

located in Maries and Osage counties, in Missouri.

I would like to acknowledge the Village of Argyle as its residents prepare to celebrate the milestone of their centennial this upcoming June.

In the beginning of the 20th century, a group of Scottish-Irish surveyors made their way to the Midwest and were preparing to build a rail bed for the St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado railroad to run between Kansas City and St. Louis. This spurred the formation of a town.

The area, once known as Sanbonfass, after St. Boniface, was named Argyle after a shire in the Isles of Scotland called Argyll. The Village was incorporated in 1908, and the rock island line brought prosperity to the village shortly thereafter. Today the Village is home to about 170 of my constituents, all of whom I know are proud to call Argyle home.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing the residents of the Village of Argyle congratulations on reaching this important milestone.

DAKOTA COMMUNITIES

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, recently I met with representatives of Dakota Communities—an award-winning 37 year old non-profit organization that helps people with disabilities realize their potential in their lives and communities.

In Minnesota's Third Congressional District, there are over fifty direct support professionals who have dedicated their careers to working for several group homes. These hard-working, talented men and women have repeatedly demonstrated their dedication to caring for those with disabilities. For their efforts and the positive impact these efforts will have in the lives of so many, I am extremely grateful.

IN MEMORY OF A SOUTH TEXAS HERO, BILL SUMMERS

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor in memoriam the dedication and outstanding leadership of Mr. Bill Summers, who led the Rio Grande Valley Partnerships as its CEO for 20 years until his passing on Monday, December 1.

Mr. Summers, who spent 2 decades promoting South Texas and Mexico, as the two areas worked in unison to attract business opportunities and economic development to the region, was a pillar of South Texas. He was the unsung hero of the Rio Grande Valley, who is credited with bringing together local governments, economic development organizations and Chambers of Commerce to bring jobs and a better way of life to our communities.

Through his vision and tireless work for the Rio Grande Valley, he was able to secure

business opportunities and ventures with Mexico and most importantly, the state of Tamaulipas, which borders Texas. Mr. Summers worked tirelessly to unite the South Texas region and to create economic growth and prosperity for the area.

He was key in establishing, opening and maintaining the first Texas Chamber of Commerce office in Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico, to promote trade and tourism of the South Texas region into Mexico.

Through Mr. Summer's work in Texas, the nation and Mexico, he was able to improve the lives of many by growing jobs and pushing for economic opportunities. He was instrumental in the creation of the Rio Grande Valley Mobility Task Force, which brought additional transportation funding to South Texas and pushed for the creation of an interstate highway.

Recently, he was honored when Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between U.S. Highway 83 and the Progreso International Bridge was named the Bill Summers International Boulevard.

Although we have lost a great hero whom we all deeply cared for and loved, I am certain his love and passion for the Rio Grande Valley will remain in our hearts and spirits for years and years to come. We will always remember Mr. Summers as a wise man who worked for the good. We will remember Mr. Summers as a man who could do it all.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the life of Mr. Bill Summers, who served this nation with dignity, honor, respect and admiration.

CLEAN AIR AND WATER INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Clean Air and Water Investment Act of 2009. This legislation will restore tax exempt bonding for air and water pollution control facilities.

Prior to the 1986 revision to the tax code, state authorized agencies and political subdivisions were permitted to administer tax exempt bonds to finance "air and water pollution control facilities." The program proved so effective that even facilities that were grandfathered, and not subject to clean air standards, were proactive participants, providing cleaner air and water for our communities.

As we continue to look for ways to assist businesses and local governments in their efforts to reduce pollution, these bonds provide an affordable solution that will put people to work while providing cleaner and healthier communities. This bill would restore a proven incentive for industry to invest in cleaner air and water. Importantly, because it falls under a pre-existing spending cap, this legislation will present no new liability to the U.S. Treasury.

Members on opposite sides of the aisle frequently may differ on many issues before this body, but this is not one of them. I am pleased to be working on this bill with Congressman KEVIN BRADY of Texas, a fellow Congressional baseball aficionado. Congressman BRADY has

been working on this issue for many years now, and I look forward to collaborating with him and seeing this bill signed into law.

I urge my colleagues to consider support this important legislation.

HONORING WILLIAM S. DALTON,
PH.D., M.D.

