

Dick Jacobs was the Chairman and Executive Officer of the Richard E. Jacobs group, a commercial real estate development company he founded along with his brother in 1955. The Jacobs group made history by developing the tallest building between New York and Chicago, the Key Center in Public Square as well as by developing Cleveland's first retail shopping mall. He bought the Cleveland Indians in 1986, during which the Indians won the team's first American League Pennants since 1954, during the 1995 and 1997 seasons. Additionally, the Indians went on to the playoffs five straight seasons in a row and to the World Series twice during his tenure. The Richard E. Jacobs group opened Jacobs field in 1994, the stadium Cleveland fans dubbed "The Jake" until its renaming in early 2008.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Dick Jacobs and in recognition of his significant contributions to the Greater Cleveland Community. His tenure as owner of the Cleveland Indians and his considerable commitment to the revitalization of the City of Cleveland will continue to live on in the hearts of the Greater Cleveland Community.

THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MATTHEW DWIGHT OGDEN

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Private First Class Matthew Dwight Ogden, of Corpus Christi, Texas, who died on June 1, 2009, in Nerkh, Afghanistan, while assigned to Operation Enduring Freedom.

Matthew was born in Corpus Christi and attended King High School, where he graduated in 1994. He went on to enlist in the U.S. Army and was a private in the U.S. Army's 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York.

I would like to take this time to acknowledge the life of a young man who died for this country as he fought for our, "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," our inalienable rights as outlined in the U.S. Declaration of Independence. Without Matthew's courage and determination to join the U.S. Army, and other young men and women like him, we would not be able to enjoy this life and liberty. It is fitting and important that we pay tribute to Matthew for his bravery and courage as he fought to protect our country and way of life.

Matthew will be missed dearly by his family, friends and service men and women, however, his spirit will forever remain intact. He will remain with us at all times—we will forever remember him.

I would also like to take this time to share my most sincere condolences with his father, Michael Dwight Ogden, and his mother, Charlotte Anne Taylor. He is survived by brothers Nathan Ogden, Stephen Turner, and Nicholas Aikman. My condolences go out as well to the families of his "fallen brothers."

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the life and service of Private First Class Matthew Dwight Ogden, who gave his

life for our country. He will forever be remembered as a hero of our nation and—the 27th Congressional District of Texas.

FINAL SERVICE OF SPRINGER COMMUNITY CHURCH IN DIX, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to note the final service of the Springer Community Church in Dix, Illinois.

For 85 years, the Springer Community Church has been an important part of the Jefferson County community. In the 1920s, with transportation sparse, the church was founded in the old Springer schoolhouse so that local children in the surrounding area would have a place to attend Sunday School. It was 1946 when the church had a building of its own, about a half mile away.

Over time, Springer Community Church became known as "the little pink church," and it was truly a community project. The building was constructed on donated land from the material of an old store which was being torn down in a neighboring town. Members of the community built the church, and put additions onto it in the 1950s and 1970s. It was served by missionaries from the American Missionary Fellowship. Over the decades it became a place for generations of local community members to come together and worship.

Sadly, the building fell into disrepair, and last weekend, the little pink church held its last service, a Remembrance Service, to allow members to gather together and celebrate the church's history. Amidst the sadness of seeing such an important institution close its doors, the church treasurer, Carole Barton, exemplified the perseverance that has carried Springer through these last 85 years, telling the Mt. Vernon Register-News, "we hope some day we can get organized and put in another church." I join with my colleagues in the House in wishing the Springer Community Church family all the best, as they seek a new location from which to continue the important work which they have done so well.

CONGRATULATING CHIQUITA BRANDS INTERNATIONAL

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chiquita Brands International on receiving the 2009 Circle of Excellence Award presented annually by the Distribution Business Management Association. Each year the association presents this prestigious award to the corporation that best exemplifies three main criteria of supply chain management: current corporate commitment, past demonstrated programs, and plans for continued commitment. The Circle of Excellence Award is the Distribution Business Management Association's highest recognition for Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives and environmental protection.

Chiquita, together with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, worked to adequately measure their carbon footprint in bringing bananas from the plantations to the marketplace. Through their studies, they were able to identify areas in the supply chain that will allow them to further reduce their carbon footprint in a sustainable manner.

