

by Eustace Gay, John Saunders, Alfred Morris and Waverly Easley. Today under the leadership of Chairman Walter Livingston, Jr. and President/CEO Robert Bogle, the Tribune newspaper continues to expand and has been the recipient of numerous national awards including the NNPA's John B. Russwurm Award for "Best Newspaper in America" Award and the A. Phillip Randolph "Messenger Award."

President Bogle stresses that after 125 years the mission of the Philadelphia Tribune has not wavered. "For 125 years the Tribune has been the voice of those who would have been voiceless." For that reason, Madame Speaker, I salute the proud history, advocacy, and courage of the Philadelphia Tribune. The Tribune is an historic trailblazer whose light continues to lead on the path to justice and equality for the voiceless, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring them.

HONORING WILLIAM W. CHAPMAN  
II UPON BEING NAMED AN HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor retired National Guard Command Sergeant Major William W. Chapman II of Willington, Connecticut. I rise to recognize his being named an Honorary Grand Marshal, one of the most prestigious salutes to a veteran in the United States.

Sergeant Major Chapman has served over 35 years in the Marine Corps, Army Reserve, and Connecticut Army National Guard. He joined the military at age 17 because he felt the need to serve his country. During the Vietnam War, Chapman served as a Marine in Japan, the Philippines, and Taiwan. He was deployed after 9/11 as part of Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Iraqi Freedom serving for some of this time in Tikrit, Iraq. He recently retired from the Connecticut Army National Guard, and is the recipient of a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Meritorious Service Medal, and three Army Commendation Medals. He was named Connecticut Army National Guard Honor Soldier of the year in May 2008. Chapman is a former Captain and trainer with the Connecticut Department of Correction, DOC, having retired after two decades of civilian service in 2002. He is also a member of the DOC Military Peer Support Program, which assists employees and their families during deployments.

Chapman will be featured in the 10th annual Connecticut Veterans Day Parade in Hartford on November 8. Over 4,000 people will march that afternoon near the Connecticut State Capitol to honor our nation's servicemen and women.

Chapman's dedication and sacrifices as a U.S. soldier and public servant will be remembered for years to come. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me, and the people of Connecticut in thanking Sergeant Major Chapman for his distinguished service to our country and wishing him the best in his new endeavors.

HONORING SIDNEY SHIELDS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sidney Shields, a very special young lady who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Sidney's family and friends in expressing best wishes on her significant achievement. I commend Sidney on attaining such a high honor and wish her the best of luck as she competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Sidney's hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Sidney should be proud of her accomplishments. She is a member of a celebrated team and has represented the state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Sidney will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Sidney Shields for her success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for her effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EAST TAWAS LIONS CLUB

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Lions Club of East Tawas, Michigan as it celebrates its 50th anniversary in the community. Throughout its history, the Lions Club has worked with city, county and State government to improve the lives of residents in East Tawas and its surrounding areas.

Chartered May 1959, the East Tawas Lions Club has undertaken efforts from day one to support sight projects locally and beyond. Each year, the group takes to the streets for the annual White Cane Drive fundraiser to benefit blind and sight-impaired individuals, as well as organizations that provide for the various needs of the blind and sight-impaired. The Club has also participated in joint state projects including Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Michigan Eye Bank for the past 50 years.

The East Tawas Lions Club has worked to improve the health and well-being of the community by building and installing wheelchair ramps for those in need. The Club has also helped to provide hearing aids to individuals with financial difficulties.

Recognizing the importance of education, the Club invests in East Tawas youth, providing scholarships to help graduating seniors attend college. The Club has also helped raise money to build dugouts for local baseball diamonds and for construction of the Dewey Durant Park pavilion.

The East Tawas Lions Club promotes community spirit, and has hosted a wide range of

events throughout the years, including golf tournaments, softball tournaments, cross-country races and winter ski races on the Corsair Trails. This year, the Club served smoked whitefish and beef jerky—two staple foods of northern Michigan—at the community's winter festival.

