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DONALD L. "ROBBIE" ROBINSON, PH.D., 71, CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER; B.U. POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR

WELLFLEET.—Donald Louis "Robbie" Robinson, Ph.D., 71, a retired congressional staffer and political science professor at Boston University, died in his sleep at his home in Wellfleet, on Tuesday, April 29, 2008.

Robbie is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sara Moore Robinson. He is also survived by his daughter, Moore, his son, Marshall, his daughter-in-law, Jennifer, and his granddaughter, Aila.

Robbie was born in Ottawa, Ill., in 1936. In his youth, he was a talented trumpet player and tap dancer, who won numerous prizes. He received an academic scholarship to Northwestern University, from which he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1958, and a Master of Arts degree in 1959. While at Northwestern, he earned spending money playing trumpet in a dance band, and was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Robbie joined the Navy in the Officer Training Program, and moved to Washington, D.C., where he served in the Office of Naval Intelligence for 3½ years. During his tenure in the Navy, he began a doctoral program in International Relations at American University in Washington, D.C. He left the Navy in 1962 and received his Ph.D. in 1963.

It was at a friend's Sunday brunch, over bagels, where he met his future wife, Sara Moore, a congressional staffer. The two fell in love and were married in 1962. They had two children, a son, Marshall, in 1969, and a daughter, Margaret "Moore," born in 1971.

Dr. Robinson worked as a congressional staffer for 13 years, before retiring on disability in 1976 after being diagnosed with Crohn's disease. He was then hired by Boston University to develop a Washington, D.C., Internship Program, which he ran for 25 years. In addition, he developed internship programs for Case Western Reserve and the University of Houston. He was appointed by President Bill Clinton to be a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. Dr. Robinson and his wife, an attorney, retired together and moved from Washington, D.C., to Wellfleet in 2001.

Robbie was deeply involved with the Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C., first at St. Stephen and the Incarnation, and then at St. Columba's Church, where he was a lay minister. After retirement, he was a lector, lay minister and administrator of the healing rite at St. Mary of the Harbor, Provincetown.

At the time of his death, he was president of the Wellfleet Historical Society, treasurer of the Cape Cod Opera, the only nonsinging member of the board of the Outer Cape Choral, a Freemason and a Shriner. Last year, he and his wife joined dear friends on a guided tour through the Baltic States and Russia.

Robbie loved his family very much, and was delighted to meet his adored first grandchild, Aila, in January. Despite his history of chronic illness, his death came suddenly and unexpectedly, and is a great loss for all who knew him for his indomitable good cheer, his delight of conversation and his sheer enjoyment of life. He will be missed tremendously.

A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008, at 3 p.m., at St. Mary of the Harbor in Provincetown.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Wellfleet Historical Society (Please note: Attention Robbie Robinson Fund) at 266 Main St., Wellfleet, MA 02667.

HONORING MAJOR BERNARD WARRINGTON

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend a soldier from my district, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Major Bernard Warrington, Jr., who will be promoted today to lieutenant colonel. Bernard Warrington, Jr., was born in Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands in 1970. He attended public school there and graduated from Central High School in 1988. Since that time, he has distinguished himself as a soldier and a scholar, working his way up in the military, first as an infantry officer in 1992, in the 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 24th Infantry Division at Ft. Benning, Georgia. While assigned to the 3rd Brigade, he deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Southern Watch.

In 1996, he relocated to Ft. Hood, Texas, where he served with the 1st Cavalry Division Support Command, (DISCOM), as its Plans Officer and Assistant Brigade Operations Officer. He was then reassigned to 615th Aviation Support Battalion (ASB) to command its Headquarters and Supply Company (HSC) and deployed with the 1st Cavalry Division to Bosnia, Herzegovina, in support of Operation Stabilization Forces Four (SPOR4).

Major Warrington then served as the Combat Service Support (CSS) Team Chief for the 348th Training Support Brigade (TSB) Ft. Buchanan, Puerto Rico, responsible for training U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard Forces. He was next assigned within the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) as a G4 Power Projection Logistics Planner and Crisis Action Team member for CENTCOM during Operation Enduring Freedom.

He was deployed in 2003 to meet the 101st Corps Support Group (CSG) in Mosul, Iraq, where he served as its Brigade Operations Planner, Deputy Brigade S3 during Operation Iraqi Freedom I during its reconstitution at Ft. Campbell.

