

Conservation Service) and the Auglaize County Soil and Water Conservation District. He was recognized repeatedly for his dedicated efforts to preserve our natural resources, receiving outstanding performance awards from the SCS and The Ohio State University.

Ivo's colleagues recently paid tribute to his 52 years in public service, citing his long-standing support of economic growth and responsible land use practices throughout the county. The experience and knowhow he brought to bear on issues facing Auglaize County will not soon be replaced.

As is to be expected from such a dedicated public servant, Ivo looks forward to getting involved in volunteer work during his retirement. I know that his devotion to volunteerism will be an outstanding model and an inspiration to others.

I am proud to join the Auglaize County Board of Commissioners and the people of Auglaize County in congratulating Ivo on his distinguished public service career. We wish Ivo and his wife of 50 years, Camille, and their entire family every success as they move to a new chapter in their lives.

HONORING JOSEPH LAIRD RICHEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joseph Laird Richey of Parkville, Missouri. Joseph is 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 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joseph has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joseph 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 Joseph Laird Richey for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING JON RACHFORD

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and congratulate the distinguished public service of Mr. Jon Rachford. Jon Rachford was honored as "Man of the Year" by the community of Corcoran, California at a reception held by the Corcoran Chamber of Commerce on January 28, 2009.

Mr. Jon Rachford was born on July 5, 1939, and grew up in Lindsay, where he attended school through his junior year in high school. In 1956, Mr. Rachford moved to Hanford, California where he graduated from high school. Upon graduating from high school Jon received a National Reserves Officers Training Corps scholarship to Stanford University.

Upon graduating from Stanford University with his bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering he moved on to serve a Regular Commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Following Basic School he received Military Occupational Specialty as an infantry officer.

After six years of service in the Marine Corps, Jon and his wife Cathy moved to Corcoran where he was employed by the J.G. Boswell Company as a civil engineer. Between the years of 1972 and 1978, Jon worked in the Boswell Company in Los Angeles, California as an Administrative Assistant to Mr. Jim Fisher and Jim Boswell. During his time in Los Angeles he served as a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Pasadena, California as a Level 1 Officer. In 1978, Jon moved back to Corcoran and continued to work with the Boswell Company's processing office.

In 1984, Mr. Rachford received his final discharge from the Marine Corp reserves, retiring as a Major. Soon after that in 1986 Jon started a new career and went into business with Bob Lyman and Terrell DeVaney as Cal-Econ Consultants and Cal-Econ Realty. He also managed and had partnership interests at South Lake Farms and White Ranch.

In 1992, Jon started his public service when he was elected as a Councilman with the Corcoran City Council. While on the Corcoran City Council he also served on the board of the Kings Waste and Recycling Authority. He also worked with many other local residents to bring a second prison to the community of Corcoran. Jon was also involved with the Corcoran Rotary Club.

After eight short years Jon was elected to the Kings County Board of Supervisors. Jon also served on a couple of committees such as the Kings Waste and Recycling Authority, Tule and Kaweah River Enlargement Committee, where there was much success on bringing additional water storage to Terminus Dam. Jon is also a member of the board of the Corcoran Community Foundation, serves on the Foundation's Executive board as Treasurer and volunteers as a member of the finance committee. In 2001, Mr. Jon Rachford retired from his public service but still continues to stay active in his community.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Jon Rachford for his recognition as "Man of the Year." Upon this very much deserved award, we thank him for his service and we wish him continued success and best of luck for the future.

HONORING ALEXANDER FRANK WILLIAMS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander Frank Williams of Kansas City, Missouri. Alexander is 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 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alexander has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities.

Over the many years Alexander 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 Alexander Frank Williams for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MATTHEW ALLEN

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. MCCAUL. Madam Speaker: I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Matthew Allen, nuclear physicist from Sandia National Laboratories, for his outstanding service to the Nation. Matt has served with distinction as a Fellow these last two years on the House Committee on Homeland Security, and has worked closely with me for the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology.

Matt has been instrumental in providing technical expertise to me on critical nuclear-related matters affecting the security of the homeland. He was an essential resource in the successful introduction and ultimately House passage of the "Next Generation Radiation Detection Act of 2008." His oversight and legislative work on issues such as radiation detectors, national nuclear forensics capabilities, and the Securing the Cities program was thorough, well informed, and infused with good humor.

Always wanting to learn and to do, Matt took an interest in areas beyond his personal comfort zone, including biosecurity, cybersecurity, and the nuances of the legislative process. He took enormous pride not only in the details of his work, but in the concept that a laboratory scientist could be invited to serve the Congress in such a central capacity. He referred to his fellowship as a "study abroad" program, and, like an idealistic student, delighted in everything the Hill and Washington, DC had to offer.

I applaud Matt's service and hope, long after he has returned to the lab bench, for his continued engagement in policymaking.

