

Men and Women's Olympic Swimming and Diving Team. Swimmer Cecily Cuhna highlighted the day with setting a world record. If a swimmer or diver participated in the 1928, 1932 or 1936 Olympics those athletes competed, trained or exhibited at the Norconian Resort.

Many more memorable events and activities occurred in the coming years and in the most unlikely of places: the poultry town of Norco. On December 8, 1941, the depression-weary resort became one of the preeminent naval hospitals in the Nation and at its peak in 1945 serviced 5,000 wounded, sick and battle-weary sailors and marines. The first patients were casualties of the infamous Pearl Harbor attack and recuperated in the exquisite hotel rooms. The Naval Hospital quickly set the standard in a number of areas which included the treatment of polio, use of penicillin to conquer malaria and tuberculosis, and the development of prosthetics and occupational therapy.

Norco was also the birthplace of wheelchair basketball on the wheels of the fabulous "Rolling Devils." The stars, who once were guests of the former Norconian Resort, turned out "for the boys"; Gary Cooper, Abbott and Costello, The Three Stooges, Marlene Dietrich, Jack Benny, Bob Hope and dozens of other stars entertained wounded heroes from battles in the Pacific. Eleanor Roosevelt was also a visitor, as was Helen Keller, and ball club owner Bill Veeck, a wounded marine, guided his Cleveland Indians to a World Series Championship from a hospital bed in Norco.

Norco citizens rallied behind the war effort with record bond sales and patriotism on many occasions raising thousands of dollars more than cities ten times larger in size and population. After World War II and Korea, Norco once again became an agricultural powerhouse, but, with the closing of the Naval Hospital in 1957, the entire area went into an economic tailspin. However, in 1963 a long forgotten real estate agent scrawled the words "Horse Property for Sale" on a piece of white butcher paper and very quickly Norco became the home to horse lovers. Incorporated in December of 1964 to protect its "rural lifestyle," Norco is home to a community fiercely devoted to the equestrian lifestyle with large properties, extensive open space and a horse trail on every street—120 miles of horse trails to be exact.

Over the weekend of May 9, 10, and 11, 2008, Norconians will remember their past and celebrate a truly unique Southern California Equestrian lifestyle. It is an honor to represent the town of Norco in Congress and I congratulate the town and residents on 85 years of service to their country and community.

LTG MICHAEL HAMEL: HONORING
A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, the Space and Missile System Center, SMC, at L.A. Air Force Base plays the critical role in the design, production, and launch of our country's most sophisticated military satellites. Located

in El Segundo, CA, in the center of my congressional district, SMC has enjoyed 58 consecutive successful launches. Employing 6,500 military and civilian personnel nationally, with a whopping \$10 billion annual budget—SMC is a major economic driver in southern California.

The importance of SMC to our national security cannot be overstated either. In my many terms in Congress, I've always worked closely with the SMC commander, who is much more than a mission manager. LTG Mike Hamel, the present commander, retires in July, and I rise to honor his extraordinary service.

Mike and I have often talked about America's strategy for space. Framing a new, nationally integrated space policy—one bringing together the civil, military, and commercial sectors—is a common goal of ours. I applaud him for his visionary leadership on this issue—and look forward to more conversations about getting it right.

Mike Hamel has served his country with distinction for 36 years, since receiving his commission as second lieutenant from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1972. In the course of 16 assignments, he rose to the rank of lieutenant general, which he attained on June 1, 2005.

The change of command ceremony occurs May 15, a date Congress is in session. Though I will miss the transfer of command to the very able GEN John Sheridan, I look forward to partnering with him and to welcoming a tanned and relaxed Mike Hamel to Washington after he and his wife, Linda, complete their drive across the country.

Thanks, Mike, on behalf of a grateful Nation.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of H. Res. 1086, a resolution in recognition of National Nurses Week, which will be celebrated May 6 through May 12, 2008. As a proud member of the Congressional Nursing Caucus, I added my name as cosponsor to this worthy resolution.

Nurses Week has been celebrated every year since 2003 and coincides with the May 12th birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. We recognize this week, as we should all 52 weeks of the year, the critical role nurses play in providing safe, high-quality, and preventative health care.

