

front of Congress. As a founding member of the National Coalition for Advanced Manufacturing, a part of the National Association of Manufacturers, and the National Coalition for Advanced Technology Centers, Dr. Groves has helped modernize U.S. manufacturing and education technology. He has also been active in successfully recruiting several companies to conduct business in the regions where he worked.

Dr. Groves is now retiring and moving closer to two of his children. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me to thank Dr. Groves for his many years of invaluable service to both Southwestern Community College and the broader mountain community of Western North Carolina.

COMMENDING GARY DAIGNEAULT
OF TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA ON
HIS SELECTION TO THE BROADCASTER HALL OF FAME

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Twentynine Palms and the Morongo Basin of California in congratulating long-time broadcaster Gary Daigneault in being named to the Associated Press Television-Radio Association Hall of Fame.

Gary Daigneault has been on the air for 31 years as a newscaster in the eastern desert area of California known as the Morongo Basin. When he went to work for stations KDHY/KQYN in 1979, the area was made up of small towns with a few thousand people scattered over vast desert vistas. I came to know both the desert communities—and Gary—as the member of Congress for the area. He was a bright and earnest young reporter serving a small but devoted radio audience.

Over the years, the small towns of Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, Morongo Valley and Twentynine Palms have grown dramatically, with tens of thousands of people now tuning in to listen to Mr. Daigneault, who has been the community's voice for news with a morning news program for the entire 31 years.

Mr. Daigneault invested in the community and became an owner-broadcaster in 1989 when he and his wife Cindy started up their own station, KCDZ, making local news a priority.

Although the area is still considered a "small market" for news, it is one with a worldwide focus because it is home to the Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, a premier training center that has hosted tens of thousands of Marines each year. Many of those Marines now living around the country would recognize the voice of Mr. Daigneault, who has done an exemplary job of covering the base and its units.

In perhaps his most dramatic accomplishment in covering the Marines, Mr. Daigneault in 1992 was the only "embedded" journalist covering the peace-keeping action in Somalia, which won him one of his many broadcasting awards.

He came home from that mission and was quickly put to the test again when a 7.3 earth-

quake struck the desert town of Landers, causing widespread damage and disruption to the area. He stayed on the air and was the only source of news for many of the desert residents cut off by the quake—an effort that won him yet another award for broadcasting excellence.

Gary has been recognized by the Associated Press for breaking more than 40 national and major regional news stories over the years. In 2000, KCDZ was declared "station of the year." He was given the prestigious Mark Twain Award for news writing in small market radio and the Golden Mike award for best small market radio news broadcast.

Gary Daigneault is considered a community leader in Twentynine Palms. He is the president of the Theatre 29 community theater group, president of the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce and the immediate past president of the local Rotary Club. He has also served twice as president of APTRA, and has taught broadcasting classes for the past 21 years.

Madam Speaker, Gary Daigneault has been the voice of news for an important part of my district for the past three decades, and he and his wife Cindy have been community leaders in the eastern desert area of California. His election to the radio-television news Hall of Fame is much deserved, and I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating him and thanking him for his lifetime of service.

NANJING CITY, A MODEL FOR
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION,
EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL,
INNOVATIVE AND ENTREPRENEURIAL
PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND CHINA IN A SPIRIT OF
GLOBAL COOPERATION

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. TIERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about a model for international cooperation that is said to hold promise and future opportunities for the United States. The City of Nanjing is working to improve the quality of life of its residents with a global initiative that has potential to create a great opportunity for some in the United States.

For over a decade, the City of Nanjing, China, under the leadership of Secretary Zhu Shanlu, has reached beyond the borders of the People's Republic of China to create new strategies in education, innovation and entrepreneurship, increasing the level of understanding between our two nations and stimulating U.S.-China idea exchange. It is expected that this international cooperative initiative will inure to the benefit of the residents of Nanjing as well to the residents of the United States, including businesses, residents and educational institutions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To this end, Mr. Zhu in his role as Secretary for Education and Technology in Beijing traveled to many United States cities to discuss the growth of education collaboration. These meetings resulted in numerous programs that served global higher education, leading to a first-of-its-kind scholarship program offered

through the New England Board of Higher Education providing annual scholarships for deserving students in the region. This work also forged new opportunities for United States colleges and universities with a strong focus on New England, specifically on Massachusetts, as representatives of several New England institutions were hosted by then Secretary Zhu at the Beijing Education Expo, a showcase of the promise of global education. Educational leaders exchanged ideas, and as a result, opportunities for educational exchanges were expanded creating new frontiers for American students to pursue studies in China and similar opportunities for Chinese students to benefit from programs offered in American colleges and universities from coast-to-coast.