HONORING JAMES TAYLOR SMITH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize James Taylor Smith of Platte City, Missouri. James is 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 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

James has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years James 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 James Taylor Smith for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM J. BARRETT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing, I rise to note the passing of William J. Barrett, of Alexandria, Virginia. Mr. Barrett died January 26, 2009, at age 81, following a distinguished career in Federal service that culminated at the Government Printing Office (GPO) in the senior positions of Superintendent of Documents, Deputy Public Printer, and finally as acting Public Printer.

Before transferring his flag to the GPO, Bill Barrett had a successful career in the Navy Department, where he climbed from the position of fiscal accounting clerk in 1949 to acting Administrative Officer of the Navy, reporting to the Undersecretary of the Navy. In 1971, Bill was appointed as the first administrative officer of the GPO. Within two years of his arrival at GPO, Bill became Deputy Assistant Public Printer—Superintendent of Documents.

By 1981, Bill was appointed Assistant Public Printer—Superintendent of Documents. In that position, Bill oversaw GPO's Federal Depository Library Program, which distributes government documents to depository libraries in every state of the Union. While there, Bill was instrumental in stemming financial losses then plaguing the agency's document sales program. In April 1982, Bill was appointed to Deputy Public Printer, the second highest position in the agency. When the Public Printer resigned in January 1984, Bill served as acting Public Printer until he retired from Federal service in the following December.

Madam Speaker, although I did not have the privilege to know and work with Bill Barrett, I am told that he was a genuine friend to the GPO and well respected by the Members and staff of the Congress. While serving, Bill traveled extensively to educate Americans about the GPO, its operations and the important missions it fulfills, and many consider him perhaps the best "ambassador" the GPO has ever had. His distinguished career reflected his dedication and devotion to the Federal service and the people we all serve. I commend Bill Barrett's record of service to the Nation, and on behalf of the Joint Committee on Printing, I offer our condolences to Betty, Bill's wife of 59 years, and to their six children and their families.

HONORING JOSHUA MICHAEL SHINER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua Michael Shiner of Platte City, Missouri. Joshua is 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 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joshua has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joshua 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 Joshua Michael Shiner for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING BRENDA LEE FOR RECEIVING THE GRAMMY "LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD"

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the tremendous career and professional accomplishments of Brenda Lee, a legendary member of the Tennessee recording arts community and an international star, on the occasion of her receipt of the 2009 Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award on February 8, 2009.

The Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award is presented by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Science to performers who make significant contributions in the field of recording arts. Brenda Lee's career epitomizes the ideals established by the Recording Academy, and provides a benchmark for success that few artists worldwide can match.

Brenda sold over 100 million records during her career, and sold more records than any other woman in the history of recorded music. In doing so, she established a long-lasting connection with both American and international fans while holding the title of "Most Programmed Female Vocalist" for five consecutive years according to Billboard magazine, and three consecutive years according to Cashbox magazine. This standard of excellence yielded 29 gold records, international acclaim throughout the world, induction in the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1997, and induction in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2002.

More importantly, Brenda Lee remains an active community leader in Nashville, Tennessee where she and her husband Ronnie continue to make their home. Her charitable contributions include volunteer leadership in organizations spanning from the Kidney Foundation, the American Heart Association and the March of Dimes to the YWCA for Abused Women.

On behalf of constituents throughout Tennessee's 7th District and music fans around the world, I applaud Brenda Lee for her lifetime body of work, and congratulate her well-deserved acceptance of the 2009 Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

HONORING ELI SAMUEL EBER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eli Samuel Eber of Kansas City, Missouri. Eli is 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 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eli has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Eli 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 Eli Samuel Eber for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO SOL ROSENBERG

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the late Sol Rosenberg. Rosenberg, who survived Nazi death camps to become a local titan in industry, philanthropy and civil affairs, died January 30, 2009, in Monroe, La., at the age of 82.

As a young teenager, Rosenberg lived in the Warsaw Ghetto under anti-Semitic law. He was imprisoned in four death camps, participated in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, served as a slave laborer in two slave labor camps in Poland and survived the iniquitous Dachau Death March.

After escaping from the concentration camp at Treblinka and taking part in the courageous rebellion in Warsaw, Rosenberg was sent to Dachau, where he was finally liberated after the Allies defeated the Nazis.

In 1942, Nazis took the lives of his two sisters and both parents. He also lost his extended family of over 50 uncles, aunts and cousins to this devastating war.

For almost six years, Rosenberg endured and witnessed unimaginable horror. Yet, he outlasted his enemies, miraculously evading the harrowing fate of everyone he loved, and somehow emerged with his compassion and resolve to live still intact.

After World War II, Rosenberg met his wife, Tola, in a displaced persons camp in Germany. Tola was also a survivor of the war that took her entire family.

In 1949, they left Europe for a new life in Louisiana, with little more than the clothes on their backs and a rough grasp of the English language. The couple raised their five children in this state.

In the 1950s, Rosenberg founded Sol's Pipe and Steel in Monroe, which he ran for more than 50 years. Starting this business from scratch, Rosenberg eventually became a leading industrialist and community benefactor in northeastern Louisiana—another testament to his dedication and will to survive.