According to Amy Thorn, Executive Director of the Distribution Business Management Association, Chiquita stood out from other businesses because of its ongoing green transportation initiatives that focus on reducing carbon emissions in transportation throughout North America. Additionally, Dr. Omar Keith Helferich of Central Michigan University stated that Chiquita's accomplishments are testimony to its corporate commitment to sustainability.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding the leadership of Chiquita and their 23,000 world-wide employees who are truly committed to making our country and planet a better and sustainable place for future generations.

HONORING THE VISITING NURSE SERVICES OF CONNECTICUT ON THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and extend my sincere congratulations to Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut as they celebrate their centennial anniversary. This is a very special milestone for this organization—a non-profit health care provider and innovative leader in providing home health care needs to individuals in more than fifty communities across Connecticut.

In March of 1909, eighty women representing twenty-one churches and charitable organizations met to discuss their concerns about the spread of tuberculosis and came to the conclusion that the solution was to secure and finance a visiting nurse to treat patients and teach others in the community how to protect themselves and their families from this devastating disease. These women also understood the importance of involving the community in their efforts. They contacted local businesses, churches, and social groups to explain their plans and solicit funds to support it. With the hiring of Miss Finnegan, who made her home visits around the City of Bridgeport on her bicycle, the foundation for Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut was laid.

Over the course of the last century, Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut expanded to meet the growing and changing needs of our communities. Today, Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut provides skilled nursing care, hospice care, therapy/rehabilitative services, medical social work assistance, and home health aide services for thousands of patients each year in Fairfield, New Haven and Litchfield counties. The commitment of the administration and staff remains as strong today as it was in the agency's earliest years. In the last hundred years, there have been many changes at the agency, however, at its heart has always been the desire to provide affordable, quality health care to those most in need and improve their quality of life.

Humor, Excellence, Attitude, Respect, Teamwork—HEART—is at the core of this agency's mission. "Bringing HEART to Health Care" is so much more than a slogan—it is the essence of their philosophy and the culture of this very special organization. For one hundred years, Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut has been an invaluable resource to countless individuals and families in need. I am proud to stand today and extend my heartfelt congratulations on their centennial anniversary and my very best wishes for many more years of success.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING THE 64TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NA-
TIONS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today, along with Chairman DELAHUNT of the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, I am introducing legislation to commemorate the 64th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, U.N.

Joining us in supporting this legislation are Representatives ED TOWNS, MAURICE HINCHEY, SAM FARR, MADELEINE BORDALLO, JOSÉ SERRANO, JIM MCGOVERN, MICHAEL HONDA, DENNIS KUCINICH, JOHN OLVER, and BARBARA LEE.

For 64 years since its founding, the U.N. has made many contributions to the world community and has provided a forum for the achievement of international cooperation in solving the world's most pressing economic, social and humanitarian problems including climate change, trafficking in humans, combating global terrorism, and responding quickly to disasters such as the tsunami in Southeast Asia in 2004.

Last year, Secretary General of the U.N. Ban Ki-moon launched a multi-year campaign to improve awareness among global policymakers at the highest levels regarding issues relating to violence against women. This campaign has been successful in bringing people together to make a difference in the lives of women globally throughout its first year by holding a number of conferences that bring together experts and world leaders to promote solutions to the issues of violence against women.

I look forward to working with Chairman DELAHUNT and others to support the U.N. as the organization moves forward and to commend the U.N. for 64 years of good work.

IN HONOR OF JOAN CLAYBROOK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Joan Claybrook, upon the occasion of the renaming of Public Citizen's headquarters in Washington, DC as the Joan Claybrook Building, and in recognition of 27 years of service as President of Public Citizen.

Joan Claybrook was born on June 12, 1937 and grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, where she attended Goucher College. Her distinguished career in public service began in Washington, DC, where she worked in conjunction with Ralph Nader addressing highway and auto safety issues. Their combined efforts on transportation issues culminated in the passage of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act and the Highway Safety Act of 1966, our nation's first auto safety laws. Her expertise on auto safety led her to a position in the Carter Administration, where she served as head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) from 1977 to 1981.

