

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Robert's Men's Shop for its contributions to its community and country.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF BICYCLING IN TRANSPORTATION AND RECREATION

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 305, the National Bike Bill. This resolution recognizes the bicycle as an important part of our transportation system. Investing in infrastructure that allows for bicycling produces enriched health, reduced traffic congestion and air pollution, greenhouse gas emission reductions, economic vitality, and an overall improved quality of life.

As the earth continues to warm and gas prices hover around \$4 per gallon, more and more Americans are discovering that bicycling is a smart, healthy, and environmentally sound transportation option. Across the globe—from D.C. to Portland to Paris and beyond—bicycles are being used as a means for people to reduce congestion and pollution and improve both health and quality of life. Locally, communities are seeing that investment in bike lanes and bike boulevards, as well as education on how to ride, are resulting in dramatic increases in ridership. It's time that the Federal Government steps up and becomes a better partner to the States and local governments, giving them the tools and incentives they need to create of complete and healthy communities.

The Federal Government can assist in those efforts by promoting increased bicycle safety, supporting policies that establish national target levels for bicycle use, supporting increased intermodal travel, providing incentives to State and local government, providing flexibility in Federal transportation laws, and encouraging partnerships with employers and executive agencies.

I am pleased that this legislation has over 30 cosponsors from both sides of the aisle. Increased transportation options and a higher quality of life are ideas that everyone can agree on. I strongly urge my colleagues to vote in favor of H. Con. Res. 305.

HONORING WORLD WAR II STAFF SERGEANT EDDIE JOHNSON

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Staff Sergeant Eddie Johnson of my hometown, Flint Michigan. Eddie Johnson is a World War II veteran and is part of the Honor Flight Network contingent of veterans traveling to Washington DC to visit the National World War II Memorial.

Eddie Johnson joined the United States Army at the age of 18 on May 21, 1941. He

served until January 6, 1946. During his service he taught himself to read and write. He was promoted and became one of the first Black Staff Sergeants in World War II. He was in charge of an Engineering Platoon in the 93rd Division; Company A 318th Engineer Combat Battalion. He served through the Bismarck-Archipelago, New Guinea, and Northern Solomon Campaigns.

He is a Veterans of Foreign Wars—Lifetime Member of the Dr. George Washington Carver Post 3791, Past Post Commander and Member of the American Legion Dorie Miller Post 306. He is honored to have his own display at the Military and Space Museum in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

After his discharge from the Army, Eddie utilized the GI Bill to study tailoring and TV and radio repair. He moved to Flint in 1953 with the intention of starting his own business. Instead, he hired into General Motors V-8 Plant and worked there for 23 years. He went on to become head of security for Genesee County Community Mental Health, worked with the MTA-Your Ride program, and is head of security at Southeast Christian Church. Married to Betty, Eddie has 8 children and 5 step-children. He is the patriarch of a 5 generation family.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking Eddie Johnson for his service to our country and his continuing devotion to the memory of his fellow patriots. May we always treasure men and women like Staff Sergeant Eddie Johnson for their sacrifice and fidelity to our Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF JANICE KILGORE, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of Janice Kilgore upon her retirement as the Director of the Department of Public Safety in Escambia County, Florida.

For almost 30 years, Janice Kilgore has altruistically served the civic realm. As Director of the Department of Public Safety, Ms. Kilgore dutifully fills a crucial position that greatly affects the citizens of the area. Her service spans several decades and encompasses a wide range of civic commitment.