From July 2004 to December 2006, he served as both the Battalion Executive Officer and Support Operations Officer for 8th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, during which time he redeployed in 2005, with the battalion to Tikrit, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom IV.

Since December 2006, Major Warrington has been assigned as a plans officer to HQDA DCS g-3/5/7. He also served as an Army Congressional Associate within the office of Senator CLAIRE G. MCCASKILL. He currently serves on the Army Staff in the Army Transformation Office.

During his time in the military, Major Warrington has earned an associate of arts degree in business administration and military science from Georgia Military College, a bachelor of business administration from Georgia

College and State University, a masters of business administration in industrial operations management from InterAmerican University in Puerto Rico and has graduated from the Command and General Staff College with the Combined Logistics Officer Advance Course and the Infantry Officer Basic Course.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Army Superior Unit Award Badge, the U.S. Army Staff Badge, the Honorable Order of St. Michael, and the Honorable Order of St. Martin.

Major Warrington is married to the former TaMekii Clark of Conyers, Georgia, and they have two children, Naomi and Claude Nigel.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands and the 110th Congress, I am pleased to recognize the achievements of Bernard Warrington, Jr., as he is promoted from Major to lieutenant colonel and I wish him continued success in his illustrious military career.

HONORING JERRY PRIETO, JR.

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jerry Prieto, Jr. upon being honored with the "Fresno County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award" at the Fresno County Farm Bureau's Annual Banquet to be held on Thursday, May 8, 2008.

Jerry Prieto, Jr. is a native of Corcoran, California. He is the son of a former migrant farm worker and was raised in a small town with a small family. Mr. Prieto attended California State University, Fresno and obtained his Bachelor's of Science degree in Plant Science. In 1974 he began working for the Fresno County Department of Agriculture and six years later he obtained the position of Deputy Agricultural Commissioner. After nine years he went to work for Fresno County Personnel Department as a Senior Personnel Analyst. In 1993, Mr. Prieto was appointed Fresno County Resource Manager. He was responsible for solid waste issues throughout the county and operated the American Avenue Regional Landfill, the Southeast Regional Landfill and the Coalinga Landfill. He was also responsible for providing road maintenance, street lighting, garbage collection, parks, sewer and water services to ninety special districts.

In 1999, Mr. Prieto was appointed to the position of Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weight and Measures exactly twenty-five years after he began working for the department. He was responsible for promoting and regulating the nation's number one agriculture producing area. Mr. Prieto also served as a member of Governor Gray Davis' State Committee on Terrorism and the Western Weights and Measures Association Board

of Directors. He served as the first Chairman of the California Agriculture Commissioners and Sealers Association's Food Safety and Agriculture Security Committee. For four years he served as Chairman of the Fresno County Department Heads Council. Currently, Mr. Prieto is a member of the Fresno County Farm Bureau, the Fresno County Council of Governments Farmland Conservation Steering Committee, Chairman of the Fresno County Council of Governments Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee, and the Fresno County Land Conservation Committee. He is the immediate President of the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association and was the first Agricultural Commissioner to serve two terms as President. Mr. Prieto is the Chairman of Secretary Kawamura's AB 771 Honeybee/Seedless Mandarin Co-Existence Working Group.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Jerry Prieto upon being awarded with the "Fresno County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award." I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Prieto many years of continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEWISH
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month.

In 2006, Congress unanimously passed H. Con. Res. 315, a resolution urging the President to issue a proclamation for the observance of an American Jewish History Month. I was an original co-sponsor of that important legislation, and following our action, President Bush proclaimed May as Jewish American Heritage Month as a means of celebrating the Jewish community's history in America in addition to their contributions to American culture. On April 29, 2008, President Bush reaffirmed his commitment of celebrating Jewish American heritage by making May 2008 Jewish American Heritage Month.

Since 1654, the American Jews have contributed to American life and society in all walks of life. The achievements of American Jews span all fields including medicine, law, entertainment, public service, technology, and literature. I take this time to celebrate those who have served our nation and propelled it successfully into the 21st century.

