

HONORING DEREK JOSEPH
STANWAY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Derek Joseph Stanway of Kansas City, Missouri. Derek 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.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHELLE
JASMIN, WINNER OF THE GREEN
LIGHT COMPETITION AWARD OF
EXCELLENCE

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Michelle Jasmin, an exceptional artist from West Roxbury, Massachusetts, who has earned the Green Light Competition Award of Excellence.

Since 2005, Michelle has been involved in Brookline Massachusetts' Gateway Arts program which encourages individuals with disabilities to passionately study and create art. Michelle's award winning artwork patriotically expresses fellow American's feelings of loss and personal struggle through her paintings of soldiers who have lost their lives in the Iraq war.

Michelle's work consists of a hand-bound book of acrylic paintings, "Gone But Not Forgotten," which contains the names, ages, military rank, and towns of Massachusetts soldiers who have died in the Iraq war and is accompanied by unique portraits of each soldier. A specific painting, "A Soldier's Prayer," shows depictions of the sorrows of war combined with prayer. Additionally, her painting series "Untitled" depicts a suffering man, a reaching hand, a poem on suffering, and a figure breaking free from chains, which outwardly expresses how humans can overcome the feeling of loss.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with Michelle's family, friends and Gateway Arts to honor her for her exceptional accomplishments as an artist.

I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating Michelle's talent and wish her good health and success in all her future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF HARRY DUNFORD

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness that I inform the House of the death of Harry Dunford, United States Navy (Ret.) of Lexington, Missouri.

Harry Dunford was born on May 19, 1925, in Lexington, Missouri, to Harry and Hattie Barron Dunford. Harry served his country in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946. He was a World War II veteran, serving on the USS *President Jackson* as a Radioman 3rd Class.

In addition to serving his country in the Armed Forces, Harry had been an insurance investigator, quartermaster at Wentworth Military Academy, and a co-owner of Merchants Credit Bureau. He was a member of Lexington First Christian Church, an Elder and Deacon Emeritus. He was also a life member of V.F.W. Post 4052, a member of the Lexington Jaycees, a columnist for the Lexington News, a member of the Lafayette County Veteran's Memorial Committee, and a one-time Secretary for the USS *President Jackson* Association.

Madam Speaker, I know the members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER SPENCER
VAUGHN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Spencer Vaughn of Kansas City, Missouri. Christopher 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.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIRE-
MENT OF LEONARD B. KELLER,
CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF
HONOR RECIPIENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to rise and recognize the service

of Leonard Keller, who, after 22 years, will retire from the Naval Supply Center, Gulf Coast Supply Operations. Mr. Keller's dedicated civilian service is a capstone to his brave and dedicated military service in the Vietnam War.

Born in Rockford, Illinois, Len was drafted into the United States Army in 1966. He attended basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Polk, Louisiana. He was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division at Base Camp Dong Tam, Mekong Delta, Vietnam. In 1967 while sweeping through an area where an enemy ambush had occurred earlier, then-Sergeant Keller's unit suddenly came under intense automatic weapons and small-arms fire from a number of enemy bunkers and numerous snipers in nearby trees. Disregarding his own safety in the face of intense enemy fire, Sergeant Keller and a fellow soldier assaulted the enemy bunkers. They killed the enemy occupants in numerous bunkers thereby saving countless American lives. After his ammunition was exhausted, he assisted with the evacuation of the wounded. Many Americans who were in the Ap Bac Zone of the Republic of Vietnam on May 2, 1967 owe their lives to the brave actions of Leonard Keller. For his conspicuous gallantry in combat and risking his life above and beyond the call of duty, Leonard Keller was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In 1986, Len came to Pensacola to work at the Naval Supply Center as an Inventory Management Specialist and has been an integral part of Gulf Coast Supply Operations for over the last 22 years. After retirement, he plans to split his time between Illinois and Florida. He plans to maintain an active role in the Medal of Honor, MOH, as he continues to attend numerous social events and conduct speaking engagements at various schools around the country. He also plans to establish the Leonard B. Keller scholarship fund at his high school in the near future.

We honor the distinguished military and government service of Leonard Keller. Vicki and I wish him and his family best wishes for continued success. Our Nation is grateful for Len's dedicated and selfless service to the Nation. His life of courage, selfless service, and patriotism will serve as a shining example to future generations of Americans.

HONORING FLORY INDUSTRIES

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Flory Industries upon being inducted into the Agriculture Hall of Fame. Flory Industries will be honored at the 11th Annual Ag Hall of Fame Dinner on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at the Assyrian American Civic Club of Turlock.

In 1909, the Flory family moved to their current location in Salida, California and settled their ranch. Innovation has been a key for the Flory family from the beginning. During the 1920s and early 1930s the family had a 100-cow grade "B" dairy. It is believed that they were the first family in the nation to have milking machines, the first to have a farm tractor in the area, and the first to convert from steel

tractor wheels to rubber tires. The operation expanded to include custom grain and bean harvesting. Harold Flory designed and built 2 bean harvesters for use in their harvesting business. These 2 machines lasted from 1935 to 1974, for a total of 30 harvest seasons.

In 1961, the first Flory pick-up harvester was built; it was a small three-point mounted, tractor-powered harvester that was primarily used for harvesting almonds. Flory Industries continued to grow with the times and in 1969 they introduced the self-propelled harvester with a 4-foot pick-up width. This was the first in the agriculture industry to use a hydrostatic ground drive. In 1972, Flory once again met the needs of the industry by developing a self-propelled heavy-duty sweeper. The sweeper produced by Flory has continued to improve to meet the industry needs and today's diesel engine designs.