Providing this type of adequate health care is essential, not only across the Nation, but especially in rural America. As a longtime friend of hard-working West Virginians, I believe all Americans deserve to have access to quality, affordable health care. Throughout my tenure, I have continued to support programs that will improve this access, and I believe that providing quality nurses is part of this goal. This is why I support increased funding for Nursing Workforce Development Programs so that those who answer the call to serve others through nursing have the support and funding they need to achieve that goal.

Nursing care is an essential and necessary aspect of our health care infrastructure, and it is therefore important that we continue to pro-

vide every opportunity to recruit and maintain more nurses, particularly in rural areas like southern West Virginia. Nursing programs in my district such as those at St. Mary's Hospital, Marshall University, and Mountain State University, along with countless others around the State, help to provide a vital service to their fellow citizens.

I encourage the people of West Virginia, and the entire Nation, to observe National Nurses Week with appropriate recognition, ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate the importance of nurses to the everyday lives of patients. They make significant contributions to the lives of so many every day without once asking for the recognition they clearly deserve.

TRIBUTE TO WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK WRESTLING TEAM

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding results achieved by the Waverly-Shell Rock wrestling team at the Iowa State Wrestling Tournament in Des Moines this past winter.

Waverly-Shell Rock took all the drama out of the Class 3A team finals by winning the State title a day early. Needing just one win to wrap up the title, Waverly-Shell Rock's 112-pound freshman, Cody Caldwell, pinned his opponent in 4 minutes and 45 seconds. The Go-Hawks went on to win three more. Waverly-Shell Rock wrapped up the State Tournament by breaking the State record for team points in a State Tournament dating back to 2001 and became the first team to break the 200-point mark in a State meet.

I congratulate Waverly-Shell Rock for winning the Iowa Class 3A State championship. Waverly-Shell Rock's last title came in 2005.

Madam Speaker, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of the Waverly-Shell Rock wrestling team, both on and off the mat, and I am proud to serve them in Congress.

CONGRATULATING MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE, CUNY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York on its' newly announced initiative to implement two new bachelor degree programs.

Medgar Evers College has long possessed an unparalleled reputation in the field of adult education. The college provides its students with a unique experience, which combines academic excellence in nearly 100 areas of study with real-world experience. This unique combination has led to the continued success of its students. As a result, the State Board of Regents and the City University of New York accreditation committee approved the allocation of money to fund two new bachelor degree programs: the Bachelor of Arts in

Religion Studies and the Bachelor of Science in Social Work. The new programs are expected to attract a record number of new students to the college for the next academic year and ensure a steady stream of students for the foreseeable future. Medgar Evers College provides students with the flexibility to select their course of study and schedule their classes around commitments such as a job, thereby providing those adults who might not otherwise have the opportunity with the chance to return to school. Education is the key to escaping the grasp of poverty that plagues so many Americans. Medgar Evers College is taking profound steps to ensure that those in need have access to higher education.

It is my sincere hope that other Colleges and Universities across the nation will join Medgar Evers College in providing opportunity for the working poor to enhance their education and qualify for better paid employment.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN G. JACOB ON
HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 90th birthday of Helen G. Jacob, an inspirational woman who fought for our country in WW II and who continues to fight on behalf of her fellow veterans every day. Helen is a brilliant example of commitment and devotion to one's community and fellow man.

The daughter of Frank and Ellen Cooley, Helen was born on May 16, 1918 in Buffalo, New York where she and her siblings resided on Crescent Avenue. Helen attended St. Mark's School and Mount St. Joseph's High School.

Helen, against her mother's wishes, joined the army in 1942 and was assigned to the 29th Traffic Regiment Division. Landing in Paris six days after the liberation, Helen performed tasks related to moving troops throughout Europe.

Upon her return to Buffalo, Helen was denied membership in both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. In what has become her trademark, Helen pioneered and founded the Ereico Women's Post #1586.

In 1984, Helen began volunteering as the Women's Veteran Coordinator, amassing more than 12,000 hours of dedicated service. In 1996, the Helen G. Jacob Wellness Clinic opened in the VA Medical Center in Buffalo, New York in recognition of her tireless advocacy for quality services within the VA Western NY Healthcare System. By Helen's example and lifelong work, we are also reminded of the obligation to keep the promises made by our government to our veterans.