Throughout more than 350 years, American Jewish culture has become intertwined with American culture. The Jewish faith and spirit in combination with Jewish history and culture serve as an integral part of what this nation is today.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to commemorate Jewish American Heritage Month and hope that my colleagues will join me in celebrating the American Jewish community and its commitment to enriching American society and culture.

TRIBUTE TO RITA AND JACK
SINDER

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate my dear friends Rita and Jack Sinder for their invaluable and outstanding service to Valley Beth Shalom Temple.

Jack and Rita have been two of the most productive members of the Valley Beth Shalom community, bringing guidance, spirituality and joy to the congregation. Jack, a former bond chair for the State of Israel Bonds, served as construction chair for the synagogue during its expansion in 1986. As construction chair, Jack planned and oversaw construction of the sanctuary, classrooms, administrative offices, chapel and the parking center. The parking center is now dedicated to the Sinders. Rita is a past president of the San Fernando Valley's Women Division of Israel Bonds and a past president of the Women's Alliance for Israel, and she continues to serve on its executive board. Jack and Rita are also founding members of the American Jewish University Wagner Program and patrons of the Wiesenthal Center.

Valley Beth Shalom continues to make extraordinary contributions to the San Fernando Valley through innovative programs that promote tolerance, increase learning, develop leadership skills, and foster social justice. Valley Beth Shalom has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to developing the community's understanding of the connection between religion and education. The temple empowers individuals, allowing their voices to be heard in our community and around the world.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Jack and Rita Sinder for their outstanding service to the Valley Beth Shalom community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mr. HELLER of Nevada. Madam Speaker, on rollcall no. 241, Motion to Table, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

SALUTING BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA, ON ITS 150TH BIRTHDAY
AND REMARKABLE ROLE IN MINNESOTA HISTORY

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mr. RAMSTAD. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a truly great community in Minnesota's 3rd Congressional District which has played a crucial role in the history and development of our region and State.

Bloomington is our State's 5th largest city and this special city will celebrate its 150th birthday on May 11, the same day the State of Minnesota was admitted to the Union.

Madam Speaker, we salute Bloomington for its remarkable success, pioneering spirit, record of public service to help people in need and role in positioning both Minnesota and the U.S. for a prosperous future in the global economy.

Bloomington is a place of historic importance situated near the confluence of the Mississippi and the Minnesota Rivers, and in close proximity to Historic Fort Snelling, completed in 1825. The soldiers of Fort Snelling mediated disputes between Minnesota's Dakota and Ojibwe Indians. In 1843, the first European settlers built a cabin near the current 10th Avenue Circle and taught farming methods to Dakota Indians. The territory to the west opened to settlers in 1851.

Bloomington is a city with tremendous historical pride and patriotism and we honor all of Bloomington's courageous members of our armed forces who have fought for freedom. Bloomington was also the home of Tom Burnett, Jr., one of the heroes of Flight 93 on September 11, 2001.

Madam Speaker, Bloomington is home to 85,172 wonderful people and it has been my pleasure to represent all of them in Washington the past 18 years. Bloomington natives have been leaders in commerce, technology, environmental awareness, sports and the arts. Control Data was born in Bloomington and was one of the pioneering supercomputer firms. For most of the 1960s, it built the fastest computers in the world.

It has been my great pleasure to work with the Bloomington Art Center on the 3rd Congressional District High School Arts Competition every year. Bloomington's public schools have produced some of our Nation's best and brightest. Bloomington is also home to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, which has been so critical to preserving water quality throughout the Midwest and the Mississippi River Valley all the way to the Gulf of Mexico.

Madam Speaker, you could travel this entire Nation and not find a more caring, committed, hard-working and innovative community. Bloomington is home to Minnesota's first major league baseball and football teams and the world famous Mall of America, and it is adjacent to Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Bloomington has been the face of Minnesota to many all across this great land. For that we thank all the people of Bloomington for helping boost Minnesota's image in the eyes of the world.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of the historic significance of the Sesquicentennial Celebration to the Community of Bloomington, to the State of Minnesota, and to the United States of America, we are pleased to dedicate May 11, 2008, as the Bloomington Sesquicentennial Day in Minnesota. Happy 150th birthday, Bloomington, Minnesota!

SENSE OF HOUSE OF ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL TEACHER DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY E. BOYDA

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 5, 2008

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, this week (May 4-May 10) we celebrate Teacher