

Salute to Veterans which has been presented for the past five years by Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon and the Phoenix Military Veterans Commission. The Salute this year on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, will focus on women veterans. This is appropriate given the rising numbers of women now serving in the armed forces and their wide-ranging and significant contributions to our nation's military efforts.

Women have served honorably in every war and conflict in American history. Many paid the ultimate price in defense of our nation. We all know the story of Army PFC Lori Piestewa, an Arizona native who became the first servicewoman to be killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the first Native American servicewoman to ever die in battle. In 2005, Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester of the Kentucky Army National Guard became the first woman to be awarded the Silver Star for close-quarters combat action for her role in turning back an ambush on her convoy in Iraq.

Madam Speaker, I want to focus special attention on seven veterans from Arizona who are being recognized today as living reminders of the honorable service that women in the armed forces have provided in overseas war zones from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Please join me in recognizing:

Bettie Lerdall, U.S. Marine Corps, World War II;

Grace Kokesch, U.S. Army, World War II;
Louise Glende, U.S. Navy, Korean War;
Carol Culbertson, U.S. Navy, Vietnam War;
Belinda Blase, U.S. Air Force, Operation Desert Storm;

First Lieutenant Kara C. Larson, Arizona Army National Guard, Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Sgt. Rachel L. Trotter, Arizona Army National Guard, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Please join me in recognizing the service of these distinguished veterans on this special day.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARROLLTON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of the Carrollton Church of the Nazarene in Carrollton, Texas. Since its inception, the church has stood in the community as a symbol of perseverance and inspiration. This historic anniversary of the Carrollton Church of the Nazarene marks a time of remembrance of a storied past and renewal for a bright future.

On April 6, 1958, a group of twelve founded the Valwood Church of the Nazarene in what would later evolve into the Carrollton Church of the Nazarene. At the time, all adults of the church became founding members. The first pastor was Rev. Monroe Burkhardt and the song leader was Mrs. Jo Ann Marchant. Charter members included Rev. and Mrs. R.A. Holloway, Glen and Mary; Rev. and Mrs. M.S. Burkhardt and Elson; Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Marchant; Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Marchant, Jr. and Mrs. Irene Cardwell.

The founding members initially congregated at a building commonly referred to as the

"rabbit hutch" on Harry Hines Boulevard. Over the coming years, the church relocated several times to worship at various locations including Carrollton City Hall, a store in downtown Carrollton, the Carrollton Community Center, individual homes, the basement of Valwood Parkway Baptist Church, local schools, a unit building on Dove Creek and Kelly Boulevard, and finally at Hebron Parkway. While the church has worshiped in many locations, its positive message has always remained the same.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding the Carrollton Church of the Nazarene as it celebrates 50 years of dedicated fellowship. Clergy and members of the past and present are to be commended for their service to the church and greater community. It is my hope the Carrollton Church of the Nazarene continues to stand as beacon of resolve, inspiration, and worship for many years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO EDMUNDO ESCOBEDO, SR.

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Edmundo "Eddie" Escobedo, Sr., who is being honored by the Clark County School District with the naming of the Edmundo "Eddie" Escobedo, Sr. Middle School.

Mr. Escobedo was born in Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico before coming to the United States. He enlisted and served in the United States Air Force, where upon completion of his military duties he settled in Las Vegas. In 1970, Mr. Escobedo began promoting live Mexican dances and popular musical groups. In 1972, he opened the only Spanish movie theater within the Las Vegas community, called the "El Rancho". He also served several terms as the president of the National Spanish Pictures Exhibitors Association. For more than 20 years, Mr. Escobedo published "El Mundo", a Spanish-language weekly newspaper serving Nevada's large and rapidly-growing Hispanic population. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of KDOX 1280 AM, a Spanish-language local radio station.

He has served as founder, vice president, and president of the National Association of Hispanic Publications from 1997 to 2000. In 2002, Mr. Escobedo was named "Hispanic of the Year" by the Latin Chamber of Commerce and was included as number 23 of the list of "25 Most Influential Persons" in the city by "Las Vegas Life" magazine. In January 2003, he also became a member of the Board of Directors of Sunrise Hospital.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Edmundo "Eddie" Escobedo, Sr. I would like to congratulate Eddie and his family, including his wife of over 43 years, Maria, his four children, and his nine grandchildren. I applaud Eddie on his leadership and congratulate him on this much deserved recognition of having a middle school named in his honor by the Clark County School District.

