

IN HONOR AND IN MEMORY OF
BRIAN D. SHRADER OF
HUEYTOWN, ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a young man from Hueytown, Alabama, who recently made the ultimate sacrifice while serving as a firefighter for the United States Department of Defense in Mosul, Iraq.

A 1994 graduate of Pleasant Grove High School, Brian's childhood dream was to become a career firefighter. Brian had even interviewed with Mobile Fire-Rescue by telephone from Iraq and would most likely have received a position in the upcoming class of recruits.

In a fitting tribute, the Mobile Fire-Rescue Department honor guard escorted the funeral procession down Interstate 65 from Hueytown to Mobile. The procession was met by the Mobile County Sheriff's Office at the Mobile County line, and the hearse carrying Brian's casket passed under a 30-foot-by-50-foot flag hung from extended ladders of two Mobile Fire-Rescue trucks on its way to the Mobile cemetery where he was laid to rest.

At this difficult time, it is only appropriate for us to pause and give thanks to God that there are still young men like Brian D. Shrader. His life and actions personify the very best America has to offer. I feel certain his many friends and family, as well as his fellow firefighters in Iraq, while mourning the loss of this fine young man, are also taking this opportunity to remember his many accomplishments and to recall the fine gift they each received simply from knowing him and having him as an integral part of their lives.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to take a moment and pay tribute to Brian D. Shrader and his selfless devotion to our country and the freedom we enjoy.

We should also remember his wife, Rebecca Shrader; their three children, Kaitlyn, Hailey, and Jacob; his parents, Richard F. Shrader Sr. and Linda Shrader; and his other relatives and many friends. Our prayer is that God will give them all the strength and courage that only He can provide to sustain them during the difficult days ahead.

HONORING THE NAPA VALLEY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I have had the honor for the past 10 years to represent in the House of Representatives the Napa Valley, an area known throughout the world for its immense beauty, environmental consciousness and bountiful agriculture. This evening, the Jack L. Davies Napa Valley Agricultural Land Preservation Fund will celebrate an act of foresight and wisdom that has helped the Napa Valley to earn its lofty reputation: the creation of the Napa Valley Agricultural Preserve.

In 1968, the Napa County Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance No. 274, creating the Napa Valley Agricultural Preserve. The ordinance ensured that agriculture and open space were the "highest and best use" of our land and should be preserved for those uses. This unprecedented action revolutionized land use policy nationwide and paved the way for other landmark measures, such as measure J, to help preserve agricultural land.

Among its many virtues, the establishment of the Ag Preserve proved that responsible land stewardship and a thriving economy were not mutually exclusive values; indeed, the Napa Valley owes much of its economic prosperity and special quality of life to the preservation of its agricultural and open space lands.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is my distinct pleasure to honor Napa County Supervisors Dewey Anderson, Jack Ferguson, and those former Supervisors who are with us in spirit Henry Wigger, Julius Caiocca and Pete Clark for having the foresight to protect the land so that future generations could enjoy the majesty of the Napa Valley. We also salute those who are working today to preserve and protect agricultural land and open space in Napa County.

FINANCIAL NET WORTH

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Madam Speaker, through the following statement, I am making my financial net worth as of March 31, 2008, a matter of public record. I have filed similar statements for each of the 29 preceding years I have served in the Congress.

ASSETS—REAL PROPERTY

Single family residence at 609 Ft. Williams Parkway, City of Alexandria, Virginia, at assessed valuation. (Assessed at \$1,502,816). Ratio of assessed to market value: 100% (Unencumbered)—\$1,502,816.00.

Condominium at N76 W14726 North Point Drive, Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at assessor's estimated market value. (Unencumbered)—\$153,700.00.

Undivided 25/44ths interest in single family residence at N52 W32654 Maple Lane, Village of Chenequa, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at 25/44ths of assessor's estimated market value of \$1,760,300.00—\$1,000,170.04

Total Real Property—\$2,656,686.40.

