

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, Katerine, 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.

Wenstrom, Chris, FL; Wenstrom, James, FL; Wenstrom, Kimberly, FL; Wenstrom, Matthew, FL; Wenstrom, Michelle, FL; Whitten, Susannah, IN; Williams, Arnah, IN; Williams, Burton, CT; Williams, Sue, CT; Winkler, Kathryn, NY; Yaste, Alexander, IN; and Zaloum, Kristina, IN.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ROBERT EASLICK 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, Robert Easlick showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Robert Easlick was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Robert Easlick always displayed sportsmanship on and off the court; now, therefore, be it

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

GENEVIEVE MARTINEZ

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 Genevieve Martinez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Genevieve Martinez is a student at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Genevieve Martinez 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 Genevieve Martinez 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.

TRIBUTE TO PRINCIPAL JILL RAMSEY AND TEACHERS MR. PATRICK FINE, MS. LIESA HARTIN, MR. MIKE KAISER AND MR. STEVE MUSIAL

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Principal Jill Ramsey and

physical education teachers: Mr. Patrick Fine, Ms. Liesa Hartin, Mr. Mike Kaiser, and Mr. Steve Musial. Principal Jill Ramsey and the Chesterfield Elementary School has successfully renewed its STARS status. The criteria for STARS recognition is based on the National Standards for Physical Education, specifically, educationally and developmentally appropriate instructional strategies and teaching skills, adequate facilities and equipment that are safe and appropriate for the age and abilities of the students and that enable students to participate in the maximum amount of active time on task, and classes taught by certified physical educators.

A quality school physical education program is the foundation for helping all children develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence that promote lifelong physical activity. By improving the quality of school physical education programs across the country, we will have a direct effect on the health of America's children.

I want to thank the fine educators of Chesterfield Elementary School for their commitment to the health and education of our future generations and congratulate them on the successful renewal of their STARS status in 2008.

CONGRATULATING WANDA JENSEN FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AS STICKNEY TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEEWOMAN

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Wanda Jensen as she retires from over 40 years of service as Stickney Township Democratic committeewoman. Throughout her tenure, Mrs. Jensen served her community commendably and I am pleased to recognize her for her long and admirable record of public service.

A longtime resident of the Third District, Mrs. Jensen has demonstrated true community spirit with an unwavering devotion to serving the public. Her service to Stickney as a Democratic committeewoman since 1966 is but one example of her deep community involvement. A true pillar of the community, Wanda has served as a Stickney Township trustee for more than 30 years, all the while devoting extra time to organizations such as the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts.

As a testament to her success at bringing the community together, Mrs. Jensen is the proud founder of a local fashion show that has been running for 41 years. Over time, this event has evolved into a popular community gathering that sells out every year.

Amidst her many commendable contributions to the Third District, Mrs. Jensen raised 4 children and now enjoys the pleasure of a large family, which has grown to include 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Jensen is also a devoted member of St. Albert the Great Catholic Church.

I rise today, Madam Speaker, to commend the dedication and service of Wanda Jensen as she retires from her post as Stickney Township Democratic committeewoman. I am proud to have in the Third District such an exemplary model of a devoted public servant. I

deeply appreciate her service and wish her and her loved ones a wonderful celebration as they commemorate her many years of service.

CONGRATULATING GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. RAY LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to recognize seven outstanding young women who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest offered by the Girl Scouts.

I am honored to extend my congratulations to Ms. Kellie Poland, Ms. Marlene Smith, Ms. Andreanna Haun, Ms. Heather Graham, Ms. Nikita Garman, Ms. Mindy Merdian, and Ms. Alexis Moore, all Gold Award winners. These young women join an elite group of Girl Scouts, as last year only about 5 percent of eligible Scouts earned the prestigious Gold Award. Each of these young women's accomplishments demonstrates their ability to successfully meet a challenge and achieve a truly difficult goal. They have shown leadership in their communities and, through their efforts, have had a positive impact on the lives of others. The Girl Scouts can be proud today, as I am, of these fine young women, who, with character and confidence, have shown the courage to achieve the highest of honors available to them, the Gold Award.

I applaud their dedication and thank them for their service to our communities. I encourage them to continue to be positive examples for those around them, and, again, I offer my sincere congratulations.

FERNANDA MARTINEZ

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 Fernanda Martinez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Fernanda Martinez is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Fernanda Martinez 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 Fernanda Martinez 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.