

more leeway to handle small job orders. He also called for relocating GPO to a new facility at a site in northeast Washington, D.C.

For the library and Government information communities, Tom McCormick supported the fledgling Government Documents Round Table of the American Library Association, and oversaw automating the Monthly Catalog of Government Publications and related measures that helped the lay the groundwork for future electronic dissemination measures. He worked closely with the printing industry and its various organizations and associations nationwide. His service was recognized by numerous industry service awards and distinctions, including an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree from Lehigh University in my own state of Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, although Tom McCormick led the GPO long before I came to Congress, I am told that he was an energetic and articulate spokesman for the value of GPO and was an outspoken supporter of the men and women who work there. I commend Tom McCormick's record of service to the Nation and offer the condolences of the Joint Committee on Printing to Beverly, his wife of 55 years, and to their children and their families.

A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD S. UDOFF

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mr. Richard S. Udoft, the Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland 2009 Veteran of the Year. His years of service and dedication to our Nation and its Veterans are both admirable and inspiring to all.

Richard enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in August of 1950, soon after the breakout of the Korean War. Upon completion of basic training, he spent 26 weeks training at the Aircraft and Engine School. After graduation he reported to Germany as a member of the 41st Troop Carrier Squadron of the 317th Troop Carrier Wing as a Flight Engineer on a C-119 Flying Box Car. As a result of his military service Richard received the following awards and decorations; Army Good Conduct Medal; Army of Occupation Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Air Crew Wings and two Presidential Unit Citations.

Richard and his twin sister were born in Medford, Massachusetts, along with another brother and sister. He followed his family to Baltimore in 1948, and graduated from Forest Park High School in 1950 where he played baseball, hockey, basketball and ran track. When the Korean War started Richard decided to enlist and serve his Country. Richard returned home in August 1954 receiving an Honorable Discharge with the rank of Staff Sergeant and soon started civilian life working in the insurance business until 1967.

Later in life, Richard began his service organization career with dual membership in the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He entered VFW Post 521 in Owings Mills, Maryland where his leadership skills were recognized and he was elected as Post Commander. He excelled with an All State Post Commander his first year and re-

ceived numerous first and second place awards for VFW programs.

Richard then became District 7 Commander, a position he held for three years. Because of his leadership skills, he was the Captain of the District Commanders All State Commanders Team for two years. Among other accomplishments, Richard was instrumental in setting up a group of VFW members who met men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan as they entered and departed from BWI Airport.

In his next role, Richard was the Chief of Staff for VFW State Commander Ron Dickens. He was responsible for heading a committee that provided catered lunches and dinners for the wounded veterans, their families and hospital staff at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Walter Reed Army Hospital and the Malone House. He was appointed a member of the Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee and eventually became its Chairman. Richard was the VFW State Junior and Senior Vice Commander and was elected as the VFW State Commander 2007-08 and became an All-American State Commander. He was elected as the Vice Chairman of the JVC and ran a very successful Veteran of the Year Banquet for George Creighton. Richard was elected as the Chairman of the JVC for the 2007-08 term. He received "The Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion" presented by the Chapel of Four Chaplains. This past October, he was recently honored and inducted into the "Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Inc. of Baltimore County". He is a life member of the VFW, the American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, AMVETS, DAV, and a member of the Military Order of the Cooties. Richard has been Captain of the National VFW Honor Guard for the past four years.

Richard and his wife of 52 years, Shirley, reside in Owings Mills, Maryland. They have two children and four grandchildren. Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to recognize Richard S. Udoft for his dedication and loyalty as a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces, and as an advocate and a leader in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN W. DANIELS

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to John W. Daniels, a graduate of Harvard Law School and a practicing attorney for over 35 years. Mr. Daniels is the Chairman of Quarles & Brady LLP, located in the 4th Congressional District of Wisconsin.

Mr. Daniels has extensive experience in serving national, regional, local and governmental owners and investors in real estate. He has significant involvement and experience in complex real estate redevelopment, including representing the largest property owner in connection with the redevelopment of both the Bradley Sports Center and the Midwest Airlines Center. He serves as national real estate counsel for Philip Morris Capital Corporation and has represented a number of major corporations on their real estate developments, including General Electric Capital Corporation, Xerox Corporation and Kraft Foods. Finally, he

has worked on major public/private ventures with higher education, including serving as a lead advisor to the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee in connection with a redevelopment of a several hundred thousand square foot project.