MR. JESSE J. MORANDO

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and gratitude that I stand before you today to recognize one of Northwest Indiana's most dedicated, distinguished, and honorable citizens, Mr. Jesse J. Morando, 2007–2008 State Commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Department of Indiana. A lifelong resident of Northwest Indiana, Jesse is one of the most passionate and involved citizens that I have ever known, especially when it comes to his service to our veterans. To honor Jesse for his constant efforts to better the quality of life for Indiana's veterans, a testimonial dinner will be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 802 Hall in Hammond, Indiana, on Sunday, April 13, 2008.

Jesse James Morando was born in East Chicago, Indiana, the fourth of ten children. After relocating to Whiting, Indiana, in 1958, Jesse attended Immaculate Conception for grade school. Jesse's involvement in community activities began at an early age, when he excelled as a member of the Boy Scouts of America, eventually reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Recognized as one of Whiting's young leaders, Jesse was even appointed "Mayor for a Day." As a high school student at Whiting High School, Jesse excelled in athletics, participating on both the football and wrestling teams.

Following his graduation from Whiting High School, Jesse joined the United States Marine Corps and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. After receiving his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps in 1973, Jesse returned to Northwest Indiana and accepted a position at the Amoco, now BP, refinery in Whiting, where he has 27 years of service and has completed an apprentice program in pipe fitting and welding. Jesse's service, however, to veterans and to the Northwest Indiana community has remained a constant throughout his lifetime.

While he is well-known as the State Commander of the VFW, Jesse has also been involved in numerous other veterans' and service organizations in Northwest Indiana. Jesse is a life member of the American Legion Post 80 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2724 in Whiting, and also a member of the 40/8 Voiture 470 First District of Indiana, the AMVETS Post 64 in Whiting, the Indiana Freemasons, and the Mixtecas Motorcycle Group. Additionally, he is a life member of the VFW National Home.

Early on, Jesse learned that the best way to improve his community and to help people was to get involved. In many different roles, Jesse has remained true to one goal, to make a difference in society. From his service to veterans to his involvement in programs geared toward helping those in need, be it physically or financially, Jesse has always been a driving force in bettering the lives of many people. While it is impossible to list all of the ways in which Jesse has served his community, to name a few, Jesse has been a coach for the Challenger baseball team, where he assisted with obtaining funds to pay for the Field of Dreams in Hammond, Indiana. This outstanding program was aimed at affording physically challenged children the opportunity

to play baseball. He has also assisted with the Special Olympics, participated in motorcycle runs for Toys-for-Tots and other organizations to help those in need, been a personal donor for Locks of Love, and for the past six years, he has volunteered his time to the March of Dimes, raising money and assisting participants at an annual event in Highland, Indiana.

A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Jesse's commitment to veterans throughout Indiana is surpassed only by his love for his family. Jesse and his loving wife, Laura, are the proud parents of five children: Jennifer, Samantha, Sara, Elizabeth, and Jesse III, and three adoring grandchildren: Kali Rose, James IV, and Jaslyn.

Madam Speaker, Jesse Morando has selflessly given his time and efforts to not only veterans, but to many other groups as well, throughout his lifetime of service. At this time, I ask that you and all of my distinguished colleagues join me in commending him for his leadership and dedication. He serves as a true inspiration in the eyes of a grateful community.

HONORING DON TEMEYER

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Don Temeyer on his retirement as the Community Planning and Development Director for the City of Waterloo. At the end of this month, Don will be retiring after 33 years of service to the City of Waterloo.

Over the past 33 years, Don has been instrumental in moving the City of Waterloo forward and bringing the community together. With Don's guidance the City of Waterloo has seen successes from economic development to upgrading the city's recreational opportunities.

Don has served six different mayors and began his work in the Planning and Zoning office in 1974, the same year he graduated from Iowa State University. Don eventually headed this department. Community Planning and Development—comprised of Planning and Zoning, Community Development, the Waterloo Housing Authority and economic development functions—was formed in the middle 1990s with Don taking the lead.

