

note that her peers recognized her efforts in support of Democratic candidates and policies by naming her the organization's Woman of the Year for 2008.

Nancy was born in Apopka, Florida, to Norman and Margaret Hickerson. She graduated from the University of Florida. We met while I was visiting Florida and we then married in 1962.

Nancy and I moved to Pennsylvania, where she taught school in Carlisle and Wyoming Valley.

Over the course of our time living in Pennsylvania, Nancy has always played an active role in my campaigns and many other Democratic campaigns. She constantly participated behind the scenes in grassroots efforts, from setting up phone banks to organizing literature drops. She has always been willing to help with any aspect of the campaign to make it run more smoothly. It is for her dedication, care, attention to detail, and many other reasons that Nancy will receive the award of Woman of the Year from the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women.

Nancy has also been a member of various community organizations and boards. Among these, she was a particularly active member of the Lawyers' Wives Association, where she chaired multiple committees. Nancy has also been an avid tennis player.

Nancy is an essential part of our family, always willing to assist family members, from aiding those during times of illness to gladly babysitting our nephews and nieces.

We have one daughter, Nancy Kanjorski Bradley, Ph.D., who is married to Chris Bradley, Ph.D. They live in New Mexico.

On March 8, 2008, Nancy will receive the award of Woman of the Year at a brunch hosted by the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women. The members of the organization elect the person to receive this award who they feel has done an outstanding job as a Democratic leader in the community.

On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge that Nancy has continuously given all that she can to help the Democratic Party. She has always been an active, devoted, and vital part of my campaigns, not just an essential component of the team for my staff, but of course for me as well. I am incredibly proud that she will receive this award, as it is very much deserved.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Nancy Kanjorski for her award of Democratic Woman of the Year from the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women.

TRIBUTE TO HANNELORE BROWN

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hannelore Brown, my constituent in the Third Congressional District of Kansas. Hannelore is an active school volunteer whose children attend Leawood Elementary School, Leawood Middle School, and Blue Valley North, in the Blue Valley School District.

About 5 years ago, Hannelore organized a campaign to urge Leawood's elementary

schoolchildren to write Kansas servicemen and women stationed overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. That campaign has since expanded into the middle school and the high school, and teachers have incorporated the letter writing into their lesson plans. Thousands and thousands of letters have been sent, thanks to her efforts. Artwork, posters, and Girl Scout cookies have also been mailed. Many, many soldiers have written back to the schoolchildren, and have emailed photos of themselves with the items sent by the schools. Other soldiers have visited the school when they returned home, to thank their new pen pals for the mail and caring sent to lonely troops on foreign soil.

Hannelore has also organized an annual patriotic school assembly to honor servicemen and women and veterans. Every year, she gathers uniforms, memorabilia, and other artifacts, to create museum-style exhibits. On Friday, March 28, 2008, the fourth such assembly is set for Leawood Elementary School, to be preceded by a breakfast honoring servicemen, -women, and their families, again organized by Hannelore Brown.

With Hannelore's help, Leawood Middle School has published a book of letters sent to and from the soldiers. It comes as no surprise to learn that Hannelore Brown has also assisted the school in its annual Veterans Day observance every fall.

On behalf of the thousands of lonely troops stationed overseas, I want to thank Hannelore for all she has done to help them. In turn, these personal connections have instilled a true sense of patriotism in all those involved, and have given students, parents, and staff a new appreciation for the service and dedication of these soldiers. One person can make a difference in the lives of many others, and Hannelore Brown is the perfect example.

TRIBUTE TO VETERAN AND LAWMAKER BOBBY G. WOOD

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to recognize retired Brigadier General and former State Representative Bobby G. Wood. Wood's service to his country may have begun as a Korean war veteran, but his civic contributions continued for decades. His recent death was a great loss to his community, his State and this Nation.

Bobby G. Wood was born March 19, 1931, in Lake City to Gaines E. and Hallie Bob Wood. He was a 1949 graduate of Lake City High School and graduated from Arkansas State University in 1953 with a degree in business administration.

Upon graduation from ASU, Wood was awarded an Army ROTC commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the corps of artillery. During his 33-year tenure in the Army National Guard, he served on active duty in the Korean war, attained the rank of brigadier general, served as the commander of the 875th Engineer Battalion, and was the Arkansas Assistant State Adjutant General.

In addition to his outstanding military career, Wood represented Craighead County for 20 years in the Arkansas State House of Rep-

resentatives. Wood was a charter member of the Northeast Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, serving as president for 2 years. He was inducted into the ASU ROTC Hall of Heroes and was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by the ASU Alumnus Association in 2007. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro and served as a church deacon.

Woods was business manager and part owner of Delta Gas & Oil and Delta Farms, Inc. of Lake City.

On behalf of Congress, I extend my deepest sympathies to Mr. Wood's family and gratitude for the countless hours he spent serving others. He leaves behind a legacy of accomplishment, but it was his dedication to give back to the community that deserves recognition. Wood was a devout family man and a distinguished Arkansan, and I am honored to recognize him today in the United States Congress. His friendship will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, on March 5, 2008, I missed rollcall vote No. 98. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall 98.

THIRD ANNUAL "ARNIE DWORKIS MEMORIAL" DIALYSIS AWARE- NESS WALK

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Annual Arnie Dworkis Memorial Dialysis Awareness Walk, taking place this Sunday, March 9, 2008. The Sunset Kiwanis Club of Fountain Hills has organized this wonderful and exciting event for the third year running.

