

H.R. 5145, ASSURING QUALITY  
CARE FOR VETERANS ACT**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in strong support of H.R. 5145, Assuring Quality Care for Veterans Act. This legislation authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to reimburse VA health professionals for continuing professional education expenses.

Our Nation's veterans deserve high-quality medical care. This means having top-notch facilities and equipment, and highly-trained medical professionals. Many professions require continuing education, and it is absolutely essential in the medical field. With constantly changing techniques, procedures and treatments, continuing education is indispensable for medical providers. This legislation rightfully will ensure that our VA medical professionals have access to continuing training and therefore ensure that our veterans receive the best care possible.

I urge all my colleagues to join with me in support of H.R. 5145 to provide high-quality medical care for our Nation's veterans.

AARON A. PINE

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Aaron A. Pine. Aaron 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 357, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Aaron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Aaron 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 Aaron 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 Aaron A. Pine for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF CHAD BOUTON,  
BATTELLE INVENTOR OF THE  
YEAR**HON. MARY JO KILROY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Chad Bouton who on April 30, 2010, was named the Inventor of the Year for Battelle, the world's largest independent research and develop-

ment organization. Battelle, with its team of researchers and inventors like Chad Bouton, helps make central Ohio a leader in cutting-edge research.

Chad came to Battelle in 1997 and since then has shown his true worth to this important Columbus, Ohio nonprofit charitable trust by excelling in a variety of fields. Chad Bouton has been the primary innovator, inventor and/or principal investigator for dozens of medical device projects, from enabling paraplegics to control wheelchairs with their thoughts to providing surgeons with tools that aid in minimally invasive surgical procedures.

Chad Bouton developed processing algorithms for a medical device that allows people to control computers entirely by their thoughts. He also was central to the development of a system used in minimally invasive surgical procedures that evaluates the potential spread of cancer to lymph node tissues and organs. Additionally, his research contributed to a detection system to ensure that contrast media injections into a patient do not do unwanted damage.

Chad is known for his expertise in control systems, automated and robotics systems, sensor development, and signal processing of electrophysiological parameters including neurological types. He also has extensive experience in electrical and electromechanical device design methodologies and techniques and holds 15 patents with six others pending.

Tangible results of Chad Bouton's success come in various forms, first and foremost that his inventions have affected the quality of life of patients around the world. He also has been the recipient of two R&D Magazine Top 100 awards and a Battelle Outstanding Technical Achievement Awards and has published nine works in scholarly journals. Chad's prowess has resulted in more than half a billion dollars worth of contract research for Battelle.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and well-wishes to Chad, and wish him great successes in innovations of the future. With people like Chad working to use science to help mankind, Columbus, Ohio and America will continue to lead the world in compassionate research.

INTRODUCING GREEN RAILCAR  
ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2010**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to introduce the Green Railcar Enhancement Act of 2010 with 49 of my colleagues.

This legislation will help save a critical domestic industry, create 32,000 to 50,000 family-wage jobs, enhance the fuel economy of freight rail, and reduce the carbon emissions of the freight and logistics industry.

As a result of the financial crisis and subsequent recession, the freight railcar industry neared collapse. New car deliveries declined from 75,000 in 2006 to fewer than 10,000 in 2010. Only a handful of suppliers remain operating today and there is great concern that several of them may not survive this downturn. Without any action to pull forward some future market demand, the potential loss of the American rail supply base is at great risk.

The Green Railcar Enhancement Act provides a 25 percent tax credit for replacing or rebuilding old, inefficient railcars. The tax credit is limited to cars built in 2010 or 2011 and requires a minimum 8 percent increase in capacity or fuel efficiency. In effect, the legislation shifts market demand from 2012–14 to this year and the next, which will help the rail supply industry survive these two treacherous years.

This bill will continue to improve the great efficiency of rail transportation, which currently gets 480 ton-miles to the gallon. In fact, if 10 percent of the long-distance freight currently moved by truck switched to rail, then the national fuel savings would exceed one billion gallons each year. Requiring increasingly efficient rail cars will improve these figures.

