

HONORING MATHEW DAVID  
BUCHHOLZ

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mathew David Buchholz 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 303, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

### CONGRATULATING JUNOT DIAZ FOR WINNING THE 2008 PULITZER PRIZE FOR FICTION

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise and congratulate Junot Diaz for winning the Pulitzer Prize for fiction on Monday, April 7, 2008, for his novel "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao."

Junot Diaz was born in the Dominican Republic on December 31, 1968, but has lived most of his life in New Jersey. As a child he loved reading, and his favorite book of all time is "Planet of the Apes." After high school, Junot attended the University of Rutgers where he received his Bachelor's Degree in English in 1992, later received his Master of Fine Arts at the University of Cornell in 1995, where he decided to develop his passion for creative writing.

Junot Diaz first made a name for himself with his critically acclaimed short story collection "Drown" in 1996, which featured the short stories "Ysrael", and "Drown". In this novel he developed the short stories into segments of the life of a Dominican immigrant getting accustomed to life in the United States. He also published a translated version of "Drown" titled "Negocios." This short story novel made him a household name in the Dominican American communities nationwide.

His latest novel, "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" has been praised as the best novel of 2007 by Time Magazine, New York Magazine, the Washington Post, and countless other newspaper publications. In this novel he portrayed the story of a boy, who is fascinated with comic books, who lives with a dysfunctional Dominican family, who decide to move back home during the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo.

Junot Diaz is a wonderful example that anything you put your mind and dedication to can be achieved in great depth. He has achieved

goals that many only dream about in a lifetime, at a tender age of 39. He serves as a great role model for youth in the United States as evidence the American dream can be achieved.

### CONGRATULATING CLARENCE W. DUPNIK FOR 50 YEARS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE TO THE TUCSON, ARIZONA, COMMUNITY

### HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mr. PASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's finest, Clarence W. Dupnik, Sheriff of Pima County, Arizona, who, this year, celebrates 50 years of law enforcement service to his community in Tucson, Arizona. Sheriff Dupnik began his career in February, 1958, as a Patrol Officer with the City of Tucson Police Department. While there, he held various positions, rising to Major in charge of Field Operations when he retired in January, 1977. From there, he was appointed Chief Deputy Sheriff of the Pima County Sheriffs Department, and was appointed Pima County Sheriff on February 19, 1980. Since that time, Sheriff Dupnik has been elected to 7 consecutive terms of office as Pima County Sheriff, a position in which he remains today. Of his 50 years of law enforcement service, Clarence Dupnik has served 31 years as Sheriff of Pima County, the 2nd largest populated county in the States of Arizona, and the 7th largest county in the nation—a remarkable achievement!

During his law enforcement career, Sheriff Dupnik has, among other things:

Led the reduction of the per capital crime rate in Pima County to levels equal to the City of Scottsdale and one-half the crime rate within the City of Tucson.

Created the Metropolitan Area Narcotics Trafficking Interdiction Squads (MANTIS).

Founded the Command Group of the Arizona Alliance Planning Committee, a joint federal, state, and local law enforcement task force to interdict and prevent the smuggling of illegal narcotics into Arizona from Mexico.

Collaborated with the FBI to participate in the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and was appointed to serve on the Executive Committee of the FBI.

Pursued and secured funding from the Department of Homeland Security for a helicopter to identify and interdict terrorists.

Introduced Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) in Pima County Schools.

Founded the drug prevention group known as the Arizonans for a Drug-Free Workplace, and serves as its Chairman.

Madam Speaker, the dedication and service of Clarence Dupnik to Pima County during his 50 year law enforcement career is truly commendable and worthy of note by this body. We thank Sheriff Dupnik for his long and illustrious career, and wish him further success in the years to come. We know that all of the years of public service have sacrificed time from this family and personal matters, so we take this moment to also thank and acknowledge his wife, Susie, and their families. The Tucson community, and the state of Arizona as a whole, is a better place because of you, my friend, Sheriff Dupnik.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR THURMAN  
G. ADAMS, JR., PRESIDENT PRO  
TEMPORE DELAWARE STATE  
SENATE

### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Senator Thurman G. Adams, Jr., who was elected by his colleagues as Senate President Pro Tempore of the Delaware General Assembly in January of 2003. Senator Adams is also the longest serving member of the State Senate in Delaware history, as he has represented the 19th Senate District of Sussex County since 1972, and I had the personal pleasure of serving with him in the State Senate during my last term as a Senator from 1972 to 1976 and again as Lt. Governor from 1981 to 1985. In addition, when I was Governor of Delaware from 1985 to 1993 I worked closely with Senator Adams on many issues.