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William S. Dalton, Ph.D., M.D. for his commitment to the fight against cancer and his participation at the Tony Snow Cancer Symposium in The Villages, Florida, on January 21. Hosted by the Caring and Sharing Villagers and the Alliance Healthcare Foundation, the Tony Snow Cancer Symposium is intended to raise funds for the creation of a \$25 million Cancer Center next to Leesburg Regional Hospital and promote awareness in our community.

Dr. Dalton currently serves as the President/Chief Executive Officer and Center Director at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute in Tampa, Florida. The Moffitt Cancer Center is regarded as one of the top cancer facilities in the United States. With two decades of cancer research and contributions to over 200 publications, including the Journal of the American Medical Association and the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Dr. Dalton has established himself as an expert in the fight against cancer.

Recognized as a "Best Doctor in America" since 1993, Dr. Dalton's primary areas of research include biochemical mechanisms of drug resistance, new drug discovery and the biology and treatment of multiple myeloma. He was also instrumental in obtaining the Molecular Oncology, Mopp, grant of \$5 million for the Moffitt Cancer Center in 2000.

Madam Speaker, individuals such as William S. Dalton should be recognized for their sincere dedication to improving the health and quality of life for people all over the world. With the passing of my husband Harvey to pancreatic cancer, I can personally attest to the affects of cancer on both a person and their family. I sincerely appreciate the work that Dr. Dalton has done and wish him further success in his medical endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHEROKEE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL WINNING THE ALABAMA 3A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the Piedmont High School football team in Piedmont, Alabama, who won the 2009 Alabama 3A State Football Championship.

On December 3, the Piedmont Bulldogs defeated Cordova High School by a score of 35-28 at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa,

Alabama. The Bulldogs finished the season with a record of 13–2.

Piedmont High School is located in northern Calhoun County, and their Bulldogs are coached by Steve Smith. The principal is Jerry Snow.

Congratulations to the Piedmont County High School Bulldogs football team, coaches, staff, and high school. All of us across Calhoun County and east Alabama are proud of these young people for their outstanding achievement.

HONORING ROBERT FOX, MAJOR
(RET.)

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague JIM COSTA, to commend and congratulate Robert Fox upon being honored the "Citizen Soldier Award" by Fresno City College. Major Fox was recognized on Friday, November 6, 2009 at the annual Veterans Peace Memorial event held at Fresno City College in Fresno, California.

Major Robert Fox enlisted in the Indiana National Guard in 1962, and became the first African American to be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant by the Officer Candidate School at the Indiana Military Academy. He served with National Guard units in Indiana and Iowa prior to fulfilling his service obligations. In 1980 Major Fox received a direct commission as a Captain (03) and was assigned to the 49th Military Police Brigade of the California Army National Guard.

Shortly after Major Fox assumed the Dean's position at Fresno City College, he was transferred to the 195th Transportation Battalion in Fresno, where he served as a staff officer. He was later selected to command the 2668th Transportation Company. During his tenure as Commander, the 2668th was selected on short notice to participate in Operation Team Spirit in the Republic of Korea. The unit was required to prepare assigned equipment, personnel and supplies to sustain the unit for forty days under combat conditions. The unit exceeded all time requirements in its preparation and performed in a meritorious manner during the exercise.

After assignment to the 115th Support Group in Roseville, California, Major Fox returned to the 185th Transportation Battalion with the rank of Major (04) as Battalion S–2/3 with the responsibility of training and operations. In 1994, Major Fox retired from the California National Guard after serving as Battalion Executive Director.

Major Fox's commitment to the welfare, professional development and career advancement of the non-commissioned officers and junior commissioned officers under his leadership were hallmarks of his service. His military education includes the completion of the Adjunct General Corps, Military Police Corps and Transportation Corps Basic Officer Courses; the Military Police Corps and Transportation Corps Advanced Officer Courses and attendance at the Command and General Staff School. For his service, Major Fox has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal with Cluster and the Army Achievement Medal.