In addition to her current position, Ms. Kilgore has dedicated most of her life to serving the interests of the public. Beginning in 1968, Ms. Kilgore worked as a student for the Escambia County Sheriff's Office. Twenty years later she was named the Emergency Management Director for Escambia County. For an area prone to hurricanes and advanced emergency escape routes, Ms. Kilgore's position was no small task. Yet, she maintained a bold persistence and remained in the position for almost 10 years. Now, as director of the Department of Public Safety, Ms. Kilgore continues to protect the living conditions and lives of those in Escambia County. The First District of Florida is incredibly fortunate to have re-

ceived the services provided by Ms. Kilgore. She will be greatly missed upon her retirement.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress. I am proud to honor Janice Kilgore for her enduring allegiance to the First District of Florida. I would like to congratulate Ms. Kilgore on her retirement and wish her many more years of success and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY KISS

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. WELLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Shirley Kiss, on the occasion of her 80th Birthday. With Shirley's help and leadership, We Care of Grundy County has evolved into an organization that has helped thousands of residents in Grundy County, Illinois. We Care helps residents by giving them rides to medical appointments, help with their bills or by providing emergency babysitting services to residents in need.

Shirley Kiss began her career with We Care as a phone volunteer 2 years after We Care began providing services in 1971. Shirley's talents became quickly evident and she became Secretary of We Care's Steering Committee in 1975. In 1977, Shirley assumed greater responsibilities when she became Chairman of the Steering Committee. As Chairman, Shirley worked to increase We Care's community presence by giving interviews to WCSJ, the local radio station in Morris. Shirley also worked with community organizations and churches in order to find volunteers and build a network of relationships.

Two years after she became Chairman, Shirley was instrumental in helping We Care become incorporated. Because of Shirley's hard work, We Care became "We Care of Grundy County, Inc." on June 12, 1979. For 21 years, until her retirement, Shirley worked as the first full-time paid Administrator of We Care of Grundy County. Shirley continued her involvement with We Care by returning to a volunteer position on the Board of Directors after her 2000 retirement.

As a longtime resident of Morris, I have seen We Care grow and provide needed services to many members of the community. I congratulate Mrs. Shirley Kiss on the occasion of her 80th Birthday and thank her for all of her hard work with We Care of Grundy County.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CLUB

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express support for House Resolution 1026. For over one hundred years, the Congressional Club has been a place to cultivate friendships among the spouses of sitting or former Members of Congress, Supreme Court

Justices and Members of the President's Cabinet. Although the group was founded as an organization for congressional wives, the group includes husbands too, as we are privileged to now have 86 women serving in this great body, in addition to the many before them and those who have served in Presidential Administrations since 1908.

I am also pleased to rise today, as someone very special to me has been involved with this organization since my first election to Congress in 2002. My wife, Alfredua, was the chair of the 2008 Congressional Club First Lady's Luncheon, an event held by the Club annually since 1912. At the event entitled "The Many Splendors of Spring," Mrs. Bush was presented with a lovely quilt commissioned by Arts Clayton, an organization located in my congressional district, which was handmade by Ms. Debra Svitil of Alpharetta, Georgia.

Artist Theresa Fontes-Black, of Snellville, Georgia, was also commissioned to create over 2,000 glass-bead necklaces of various shapes and designs for luncheon attendees as party favors. It was an honor for Arts Clayton and the 13th Congressional District to have such beautiful recognition in this time-honored tradition. In addition to this outstanding social event, members are also involved in social service projects to benefit those less fortunate. Proceeds from the sale of the Congressional Club's annual cookbook not only support the clubs activities but also support charitable giving to organizations throughout the area.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the important work of the Congressional Club by celebrating its centennial on the House floor today and urging its passage.

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**PRaising THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
 AN AMERICAN PLAYWRIGHT:
 LORRAINE HANSBERRY**

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and recognize the birthday of Lorraine Hansberry, whose work, *A Raisin in the Sun* became the first Broadway production of a black playwright. Lorraine Hansberry is the foremother of African-American drama. As the youngest American, the fifth woman, and the first black to win the New York Drama Critic's Circle Award as Best Play of the Year for *A Raisin in the Sun*, she has paved the way for many of her peers. To *Be Young, Gifted and Black*, an autobiographical portrait in her own words won the record for longest Off-Broadway running drama in 1968.