Mr. Daniels is very involved in the community and serves on the Board of Directors for the following corporations or agencies; Aurora Health Care, M&I Bank, Zilber Corporation, and the Greater Milwaukee Committee Foundation. The most recent honor to be conferred upon Daniels was his induction into the National Black Lawyers Student's Association Hall of Fame on March 21, 2009. In the following publications, Mr. Daniels was recognized one of the 100 Managing Partners You Need to Know by "Lawdragon" and one of the 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America by the "National Law Journal." Additionally, in 2008, Mr. Daniels received the National Bar Association's Leadership Award and he and his wife, Irma, were honored with the St. Francis Children's Center's Humanitarian Award.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Mr. John W. Daniels on his well deserved recognition. I am pleased that he continues to lend his expertise and knowledge to the people of my district and the greater Milwaukee area. I salute him for his numerous achievements.

HONORING PHIL LYBARGER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Phil Lybarger upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Mr. Lybarger was honored on Saturday, January 31, 2009.

Mr. Lybarger was born in Merced and raised in Chowchilla, California; he graduated from Chowchilla High School in 1960. He worked in manufacturing in the San Jose area before enlisting in the United States Army. After completion of basic training at Fort Ord, he reported for training at the Medical Training Specialist School at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. He was then sent for airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He made five jumps from a C-19 to earn the silver wings of a paratrooper. After airborne training, he received orders to join the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Mr. Lybarger reported to the Oakland Navy Terminal and boarded the USS *Billy Mitchell* and headed for Okinawa. Once the ship arrived in Okinawa he participated in numerous field exercises including off-island exercises to Formosa (now Taiwan) and training sessions with Nationalist Chinese troops. He attended jungle warfare/Assault training and participated in an exercise assaulting the East China Sea island of Irimote.

Upon completion of his tour to Southeast Asia, Mr. Lybarger was assigned to the 18th Airborne Corps, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. At about the same time, the Dominican Republic was in the beginning of civil war. Former President Lyndon Johnson ordered the U.S. military to restore order, and Mr. Lybarger was deployed along with 42,000 Marines and soldiers to the Dominican Republic. He was deployed with the

first wave of troops and remained on the island for as a platoon medic for seven months.

Mr. Lybarger returned to the U.S. and was discharged as a Private First Class. During his service he was designated as an expert marksman with the M-1, M-14 and M-16 rifles. He was awarded Army parachutists wings and made twenty-two jumps including three night jumps. For his service, he was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

After life in the military, Mr. Lybarger attended Fresno City College, De Anze College, San Joaquin Valley College and the University of Maryland (Extension) on the G.I. Bill and was employed in manufacturing management. He is a member of the First Church of Religious Science of the Mind and volunteers as an Ombudsman for the State of California Department of Aging. He is a Life Member of Chowchilla Veterans of Foreign War Post 9896, Past Junior Vice Commander of the 11th Veterans of Foreign War District and Past Commander of Post 9896. He is a member of the 82nd Airborne Association and the 173rd Airborne Society. Mr. Lybarger and his wife Virginia continue to live in Chowchilla; they have three children and nine grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Phil Lybarger upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Lybarger many years of continued success.

EXTENDING DED

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I want to applaud President Obama for extending DED until March 31, 2010, enabling many Liberian families to remain together in the United States for 12 months beyond the original March 31, 2009 expiration of DED. However, I urge the Administration to create a permanent path to citizenship for Liberians who have called the United States home for over a decade.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) was established in 1991 to allow Liberians fleeing political turmoil to stay in the United States without fear of deportation. Since arriving in the United States in the early 1990s, Liberians under TPS have built lives in this country; they have established careers, paid taxes, and bought property. TPS ended in 2007 and President Bush deferred the enforced departure of Liberians who were originally granted TPS. TPS is meant to provide a temporary safe haven in times of political turmoil or natural disaster. It was not contemplated that the political turmoil in Liberia would persist for so many years, but it did.

