the news room before moving to Sacramento in 1982 to take on the position of administrative director of the Sacramento Bee, and then later becoming publisher of community publications. In 1986, Mr. Steele returned to Fresno, California and became the General Manager of the Fresno Bee, with responsibility for all business operations. After only seven years Mr. Steele moved on to corporate headquarters where he held several different management positions. In 2001, he became publisher and president of the Fresno Bee.

Throughout his distinguished career, Ray has served on numerous boards and has given back to his community. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Fresno Business Council, the Economic Development Corporation of Fresno County and the Fresno Regional Foundation. He also serves on the board of governors of California State University Fresno Foundation as well as the advisory council of the Criminology Department. Ray has also been a lifetime member of the Fresno State Alumni Association and previously served on the board of the Metropolitan Museum of Art & Science.

His service and accomplishments were recognized by California State University, Fresno in 2005 when he received the Top Dog Award as the outstanding alumnus of the College of Arts and Humanities. In 2007, he was awarded with the Jim Tucker Media Service Award which is presented by the Mass Communication and Journalism Department at California State University, Fresno.

Throughout his career, Ray Steele has proven to be a highly effective leader who has always been committed to excellence in journalism. As he gets ready to spend more time with his wife Mary Lou, daughters and grandchildren, along with endeavors of interest to him, we thank him for his service and we wish him continued success and best of luck for the future.

HONORING RAYMOND HATTER

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Raymond Hatter, as he retired from his position as Executive Director of Salem Housing Community Development Corporation. An open house was held in his honor on November 7, 2008 in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

For the past 14 years, Raymond Hatter has provided leadership to the Salem Housing organization. He has reinforced the Salem Housing commitment to provide safe, affordable housing for limited income families and to support families through education, property management, and economic development. During his tenure, Salem Housing has developed relationships with economic development organizations, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the Genesee County Land Bank Authority, and community groups in an effort to bring re-investment into City of Flint neighborhoods. Mr. Hatter's vision became reality when the area of Wood Street, M.L. King Avenue and Garland Street was cleared, cared for and became the Metawanenee Hills neighborhood. At a cost of 4 million dollars the 24 new homes provide affordable, safe and energy efficient housing to families.

In addition to his work revitalizing neighborhoods, Mr. Hatter is a member of the Flint Board of Education, the Co-Chairperson of the University of Michigan-Flint University Outreach Department, Advisory Council Member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, Board Member of the Mass Transportation Authority Board of Directors, Board Member of the City of Flint Zoning Board of Appeals, and a Reader Representative of the

Flint Journal's Editorial Board. His work as Co-Chairperson of the City of Flint "Fifty Year Master Plan" Planning Committee guided the drawing up of comprehensive community development plans for the City.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the work of Raymond Hatter. His foresight with Salem Housing Community Development Corporation has laid the groundwork for thriving, vibrant neighborhoods to take root in the City of Flint and his leadership has transformed the lives of numerous families.

#### TRIBUTE TO PUI CHU YEE

#### HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jinba Pui Chu Yee, the world's youngest world-class artist and English language calligrapher. When she was 12 years old, International Arts Publishing published and distributed around the world a collection of her works entitled *Pui Chu Yee Sculptured Landscapes and Calligraphy—The World's Youngest World-Class Artist and Calligrapher*.

Although Jinba Pui Chu Yee is still in high school, her highly creative powers in the field of art are incredible. The main theme of her hand-molded landscapes is natural scenery. Her captivating craftsmanship, which comes from nature yet transcends nature, takes the viewer into a world of fantasy.

The New York Academy of Art evaluated her in 2004; the Academy issued a certificate signed by its Executive Director, Mr. Stephen Farthing. That certificate contained the following evaluation: "It has been a great pleasure for both me as Executive Director, and my Faculty at the New York Academy of Art, to get to know the artwork of such an internationally acclaimed artist as Ms. Pui Chu Yee. Her unique approach transports the viewer beyond taste and fantasy to a point where enchantment and contemporary art meet. Her work is a great achievement."

Pui Chu Yee is also an English language calligrapher. Jinba Pui Chu Yee was invited to create signatures in calligraphic style at an assembly. Attendees of that assembly included experts and scholars from Taiwan, Tibet, Thailand, North America, and South America. Also in attendance were outstanding alumni, doctorate holders, and university professors, all of whom graduated from prestigious U.S. universities. At the assembly, Jinba Pui Chu Yee wielded her pen to the astonishment of all. Everyone expressed admiration.

Through her talent and hard work, Jinba Pui Chu Yee has opened a new chapter in the appreciation of art in this world. Under the personal guidance of Jinba Pui Chu Yee, a high-tech art studio is now producing three-dimensional artistic images never before seen in this world that are created from some of her sculptured landscapes.

