

four wind turbines that make up the Loess Hills Wind Farm will produce 16 million kilowatt hours of electricity per year. Rock Port will truly be the first community in America capable of meeting its entire annual electricity demands from wind power.

As a long standing supporter of wind energy, I am a proud to report the first 100 percent wind-powered community in the United States is in the Sixth Congressional District of Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and the entire United States House of Representatives join me in celebrating with the City of Rock Port, Atchison County and the great State of Missouri in being the "true" leader for this Nation for energy independence.

DESIREE LAWRENCE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Desiree Lawrence who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Desiree Lawrence is a student at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Desiree Lawrence is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Desiree Lawrence for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING RACHEL RUSSELL FOR WINNING THE OHIO DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Rachel Russell showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Rachel Russell was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Rachel Russell always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Rachel Russell on winning the Ohio Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

RECOGNIZING THE FLORENCE CRITTENTON HOME IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the 125th anniversary of the National Crittenton Foundation, an organization that supports empowerment and self-sufficiency for young women at risk. In particular, I want to celebrate the work of a leading member of the Crittenton Family of Agencies: The Florence Crittenton Home in Lexington, Kentucky.

Established in 1894, The Florence Crittenton Home in Lexington is a private non-profit residential treatment facility that provides comprehensive services to girls who have been abused, neglected, abandoned or are experiencing pregnancy and parenting in the face of mental health and behavioral challenges. Every day, this dedicated organization strives to provide a stable, safe and nurturing atmosphere to help its clients achieve the personal growth and family stability necessary to thrive as adults.

Originally known as the Lexington House of Mercy, the Florence Crittenton Home opened its doors on September 3, 1894 in response to community concern about the lack of support for the city's girls. Over the years, with help from community partners including the Fayette County Board of Education, the University of Kentucky, the Keeneland Foundation, the Junior League of Lexington, numerous churches and dedicated volunteers, the Florence Crittenton Home has provided important social services to thousands of Kentucky's young women.

The National Crittenton Foundation and Lexington's own Florence Crittenton Home are to be commended as organizations that allow Kentucky's young women to believe in and empower themselves. It is with this ongoing contribution in mind that I recognize them both on this special occasion.

TRIBUTE TO JANET ELIZABETH THIESSEN

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who spent more than 20 years working for the people of the 2nd District of Washington State. Janet Elizabeth Thiessen, who passed away last month at the age of 78, was at the side of former Congressman Al Swift, throughout the years he represented the 2nd District from 1978 until 1995.

Ms. Thiessen's service to the 2nd District didn't begin with Rep. Swift; she first worked for his predecessor, Congressman Lloyd Meeds, as a caseworker in the district office and later as a member of his DC staff.

After graduating from Western Washington State College, Ms. Thiessen started out her career as a teacher. When she and her husband moved to Skagit County, she turned her

attention to raising sons Kyle and Scott and volunteering in the community. One of her volunteer projects she was most proud of was helping to bring childcare to migrant families in Skagit County so children wouldn't have to be in the fields while their parents were in the fields picking fruit and vegetables. It was during her years as a volunteer for the local Democratic Party that she met Lloyd Meeds. Her volunteer efforts for Rep. Meeds led to a job helping his constituents, first in the district office and then in Washington, DC. Ms. Thiessen and Swift both worked for Rep. Meeds and when Swift was elected, she became office manager and ultimately his Chief of Staff.

Ms. Thiessen was respected and admired by all who worked in the office. She set high standards and expected top-quality work from all staff in the Swift office. Her hand was in nearly every issue that Swift worked on throughout his tenure in Congress, from his Motor Voter bill, which eventually became law, to the various projects that he sponsored around the 2nd District, such as the 88th Street Interchange on I-5 and the return of passenger rail service between Seattle and Vancouver, BC. She knew the issues, she knew the district, and she made sure everything ran smoothly for Rep. Swift and his legislative staff.

Her writing and grammatical skills were the envy of the entire office. I've been told that both she and Rep. Swift were terrific editors, but her eagle eyes would rarely let a misspelled word or typo slip by in any of the correspondence that went out of the office. Outside of the office, her ability to work a crossword or any type of word puzzle was legendary!

She was one of the first to arrive in the office each day and usually the last to leave at night. She took young staffers under her wing and often pushed them to better themselves in their careers—whether that meant going back to school or taking another job. Many of Swift's former staffers whom Ms. Thiessen helped nurture have gone on to become state legislators, CEOs, judges, attorneys, public affairs officers, top congressional staff, archivists, and teachers. I am fortunate that my own district director for many years worked with and was mentored by Ms. Thiessen.

Janet Thiessen was an independent woman who made her way in a world that was, at that time, often dominated by men. She rose from an unpaid volunteer to the Chief of Staff for a veteran congressman, all on her own. Her intellect, political skills, loyalty, sense of humor and kindness served her well in her career on Capitol Hill and in life. She will be greatly missed.