I would particularly like to honor Edward Stizza and Susan Obst-Dworkis for coordinating this annual event, and for their efforts and activities to educate the community about chronic kidney disease and end stage renal disease. The proceeds from the Arnie Dworkis Memorial Dialysis Awareness Walk will benefit the Dialysis Patient Citizens Group, which was founded by Mr. Stizza and his friend and fellow dialysis patient, Arnie Dworkis. After Arnie passed away in 2005, Mr. Stizza established the walk to honor the life of his friend. I am glad to say that by making this tribute, Mr. Stizza and Ms. Susan Obst-Dworkis have educated thousands of people about this disease.

Currently, one in nine American adults will be affected by chronic kidney disease. More than 20 million Americans are personally suffering from the disease, which, if left untreated, can lead to end stage renal disease. With the assistance of Mr. Stizza and Ms. Obst-Dworkis, we can raise the public awareness of this debilitating disease, and the plight of the more than 400,000 Americans who are on kidney dialysis today.

I am hopeful that this event will educate the public on what can be done to prevent and treat kidney disease. It will undoubtedly contribute to support and funding to those whose lives are intimately touched by the chronic kidney disease.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

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

It is March 6, 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—just today. That is more than the number of innocent American lives that were lost on September 11; only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 12,827 days since the travesty called Roe v. Wade was handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of our own children.

Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over their vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common.

They were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone. Each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each of their mothers, whether she realizes it immediately or not, will never be the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever.

Yet even in the full glare of such tragedy, this generation clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims to date, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it is important for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves again 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. It is our sworn oath.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is that clarion Declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core self-evident truth. It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. It is who we are.

And yet, Madam Speaker, another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again

to honor that foundational commitment. We failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have been giving them.

But perhaps tonight, Madam Speaker, maybe someone new who hears this sunset memorial will finally realize that abortion really does kill little babies, that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express, and that 12,827 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that the America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust, is still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their babies than abortion on demand.

So tonight, Madam Speaker, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of the innocent unborn. May that be the day we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect the least of these, our tiny American brothers and sisters, from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is March 6, 2008—12,827 days since Roe v. Wade first stained the foundation of this Nation with the blood of its own children—this, in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO D.L. "DUSTY" DICKENS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my friend, D.L. "Dusty" Dickens, for her years of dedicated service to the Clark County School District.

Dusty, who is originally from Santa Monica, California, attended Stevens-Henager College in Salt Lake City, Utah and later received an AMA certificate in Management from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Dusty was also licensed as a realtor in the State of Nevada in 1978 after attending the Education Dynamics Institute of Real Estate.

Over the past three decades, Dusty has served the Southern Nevada community, spending much of her time in the Facilities Division as the Director of the Demographics, Zoning and Realty Department. During her tenure in the Facilities Division, Dusty was responsible for a number of sizable land acquisition programs and was instrumental in recommending site locations for 200 schools. Dusty was also the co-author of the "Open Schools/Open Doors and Educational Access Agreements" which allows governmental entities and the state university system reciprocal use of public/school facilities. She also had a prominent role in the development of the

school siting methodology for data driven decisions to site new schools.

Given the exponential growth in Clark County in recent years, Dusty has been instrumental in ensuring that our educational services have kept pace with demand. In addition to her distinguished performance in the Demographics, Zoning and Realty Department, Dusty has served as facilitator for the school district's Investment in Excellence Program and as liaison for the School Name Committee. She has also had the opportunity to represent the school district on committees for the City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, City of Henderson, and Clark County for land use and master plan developments.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute to D.L. "Dusty" Dickens. Her service to Clark County has been instrumental and is to be commended. I would like to congratulate Dusty and her family including her husband, Lester and their four children on this honor by the school district. I applaud Dusty for her leadership and congratulate her on this much deserved recognition of having a school named in her honor.

CONGRATULATING THE INDIANA GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONS AT PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, today I rise before you to extend congratulations to the Plymouth High School Lady Pilgrims girls basketball team. The Lady Pilgrims succeeded in clinching the 3A state championship on March 1, 2008 at Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis with a thrilling 47-46 victory over Indianapolis Chatard.

The Lady Pilgrims worked tirelessly this season to win their second Semi-State title in Plymouth High School history. This significant victory led to their first State title ever for the girls' basketball team.

The Plymouth team consisted of thirteen outstanding young women, including: Seniors Leslie Swihart, Laura Garrity, Jessica McMillen, Jessica Centa and Brittany Payne; Juniors Alex Starr, Brittany Davis, Danielle Hayden, Lyzz Smith and Erin McNeil; Sophomore Chelsea Bengue; and Freshmen Marisa Green and Meagan Barron.

Also, we should not fail to acknowledge the support structure around the team. Head Coach Dave Cox with assistants Lindsay Houin, Dave Duncan and Russ Teall guided the Pilgrims to victory. The team received tremendous community support as evidenced by the busloads of fans that traveled to Indianapolis for the game and the thunderous applause of supporters who gathered to welcome the team home after their victory.

I offer my congratulations to the members of the girls' basketball team of Plymouth High School, the coaching staff, the school administration and community, and the surrounding Plymouth community for their accomplishments this season on the road to the 3A State Championship.