Upgrading our fleet of railcars will also make the rail industry more competitive, reduce costs for consumers, and will help relieve our congested highways. In fact, one freight train can carry a load equivalent to that hauled by 280 trucks. Shifting the movement of freight to rail clears congestion from our roadways, eases wear and tear on our commercial corridors, and clears our air. In addition to these environmental and system capacity benefits, rail transport continues to be a leader in worker safety, with one of the lowest worker injury rates in the transportation sector.

Finally, by helping to pull market demand forward, our Nation will maintain the strong railroad supply industry and manufacturing base necessary to the Nation's defense.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this important legislation.

IN HONOR OF CATHOLIC CHAR-  
ITIES, EMERGENCY AND COMMU-  
NITY SERVICES**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Catholic Charities, Emergency and Community Services (ECS), a non-profit organization that has been feeding hungry Burlington County residents for the past 29 years.

The ECS food pantry program is available to any county resident in need of food and no one is turned away because of their income or life circumstances. The food pantry serves consumers throughout Burlington County and distributes food to over 9,800 households, or 32,700 individuals annually.

Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in honoring Emergency and Community Services on their nearly three decades of hard work and extraordinary commitment in ensuring that those individuals and families in Burlington County have the food they need to carry on with their daily lives.

CODY BARTHOLOME

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cody Bartholome. Cody 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 460, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cody has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cody 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 Cody 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 Cody Bartholome for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN MEMORY OF RETINELLA  
"NELLA" OCTAVIA ELIZABETH  
EDGAR CROOKS

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Retinella "Nella" Octavia Elizabeth Edgar Crooks, a lady I was proud to call my friend and constituent. An accomplished public servant and educator, Mrs. Crooks passed away on May 30, 2010, at the age of 108.

Mrs. Crooks lived a very long and full life. She was born in Watt Town, Jamaica, on October 1, 1901. She was educated in Jamaica and then immigrated to the United States in 1924 where she met her husband, Dr. Kenneth B.M. Crooks. The happy couple was blessed with four children, twelve grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

After ten years at the Hampton Institute, which is now Hampton University, Dr. and Mrs. Crooks moved from the United States to Jamaica where they worked at Happy Grove, a Quaker secondary school. Mrs. Crooks served there as a missionary educator, a member of the Jamaica Federation of Women, and as a fundraiser for the Religious Society of Friends.

In 1957, Dr. and Mrs. Crooks returned to the United States and became very involved in Georgia's Second Congressional District. Mrs. Crooks served as a resident manager at what is now Fort Valley State University. While at Fort Valley State University, Mrs. Crooks became known for her unparalleled hospitality hosting teas. Of the many national and international dignitaries she entertained, she was very proud to include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. among her guests.

Following a short stay at Fort Valley, Dr. and Mrs. Crooks moved to Grambling College in Louisiana. There she completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree while serving as a resident manager for the college. However, in 1959 her husband, Dr. Crooks, sadly passed away.

Mrs. Crooks then returned to Fort Valley and earned her Master's Degree in counseling at the young age of 64. She was a member of the college faculty and published several books, including two books of poetry, her travel diary, her husband's biography, and her autobiography.

Throughout her long and blessed life, she remained a very active member of the Episcopal Church, a YWCA organizer, and her beloved sorority, Delta Sigma Theta. She also worked tirelessly for her community, founding a children's reading club and volunteering for seniors' organizations.

Madam Speaker, the State of Georgia, and especially the Second Congressional District of Georgia, have been truly blessed to have benefited from the tremendous contributions of Nella Edgar Crooks. She will be remembered for her compassion, her intense desire to help others, her unwavering love for her family, and her dedication to education, which lives on through the Nella Crooks Scholarship Fund at Fort Valley State University. It is a fitting tribute to her life and academic legacy, which was as long in accomplishments as it was in years. May she continue to serve as an inspiration to others.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HAYWOOD  
HARRIS

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, the University of Tennessee sports family and the city of Knoxville, Tennessee have lost a legend and dear friend.