2008 DISCLOSURE

Common & preferred stock	# of shares	\$ per share	Value
Abbott Laboratories, Inc.	12200	55.15	672,830.00
Alcatel-Lucent	135	5.76	777.60
Allstate Corporation	370	48.06	17,782.20
AT&T	5335,8322	38.30	204,362.37
JP Morgan Chase	4539	42.95	194,950.05
Benton County Mining Company	333	0.00	0.00
BP PLC	3604	60.65	218,582.60
Centerpoint Energy	300	14.27	4,281.00
Chenequa Country Club Realty Co.	1	0.00	0.00
Comcast	634	19.34	12,261.56
Darden Restaurants, Inc.	1440	32.55	46,872.00
Delphi Automotive	212	0.09	19.08
Discover Financial Services	156	16.37	2,553.72
Dunn & Bradstreet, Inc.	2500	81.38	203,450.00
E.I. DuPont de Nemours Corp.	1200	46.76	56,112.00
Eastman Chemicals Co.	270	62.45	16,861.50
Eastman Kodak	1080	17.67	19,083.60
El Paso Energy	150	16.64	2,496.00
Exxon Mobil Corp.	9728	84.58	822,794.24

2008 DISCLOSURE—Continued

Common & preferred stock	# of shares	\$ per share	Value
Fairpoint Communications, Inc.	26	9.02	234.52
Gartner Group	651	19.34	12,590.34
General Electric Co.	15600	37.01	577,356.00
General Mills, Inc.	2280	59.88	136,526.40
General Motors Corp.	304	19.05	5,791.20
Hospira	1220	42.77	52,179.40
Idearc	67	3.64	243.88
Imation Corp.	99	22.74	2,251.26
IMS Health	5000	21.01	105,050.00
Kellogg Corp.	3200	52.56	168,192.00
Kimberly-Clark Corp.	1740	64.55	112,317.00
Merck & Co., Inc.	34078	37.95	1,293,260.10
3M Company	2000	79.15	158,300.00
Medco Health	8218	43.79	359,866.22
Monsanto Corporation	2852,315	111.50	318,033.12
Moody's	2500	34.83	87,075.00
Morgan Stanley/Dean Whitter	312	45.70	14,258.40
NCR Corp.	68	22.83	1,552.44
Newell Rubbermaid	1676	22.87	38,330.12
JP Morgan Liquid Assets			
Money Mkt	718.76	1.00	718.76
Pactiv Corp.	200	26.21	5,242.00
PG&E Corp.	175	36.82	6,443.50
Pfizer	22211	20.93	464,876.23
Qwest	571	4.53	2,586.63
Reliant Energy	300	23.65	7,095.00
RH Donnelly Corp.	500	30.31	15,155.00
Sandusky Voting Trust	26	1.00	26.00
Solutia	82	14.00	1,148.00
Tenneco Automotive	182	27.94	5,085.08
Teradata	68	22.06	1,500.08
Unisys, Inc.	167	4.43	739.81
US Bank Corp.	3081	32.36	99,701.16
Verizon	1430,6338	36.45	52,146.60
Vodafone	323	29.51	9,531.73
Weenergies (Wisconsin Energy)	1022	43.99	44,957.78
Total common & preferred stocks and bonds			\$6,656,430.29

Life insurance policies	Face \$	Surrender \$
Northwestern Mutual #XXXXXX	12,000.00	80,901.36
Northwestern Mutual #XXXXXX	30,000.00	194,541.15
Massachusetts Mutual #XXXXXX	10,000.00	12,130.16
Massachusetts Mutual #XXXXXX	100,000.00	304,668.59
American General Life Ins. #XXXXXX	175,000.00	41,647.56
Total life insurance policies		\$633,888.82

Bank & savings & loan accounts	Balance
JP Morgan Chase Bank, checking account	13,850.37
JP Morgan Chase Bank, savings account	14,274.18
M&I Lake Country Bank, Hartland, WI, checking account ..	9,958.76
M&I Lake Country Bank, Hartland, WI, savings	370.60
Burke & Herbert Bank, Alexandria, VA, checking account ..	1,570.17
JP Morgan, IRA accounts	128,936.66
Total bank & savings & loan accounts	\$168,963.74