HONORING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE LEWIS LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, on April 19, 2008, the city of Fontana and neighboring cities in the region will gather to celebrate the grand opening of the Lewis Library and Technology Center located in Fontana, CA.

The idea for the Lewis Library and Technology Center was birthed out of the need to create a library that would house the needs of the growing community. City officials and local developers believed that a more technologically advanced library was necessary to enhance personal, professional, recreational and lifelong learning goals, a task that was unattainable through the already existing "Emerald Street" Library.

The Lewis Library and Technology Center is the first significant new building in the region. This library creates not only a new awareness for the city, but a newfound awareness and appreciation for the Inland Empire Region, specifically the San Bernardino County area.

In addition to representing a new image for the city and the region, the Lewis Library and Technology Center provides accessibility to surrounding cities like Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, Colton, Ontario, Bloomington and San Bernardino.

Fontana is the 5th fastest growing city in the State and the 8th fastest growing city in the Nation—population 183,640 and growing. Fontana is also a melting pot with 12 percent Black, 60 percent Hispanic, 25 percent White, with a wide variety of cultures and languages. Roughly 41 percent of our 42,000 school-age children in the classrooms are designated "English Language Learners." That's 17,176 kids who need your help. The library will fulfill the community's desire for improved library services as well as establish an icon for a maturing and growing city.

The Lewis Library and Technology Center will for years to come be symbolic of the city's diversity and will be representative of the advancements that have been made in Fontana. The library will be a historic monument for the city and the region.

It is on behalf of the children of our community and our region that we recognize this great work and give tribute to the grand opening of the Lewis Library and Technology Center.

THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. BOYD of Florida. Madam Speaker, I want to commend the House and Senate leadership on their negotiations throughout the last year on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. They have worked diligently on this issue and I rise today to encourage them to finalize a version of the bill that protects the civil liberties of our citizens, provides comprehensive guidelines for our intelligence community and reaffirms the importance of private industry cooperation in government investigations.

The right to privacy has long been regarded as an inherent American value and it is our Government's responsibility to strike a balance between protecting that constitutionally protected right and securing the country against future terrorist attacks. I have been pleased to support the Democratic led efforts towards Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act reauthorization that have made it clear that these rights are to be at the forefront of actions taken by Government officials.

In addition to this emphasis, I believe it imperative that a final bill exempts from liability the telecommunications companies who participated in the Bush administration's requests for information on customer records. I join the National Sheriffs' Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Fraternal Order of Police, members of the 9/11 Commission and the Florida State Attorney General Bill McCollum in urging this protection. A provision as such will ensure that the cooperative relationships that law enforcement and the private sector have will continue to facilitate critical information exchanges that protect this Nation and its citizens.

I am confident that Congress will continue the role intended by our forefathers to oversee the past, current and future actions of the executive branch, particularly in regard to these bedrock issues that make the United States the greatest country in the world. Our intelligence community deserves updated direction and guidance on these issues backed by the force of law, and I urge our leaders to continue their good work.

HONORING VOLUNTEERS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to bring before this Congress the following outstanding people who have voluntarily served orphans, public school children, college students, juvenile delinquents, and needy families under the official invitation and authority of government agencies in Austria, China, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan and Ukraine. The excellent character demonstrated by these people, as well as their commitment to the principles upon which our Nation was founded, have not only attracted the attention of leaders, parents, the media, and students, but it has also brought honor to the United States of America and to the Lord Jesus Christ who they serve.

Bair, Aileen, IL; Bair, Robert, IL; Beiler, Krista, PA; Bisson, Hannah, OH; Bollinger, Lauren, OH; Brown, James, NY; Chen, Anna, NY; Chen, Faith, NY; Chen, Grace, NY; Chen, Karen, NY; Chen, Dr. Stephen, NY; Chen, Timothy, NY.

Christensen, Edith, GA; Christiansen, Alissa, OK; Christiansen, Chad, OK; Clawson, Laura, MN; Clayton, Philip, NC; Coffing, Dominique, NM; Connelly, Sarah, AZ; Conzatti, Dena, WA; Cook, Aaron, SC; Cook, Kristi, SC; Cooper, Gloria, TX; Cooper, Josiah, TX.

Copu, Carmen, IL; Copu, Joy, IL; Copu, Paul, IL; Copu, Peter, IL; Copu, Rebecca, IL; Copu, Stefana, IL; Copu, Valen, IL; Copu, Victor, IL; Copu, William, IL; Crisp, Heather, OH; Cyrus, Lauren, MI; Dalrymple, Hannah, GA.

DeBoer, Rachel, IL; DePriest, Amy, MO; Dornink, Melody, MN; Dudley, Juliana, PA; Dudley, Wesley, PA; Ehnis, Nathan, MI; Ehnis, Shannon, MI; Eng, Emily, NC; Eng, Michelle, NC; Estes, Autumn, FL; Estes, Curtis, FL; Estes, Daniel, FL.

