

Wind energy is a critical component of America's clean energy future. The growth potential for the industry is enormous: in 2008 alone the industry installed enough new wind energy production capacity to power over 2 million homes. My state of Minnesota is currently fourth in the nation for installed wind energy production capacity and is in the top ten states for wind energy production potential. However, like many new industries, the wind energy industry requires federal incentives to fuel its growth. The Wind Energy Research and Development Act authorizes an important new demonstration program at the Department of Energy to reduce the costs of construction, generation, and maintenance of wind energy systems. Developing these technologies will help reduce existing barriers to expansion of wind power around the country.

America's shift to a clean energy economy requires the development of advanced vehicle technologies to save consumers money and reduce harmful emissions. In addition to clean passenger vehicles, we must modernize our commercial transport fleet. The Heavy Duty Hybrid Vehicle Research, Development and Demonstration Act will create a competitive grant program to support research, development and demonstration of advanced heavy duty hybrid vehicle technologies. This program will help make America's commercial transport fleet the cleanest and most efficient in the world.

Transitioning to a clean energy economy and curtailing global climate change are two of the great challenges of our time—American innovation is the key to addressing them both. I urge my colleagues to support these two important pieces of legislation.

RECOGNIZING DAVID DAVIS FOR WINNING THE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate David Davis for winning the Volunteer of the Year Award. According to his peers, since 2003, David Davis has volunteered for the City of Dallas and has logged approximately 1,947 hours. This year David has logged 394 hours and in the month of June alone has logged 62 hours.

David Davis had made a significant contribution by taking charge of several Volunteer Programs which include being a Crime Watch Captain for the Oaklawn Crime Watch, a VIP Captain for Oaklawn Neighborhood and participates in every Central Patrol VIP training class. David Davis also sits on the CWEB Board as a NE and NW alternate. David is CERT trained and heads up CERT Teams for Northeast and Northwest.

David Davis also volunteers for COPS, White Rock Lake VIP, VIP Traffic Safety Fairs, assists in traffic and crowd management for various parades throughout the city, CHIPS training assistance, CHIPS on the job training, VIP training and participated in the Citizens Police Academy.

In May 2009 Dallas Police Crisis Intervention Training Program (CIT) held the National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI) walk at

Fair Park and David Davis assisted by organizing a group of volunteers for additional crowd management in order to facilitate this successful fundraiser.

On numerous occasions David Davis has contacted the local police personally to offer his assistance with crime watch events, parades and volunteer training and has always shown a great dedication and reliability in his support of these Dallas Police events.

David Davis has also proven himself to be an accomplished crime fighter and has made a tremendous impact during his Volunteering in Patrol. David Davis leads by example in this area by explaining to new volunteers that crime may be brought down by the volunteers who patrol certain areas.

David Davis has also taken on patrol of the Katy Trail and Reverchon Park areas. He has organized newly trained volunteers for these areas and keeps track of current crime trends and passes along information to police officers who also work these parks.

Congratulations David Davis. I salute you.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD HOLST

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and accomplishments of Mr. Richard Holst, who died in the line of duty on September 9, 2009, while defending the community from a fire.

Mr. Holst served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War in the Atlantic Fleet on the U.S.S. Saratoga. In addition to his military service, after retirement, he joined the Huntington Manor Fire Department as a firefighter, eventually becoming the head of New York State Association of Fire Chaplains.

Mr. Holst was a true leader, who carried the torch of service throughout his life. He will be remembered by his family, friends, and community for his generosity and sincere commitment to helping those in need.

IN RECOGNITION OF RONNIE E. BELL UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, a community leader who is retiring after over thirty years of public service with Walton County, Florida. Mr. Bell spent his career serving Northwest Florida, and I am proud to honor his dedication and service.

Ronnie is life-long resident of Walton County. He graduated from Walton Senior High School in 1977 and from Okaloosa-Walton Junior College in 1980. He began his career with Walton County in 1977 as an Emergency Medical Services Secretary. From 1978 through 1986, Ronnie served as an EMT and Paramedic for Walton County EMS, and was the Walton EMS Supervisor between 1986 and 1987. In 1988, Ronnie became the Wal-

ton County Administrative Supervisor, and served in that capacity for eleven years. In 1999, he became Public Works Director, and was selected as Walton County Administrator in 2004.