Madam Speaker, the East Tawas Lions Club has been a leader in community and humanitarian service since 1959. It has worked tirelessly to provide support and resources to those in need by embodying the Lions motto: We Serve! I ask Madam Speaker, that you, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in thanking the members of the East Tawas Lions Club for their generous service and recognizing the Club on its 50th anniversary.

IN HONOR OF CLIFFORD A.  
SCHULMAN

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor South Florida philanthropist, business leader and prominent attorney, Cliff Schulman.

Mr. Schulman has 37 years of wide-ranging legal experience in the environmental and land use field from both the government and private sectors.

He is well known for his involvement in the community and commitment to charitable causes. He is Chairman of the Board of the Aventura Marketing Council and serves on the Boards of the "I Have a Dream" Foundation and the Anchors Away Foundation, a program that provides specially designed sailboats for use by mentally and physically challenged children in the Miami-Dade public school system. He is also a member of the United Way of Miami-Dade Alexis de Tocqueville Society and a founder of Mt. Sinai Medical Center.

In 2004, Mr. Schulman received the Anti-Defamation League's "Torch of Freedom" award and was recently named "Impact Legal Leader" by South Florida Business Leader Magazine, a distinction for individuals who have contributed significantly to their industry, as well as active participants in civic or philanthropic groups in the community.

This month, the South Florida Shomrim Society Jewish Fraternal Order of Law Enforcement Officers is honoring him as "Person of the Year". This distinction is presented to Mr. Schulman for supporting the welfare of the local community and improving the public image of all persons engaged in public safety.

He is listed in Legal 500 US, Best Lawyers in America and Florida Trend Magazine's "Legal Elite." Additionally, Mr. Schulman serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami Law School's Masters Program.

I am proud to have Mr. Schulman as a constituent and honor his distinguished career and leadership in the South Florida community.

HONORING ROBERT "BOB"  
BARNUM OF EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Robert "Bob" Barnum, who is being honored as the 2009 Lumberman of the Year by the Ingomar Club of Eureka. For over six decades, Mr. Barnum has presided over the family timber holdings and been a leader in the timber industry of northern California.

A Humboldt County native and fourth generation Eureka, Bob was born to Charles R. Barnum Sr. and Helen Wells Barnum in 1927. Bob began working in the forests in the summer of 1944, where he learned to cruise timber, survey boundaries and mark cutting lines. He enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley in 1945 and graduated in 1949. He attended the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. He married Patricia Boyle of New Jersey in 1949. Bob and Pat have five children, Patricia, Charles, Bill, Cathleen and Jane, as well as eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Bob assumed management of the family timber business in 1953. He added to the family's timber properties and formed Barnum Timber Company in 1985. He was a founding director of Forest Landowners of California, an officer and director of many industry associations, including the Redwood Region Conservation Council and the California Forestry Association. He was appointed to the California State Board of Forestry in 1972, helping to oversee the implantation of California's landmark forest practices legislation.

A lifelong Republican, Bob has proudly represented the region at the Republican National Convention in 1976, 1980 and 1984. His commitment to the preservation of our political liberty is worthy of appreciation and recognition.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the contributions of Robert "Bob" Barnum to the community and to the industry which he loves, and for being honored as the 2009 Lumberman of the Year.

HONORING TRAVIS BUTTON

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Travis Button, a very special young man who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Travis' family and friends in expressing best wishes on his significant achievement. I commend Travis on attaining such a high honor and wish him the best of luck as he competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Travis' hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Travis should be proud of his accomplishments. He is a member of a

celebrated team and has represented the state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Travis will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Travis Button for his success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for his effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN H. MAHLE

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate and pay tribute to a great American, Stephen H. Mahle, a man who achieved great personal and professional success through courage, dedication and an unwavering commitment to improving the human condition.