Madam Speaker, Mr. COSTA and I rise today to commend and congratulate Major Robert Fox upon being recognized as a "Citizen Soldier." I invite my colleagues to join us in wishing Major Fox many years of continued success.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SAILORS WHO HAVE COMPLETED 1,000 DETERRENT PATROLS ON "OHIO" CLASS SUBMARINES

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to support H. Con. Res. 129. To congratulate the accomplishment of Submarine Sailors completing 1,000 *Ohio*-class deterrent patrols. The people of coastal Georgia have great pride in their Submarine Sailors. It started back in July 1978 when Kings Bay, Georgia was chosen to be home for the Trident missile submarines of the Atlantic Fleet. In November 1981 the USS *Ohio* was commissioned and became the first submarine to carry Trident Missiles. *Ohio* made her first patrol 27 years ago this month in December 1982. Over 20 years ago in January 1989 the USS *Tennessee* became the first *Ohio*-class submarine to be stationed in Kings Bay. In Spring 2008 USS *Georgia* returned to Kings Bay to start a new type of mission as an SSGN.

Ohio-class submarines are modern marvels as the sea-based leg of the strategic deterrence triad. SSBNs (or Boomers) have a wide range of capabilities and when directed by the President can rapidly target their missiles. Each Boomer can carry 24 Trident missiles with up to 8 warheads per missile. These missiles have a range of over 7,000 miles and can reach their target within 30 minutes. The warhead is accurate enough to hit the area the size of a baseball diamond with the destructive force of 475 kilotons of TNT. As impressive as these ships are, they are operated by the even more impressive Sailors of the submarine force. Our Sailors have faithfully safeguarded the Boomers without incident for 50 years. Our submarine Sailors have set the gold standard for nuclear surety in the world.

These Sailors are screened for physical, mental and psychological fitness to serve on submarines. They spend up to two years in school to know how to work on a submarine including cooking, plumbing, electrical repair, underwater maintenance, operating a nuclear powered propulsion plant and maintaining 100% reliability of the strategic missile system all of the time. Most of the crew is between 20 to 25 years old but some already have college degrees and all are volunteers. Within one year of first stepping onboard a submarine these Sailors earn their "Dolphins," a pin that signifies they are fully knowledgeable of the submarine's many technical systems and fully reliable during any casualty to be able to save the ship and their shipmates. They join the proud history and tradition of the submarine force with World War II submarine heroes like Mush Morton, Dick O'Kane and Admiral Eugene Fluckey. Because of the sacrifice and hard work of these Trident Sailors they have kept the 18 *Ohio*-class submarines in outstanding condition. These ships will last close

to ten years longer than their design life despite operating in the harsh conditions of the oceans.

For over 1,000 patrols the Sailors serving on *Ohio*-class submarines have moved on and off the ship during crew turnover. They bring their sea bag full of gear, photos of family and friends, some snacks, and nowadays their favorite DVDs and I-Tunes. During a two-month patrol they make the boat their home. Maybe once a week they get an email from home called Sailor Mail. They routinely do not actually talk to their wives, kids, family or friends for many weeks. This is a unique sacrifice especially during this age of global telecommunication.

During those 1,000 patrols while these Sailors were at sea, the rest of us could go to work everyday, worship on Sunday, take our kids to baseball practice after school, shop at the grocery store and fish in our lakes and streams without fear because these Sailors stood the watch and defended our homes. For this we are thankful every day.

I rise today to congratulate our nation's Submarine Sailors who completed 1,000 patrols on *Ohio*-class submarines on this day December 2, 2009.

CONGRATULATING THE CHAZY CENTRAL RURAL SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chazy Central's boys' soccer team for their victory in the 2009 New York state soccer championship.

On Sunday the 22nd of November, high school soccer fans were treated to a great soccer match between some of the most skilled players in the state. The Chazy boys entered the state championship ranked as the number one team in their class and they carried that honor to the state championship, defeating Northville Central School in the final match.

I also want to extend my congratulations to Coach Rob McAuliffe, who built upon an impressive legacy to take our team to victory. I understand that since 1953, the Chazy boys' soccer team has had only four regular seasons without a winning record, and the elite status of these athletic young men could not have been reached without the 14 years of dedication from Coach McAuliffe.

I want to congratulate the boys' team of Kyle McCarthy, Brandon Laurin, Kaleb Snide, Tyler Bulriss, Shea Howley, Jordan Berriere, Andrew Rabideau, Nathan Reynolds, Andrew Duprey, Marc Oshier, Nolan Rogers, Dyllan Hack, Ian Anderson, Michael Santor, Matt Gravelle, and Austin Santor for all they have accomplished. Their teamwork sets a strong example for the community and reminds us all what is possible when we come together.

Once again, congratulations to Coach McAuliffe for his continuing efforts and to the Chazy Eagles on their success.