Today, Flory Industries is still considered to be a leader in the field of nut-harvesting equipment, with sales in the worldwide market. Their equipment is used in the harvest of almonds, cashews, figs, hazelnuts, macadamias, pecans, tung nuts, and walnuts. The technology of the equipment has improved over the past 7 decades to meet both the needs of the industry for efficient harvesting and the reduction of dust to improve air quality. The company's commitment to cleaner air is evident with the manufacturing of the brush shredder to eliminate the winter burning of orchard prunings. They continue to work with educational institutions including California Polytechnic State University, University of California at Davis, California State University, Fresno, and New Mexico State on environmental concerns.

Flory Industries manufacturing facilities and offices are located on the original property purchased by the family almost 100 years ago. The company has been repairing and building farm equipment since 1936. Today, four generations work in the family business led by President Howard Flory.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Flory Industries upon its induction into the Agriculture Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the company, and the Flory family, many years of continued growth and success.

HONORING ZACHARY M. HUGHES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary M. Hughes of Kansas City, Missouri. Zachary 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 1333, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

EMMY AWARDED TO US FAMILY HEALTH PLAN AND NATIONAL MILITARY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues a press release which announces that the US Family Health Plan and the National Military Family Association have won the only Public Service Emmy Award presented nationwide in the category of local public service announcements. I would also like to pay tribute to Saint Vincent's Catholic Medical Centers which for nearly 160 years has provided critical health care in New York and beyond, and is an important member of the US Family Health Plan. I am also pleased and proud to add that today, Saint Vincent's has a highly capable and dynamic new chief executive officer, Henry J. Amoroso, who is leading plans to build a new "all-green, all-digital" 21st century health care facility that will serve hundreds of thousands of patients annually.

AND THE EMMY AWARD GOES TO: THE US FAMILY HEALTH PLAN AND THE NATIONAL MILITARY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

(By Michelle Joyner and Susan Oakland)

WASHINGTON, DC, November 20, 2008.—A series of public service announcements (PSAs) jointly sponsored by the US Family Health Plan, a DOD-sponsored military healthcare plan and the National Military Family Association, a non-profit organization committing to improving the lives of military families, has been honored with an Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. The PSA series, "Now is Our Time to Serve," was designed to raise awareness of the need to "support, befriend, remember and appreciate" America's military family members. It won the only Public Service Emmy Award presented nationwide in the category of Local Public Service Announcements, designed for the PSAs that have aired in up to 50 percent of the country's TV markets.

The series aired from July 2007 through February 2008, with total viewership topping 7.3 million, including broadcasts in major U.S. television markets and airings in over 200 movie theatres prior to family film screenings. The announcements—just one facet of an ongoing partnership between the US Family Health Plan and the National Military Family Association—may be viewed online at www.yearofthemilitaryfamily.org. The PSAs were produced for the US Family Health Plan and the National Military Family Association by Marion, Montgomery, Inc. "US Family Health Plan delivers the TRICARE Prime benefit to many of our beneficiaries and we certainly applaud these kinds of public awareness efforts," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of TRICARE Management Activity. "Congratulations go out to everyone involved in raising awareness about the needs of our military families."

Kate Ryan, chair of the US Family Health Plan Alliance, said, "We are honored to share the Emmy Award with the National Military Family Association. Both the NMFA and the US Family Health Plan are passionate about service uniformed services families and it's gratifying to know that our collaboration has helped spread the word about the need to support these everyday American heroes."

Nancey Alsheimer, chairman of the National Military Family Association Board of Governors, said, "The Emmy Award gives us renewed pride in our mission of protecting and promoting the interests of military families. The Emmy Award for the series will bring additional attention to the important message of support for families—and for that, we are grateful."

The US Family Health Plan, a Department of Defense-sponsored health plan, is made available by nonprofit healthcare providers in six service areas across the country. It serves over 100,000 military beneficiaries, including active-duty family members, activated Guard and Reserve family members, and retirees and their family members. One of its hallmarks is its ability to maintain a consistently high level of patient satisfaction; in fact, in 2008, overall satisfaction with the health plan is 87.9 percent, compared to 61.9 percent for traditional HMOs. The six not-for-profit organizations through which enrollment in the US Family Health Plan is offered include:

Johns Hopkins Medicine (1-800-801-9322)—serving Maryland, Washington D.C., and parts of Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia

Martin's Point Health Care (1-888-241-4556)—serving Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and northeastern New York

Brighton Marine Health Center (1-800-818-8589)—serving Massachusetts, including Cape Cod, plus Rhode Island and northern Connecticut

Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers (1-800-241-4848)—serving parts of New York, all of New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania and southern Connecticut

CHRISTUS Health (1-800-678-7347)—serving southeast Texas and southwest Louisiana

Pacific Medical Centers (1-888-958-7347)—serving the Puget Sound area of Washington State.

For more information about the US Family Health Plan, visit www.usfamilyhealthplan.org.

The National Military Family Association, the only nonprofit organization that represents families of all ranks and services, prepares spouses, children and parents to better deal with the unique challenges of military life. The Association protects benefits vital to all families, including those of the deployed, wounded and fallen. For nearly 40 years, its staff and volunteers, comprised mostly of military family members, have built a reputation as the leading experts on military family issues. For more information, visit <http://nmfa.org>.

Marion Montgomery, Inc. is a full-service marketing, public relations and interactive agency based in Houston, Texas. It produced the PSA series for the US Family Health Plan and the National Military Family Association. For more information on Marion Montgomery, Inc. visit www.mmihouston.com.

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