Since coming to this country, many Liberians have married and had American-born children. Many have attained United States citizenship themselves. However, according to The New York Times, many of the approximately 3,600 Liberians residing lawfully under DED have applied for legal citizenship, including one of my constituents, Janvier Richards, but the process has been delayed for well

over ten years for her and many others. If DED expires before Ms. Richards and other Liberians under DED are granted citizenship, their only legal option is to return to Liberia, which many no longer consider home.

Tremendous strides have been made by Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, and I commend her leadership. Unfortunately, Liberia still has many political and economic challenges to overcome. Liberia has an unemployment rate of about 85 percent and, if Liberians under DED are forced to return to Liberia before economic and political stability are fully established, they may be unable to support themselves and their families.

Again, I applaud President Obama for extending DED for Liberians until 2010, averting the separation of families and the splintering of communities that surely would have occurred had departure been enforced on March 31, 2009. I am hopeful that we will be able to reverse the policies of earlier Administrations and forge a permanent path to citizenship for Liberians under DED.

HILANDER WRESTLERS SET STATE TITLE WINNING STREAK

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw my colleagues' attention to a remarkable and historic athletic feat achieved by the Burns High School Hilanders wrestling teams of Harney County, Oregon.

On February 28, the Hilanders captured their eighth consecutive 3A state wrestling championship. The streak is unprecedented in the state and mark the first time in any sport, at any level, such an accomplishment has been achieved. These eight teams, their coaches, and their families are testament to the commitment to hard work that is pervasive throughout eastern Oregon.

The streak began way back in 2002. Since then, the Hilanders have captured 22 individual state titles, and some have won multiple championships, including Talon Hofman (2001 to 2004), Ben Cate (2003 to 2005), Abe Jacobs (2003 and 2004), and Joe Drinkwater (2008 and 2009).

In 2007, the Hilanders set a new team scoring record for all classifications when they scored 269.5 points at the state championship.

All athletic programs that enjoy longevity of success do so only with the guidance of good leaders. Bill Winn, Mark Hofman, Jeff Kloetzer, and Ray Cate have been tremendous coaches throughout the eight-year run.

Green Bay Packers coaching legend Vince Lombardi once said, "Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

No doubt, the young men of the Hilanders wrestling program sacrificed more than others in exchange for their committed pursuit of such lofty goals. These wrestlers have spent untold hours running laps around the gymnasium, doing "up-downs" until they thought their lungs couldn't take anymore, challenging each other in thousands of take-down drills, and critiquing each other's "first move off the bottom."

They spent thousands of miles sitting on busses headed for the next contest. They watched their weight but made sure they were physically strong when the time came. They practiced, and practiced, and practiced again until the moves became automatic. Their many titles are proof of their devotion and sacrifice.

But titles aside, the lessons they learned about what it takes to be the very best are the keepsakes that will serve them well for the rest of their lives. The hardware they've earned for their success is, as they say, the icing on the cake.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Hilanders wrestling program and the Harney County community for their remarkable achievement. Their unprecedented streak is a reminder to us all of the value of dedication, perseverance, and good old fashioned hard work.

HONORING A RETIRED SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a longstanding civil servant in the Social Security Administration (SSA). Mr. Gregory Alan Elkins was a Title XVI SSI Office Supervisor with the SSA. He worked for the SSA for over 35 years.

Mr. Elkins was hired as a Claims Representative in Lima, Ohio, in October of 1973 and continued to work there until February of 1979. Keeping the same title, he then moved to the Tampa District office. He stayed in the Tampa office until it moved its location to Plant City, where he stayed until September of 1991.

He moved within the agency to become a Field Representative at the Lakeland office and stayed there until June of 1999. He then earned a promotion to the position of Public Affairs Specialist, the first to take that title in the state of Florida. He stayed in that position until November of 2007 when he took his current position as a Title XVI SSI Office Supervisor. Mr. Elkins is due to retire from this position in March of this year.

On a personal note, Mr. Elkins has a long history of working with the staff in my district office. His knowledge of SSA rules and regulations has been an incomparable boon in helping constituents in my district with their claims. He has spoken at many Medicare Seminars that our office has held to advise our seniors with regards to Social Security, retirement, disability, survivors' benefits, and more. I wish to congratulate Mr. Elkins for a long, successful career and I wish him well in retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING PREVENTION ACT

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 30, 2009

Mr. MATHESON. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the "Residential Carbon Monoxide