Justifiably and deservedly, Helen has been honored over the years. These awards include American Legion's Legionnaire of the Year; The Found Women Award from Women Focus of Western New York; Buffalo Ambassador from the Greater Buffalo Convention and Visitors Bureau; Award of Excellence from Every Women's Opportunity Center; the United Way and J.C. Penny's Golden Rule Award; and the Susan B. Anthony Award.

Helen continues to respond to calls for service including my request that she serve on the military academy review panel for the applicants in the 27th District. She remains an active member of over 20 different organizations. Helen is also a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mark's Church.

Her two children, Patricia and Bill, and grandchildren, Tom, Michelle, Christine, Eric, Adam, and Kevin, will join with the family of veterans and friends on May 9th at the Troop I Hamlin House to celebrate Helen's 90 years of life, love, and laughter.

Helen is a friend to all and a fighter for veterans. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Helen G. Jacob on the occasion of her 90th birthday and to thank her for her service and continuing commitment to our country.

CONGRATULATING NURSE MARY
ALICE WILLIAMS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Alice Williams, of North Richland Hills, Texas. The Texas Nurses Association, Districts Three and Four, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Nurse Executives have recognized Ms. Williams as one of the Great 100 Nurses of 2008. Ms. Williams works as a nurse at the North Hills Hospital.

Nurses are often the initial and most frequent individuals who come in contact with patients. They serve as greeters, encyclopedias of patient histories, comforters, and above all healers. Mary Alice exhibits all these excellent qualities on a daily basis.

Each year this recognition is bestowed on nurses who embody excellence in the science and art of nursing. The chosen honorees belong to an array of professional organizations and work in a wide variety of clinical specialties. This is the 18th consecutive year that the Texas Nurses Association, Districts Three and Four, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Nurse Executives have recognized area nurses for their compassion and dedication. The recipients will be honored at a gala event on Monday, May 12, 2008.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to stand today and congratulate Mary Alice Williams. She is a fine representative of the North Texas nursing community. Her work is an excellent contribution to the patients of North Hills Hospital and I am proud to serve her in the 26th District of Texas. Ms. Williams has exhibited great skill in the field of nursing, and truly deserves this great honor. I join the entire North Texas community in thanking her for the apparent commitment to her fellow citizens.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN
STEPHENS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor Carolyn Stephens by entering her name in the CON-

GRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I pay tribute to Carolyn Stephens, Managing Partner for Jerolyn Enterprises, for her achievements in small business throughout the Las Vegas community.

Carolyn Stephens moved to Las Vegas after receiving her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Georgia. She used her experience to acquire a job as Director for the Health Care Division of Manpower Temporary Services. After this, Carolyn established a business of her own called Information Products, Inc., which supplied computer and copy paper to local businesses. Gerald (Jerry), Carolyn's husband and business partner, has supported her in her business endeavors. Together, the Stephens opened Lazer Graphics in 1985, putting their business on the cutting edge of digital technology as the first company in Las Vegas to turn computer graphics into high-resolution output film for businesses. She demonstrated her leadership for small business issues when she was appointed to serve as a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Small Business.

Discovering the need to connect other local woman business owners, Carolyn published the Women's Yellow Pages of Southern Nevada from 1993 to 1995. Carolyn has worked tirelessly to champion the advancement of women in business. For her work and dedication, she has received numerous awards and achievements including being the first recipient of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Circle of Excellence Award. She was also honored with the American Red Cross Clara Barton Medal of Excellence, the American Heart Association Heart of Gold, and the Soroptimist International Women Helping Women Award. Moreover, the Small Business Administration has recognized her with the SBA's Women Business Advocate Award.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Carolyn Stephens and would like to recognize her accomplishments within the Las Vegas community. I would also like to congratulate her on receiving recognition as the Women in Business Champion of the Year for the 2008 Small Business Awards.

TRIBUTE TO JOAN SCHWADE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joan Schwade for reaching a noteworthy milestone of 40 years' service as a meter reader in the community of Protivin, Iowa.

As a meter reader in a small town, Joan gets a fascinating perspective of the community and has a great opportunity to regularly meet with townspeople. When she started her job in 1968, all of the 177 meters in town were located on the inside of homes. Times changed and today meters are located outside the homes, so readers like Joan are able to make it through their routes more efficiently. At the age of 76, Joan continues to enjoy the exercise and opportunity to talk with local residents. It is reported that she could do without the dogs and winter weather, but she plans to