Joan served as President of Public Citizen from 1982 to 2008, throughout her various leadership roles in public service. She currently serves on the board for a number of institutions, including Georgetown University Law Center, from where she earned her J.D., as well as on the board of the Consumers Union, Citizens for Tax Justice, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, the Goucher College Board of Trustees, Trial Lawyers for Public Justice and the California Foundation Advisory Board. She has been honored numerous times for her distinguished work on behalf of public interest including three honorary degrees from Georgetown University, Goucher College and University of Maryland. Additionally, she was awarded the Phillip Hart Distinguished Consumer Service Award and the Excellence in Public Service Award from the Georgetown Law Center.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Joan Claybrook as Public Citizen renames their Washington, DC headquarters as the Joan Claybrook Building and in recognition of her dedication to public service.

TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL
PUERTO RICAN DAY PARADE

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mr. SERRANO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to the Fifty-Second National Puerto Rican Day Parade, which will be held on June 14th, 2009, in New York City. A bright and star-studded event, this parade proudly recognizes the heritage of Puerto Rican people here in the United States, and year upon year has proven to be one of our nation's largest outdoor festivities. This year I am especially pleased to take part in the day because the parade itself is dedicated to the City of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, a vibrant and beautiful community which also happens to be my place of birth.

The National Puerto Rican Day Parade is the successor to the New York Puerto Rican Day Parade, which held its inaugural celebration on Sunday, April 12th, 1958, in "El Barrio," Manhattan. The impact of the first Puerto Rican Day Parade in New York was both immediate and resounding. It galvanized thousands of New York Puerto Ricans in a very public, very proud demonstration of their emergence in the City as an important and growing ethnic group. For the next 38 years, the New York Puerto Rican Day Parade grew

into a staple of New York's cultural life. In 1995, the overwhelming success of the parade prompted organizers to increase its size and transform it into the national and, indeed, international, affair that it is today.

This magnificent New York institution now includes participation from delegates representing over thirty states, including Alaska and Hawaii, and attracts well over 3 million parade goers every year. In addition, the parade reaches millions more through television broadcasts and via satellite to viewers the world over.

The great success that the parade enjoys each year is brought about in large measure by the continued and tireless efforts of a few dedicated individuals. They are women and men of able leadership and strong conviction, who believe, as I do, in the limitless potential of people of Puerto Rican descent. Leading this effort is the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization designed to foster self-awareness and pride among Puerto Ricans in this country, and in so doing, likewise address issues of economic development, education, cultural recognition, and social advancement.

The Parade's march up New York's Fifth Avenue, while certainly the most visible aspect of the celebration, is hardly the only event associated with the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.'s activities. Each year more than 10,000 people attend a variety of award ceremonies, banquets and cultural events that strengthen the special relationship shared by Puerto Ricans and the City of New York. Over the years, the two have developed a symbiotic relationship. Puerto Ricans have helped transform New York into a dynamic, bilingual city that continues to welcome newcomers from all over the globe. The City of New York, which is a place of opportunity, has enabled Puerto Ricans to flourish economically, culturally and politically.

Madam Speaker, the National Puerto Rican Day Parade captures the spirit of the special relationship between Puerto Ricans and New York City. It celebrates the many ways that we enrich the traditions of this country, and sends a clear signal to all who witness it, that the Puerto Rican community—both in New York and nationally—represents an exquisite tapestry of individuals. As a Puerto Rican and a New Yorker, and as someone who participates in this parade annually, I can attest that the reverberations of this day are both vast and glorious. They can be seen on the faces and heard in the streets, as millions come together to joyously proclaim their heritage. And so it is, Madam Speaker, that with a full and proud heart, I stand before you and my colleagues in Congress to pay tribute to the sights and sounds and wonder that is the National Puerto Rican Day Parade.

SESQUICENTENNIAL OF HISTORIC
VILLAGE OF SANDOVAL, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 8, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the sesquicentennial of the historic village of Sandoval, Illinois.

Sandoval is a small community fifty miles east of East St. Louis, in Marion County, Illinois. Settled in 1823 by Thomas Deadmond,