Estes, Mildred, FL; Farr, Roger, TX; Farr, Sue, TX; Freehan, Benjamin, WA; Feig, Joel, WI; Feig, Zachary, WI; Fernandez, Jonathan,

CA; Fields, Jonelle, TX; Forsman, Camille, MN; Fox, Elizabeth, CA; Frahm, Jonathan, GA; Frahm, Laura, GA.

Gamble, Allison, AL; Gay, Carissa, OR; Gilley, Rebekah, AL; Gillson, Kennan, MN; Gillson, Kirsten, MN; Greenwood, Karen, CT; Grier, Anna, GA; Grindall, Rachel, WA; Hanes, Austin, AL; Haueisen, Michelle, WA; Heath, Joshua, PA; Heath, Krystal, PA.

Hilton, Alex, VA; Hollinger, Seanna, NE; Hubbard, Micah, AR; Hug, Ruth, WA; Hung, Daniel, CA; Hung, Rachel, CA; Hung, Rebecca, CA; Hung, Sharon, CA; Hynes, Joy, IN; Jefferies, Megan, MI; Johnson, Amanda, WI; Johnson, Rebekah, IL.

Jorgensen, Andrew, PA; Jorgensen, Rachel, PA; Kallberg, Luke, IL; Kallberg, Naomi, IL; Krauter, Jocelyn, PA; Ku Isabelle, NJ; Kulp, Jarita, WI; LaLone, Douglas, PA; Langemann, Christy, CO; Lawrence, Ian, AL; Lehman, Regina, PA; Leskowat, Catherine, OK.

Leskowat, Naomi, OK; Levendusky, Angie, OK; Levendusky, Dr. Tim, OK; Lewis, Mai, WI; Lindley, Jessica, IL; Lindley, Sarah, IL; Little, Lauren, NJ; Llewellyn, Chad, MD; Lukachick, Anna, LA; Lukachick, David, LA; Lyons, Hannah, IL.

Lyons, Mary, IL; Lyons, Naomi, IL; Lyons, Roy, IL; Mally, Grace, IA; Mally, Harold, IA; Mally, Rebekah, IA; Mally, Sarah, IA; Mally, Stephen, IA; Malm, Ben, MN; Marshall, Dallas, OK; Marshall, Ezra, OK.

Marshall, James, OK; Marshall, Johnathan, OK; Marshall, Louanne, OK; Marshall, Thaddaeus, OK; Mason, Christina, AR; Matchak, Jacob, CA; Mattix, George, IL; Mattix, Pattie, IL; McCray, Jo, AR; McCray, Dr. Kevin, AR.

Meng, Christine, NC; Meng, Ethen, NC; Meng, Grace, NC; Meng, Justin, NC; Meng, Stephen, NC; Neu, Daniel, KS; Newhook, Andrew, PA; Newhook, Trevor, PA; Newhook, Tyler, PA; Nicholson, Benjamin, TX; Noland, Katherine, MA.

O'Conner, Adam, LA; Payne, Ashia, MD; Payne, Nikolai, IA; Pennel, Corrie, DE; Peterson, Joy, FL; Phariss, Erik, TX; Phariss, Ken, TX; Phariss, Sacha, TX; Phariss, Susana, TX; Pierpont, Holly, MI; Plattner, Tessa, AZ.

Randall, Erin, TX; Richmond, Kristen, OH; Ross, Charles, GA; Ross, Mary, GA; Ross, Rebecca, GA; Sachse, Jennifer, TX; Samaha, James, SC; Sanborn, Diane, FL; Sanders, Charity, AL; Sater, Jonathan, ID.

Seale, Susanna, TX; Searle, Shawn, CA; Sellin, Tammy, KS; Shepherd, Gracie, GA; Sherrer, Katherine, NC; Shoemaker, Richard, OK; Simpson, Jerry, OH; Simpson, Nichole, OH; Snyder, Benjamin, MA; Staddon, Donald, WV; Steinbach, Jeff, CA.

Stewart, Andrew, OH; Stewart, Lucas, OH; Stonecypher, Esther, IN; Stonecypher, Caleb, IN; Stonecypher, Debra, IN; Stonecypher, Elizabeth, IN; Stonecypher, Leah, IN; Stonecypher, Maurice, IN; Straub, Nathan, WA; Straub, Teresa, WA; Strickler, Ruth, PA.

Sullivan, Andrei, NC; Sullivan, John David, NC; Sullivan, Roslyn, NC; Sullivan, Sarah, NC; Sullivan, Tom, NC; Taylor, Luisa, CA; Turner, Jane, GA; Vaccaro, Jeanette, MT; Van Ry, Sheralee, WA; Waller, Adam, IL.

Waller, Brian, IL; Waller, David, IL; Waller, Derrick, IL; Waller, Lydia, IL; Waller, Matthew, IL; Waller, Rachelle, IL; Waller, Rebecca, IL; Waller, Samuel, IL; Waller, Sarah, IL; Waller, Sue, IL; Waterman, Kaylan, MI; Wenstrom, Angela, FL; Wenstrom, Brittany, FL.