

Blackstock had owned a tire and auto shop in Thomaston for 20 years before he decided to add on a traditional self-serve and drive-thru car wash facility. From here his entrepreneurial ideas bubbled up like soapy suds. Before he acted, he did his research on the latest type of car wash technology, the "express wash." In 2003, S.S. Blackstock Inc.'s Tidal Wave Express Wash was on its way, as Scott opened a state-of-the-art conveyor-style car wash in Riverdale, GA, that was faster, more efficient and less expensive than any system used before.

His business shined and waxed at a rapid rate. Tidal Wave Express Wash started with two part-time employees in 2003 and one outlet; today, it employs almost 100 full- and part-time employees at 12 locations spread over three states but centered primarily in metro Atlanta. Sales have increased from \$271,000 in 2004 to more than \$6.5 million in 2007, while profits have gone from \$22,435 to more than \$2.7 million.

Scott's business model allows customers to tidy up their rides guilt-free, with a wash that's friendly to the environment and to the wallet. Tidal Wave invests \$70,000 at each new location for a system that treats and recycles the water for reuse and purifies used water before returning it to the sewage system.

Notice of Scott's splash of success isn't limited to Georgia. He's answered the call to give presentations to his peers in the industry and trade publications have featured him.

But Scott isn't just special to his community for his entrepreneurial spirit and business acumen. His company provides much more than a buff and shine. Scott and wife Hope have a child with cerebral palsy and they hold a place in their hearts for people with special needs. S.S. Blackstock Inc. has donated more than \$150,000 to causes that support children and adults with special needs, including a program where teachers from around the South can come for training to assist the wheelchair-bound in gaining physical independence.

I'm tremendously proud of Scott's contributions to Georgia's business community and to our fellow Georgians in need of a helping hand. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Scott Blackstock, the 2009 Small Business Administration Small Business Person honoree.

TRIBUTE TO ELAINE KLINE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Elaine Kline, former owner and operator of Elaine's Hair Design in Boone, Iowa.

Elaine has been a hair dresser for 50 years and a permanent makeup artist for over 20. She recently decided to hang up her shears and retire from owning Elaine's Hair Design after 36 years of business. Although she is retiring from the beauty shop, she will continue to do makeup as an independent contractor. Now that Elaine has more time on her hands, she plans to spend more time with her grandchildren and on her artwork, which she hopes to donate much of to her church and Iowa Right to Life.

Elaine has left a permanent mark on the city of Boone as several generations have passed

through her salon. I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Elaine for her service to her community. I consider it an honor to represent Elaine Kline in Congress, and I wish her a long, happy and healthy future.

HONORING KYLE JOSEPH NIX

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Joseph Nix a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Joseph Nix for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

NO WELFARE FOR TERRORISTS ACT OF 2009

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the "No Welfare for Terrorists Act of 2009." This legislation would proactively prohibit detainees currently at Guantanamo Bay from ever receiving government benefits at the federal, state and local levels.

Today at Guantanamo Bay there are around 240 hardened terrorists who have killed and/or plotted to kill Americans. These terrorists are among the most dangerous people in the world, and the Obama administration wants to bring them here to the United States. Earlier today in the House Committee on Appropriations, Congressional Democrats, in a party-line vote, agreed to support the administration's policy to bring terrorists currently detained at Guantanamo Bay to our soil. Homeland Security personnel are working hard to keep terrorists from entering our country and now the president wants to make special arrangements to bring these proven terrorists here.

The Obama administration has already authorized the release of 30 detainees from Guantanamo Bay. Dennis Blair, the Director of National Intelligence, has said that these terrorists should receive welfare benefits: "If we are to release them in the United States, we need some sort of assistance for them to start a new life. You can't just put them on the street."

We must not fool ourselves—those held at Guantanamo Bay are unrepentant terrorists determined to pursue their long held violent goals. Of the detainees already released from Guantanamo Bay, we know that over 60 have returned to a life of terrorism.

Maulvi Abdul Ghaffar was captured in early 2002 and held at Guantanamo Bay for eight months. After his release, Ghaffar became the Taliban's regional commander in Uruzgan and Helmand provinces, carrying out attacks on U.S. and Afghan forces.

In September, Saeed Shihri was responsible for an attack on the U.S. embassy in Yemen that killed nearly a dozen people. This was barely a year after he was released from Guantanamo Bay.

Abdallah Salih al-Ajmi, a Kuwaiti, was repatriated from Guantanamo in 2005, and transferred into Kuwaiti custody. After he was acquitted of terrorism charges in Kuwait, he committed a successful suicide attack in Mosul, Iraq on March 25, 2008.

Ibrahim Shafir Sen was transferred from Guantanamo Bay to Turkey in November 2003. In January 2008, Sen was arrested in Van, Turkey, and charged as the leader of an active al-Qaida cell.

These are just a few examples of the activities of the terrorists who have been released, thus far. The ones remaining at Guantanamo Bay are arguably even more dangerous.

The administration must be honest with the American people that they want to bring terrorists to the United States. By bringing these terrorists to America, the Obama administration will provide them with legal status. This would then qualify them for food stamps, cash assistance and health care—paid for by you and me, the very people they desire to kill. The American people have spent billions trying to protect this country from terrorists before they can kill innocent Americans, and now the administration is laying out the welcome mat for terrorists to roam our streets.

The "No Welfare for Terrorists Act" will prohibit any government benefits from being granted to any terrorists brought to the United States from Guantanamo Bay. The American people have already paid—with blood and lives. We're done. The American people, under no circumstance, should be required to pay welfare benefits to terrorists.