Steve Mahle received his bachelor of arts degree in physics from Beloit College in 1967 and his master's degree in physics from Pennsylvania State University in 1969. He served in the U.S. Army, where he held the rank of Captain while serving as a research scientist at NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston.

In 1972, Steve Mahle began what would become a highly successful 37-year career with Medtronic, Inc. where he held numerous leadership positions, including serving as president of Cardiac Rhythm Disease Management, CRDM.

Steve played a key leadership role in many important milestones in cardiac rhythm disease innovation. He was the product development manager on the first Medtronic pacemaker programmer, and was instrumental in developing the world's first rate responsive single chamber pacemaker, which revolutionized and advanced cardiac pacing technology.

He expanded Medtronic's international presence and was an integral part of growing the implantable cardioverter defibrillator business in the late 1990s. He is credited with creating cardiac resynchronization therapies that address heart failure, as well as establishing CareLink, a patient management system, that now serves more than a quarter of a million patients in the United States. Under his leadership the CRDM business grew from \$500 million to just under \$5 billion.

Madam Speaker let us join his friends, family, and colleagues in congratulating Stephen H. Mahle on his many accomplishments, and wish him well as he begins his retirement from a lifetime of leadership and innovation, and starts the next chapter in his life where he will undoubtedly continue his own personal mission to "make a difference in the lives of people throughout the world."

H.R. 4016, THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACT OF 2009

**HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, today I introduce legislation to reauthorize the Depart-

ment of Transportation's (DOT's) hazardous materials safety program. The authorization for the program expired on September 30, 2008. According to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), the agency within DOT that is tasked with the safe movement of nearly 1.2 million daily shipments of hazardous materials in the United States, over the past decade, there have been 170,527 incidents involving the transportation of hazardous materials, resulting in 137 fatalities and 2,857 injuries. However, according to an internal analysis conducted by PHMSA, dated May 11, 2007, 60 to 90 percent of all incidents involving the transportation of hazardous materials that occurred from 2004 through 2006 were not reported by regulated entities to PHMSA. PHMSA, however, has done nothing to address the under-reporting of incidents.

When Congress created PHMSA in 2004, the law included, at my request, a mandate that the agency shall consider the assignment and maintenance of safety as the highest priority. Unfortunately, PHMSA has lost sight of its safety mission.

Over the past several months, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has conducted an in-depth investigation of PHMSA's hazardous materials safety program. Our preliminary findings, which were released on September 10, 2009, coupled with the preliminary findings of the DOT Office of Inspector General, which also conducted an audit of PHMSA's hazardous materials safety program, revealed some alarming problems.

We uncovered significant problems with PHMSA's special permits and approvals programs, which exempt regulated entities from hazardous materials regulations. PHMSA routinely grants these exemptions without making the findings required by its own regulations.

We also found that PHMSA has virtually no process for data collection, analysis, and reporting. Most of PHMSA's database is incomplete or contains errors. If PHMSA cannot read its own data, how can it determine what its priorities should be? In addition, PHMSA has failed time and time again to address significant safety concerns that have been raised by its own enforcement personnel, the DOT Office of Inspector General, and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The NTSB has issued safety recommendation after safety recommendation to ensure the safety of transporting lithium cells and batteries on board aircraft. The NTSB has also issued safety recommendations on eliminating the transportation of hazardous materials in external product piping of loading lines underneath cargo tank motor vehicles, known as wet lines. Yet, PHMSA has failed to address these important safety recommendations.

The safe transportation of lithium cells and batteries is an important issue and a rapidly increasing safety risk, as more and more technology relies on the use of various types of lithium cells and batteries. The batteries are widely used in personal electronic devices, such as cell phones and laptops. In 2008, more than 3.3 billion lithium cells and batteries were transported worldwide, representing an 83 percent increase since 2005. Since 1996, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the NTSB have identified more than 100 incidents involving lithium and other batteries on board aircraft where batteries have overheated, caught-fire, or exploded. Since 1999,