

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

of the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board, Robin has proven herself to be a strong and dedicated leader and public servant for her community and its youth.

Robin is also a U.S. Army veteran who served our nation with distinction. She has shown that same commitment and dedication in the many community boards, commissions and youth sports activities where she has volunteered her time. I am honored to call Robin a friend and I look forward to seeing what her future in public service brings to our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Robin Arredondo-Savage's induction as a member of the Tempe City Council.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. J. CAMERON THORNHILL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. J. Cameron Thornhill, a doctor whose work has been invaluable to the Brooklyn community.

Dr. J. Cameron Thornhill was born August 28, 1909, in Christ Church, Barbados, West Indies, and will celebrate his 101st birthday on August 28, 2010.

Dr. Thornhill graduated from Boys High Evening School in Brooklyn in 1934. He attended Lincoln University in Pennsylvania from 1936–1940, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts. He attended Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, from 1940 to 1944, where he was awarded his Medical Doctor degree. Between 1944 and 1946, Dr. Thornhill did an internship and residency at Kansas City, Missouri, General Hospital Number Two. He started a medical practice in 1946 in Brooklyn, NY.

From 1950 to 1952, he served as a medical officer, Captain, in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. Between 1953 and 1957, Dr. Thornhill performed various surgical residencies at Bethel Hospital, now known as Brookdale Hospital, in Brooklyn, New York; Veterans Hospital of East Orange, New Jersey; and Harlem Hospital, New York City, where he remained on staff for over 15 years. From 1958 to 1996, he opened and operated a surgical family practice in Brooklyn, while working at St. John's Hospital, which is now Interfaith Hospital, and Lefferts General Hospital of Brooklyn, New York. He served the Brooklyn community for over 40 years before fully retiring at the age of 84 from the New York State Workers Compensation Board as a Medical Examiner.

Dr. Thornhill is an emeritus member of the Kings County Medical Society, National Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He has been honored by the Provident Clinical Society of Brooklyn, New York and most recently received special recognition at the 2009 National Medical Association Convention.

Dr. Thornhill and his wife, Mercedes Murray, were married on April 3, 1947. They have four children: J. Cameron Thornhill Jr., Dr. Monica

Thornhill-Joynes, MD, Dr. D. Blair Thornhill, MD, and Ms. Donna Thornhill. His eldest child Cameron, Jr., predeceased him in 2008. He is the proud grandfather of five grandchildren and the proud great grandfather of two great grandchildren. His brother Cleveland Thornhill is 97 years old, and his sister Gladys Minnette Powell passed away on August 21, 2009, at the age of 98.

Dr. Thornhill loves the outdoors and has vacationed at Chenango Valley State Park in upstate New York every year with family and friends since 1955. He is an avid handball and paddle ball player and played the game until the age of 98. He enjoys golf and bridge. Additionally, Dr. Thornhill is an avid traveler and has visited several nations in Africa and walked the Great Wall of China in his 90's. He has visited many Caribbean countries on numerous trips, including Cuba and Panama.

He has been attending Siloam Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, New York for more than 50 years. Dr. Thornhill is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. He is a tenacious motivator who continues to avidly inspire the pursuit of education to his family members and the community at large.

Dr. Thornhill is a pillar of his community and has always been a loving and giving person to his family, friends and community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Dr. J. Cameron Thornhill.

MIKE DIERINGER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mike Dieringer. Mike 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 75, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mike has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Mike has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Becoming an Eagle Scout represents a great deal of dedication and perseverance by Mike and I am sure that he will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mike Dieringer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING PENNSWOOD VILLAGE ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and

congratulate Pennswood Village and its residents on their 30th Anniversary.

What began as a desire among friends to turn unused farm land into something useful has since blossomed into a community that has contributed significantly to the lives of our senior citizens.

Since it's opening on June 10, 1980, Pennswood Village has excelled at delivering a senior program that is truly representative of the needs of our seniors. With 435 residents and 420 employees, Pennswood Village stands as one of the outstanding continuing care retirement communities in Bucks County.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize and congratulate Pennswood Village on its 30th Anniversary and I am sure that as Pennswood Village moves forward, it will continue to exemplify the meaning of senior care.

TRIBUTE TO THE ICS

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the International Court System (ICS) as it celebrates the 45th anniversary of its founding. A non-profit charity and international social service organization, ICS is one of the oldest LGBT charities in the world, with chapters in over 68 cities within the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

ICS fundraising efforts have benefited countless causes both within and outside of the LGBT community including numerous children's charities, AIDS organizations, and cancer patient advocacy groups. In fact, several AIDS social service organizations were established in the 1980's by organization members. In addition, there are over 30 student scholarship programs within the International Court System of the United States and Mexico. The ICS welcomes all and is proud of its diversity.

The first ICS chapter was established in 1965 in San Francisco, California by World War II veteran and Hispanic gay activist, Jose Julio Sarria. In 1961, he made history as the first openly gay citizen to run for public office in North America when he ran for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. For his activism, the Board named a public street in his honor.

In 2007, Sarria stepped down as titular leader of the International Court System and was succeeded by my constituent, San Diego City Commissioner Nicole Murray Ramirez who himself has been a Latino and gay activist for over 40 years. Commissioner Ramirez currently serves on the board of the National Gay Lesbian Task Force and is a past national board member of the Human Rights Campaign. Ramirez is a recipient of the Cesar Chavez Social Justice Award and is currently the National Co-Chair of the Harvey Milk Foundation's Citizen Advisory Board.

I commend Jose Julio Sarria and Nicole Murray Ramirez for their dedication and community service that has benefitted so many. I congratulate the ICS on the occasion of its 45th anniversary, and I am proud to honor its legacy of activism and philanthropy.