During his career in public service, Senator Adams has held many distinguished positions. Before becoming President Pro Tempore, he served as Senate Majority Leader from 1999 to 2003. Senator Adams serves on several standing committees, including the Agriculture Committee, the Highways & Transportation Committee, and as longtime Chairman of the Executive Committee. In this position he has overseen the appointment of Chief Justices, Judges, cabinet secretaries and individuals to other prominent positions within State Government. He has worked for the interests of Delaware's farm community and expended much effort toward such causes as improving roads and the quality of Delaware's public education system. As a member of the Public Safety Committee, Senator Adams sponsored legislation that established Delaware's "Enhanced 911" emergency telephone system.

Senator Adams is a lifelong Delawarean, being born and raised in Bridgeville, DE, in the very district that he now represents. After graduating from Bridgeville High School, Senator Adams went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Delaware. Senator Adams was married for almost 50 years to Hilda McCabe Adams, who passed away in 2002. His world revolves around family and his two daughters, Polly and Lynn, son Brent who passed away, seven grandsons and four great-grandchildren mean the world to him. He is the president of T.G. Adams & Sons, Inc., a feed and grain company, and oversees a large farming business. Senator Adams has served on various boards, including the Eastern Shore Grain Dealers Association, of which he was president, chairman of the United Methodist Church Administrative board, president of Harrington Raceway, and as director of Baltimore Trust Company, Milford Memorial Hospital and the Medical Center of Delaware. In addition to his public service, Senator Adams devotes time to community outreach and charitable projects through the Bridgeville Lions Club, several Shrine Clubs, and numerous other organizations. Finally, if we could get his beloved Baltimore Orioles back into the World Series I am certain Senator Adams would consider his work complete, well at least for a moment or so.

I commend and thank Senator Thurman Adams for his innumerable contributions and many years of admirable service to the State of Delaware. I am confident that he will continue to serve the people of Delaware with passion and excellence and I am very proud to call him my friend.

CONGRATULATING THE ARMY  
RESERVE ON ITS CENTENNIAL

SPEECH OF

**HON. STEVE BUYER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2008*

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Joint Resolution 70. The Centennial of the Army Reserves marks our proud heritage of citizen soldiers who have always answered the call to duty with honor and pride. I want to thank my colleagues Mr. BISHOP, Mr. TAYLOR, and Mr. SHIMKUS for their leadership on this resolution. As an original cosponsor of this resolution and as a co-chair of the National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus, I'm very pleased that 260 of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle recognize the crucial impact the members of the Army Reserve have had on this great Nation throughout its 100-year history.

Over my 28 years of service as a member of the Army Reserve, I have had the good fortune to see firsthand the actions of the men and women of this fine organization—they are the virtual bedrock of our Nation. I've seen the dedication of these Citizen-Soldiers operating across the United States; in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany; during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Kuwait and surrounding countries; and in the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Regardless of the operating environment or the personal sacrifice required, these great Americans have responded again and again to our Nation's call. From the initial call-up of the Army Reserve to run down the bandit "Pancho" Villa, through bloody battles in World Wars I and II, to the wars in the Persian Gulf, they have always answered the Nation's call in its time of need, riding toward the sound of the guns, around the world, without hesitation.

Today's Army Reserve can no longer be characterized as a strategic reserve; it is an operational force called upon to be at the forefront of our Nation's warfighting capability. Of the 180,000 officers and enlisted soldiers serving in today's Army Reserve, nearly 3,000 are Hoosiers. I'm extremely proud of these men and women and the sacrifices that they make every day to keep our Nation free and safe.

Lieutenant General Jack Stultz, the Chief of the United States Army Reserve, recently said, "Our Citizen-Soldiers depend on their families, friends, civilian employers, and community to help them balance their responsibilities and commitments." And so, to those who support our federal Citizen-Soldiers, I offer my heartfelt thanks and congratulations for helping make this centennial possible. And to the families and loved ones of the 156 soldiers of the Army Reserve who have borne the ultimate sacrifice in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, including the family of Staff Sergeant Keith Maupin whose body was identified only days after being

classified as missing-captured for nearly 4 years, I offer my deepest thanks and respect for your sacrifice. And to the family of Sergeant Ahmed Altaie, who is still listed as missing-captured after 16 months, I offer my continued hope and prayers.