Now under Mr. Zhu's leadership, the city of Nanjing has embarked on a new initiative in an effort to strengthen the bridge of partnership between the United States and China. Nanjing has created a number of avenues inviting United States companies and universities to expand opportunities into the Chinese market. In 2010, the City of Nanjing is scheduled to host conferences on Global Innovation in China, Global Entrepreneurship in China and Global University—R&D City. The conferences are expected to create special opportunities to develop concepts for development opportunities for green energy, life science and related industries. Small and mid size American companies may wish to explore offering technologies to improve the life of Chinese citizens and expand their business horizons.

One of the innovative American enterprises prepared to explore such potential opportunities calls Gloucester, Massachusetts and the 6th Massachusetts congressional district its home. Free Flow Power is looking to expand opportunities to develop and manage hydro-power and hydrokinetic facilities to generate clean renewable energy from flowing water. They will join other companies from across the country in Nanjing.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the City of Nanjing and its leaders as well as those of the American participants in the program for having a vision that looks to the future by supporting a stronger educational exchange and the potential for green energy and technology partnerships in a spirit of global cooperation between the United States and China.

GRAND OPENING OF THE MADISON
STREET VETERANS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING CENTER

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the recent grand opening of the Madison Street Veterans Transitional Housing Center, a shelter and service center for homeless veterans run by veterans.

The Madison Street Veterans Association is a group of formerly homeless veterans who banded together, first for their own safety, and over time became a grassroots non-profit model for veterans' homeless outreach nationwide. Their centers provide veterans with the

documents to apply for jobs, educational opportunities and government assistance. The MSVA mission is to encourage and prepare homeless veterans to become active and productive members of their community.

The veterans at the MSVA work tirelessly to get their fellow veterans back on their feet. The organization's early success stories include people like Bruce Roberts, an Army Airborne veteran who, after a family tragedy, struggled to stay employed and ended up homeless. After work with the association, Bruce now works for the organization as its public relations officer and is helping to end homelessness for others.

Madam Speaker, please join me once more in congratulating the Madison Street Veterans Association for the opening of its new transitional housing center.

HONORING HON. L. BRYCE CHASE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Honorable L. Bryce Chase. On June 2, 2010, after 29 years, Justice Chase retired as Judge of the North Kern Municipal Court in Delano, California.

Mr. Chase was born in Eugene, Oregon on March 30, 1945. He moved with his family to Shafter, California in 1949, and then to Delano, California in 1954. Upon graduating from Delano High School in 1962, Bryce attended Bakersfield College and Linfield College. He then attended University of Southern California, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Bryce served in the United States Army from 1967–1969, stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington and Fort Gordon, Georgia. In 1972, he began law school at Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. Bryce graduated with his Juris Doctorate degree in 1975 and was subsequently admitted to the California State Bar. He was a Legal Clerk and Associate Attorney with M. Dwain Smith from 1975 until 1977, when he began his sole private practice in Delano, California.

Mr. Chase became a judge of the Delano-McFarland Justice Court in 1981. The Delano-McFarland Justice Court became the North Kern Municipal Court in 1990, and Judge Chase continued to serve as a judicial officer. As a judge, Bryce was involved in several county-wide programs. He established the first self-funded court and community service program in Kern County, served three terms on the Kern County Trial Coordination Committee and one year on the Administrative Structure Committee for Kern County. In addition, Judge Chase was also Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Uniform Rules of Court for Kern County, served on the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee and is an active member of California Judges Association.

