

California and finally back to Memphis, Tennessee. At the 164th Airlift Wing in Memphis, General Works served as Maintenance Squadron Commander and Wing Chief of Staff among other assignments. Most recently, General Works was appointed the Director of Staff for the Tennessee Air National Guard in Nashville.

General Works has been a leader not just in our Armed Forces, but in our community as well. She is a member of Leadership Memphis, Women in Aviation, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and strongly supports the Adopt-A-School program.

Again, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering sincere congratulations to BG Rita Works, her husband Lavon, and their family. We can all take pride in her example of leadership, service, and selflessness.

#### HONORING TIMOTHY WILLIAM LEININGER

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Timothy William Leininger of Riverside, Missouri. Timothy 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 1495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BROMMA PEMBERTON-LINVILLE

#### HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2008*

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate 99 extraordinary years in the life of Bromma Pemberton-Linville. Born to a large family in the coal-mining community of Oliver Springs, Tennessee, Bromma from an early age set an example for all who believe in the values of family, church and a strong community. Bromma cared for her six younger siblings through elementary and high school, and made certain to attend Sunday church services in addition to Sunday night youth fellowship, a Wednesday night prayer meeting, church play rehearsals and choir practice.

After graduating from Oliver Springs High School, Bromma went on to Knoxville Business College and set out to build a career. Following a period of odd jobs to make ends meet, Bromma finally put her business skills to

work as a secretary and bookkeeper at the First National Bank in Oneida, Tennessee. Throughout what would become a lifetime of service to the bank, Bromma worked nearly every possible position before becoming the first female officer and director, as well as the first senior vice president.

But Bromma's success at the First National Bank in Oneida never interfered with her commitment to family. When her father became ill and unable to work, Bromma proudly accepted her role as a breadwinner and caretaker for the family. After she had seen to the success of her six younger siblings, who married and moved out of their home, Bromma continued to live with her parents whom she cared for until they passed away years later. Only then did she marry her twenty year suitor, Roy Johnson.

Bromma's commitment to her community continued throughout her life and in to today. From her presidency over the Oneida Business and Professional Women's Club to representing Scott County at the Conference on Consumer Affairs, Bromma was actively involved in making the world around her better for future generations. With the help of her husband, Bromma even went on to establish the Grover Pemberton Agricultural Endowment Fund for the University of Tennessee Agricultural Institute.

Our great country cannot do enough to thank the men and women who devote their lives to the betterment of their communities. In these difficult times of international and economic turmoil, it is the efforts of extraordinary women like Bromma Pemberton-Linville that will always help us to move this great country forward.

#### HONORING ROBERT C. FABER

#### HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2008*

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a minute and pay tribute to an old friend and former staffer, Robert C. Faber. Bob is a man of strong ideals and integrity.

I first met Bob when we were in our first year of law school at McGeorge Law School in California. Our friendship began then and has been strong ever since. After law school, Bob and I went our separate ways. Bob worked first at the State Lands Commission and then had a private law practice. I went to work in the California State Senate in Sacramento. Ten years later I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, and when I became Chairman of the Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power, I encouraged Bob to become the staff director of the committee. He graciously accepted the position, and he and his lovely wife, Joyce, moved to the Washington area. In the six years he served as staff director he assisted in moving a number of difficult pieces of legislation and helped the subcommittee conduct many critical oversight hearings and more than a dozen General Accounting Office investigations.

Bob was born in Kansas City, Missouri and grew up in Oregon, Michigan, Indiana and California. He attended high school in La Sierra, California. Bob has the gift of being able to teach people in both personal and profes-

sional situations. As early as high school, Bob showed his talent for teaching. He would often help tutor his fellow students at his home, and eventually the group got so large that one of the students asked the teacher if Bob could teach the class, since he was able to better relate to his peers. The teacher allowed Bob to teach the class for about 2 weeks under his supervision.

After high school, Bob attended Andrews University in Southwestern Michigan where he majored in journalism. He earned his undergraduate degree in three years after successfully testing out of one year of classes. While at Andrews, he met Joyce in the communications department, and the two have been married for 35 years now. They have one son, Robert Jr., who is 14 years old.

After law school, Bob frequently volunteered in support of community activities in the Sacramento area. He volunteered as an international moot court justice at the McGeorge law school. He taught bible classes at his local church. He co-founded the local neighborhood association where he lived. And he helped organize a group of fellow bank customers to recover their savings after the financial institution where they had deposits failed.

Although he remains active professionally as an attorney, Bob still enjoys teaching as the opportunities present themselves. He has recently started writing a series of articles combining history, religion, and science.

I am very grateful for Bob's friendship, and I look forward to the many years ahead we have as friends. I wish him and his family much happiness and success.

#### HONORING BRYCE MATTHEW McDONALD

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bryce Matthew McDonald of Liberty, Missouri. Bryce 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 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

#### ON THE OCCASION OF THE RETIREMENT OF SYLVIA SNYDER

#### HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2008*

Mr. REGULA. Madam Speaker, as you know, I will be retiring from this House at the

conclusion of this Congress, but today I rise to pay tribute to a member of my staff, Sylvia Snyder, who will also be retiring from service in this House.