At any given time, more than 20,000 Army Reserve Soldiers are deployed to no fewer than 18 countries around the world. Their efforts ensure that America's vital national security interests are fulfilled and that our homeland is protected. I am proud to be counted among their ranks.

These Soldiers and their loved ones should be a greater share of our burden than at any time in our Nation's history. This resolution represents an opportunity for Congress to recognize the incredible history of service, sacrifice, and accomplishment of those Soldiers who have served in the Army Reserve since its inception. Please join me in celebrating that heritage and recognizing their proud history by supporting this resolution.

CONGRATULATING THE ARMY  
RESERVE ON ITS CENTENNIAL

SPEECH OF

**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2008*

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in support of H.J. Res. 70, congratulating the Army Reserve on their 100-year history. The U.S. Constitution of 1789 and the Militia Act of 1792 officially reaffirmed the continued reliance of the new Nation on the citizen-soldier for defense. According to Army Reserve Historian Lee S. Harford, Jr., the antecedents and heritage of the current United States Army Reserve are found in the tradition of the "federal" or "national" American citizen-soldier, dating back at least as far as the French and Indian War (1756–1763). America would be a very different place were it not for the patriotism and dedication of these citizen-warriors.

Members of the Army Reserve bring maturity, experience and civilian-acquired skills to the active military components and since September 11, 2001, over 188,025 soldiers have been mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Army Reserve provides trained and ready soldiers and units with the critical combat service support and combat support capabilities necessary to support Nation strategy during peacetime, contingencies and war. They are a key element in the Army multi-component unit force, training with Active and National Guard units to ensure all 3 components work as a fully integrated team.

Since September 11th, the Nation's Reserve Components have evolved from a strategic force in reserve to an operational force that is constantly deployed. Gone are the days of working 2 weekends a month and 2 weeks in the summer. The on-going Global War on Terrorism has seen citizen-warrior deployments go from 1 in every 5 years to now 1 in every 2–3 years. Army Reserve members are deployed all around the world and fulfill a wide range of capabilities that include war-fighting, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and post-conflict and transitional operations such

as democracy building, stability efforts and peace-keeping. Many of my fellow Kansans share in this tremendous Army Reserve tradition, as members of the 89th Regional Readiness Command. Their mission is to help train and deploy America's most effective supporting ground forces.

Army Reserve soldiers must balance military obligations with family obligations and also manage a delicate balance with their full-time civilian careers. Employers must cope with these year-long deployments and balance the instability created from having one less employee to conduct business. Additionally, we as a Nation must ensure that these Army Reserve heroes are taken care of when they return from deployments. We must properly treat returning soldiers for post traumatic stress disorders, and ensure their transition back to civilian life is as smooth as possible.

I encourage my colleagues to support this important resolution and am pleased that today the House recognizes the role of the Army Reserve.

HONORING MR. JOSEPH DELANEY  
FOR HIS YEARS OF COMMUNITY  
SERVICE ON STATEN ISLAND,  
NEW YORK

**HON. VITO FOSSELLA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008*

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a pillar of community service in my district, Mr. Joseph Delaney. The University of Notre Dame Alumni Association officially recognizes 230 Alumni clubs throughout the world. This includes the University of Notre Dame Alumni Club of Staten Island, located in my Congressional District. For 10 years the Staten Island Club was led by a gentleman I rise to honor today, Mr. Joseph Delaney.

During Joe's leadership, the Alumni Club became one of the most altruistic, charity-oriented organizations on Staten Island. The University of Notre Dame Alumni Association recognized the Staten Island Club with its prestigious Charlie F. Lennon Award, recognizing it as the most outstanding club in the entire network, in both 1999 and 2005. The club was also recognized by the University Alumni Association as the most outstanding club for their size of membership three times, in 1997, 2002, and 2005.

Joe's community service is not restricted solely to his leadership of the Alumni Club. In the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks Joe arranged for the University of Notre Dame Glee Club to visit Staten Island and headline a fundraiser which raised \$11,000 to help the families of police and fire officers who died at the World Trade Center. On two separate occasions Joe has coordinated fundraisers for the benefit of St. Peter's Elementary School raising a total of \$17,000 for the school.

While no longer serving as the Club's President, Joe continues to direct their annual Christmas Toy Drive which aides the Salvation Army, The New York Foundling Hospital, and the Seaman's Society. He also coordinates their Annual Thanksgiving Clothes Drive which provides coats to the needy at Project Hospitality. One of Joe's greatest charity successes has been building the annual "Bread of Life Food Drive." Through this drive the Alumni