Miscellaneous	Value
1994 Cadillac Deville—retail value	\$3,350.00
1989 Cadillac Fleetwood—retail value	\$2,200.00
1996 Buick Regal—retail value	\$3,000.00
1991 Buick Century automobile—retail value	\$1,600.00
Office furniture & equipment (estimated)	\$1,000.00
Furniture, clothing & personal property (estimated)	\$180,000.00
Stamp collection (estimated)	\$110,000.00
Interest in Wisconsin retirement fund	\$410,371.69
Deposits in Congressional Retirement Fund	\$182,301.98
Deposits in Federal Thrift Savings Plan	\$303,826.87
Traveller's checks	\$7,800.00
17 ft. Boston Whaler boat & 70 hp Johnson outboard motor (estimated)	\$6,500.00
20 ft. Pontoon boat & 40 hp Mercury outboard motor ..	\$12,500.00
Total miscellaneous	\$1,224,450.54
TOTAL ASSETS	\$11,340,419.79

LIABILITIES—None.

Net worth—\$11,340,419.79.

2008 DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT OF 2007 TAXES PAID

Federal income tax—\$124,247.00
Wisconsin income tax—\$37,582.00
Menomonee Falls, WI property tax—\$2,415.42

Chenequa, WI property tax—\$24,575.49
Alexandria, VA property tax—\$12,649.00

I further declare that I am trustee of a trust established under the will of my late father, Frank James Sensenbrenner, Sr., for the benefit of my sister, Margaret A. Sensenbrenner, and of my two sons, F. James Sensenbrenner, III, and Robert Alan Sensenbrenner. I am further the direct beneficiary

of five trusts, but have no control over the assets of either trust. My wife, Cheryl Warren Sensenbrenner, and I are trustees of separate trusts established for the benefit of each son.

Also, I am neither an officer nor a director of any corporation organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin or of any other state or foreign country.

TRIBUTE ON THE PASSING OF
SCOTT S. STUART

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a man who recently died at a tragically young age. I am appending his official obituary to this extension of remarks. In addition to those things listed in his obituary, I would like to point out that Scott was very involved in community and political events. This, for him, was essential to share his concern for his country. Scott held a deep and abiding belief in the rights, freedom and dignity of human beings.

May he Rest In Peace.

Stuart, Scott S. Stuart of Baltimore, Maryland, and Canton, Connecticut, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, May 7th. He was 43 years old. Scott was the Director of Alumni Relations at Loyola College since June of 2007. Prior to this position, he was the director of alumni relations for his alma mater Niagara University. Scott also had over 15 years of corporate experience as an executive in the banking industry and as a fund-raising director in the non-profit sector. He held the position of vice president, director of marketing, for OBA Bank in Washington, DC. In this post, he formulated corporate growth strategies and directed and identified marketing programs and opportunities, helping to "re-brand" America's oldest thrift institution. Earlier, he spent several years working for the Boy Scouts of America in Boston, Mass., and Washington, DC., as district executive, district director, development director, and director of major gifts.

After graduating from Niagara University in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in commerce/marketing, Scott worked his way up the corporate ladder at M&T Bank to assistant vice president. Scott enjoyed traveling, backpacking, skiing and winter camping. But first and foremost, he loved his family. He was a devoted son and brother and was happiest when he was around them. He had an infectious spirit and love of life and faith. Scott is survived by his mother, Anne Stuart of Canton, Conn., and three younger siblings, Brian and his wife Yvonne of Boston, Mass., Sean Stuart of Broad Brook, Conn., and Tracy Stuart of New Canaan, Conn. To continue to keep his memory alive, the family asks that you pass on a good deed to someone in need.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL TOM
SCHIESS

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of the change of command

this weekend at the 173rd Fighter Wing at Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, Oregon, I rise to share with you and our colleagues my pride in an outstanding officer and a great American: Colonel Tom Schiess, United States Air Force, Commander of the 173rd Fighter Wing at Kingsley Field. I will have the honor of attending the change of command ceremony in Klamath Falls this weekend, and before Colonel Schiess relinquishes his command I want to express our nation's gratitude for his service. My comments today echo the admiration of residents of the Klamath Basin community and the respect and affection of the men and women who serve in his command. Colonel Schiess is the type of leader who makes a difference in any endeavor he pursues, and he has made a tremendously positive impact at Kingsley Field.