In over thirty years of service to the public as a Walton County employee, Ronnie has shown a true dedication to helping his fellow citizens. He has always strove to make Walton a better place to live.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Ronnie Bell for his lifetime of service to Northwest Florida. Walton County will miss his leadership. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for him and his family as they embark on this next journey in their lives.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF FORMER SENATOR JOSE "PING" ANDRES RAMIREZ DUEÑAS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of former Guam Senator Jose "Ping" Andres Ramirez Dueñas, a lifetime resident of the village of Dededo, Guam. Senator Dueñas passed away on August 31, 2009 after a long illness. He was 78.

Born on October 17, 1930, in Hagåtña, Guam, Ping was the oldest of four sons of Juliana Ramirez Dueñas and Jesus Camacho Dueñas. Ping and I were classmates at George Washington High School, where we both graduated from in June of 1951. On April 19, 1954, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, he married his high school sweetheart, Rosario Cruz Perez, fondly known as "Ling". Ping enrolled in Marquette University and later received his bachelor's degree in accounting from St. Thomas Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

After graduation from college, Ping returned home and began his twenty-eight year career of public service with the Government of Guam. Ping started as an auditor with the Department of Administration before being promoted to chief accountant. In 1962, Ping and nineteen others joined together to form the Government of Guam Employees Federal Credit Union (GGEFCU). From an initial membership of twenty founding members, the GGEFCU has grown to over 40,000 members, three branches, and is an important resource for financial services to the Government of Guam employees.

Ping sought political office in 1970 and was elected to four consecutive terms as a Senator in the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th Guam Legislature from 1970 to 1978. He served on the Rules Committee; the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Federal and Foreign Affairs; and Natural Resources, Land and Community Development. He also served on the 1975 Legislative Task Force for the review of the federal-territorial political relationship with its findings to be reported to the White House. After serving as Chairman of the Democratic Party of Guam, Ping and I joined together as running mates in the 1990 gubernatorial election. While unsuccessful in our bid for Governor

and Lieutenant Governor of Guam, Ping would go on to continue his service to our community as Vice President of Financial Affairs for the University of Guam. While there, he helped in the growth of the university and was instrumental in the establishment of the Marine Laboratory.

I join our community in mourning the loss of former Senator Jose Ramirez "Ping" Dueñas. Ping was a good friend of Guam, and he devoted his life to serving our people. We extend heartfelt condolences to his wife, Rosario "Ling" Perez Dueñas; his children, Joseph, Daniel, Anthony, Gerardlyn, Carina, Thomas, Marcella, and Julienne; his 25 grandchildren; his 16 great grandchildren; and his many family and friends.

God bless the family and friends of Senator Dueñas. He will be missed dearly.

HONORING ADAM DIAZ ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to praise and reflect upon the career of an outstanding public servant and community leader, Adam Diaz. I would also like to take a moment to congratulate Mr. Diaz on his upcoming 100th birthday.

For more than seventy years, Mr. Diaz has been a champion for the Mexican American community in Phoenix. A lifelong Arizonan, Mr. Diaz was born in Flagstaff on September 29, 1909, before moving to Phoenix, where he has lived for the past 94 years. He began his career working at the Luhrs Hotel as a messenger boy with Western Union. From this humble beginning, he eventually became the Superintendent of Properties for Luhrs Properties, a position he held until his retirement. During the 1970's, I had the occasion to see him and his brother at Luhrs and seek his counsel.

Mr. Diaz is noted for having been elected as Phoenix's first Mexican American City Councilman in 1948. He served four years on the council and one year as vice-mayor of the city of Phoenix. Later, Diaz served for five years on the Phoenix Elementary School District Number One Governing Board.

Mr. Diaz has served on the board of directors of several community-based organizations including The Friendly House and Chicanos Por La Causa. He has also been actively involved in many other organizations, commissions, and committees such as the League for United Latino American Citizens, the Arizona Centennial Commission, the Governor's Conference on Youth, the Boy Scouts, and the Vesta Club.

While Chairman of the Board of Chicanos Por La Causa, his efforts to fund senior housing for low-income Hispanics resulted in establishing Casa de Primavera, a low-income senior housing complex near 43rd Avenue and McDowell Road. Later, President Bill Clinton appointed him to the Task Force on Aging. In this role, Mr. Diaz visited the White House to discuss Social Security, Medicare and other important senior issues with Second Lady Tipper Gore.