Additionally, Jinba Pui Chu Yee has received numerous honors and commendations from various governmental bodies, community organizations, and entities representing all walks of life.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Ms. Jinba Pui Chu Yee, an extremely talented

and creative young lady who has excellent moral character, deeply loves the United States, cares about the public good, and takes pleasure in developing the talents of others. In her honor I ask my congressional colleagues to join me in honoring her accomplishments as a premier artist around the world.

#### IN HONOR OF TURBOMECA MANUFACTURING

#### HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, the Safran Group Company, Turbomeca Manufacturing, celebrated its grand opening on September 25, 2008. This company proudly manufactures the engines that power the U.S. Coast Guard HH-65 Search and Rescue Helicopter fleet and that of the U.S. Army Light Utility Helicopter fleet.

Turbomeca Manufacturing provides resources, jobs and business growth to the city of Monroe, North Carolina, and has shown tremendous commitment to the community. This 100,000 square foot factory plans to reach a production capacity of 200,000 hours per year by 2010, and will encompass a team of approximately 180 employees.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I honor and recognize this company in my district for the economic opportunities that they create and the outstanding community presence they provide.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE FLOWERS OF MEMORY

#### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I have for many years had the benefit of learning from Jack Authelet, a journalist and the town historian of the town of Foxborough—an important town in my district known for a number of things, including being the home of our New England Patriots.

Recently, Mr. Authelet wrote to me about a group that he accurately describes as "very appreciative and dedicated French citizens who have . . . made a solemn vow" that the Americans who gave their lives in the defense of freedom in France will not be forgotten. The organization of French citizens who have dedicated themselves to this is *Les Fleurs de la Memoire*, or *The Flowers of Memory*.

Madam Speaker, what they have done and are doing is an inspirational example of international cooperation, and I ask that the very thoughtful and informative letter from Jack Authelet describing the work that they do be printed here, along with the essay entitled "A Tribute," written by Claude Lavielle, who is president of *Les Fleurs de la Memoire*. This essay was written for Memorial Day 2002.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Authelet asked that I do this on Veterans' Day, but since we were not in session on that day, I have chosen the next day in which it is possible to insert this into the RECORD as an appropriate way of acknowledging their great work.

FOXBOROUGH HISTORICAL COMMISSION,

Foxborough, MA.

Congressman BARNEY FRANK,  
Newton, MA.

DEAR BARNEY, thank you for your dedication and leadership role in resolving the fiscal crisis that grips this nation. In the midst of all the uncertainty, I would like to call to your attention a living tribute to the fallen of World War II that I pray will move you to call for national recognition of this unique volunteer effort on Veterans Day.

In the aftermath of World War II, some 15,000 American military personnel who made the Supreme Sacrifice remain on French soil in the Normandy and Brittany Cemeteries where their families seldom—if ever—have an opportunity to visit their graves.

We as a nation have honored the pledge we would never forget their sacrifice in part by properly maintaining the military cemeteries there and around the world.

There are some very appreciative and dedicated French citizens who have also made a solemn vow: these brave Americans will never be forgotten because they know that every day they live in freedom, they become even more indebted to those who lie buried in the countries they came to liberate. They belong to the organization *Les Fleurs de la Memoire* (*The Flowers of Memory*) and each volunteer is assigned the grave of an American to decorate at every opportunity and especially on the American Memorial Day. Many volunteers adopt more than one grave, and also make every attempt to locate family members of the deceased that they might know someone is there looking over the grave of their loved ones.

I became aware of *The Flowers of Memory* when Vincent Robillard, the French volunteer assigned to the grave of Airman Clinton Davison (Class of 1939, Foxborough High School) was finally able to contact Clinton's brother, 93-year-old Lewis Davison of Walpole, himself a World War II veteran. I have been handling the correspondence for Lewis, for whom contact with the French volunteers has brought the comfort of knowing there are many who appreciate the family's loss. Through Vincent, the family now has had many of its questions answered about the death of Clinton, even to an eye witness account of what happened that fateful day at the height of the war when his plane failed to return following a bombing run over Germany. I have attached a story I published in *The Foxboro Reporter* about the French volunteers and what this has meant to the Davison family.

The commitment by these French volunteers to honor those brave Americans is both heartwarming and extraordinary. However, most Americans don't even know the group exists.

I have provided background on *The Flowers of Memory* in hopes that you would use your considerable influence by taking the initiative to afford this group and its volunteers some national exposure this Veterans' Day that the people of America would know about this magnificent tribute being paid every day to those who gave their lives when their Nation called.

The attached information provides background on *The Flowers of Memory* and their mission and I think it would bring comfort to the American people to know that so many people in France living in freedom today attribute that gift to those whose graves they decorate as an outward symbol of an inner vow that they will never be forgotten.

Thank you for your consideration and again, my personal appreciation for your inspired leadership in a time of crisis.

JACK AUTHELET,

Town Historian.