Lorraine Hansberry's work does not stop at the stages of Broadway; her work provided many in White America with their first exposure to the reality of the pain and struggles associated with being Black in America. She used the success of *A Raisin in the Sun* as a platform, becoming a spokesperson for the American Civil Rights Movement. Ms. Hansberry's first brush with the struggles of civil rights occurred when her family moved into an all-White neighborhood. White landowners in the area had relied on a restrictive covenant in order to not sell property to any person of color. The legal struggle to permit

them to move to and live in an integrated environment led to the landmark Supreme Court case of *Hansberry v. Lee*, 311 U.S. 32 (1940). This experience later inspired her to write her most famous work, *A Raisin in the Sun*.

Today marks the birth of this great American 78 years ago. Although her life was cut short, her impact on her peers and her field will continue to be a testimony to hard work and what it means to be deeply committed to the causes of justice and equality.

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**A PROCLAMATION HONORING SERGEANT
 MICHAEL L. ART FOR HIS
 SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES
 ARMY**

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Sergeant Michael L. Art served in the United States Army; and

Whereas, he distinguished himself through valorous actions while serving as a Squad Leader with Company A, 4th Battalion, 39th, an engaged infantry unit dispatched to the Republic of Vietnam; and

Whereas, Sergeant Michael L. Art displayed personal bravery and devotion to duty as a soldier in the United States Army; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Sergeant Michael L. Art for his contributions to his community and country.

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**HONORING DR. ANDREAS G.
 TZAKIS**

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Andreas G. Tzakis, who is the recipient of the Panhellenic Federation of Florida Award. A Professor of Surgery at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine, Dr. Tzakis is one of the top transplant surgeons in the world, as well as a preeminent educator and research scientist.

A native of Greece, Dr. Tzakis attended the University of Athens Medical School and served in the medical corps of the Greek Air Force. He came to the United States in 1977 where he spent the next 6 years as a resident at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York and then the State University of New York at Stony Brook. It was said that he transformed into "one of the best surgeons in the world," while serving as a surgical fellow with the world renowned transplant team of Dr. Thomas Starzl at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Tzakis has served in several leadership positions and is a member of numerous professional organizations. He is a founding member of the International Pancreas and Islet Transplant Association. He has also published over 600 papers, abstracts, and book chapters, and has been a visiting professor at medical schools across the United States, Eu-

rope, and Asia. He was recognized internationally in 1994 for the transplantation of two baboon livers into humans, and has led the way in transplanting insulin-producing cells from the pancreas and performing intestinal and multi-visceral organ transplantations.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Tzakis is not only a great surgeon but has also developed innovative techniques that have advanced transplant surgery in general. I am truly honored to recognize a person who has contributed so much to modern medicine, his peers, and the world. His work to save lives is legendary.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I missed a number of votes on May 6th and 7th as I was attending the funeral service for a soldier who was from my Congressional District and was killed in Baghdad, Iraq while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On Rollcall vote No. 249, H.R. 3658—a bill to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel to United States territories for members of the Foreign Service. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On Rollcall vote No. 251, H. Con. Res. 317—a Condemning the Burmese regime's undemocratic draft constitution and scheduled referendum. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On Rollcall vote No. 252, Table Motion to Reconsider—H. Con. Res. 317—a Condemning the Burmese regime's undemocratic draft constitution and scheduled referendum. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On Rollcall vote No. 25, H. Con. Res. 1109—Honoring the memory of Dith Pran by remembering his life's work and continuing to acknowledge and remember the victims of genocides that have taken place around the globe. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On Rollcall vote No. 252, Table Motion to Reconsider H. Con. Res. 1109—Honoring the memory of Dith Pran by remembering his life's work and continuing to acknowledge and remember the victims of genocides that have taken place around the globe. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On Rollcall No. 255, On Motion to Adjourn. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On Rollcall No. 256, S. 2929 to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On Rollcall No. 257, Table Motion to Reconsider—S. 2929 To temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On Rollcall No. 258, On Motion to Instruct Conferees—Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On Rollcall No. 259, Table Motion to Reconsider—Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On Rollcall No. 260, On Motion to Adjourn. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."