Mr. Diaz continued his work for senior citizens at the American Legion Post 41, where

he organized numerous fundraising events to help indigent elderly buy dentures and hearing aids, items not covered by Medicare. When Mr. Diaz was in his 70's, he still went daily to the YMCA gym and assisted seniors as a trainer in the swimming pool and weight room.

Adam has been a mentor and a friend to many community leaders. I have been fortunate to have him as a supporter, advisor and a friend. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Adam Diaz for his extraordinary leadership and lifelong dedication to public service, and wish him a happy 100th birthday.

CONGRATULATING OFFICER BERVIN SMITH

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Officer Bervin Smith of the NE Dallas Police Division for winning the prestigious Officer of the Year award.

According to his peers, by his own desires Officer Smith organized the current DPD-NE Volunteer Committee. This committee which is now a viable organization with over 14 members is already meeting with Deputy Chief Lawrence at the NE Police Division on a monthly basis at the NE station to discuss and reactivate volunteers on a list that is over 1,000 names in the NE Division area. Deputy Chief Lawrence is very supportive of this group and is working with them to reduce crime in the NE area.

Officer Smith is a dedicated officer who wants to do his job the best that he can.

It is a privilege to recognize him for a job well done. I am certain that he will continue to touch the lives of many in his community. It is a great honor to commend Officer Smith in the United States Congress, and I wish him continued success.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF NORMAN BORLAUG

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Dr. Norman Borlaug, who passed away on September 12, 2009 at the age of 95. Dr. Borlaug combated world hunger on a global scale by revolutionizing the science of agriculture. He developed and introduced high-yield, disease resistant crops and innovative agricultural techniques, which he then spread throughout the globe. These innovations started the "Green Revolution," which allowed the world's food supply to keep up with the growth in population. Through his work, he saved hundreds of millions of lives from hunger and starvation. His life is testament to the extraordinary change one person can make. He was a Great American and our world shall forever benefit from his life's work.

Dr. Borlaug was born on a farm near Cresco, Iowa in 1914. He studied forestry and plant pathology at the University of Minnesota

and completed his doctorate in 1942. Dr. Borlaug led a distinguished career that spanned more than 60 years. Much of his work was done in Mexico at Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maiz y Trigo, or the International Maize and Wheat Center. In 1984 he began teaching as a Distinguished Professor of International Agriculture at Texas A&M—College Station. Throughout his life he continued to teach and inspire new generations of scientists and farmers. Agriculture in the 15th Congressional District of Texas and throughout the state has benefitted greatly from Dr. Borlaug's contributions.

Dr. Borlaug transformed the way the world feeds its population. The exponential growth in crop yields created stability and prosperity in nations that were struggling to feed its citizenry. Dr. Borlaug's ultimate legacy is one of world peace, which he achieved through ensuring that a basic human need was provided for throughout the world.

We offer our deepest condolences to Dr. Borlaug's friends and family: his daughter Jennie Borlaug Laube, his son, William Gibson Borlaug, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

JOHNNY GRANT HOLLYWOOD POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, there could be no more appropriate moniker for a Hollywood post office than Johnny Grant's. The unofficial mayor of Hollywood for more than half a century, Johnny's name is synonymous with the community he loved and promoted so well.

It is especially appropriate that the post office at 1615 North Wilcox Avenue, just off of Hollywood Boulevard, would bear his name, as he managed to secure a Hollywood postmark, despite the fact that it's not its own city. Only Johnny Grant could have pulled that off. While celebrating his 84th birthday, Johnny said that the Hollywood postmark was one of three accomplishments of which he was most proud, along with the Hollywood sign and the Walk of Fame.

I had the privilege of knowing Johnny and calling him a friend for many years. I always admired his incredible zeal for life. He brought a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm to everything he did—which was never on greater display than when he tirelessly supported our Nation's veterans. While serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II, his "Strictly GI" radio show was broadcast in New York City and North Carolina, featuring stories of interest to servicemen and women. He went on to do 60 USO tours and personally sponsored trips in Korea and Vietnam to show his deep support and commitment to our men and women in uniform, to encourage them and boost morale during very difficult times.

Johnny produced and hosted the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots telethon for ten years, and organized countless other events raising millions for the USO, the Boy Scouts of America, police and fire services and veterans organizations.