Sylvia was born in Grenada, Mississippi but moved to Canton, Ohio, when she was 10. She attended school in Canton and graduated from Timken High School. After raising her family Sylvia went back to school and obtained an associate degree in applied business with an executive secretarial major from Stark State College of Technology, one of our outstanding institutions in Stark County.

It was on completion of her degree at Stark State that I interviewed Sylvia for the scheduler position in my office. I had contacted the school to let them know I was interested in interviewing their students for this position and told them I wanted the best they had. Sylvia became my scheduler in June 1980, and over these more than 28 years, she has indeed proven to be one of the best. I know that my colleagues will agree that one of the most challenging and stressful positions on Capitol Hill is that of scheduler, and with her terrific organizational skills and professional demeanor, Sylvia excelled at this position. During my tenure as chairman of two different Appropriations Subcommittees, the number of requests that Sylvia received for meetings with me would have nearly overwhelmed most people, but Sylvia methodically and efficiently organized and scheduled them in order for us to carry out our mission of constituent service every day.

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to thank Sylvia for her service to Ohio's 16th Congressional District and to this House and wish her much health and happiness in her retirement. I know that she is very much looking forward to traveling and also taking in the wonderful cultural resources in our Nation's Capital. We wish her all the best.

#### REMEMBERING THOSE LOST AND HURT IN THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN MUMBAI

##### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2008*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, in response to the unspeakably terrible acts of murder perpetrated on innocent people by a handful of vicious, hate-filled fanatics in Mumbai, the Asian American Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened a candlelight vigil on December 4 at 6 p.m. in Boston and provided an opportunity for people of good will to express their horror at these terrible events and their determination to work together to prevent them from happening again.

The Commission composed a moving, eloquent statement in response to these terrible acts and because its message is so necessary at this time, I ask that it be printed here.

A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL—REMEMBERING FRIENDS, FAMILY AND ALL THOSE LOST AND HURT IN THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN MUMBAI, INDIA NOVEMBER 26–29, 2008

The Asian American Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts invites Americans of all faiths to join in a Candlelight Vigil on December 4, 6 p.m. at City Hall Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts.

We are saddened by the loss of so many in Mumbai, India this past week because of the actions of a few terrorists. We offer our deepest condolences to their families and pray for the speedy recovery of those who were hurt. We applaud the heroic actions of the police, firefighters, armed forces and the staff of the hotels, restaurants, train stations and hospitals and all concerned citizens who helped to stop the terrorists and rescue and guide people to safety.

In this global village, like the United States, India is a democracy with rights for every man, woman and child, regardless of religious or ethnic origin; a secular country with tolerance for many faiths; and a strong tradition of cooperation among its many ethnic, religious, and linguistic communities. India also serves as a positive influence for many people here and in countries around the world through its strong traditions, contributions to culture, political leadership, trade and world economic development.

As the world's largest democracy, India's represents a religious cross-section of Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Jews, Buddhists and people of every faith that have traditionally lived in harmony. Unfortunately, there are a few who seek to sow divisions and cause harm to its people, its economy, to all those who visit or wish to do business with India. We believe that terrorism affects us all and we must all unite and act to defeat this common enemy.

As Asians and Americans we are all part of a global village and strongly condemn these heinous acts. No matter where terror raises its ugly head, it impacts all the citizens of the world. We believe that by coming together as a community to show support to the bereaved and by fostering greater bonds between all peoples and faiths here at home and across the globe that we will be able to stop such hate.

#### HONORING BRIAN LLOYD OTTE

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brian Lloyd Otte of Liberty, Missouri. Brian 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 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

#### IN MEMORY OF DR. CHARLES LEA

##### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2008*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is with grief that I inform the House of the death of

Dr. Charles Lea, Lt. Col., United States Army (ret.) of Lexington, Missouri.

Dr. Lea was born and raised in Brunswick, Missouri, and graduated from Brookfield High School in 1952. Dr. Lea then spent a year at Rolla School of Mines before he entered West Point where he graduated in 1957. Upon graduation he spent 3½ years in Germany before taking paratrooper training at Fort Benning. Choosing to attend University of Missouri Medical School over Ivy League offers, he graduated in 1965 to intern at Fitzsimmons in Denver, Colorado.

Following his education path, Dr. Lea went directly to Vietnam. Serving in the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne, Dr. Lea was awarded several medals and citations, including: Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Soldier's Medal, four Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Viet Cross of Gallantry, Combat Medical Badge, and Parachute Badge.

After his service in Vietnam, Dr. Lea choose to become a general practice family physician in Oklahoma and Lafayette County, Missouri. Dr. Lea served as the chief of staff at Stillwater Regional Health Center, Stillwater, Oklahoma; Lafayette Regional Medical Center, Lexington, Missouri; and I-70 Medical Center, Sweet Springs, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Lea was a respected father, physician, and soldier. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family: his wife, Kay Lea; his children, DeJean, George, Elisabeth, Darren, Nikki, and Scott; and his grandchildren, Jacqueline, William, Emily, Chelsea, Hunter, Gabriel, Elizabeth, Dylan, Maxwell, Regan, and Hayden.

#### HONORING CODY WILLIAM CASH

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cody William Cash of Liberty, Missouri. Cody 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 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF MR. WALTER HOWARD MAYO, III

##### HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 9, 2008*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of