I ask all my colleagues to join me in bringing sanity to this debate and prevent our constituents' hard earned money from going to put terrorists on welfare rolls.

RYAN ANDREW ROBERTS MAKES HIS MARK ON THE WORLD

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard Allen and Melissa Gregory Roberts on the birth of their child, Ryan Andrew Roberts. Ryan was born on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 10:30 am, weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long. My wife Faye joins me in wishing Richard and Melissa, and grandparents Joseph C. and Janice L. Gregory, Neil Richard Roberts, and Betty W. Marino great happiness upon this new addition to their family.

As the father of three, I know the joy and pride that Richard and Melissa feel at this special time. Children remind us of the incredible miracle of life, and they keep us young-at-heart. Every day they show us a new way to

view the world. I know the Roberts family looks forward to the changes and challenges that their new son will bring to their lives while taking pleasure in the many rewards they are sure to receive as they watch him grow.

I welcome young Ryan into the world and wish Richard and Melissa all the best as they raise him.

HONORING JOHN ANDREW NIX

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Andrew Nix a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

John has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years John has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending John Andrew Nix for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT J. JOSSEN

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Robert J. Jossen for his accomplished legal career and dedication to the Jewish community of Westchester County, New York. On Tuesday, May 12, 2009, Mr. Jossen received The Jewish Theological Seminary 14th Annual Judge Simon H. Rifkind Award.

A graduate of Cornell University and Columbia University Law School, Mr. Jossen began his career as a law clerk for the Honorable Marvin E. Frankel of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Currently a partner with the international law firm Dechert LLP, Bob is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has been named one of this nation's best business litigators by Best Lawyers in America for the past ten years.

Mr. Jossen has demonstrated an admirable commitment to educating the next generation of attorneys, lecturing widely on ethics and other topics for the Practicing Law Institute and the New York State Bar Association. He has also served as an adjunct professor of Legal Ethics at both Columbia University Law School and St. John's University Law School, an adjunct lecturer in Professional Responsibility at Brooklyn Law School, and an instructor for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

From 2004 to 2007, Mr. Jossen served as president of Temple Israel Center of White

Plains, New York, and has spent nearly twenty years serving as general counsel to the Rabbinical Assembly of the Conservative Movement. Bob has generously lent his time and talent to enriching New York's Jewish community, conducting annual seminars with graduating rabbinical students on confidentiality, counseling, and contracts.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the many accomplishments of Robert J. Jossen, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring his contributions to the legal profession and Jewish community.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER DAVID LOAR AND OFFICER CHRISTOPHER SKINNER AS RECIPIENTS OF THE 2009 TOP COP AWARD

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize Officers David Loar and Christopher Skinner of Kansas City, Missouri, as recipients of the 2009 Top COPS Award. This award is presented to outstanding law enforcement officers by the National Association of Police Organizations for acts that go above and beyond the call of duty. Officers Loar and Skinner were nominated for this award by their peers for actions they undertook in helping a 70 year old homeless man.

Officer Loar and Officer Skinner first met Harold, a retired trucker, on New Year's Eve in 2008 in the underground parking garage of a local shopping center in my district. Harold, who had lost his home in a divorce, also had his identification papers stolen while staying at a homeless shelter. Unable to get back on his feet, Harold was living in the underground garage. Upon meeting Harold, Officer Loar and Officer Skinner made the decision to help this elderly man reclaim his life.

Officer Loar and Officer Skinner worked to help Harold obtain a birth certificate, a Social Security card, photo identification, as well as a post office box. They brought him sandwiches and checked on him during the cold winter nights. Upon some investigation, Officers Loar and Skinner found that Harold was eligible for Social Security and Medicare benefits, and this enabled Harold to collect almost \$10,000 in back benefits. Eventually, Officer Loar and Officer Skinner helped Harold find an apartment, and even paid for Harold to stay in a hotel until the apartment unit was ready for him to move into.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Officer Loar and Officer Skinner for their commitment to helping Harold. These two police officers stand as an example to all in the Fifth District of Missouri, as well as the rest of the Nation. Many of us walk by homeless men and women everyday, yet few take the time to stop. Officer Loar and Officer Skinner walked into the parking garage that cold New Year's Eve and made the decision to help; they made the decision to be one of the few to change the course of someone's life. Officer Loar and Officer Skinner showed true compassion when

they decided to help a stranger fight his way back off the streets. It is for these commendable actions that Officer Loar and Officer Skinner were awarded the 2009 Top COPS Award. I urge my colleagues of the 111th Congress to join me in congratulating Officer Loar and Officer Skinner on their well-deserved honor.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ARKANSAS' PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Arkansas' public safety telecommunicators and emergency service dispatchers.

We're taught to call 9-1-1 in an emergency and these are the men and women who answer our call for help. They recently celebrated National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This special week honors the thousands of people who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals, and offer life-saving assistance in our communities.

These civil servants work tirelessly to assure we have direct and immediate access to emergency responders whenever the need arises. We recognize these men and women for their service as well as their concentrated community outreach, training courses for students, senior citizens and church groups on the uses and abuses of the emergency telephone lines and the services available. These community awareness programs improve the quality of our telecommunicators' work.

Their commitment to excellence makes our communities a much safer place to live, and for that I thank them for their service. My appreciation for these Americans who help us every day is immeasurable. We must recognize and honor their efforts not only one week, but all year long.

HONORING KYLE THOMAS ALBERG

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Thomas Alberg a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 332, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Thomas Alberg for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.