Colonel Schiess, who is approaching 5,000 flight hours, spent eight and a half years in the United States Air Force before joining the Oregon Air National Guard in 1991. His active duty assignments include: Tyndall AFB as a T-33 Instructor Pilot; McDill AFB as an F-16 Student Pilot; Hill AFB, UT; and AL Minhad AB, United Arab Emirates as an F-16 Pilot. He flew 34 combat missions in Operation Desert Storm while deployed in support of the war effort. While stationed at Kingsley Field, he has been Chief of Wing Standardization and Evaluation, 114th Fighter Squadron Operations Officer, 114th Fighter Squadron Commander, 173rd Operations Group Commander, and 173rd Maintenance Group Commander. Colonel Schiess excelled in each of these roles.

Madam Speaker, in the course of his unselfish service to his country and the State of Oregon, Colonel Schiess has earned many awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, Air Force Longevity Award, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Southwest Asia Campaign Medal, and Oregon Faithful Service Medal with "M" device.

Colonel Tom Schiess has clearly distinguished himself with awards and recognitions, Madam Speaker, but he is most proud of the collective accomplishments of the 173rd Fighter Wing, which he has led so ably. With the motto of "Land of No Slack," Colonel Schiess leads a world class training facility of more than 1,000 Oregon Air National Guard personnel and state and contract employees at Kingsley Field.

As Wing Commander, Colonel Schiess is essentially the Chief Executive Officer and top leader of a very large and highly successful organization. Colonel Schiess is responsible for the production of F-15 sorties to generate student-flying training to graduate the best air-to-air F-15 pilots in the world. The 173rd Fighter Wing serves as one of only two professional F-15 schoolhouses in the United States for Air Force and Air National Guard fighter pilots.

The 173rd Fighter Wing accomplishes its primary mission, F-15 flight training, on the leading edge of innovative training technology and techniques, setting the standard for military training centers worldwide. The Wing flawlessly provides over 4,700 hours and over 3,500 sorties for the training mission as well

as training opportunities for the Combat Air Force. The Wing has received a Lockheed Martin award for its generation of 20,000 accident-free F-15 sorties since it converted to the F-15 in 1998.

The Wing, under the command of Colonel Schiess, has not only distinguished itself as a world class training facility, but has also proven itself to be a significant international ambassador, deploying to Plovdiv, Bulgaria to participate in Sentry Lion, an air-to-air exercise with the Bulgarian Air Force. Subsequently, the 173rd Operations Group hosted six Bulgarian officers for a week as part of a familiarization program in the United States.

The Wing consistently earns outstanding ratings in accomplishing its mission. The high morale and job satisfaction of Colonel Schiess' team are reflected in extremely high retention rates, reenlistment rates, and manning and training rates in the unit career advisory program.

Colonel Schiess and his team have endeared themselves to the community, rendering over 45,000 volunteer hours annually. Each year they welcome the community onto the base with their Sentry Eagle Exercise open house or hosting an outstanding air show. The men and women at Kingsley Field are not visitors to the Klamath community; they are active and deeply involved neighbors who do a great deal to make the Klamath Basin the very special place that it is.

Madam Speaker, I know that my praise of Colonel Tom Schiess and his exceptional team not only represents the gratitude of the local community, but of a nation well served and protected by highly trained and highly motivated individuals. The time that Colonel Schiess has dedicated in commanding the 173rd Fighter Wing will long be remembered as a period of unmatched accomplishment and stellar service at Kingsley Field. Tom has achieved his goal of seeing that the men and women of the 173rd Fighter Wing are citizen airmen who are second to none, and are constantly ready, reliable, and relevant in answering America's needs through brave, confident, and unselfish service.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking Colonel Tom Schiess for his dedication, his commitment, and his tremendous success in a very big and important job.

H.R. 5872, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICAN CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5872, the Boy Scouts of America Centennial Commemorative Coin Act. This bill directs the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue up to 350,000 \$1 silver coins in 2010 to commemorate the centennial of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America. The \$10 surcharge required for each coin will be paid to the National Boy Scouts of America Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I have long been honored to be associated with the Boy Scouts of America. I am the proud father of an Eagle Scout and