Don has dedicated his life to the promotion and development of the City of Waterloo. His work has proven that strong community advocates can make a tremendous difference in their own backyards. With Don's retirement we are losing years of institutional knowledge and a champion for the needs of Waterloo residents. I am proud to represent Don and the City of Waterloo in Congress. I wish him the best in all his endeavors.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES OF CLEVELAND AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY WHO HAVE PASSED IN 2007

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the men and women who served as attorneys and judges in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County who passed away in 2007. They will be remembered for their individual and collective dedication as public servants, all focused on the public good, on the occasion of the Annual Greater Cleveland Bench-Bar Memorial Program being held on April 7, 2008, in Cleveland.

I stand with Chief Judge James G. Carr of the U.S. Federal District Court, Northern District of Ohio, and all the judges and magistrates of the Northern District, and the Bench-Bar Program organizing committee to remember and commemorate the lives and accomplishments of the lawyers and judges in our community who have recently passed. Through their work as lawyers and judges, these individuals have contributed their talent, trade and expertise within an array of roles to guide and support the citizens of the greater Cleveland community. We remember Thomas F. Allen, Robert F. Belovich, Sr., William E. Blackie, Jr., Edward J. Corrigan, Norman A. Fuerst, Michael R. Gallagher, Victor Greenslade, Jr., John Gustin, James E. Kuth, Anne M. Landefeld, Howard A. Levy, Joseph J. LoPresti, Jr., Charles S. Lynch, Stuart O.H. Merz, Ivan L. Miller, Robert Nelson, Robert S. Passov, Robert B. Preston, Jr., Ralph Rudd, Constantino M. Scudiere, Dennis H. Sherman, Richard B. Steuer, Kent N. Stone, Mark Edward Sullivan, Robert E. Sweeney, William Cronin Trier, Jr., Owen F. Walker, and Herbert R. Whiting. Their dedication to the legal profession and to the community will forever be respected and remembered.

It is noteworthy that the program on April 7, 2008 is being held at the recently restored Howard M. Metzenbaum U.S. Courthouse at Cleveland's Public Square. Senator Metzenbaum himself was a public citizen, lawyer and legislator whose service to the people of Ohio and the Nation is legendary. He was a consummate consumer advocate, labor rights advocate, accomplished legislator and an important figure in Ohio's political history whose passing last month we also mourn.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of the members of the legal profession who dedicated their professional lives to the law and to working among the people in the Greater Cleveland community to uphold and improve our justice system. Let their accomplishments and commitment to their profession serve as an example to be followed by all who follow in their footsteps.

COMMEMORATING UNITED STATES RECOGNITION OF NEWLY INDEPENDENT BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. OLVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina on their recent anniversary of independence which was recognized by the United States on April 7, 1992. I am honored that the United States was one of the first nations to recognize the newly independent Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I would like to applaud the democratic orientation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and I strongly support the further strengthening of its government and peoples and their respect for human rights, rule of law, and free market economics. As we mark the anniversary of U.S. recognition of an independent Bosnia and Herzegovina, let us reaffirm our support for Bosnia's progress towards Euro-Atlantic integration.

I once again congratulate the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina on this anniversary of their independence and I look forward to collaboration between our two countries.

HONORING JOHN DOSTER

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary achievements of Mr. John Doster. Mr. Doster is being recognized by the Bristol Borough Traffic and Crowd Control Advisory Council for his hard work and exceptional accomplishments in working to better his community.

A lifelong resident of Bucks County, Mr. Doster's long and exemplary career of service to his community began 75 years ago and continues to this day. In 1934, Mr. Doster joined the Edgley Fire Company, and he has been a member ever since. Mr. Doster has held many important community leadership positions throughout the years, serving as the fire chief of the Edgley Firehouse, the fire marshal for Bristol Township, the president of the Fire Chiefs Association, and a fire school instructor.

Mr. Doster's dedication to keeping those in his community safe is also evident through the numerous awards he has received. In 1977, he received the Distinguished Hero award for his brave actions in saving the lives of two people trapped in a burning building. In 1999 and 2000, he received the Most Active Firefighter Award from the Edgley Fire Company. Mr. Doster was also the recipient of the Commanders Club Award in both 2001 and 2004.

In addition to his commendable service to his community, Mr. Doster has also dedicated himself to serving his country. He was a member of the United States Army, serving as a corporal in North Africa from 1942 to 1945. During his service in the Army, Mr. Doster received various commendations celebrating his