Judge Chase has always played a large role in the community of Delano. He has been an active member of the Delano Kiwanis Club and Greater Delano Area Youth Foundation since 1982, where he served as President for both organizations. He is a member of the First Baptist Church and has been honored for his community service by Proteus Training,

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Past Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy and yours truly, when I was a member of the California State Senate.

Madam Speaker, it goes without saying that Judge Chase's dedication and accomplishments to the community of Delano have gained him respect and appreciation from all who have worked with him and know him. We owe L. Bryce Chase a magnificent collective thank you. I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring Judge Bryce Chase for his productive years of public service to the community of Delano.

RECOGNIZING CESAR CHAVEZ PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE WE THE PEOPLE: THE CENTER FOR CIVIC EDUCATION NATIONAL FINALS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, in April 2010, more than 1,200 students from across the country took part in the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution national finals in Washington, D.C. I am proud to announce that a class from Cesar Chavez Public Charter School—Capitol Hill Campus represented the District of Columbia at this prestigious national event. These outstanding students, through their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, won their city-wide competition earning the chance to compete at the national level.

While in Washington, the students participated in a three-day academic competition that simulated a congressional hearing, in which students demonstrated their knowledge and skills as they evaluated and defended positions on historical and contemporary constitutional issues. Annual surveys consistently show that high school students who take part in the We the People academic competition outperform other students in the National Assessment of Educational Progress political test by at least 22 percent.

Madam Speaker, the names of these outstanding students from Cesar Chavez Public Charter School—Capitol Hill Campus are: Kim Diaz, Marco Gomez, Karen Mejia, Jason Allen, Jesse Balderas, Briana Bullock, Joel Carela, Jaleel Dyson, Kendra Goodwin, Ely Guerrero, Corey Johnson, Jose Maheda, Anthony McCannon, Christian Mondragon, Nakea Paige, Ryan Pope, Alexis Rhett, Leticia Rivera, Elizabeth Rogers, Paul Schmidt, Jaztina Somerville, and Jade Vaughn.

I also wish to commend the teacher of the class, Dionna Shinn, who was responsible for preparing these young constitutional experts for the national finals. Also worthy of special recognition is Julie Harris, Director of Public Policy at Cesar Chavez Public Charter School, for her tireless commitment to the students on the District's team and implementation of the rigorous curriculum at the Cesar Chavez Public Charter School.

I congratulate these young constitutional experts on their outstanding achievement at the We the People national finals.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING NIGHT OF UNTO THESE HILLS

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the past, present, and future members of the production of Unto These Hills. An outdoor dramatic rendering of the history of the Cherokee people, the play is nearing the 60th anniversary of its opening night.

The show has achieved remarkable success, selling over 6 million tickets since its opening on July 1, 1950. It is the second longest continuously running outdoor drama in the United States, behind only The Lost Colony, which is performed in Manteo, North Carolina. Over sixty years, countless skilled actors and actresses have taken part in the performances. Among them are some who have reached the heights of fame, including Morgan Freeman and Michael Rosenbaum.

For 60 years, Unto These Hills has provided entertainment and education for visitors to historic and scenic Cherokee. The format is especially effective for the many school groups that visit Cherokee; the dramatic rendering passes important lessons of history on to future generations.

The show is an integral part of preserving the heritage of the Cherokee people, a group integral to our mountain community. The ongoing legacy of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee is an important part of our broader mountain heritage. With a new and more accurate script, the show portrays the history of the Cherokee from the height of their power to the depths of their despair during the Trail of Tears. An accurate dramatic retelling is an important way to remember the tragedy of the Trail of Tears and help us learn from that event.

With the new script and a recently renovated theater, Unto These Hills is poised to continue to build on its impressive record of success. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me in recognizing Unto These Hills for its remarkable success and its important role in preserving and reliving such a profound moment in American history.

RECOGNIZING ROBIN ARREDONDO-SAVAGE'S INDUCTION AS A MEMBER OF THE TEMPE CITY COUNCIL

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robin Arredondo-Savage on her recent induction as a member of the Tempe City Council.

Robin is a lifelong resident of my hometown of Tempe who has always been actively involved in our community. Previously the Chairman of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce and a small business manager, she has shown a commitment to the development of jobs and the growth of the economy in Tempe. Through this and her position as the President