Haywood Harris recently passed away at the age of 80. I have always said that the colors orange and white are almost as patriotic in my District as red, white, and blue. Anyone who bleeds big orange knows the name and work of Haywood Harris.

Haywood served as Sports Information Director, Assistant Athletic Director, and Associate Athletic Director for the University of Tennessee from 1961–2000. Following retirement, he took on the role as the athletic department's historian.

I have known Haywood since I sold programs, popcorn and Cokes at UT athletic events as a small boy. He is a very close and longtime personal friend.

Haywood's life and legacy is shaped not just by his knowledge and love of UT athletics and extraordinary professional success but also by the way he treated others every step of the way.

Upon word of his death, tributes from every corner of the sports world poured in. The Knoxville News Sentinel published many of these reflections, and I was taken aback by the tales of his humility, generosity and kindness. He held the esteem of everyone who ever knew him.

"The word legend gets thrown around way too much, but Haywood is a legend," said Tony Barnhart of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "He is one of those special people who made the SEC what it is today."

"I am convinced Haywood was one of the best sports information directors in America—ever," said Marvin West, former Knoxville News Sentinel sports editor. "He was gracious, patient and efficient," and "as good as he was as a professional, he was a better man."

John Pruett of The Huntsville Times wrote about an occasion where, as a young reporter who had lost his press pass on a UT opening

day, Haywood came down from the press box to let him into the stadium. "Not a blockbuster anecdote, maybe. But I never forgot Haywood's courtesy and professionalism that day to an out-of-state sportswriter who was little more than a casual acquaintance at that time," he concluded.

Brent Hubbs of volquest.com was a UT student when Haywood went out of his way to help him with a project for a television class. "Haywood's nature was to treat everyone like they were the most important person in the world," he said. "And he did it for a 19-year-old student for a project that was never going to air anywhere but in the classroom for teachers to grade."

"He always had a keen interest in what you were doing and what might have been going on in your life. Kind, thoughtful and sharp as a tack when it came to UT sports history," writes Rick Russo of WVLT-TV in Knoxville.

Even simple encounters with Haywood Harris turned into lasting memories for those who had the pleasure of meeting him. Mark Bradley of the Atlanta Journal Constitution recalls, "The highlight of my life—then, and maybe still—was being a guest on Haywood's pregame radio show back in 1981."

Chris Dortch of the Blue Ribbon Yearbook writes, "I can say with absolute certainty that Haywood Harris is the kindest, most gracious sports information director I've met, worked with or heard tell of."

WATE-TV's Jim Wogan said, "My first year in Knoxville wasn't without a few bumps, and Haywood was always polite, patient and a go-to source for background on Tennessee sports."

"Haywood Harris is a person you never forget once you meet him. He was salt of the earth and loved Tennessee down to the bone. Institutions like Haywood are far too few today," said Joe Biddle of The Tennessean.

Chris Low of ESPN.com, a UT alumnus himself, writes, "... to Haywood, it was never a job. The University of Tennessee was his life, which is why he was so good at what he did."

And The Knoxville News Sentinel's Mike Strange puts it simply, "Not just a nice guy. The nicest guy."

Haywood will not only be missed by his many friends, family, and colleagues but also by his many fans. He co-hosted a radio show, "The Locker Room," with Gus Manning for decades. Gus told The Knoxville News Sentinel, "I have lost an incredible friend."

Haywood holds many awards for his work, too many to fully recount here. He was an Inductee in the College Sports Information Directors Hall of Fame, the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, and he received the very prestigious Arch Award in 1991 and UT Chancellor's Citation in 1992.

As much as Haywood loved sports, he had other interests as well. One was his great attention to politics and national issues of importance. He was a patriotic American with a great love for his country and native east Tennessee.

Even many of Haywood's Democratic friends commented after his death that they respected his deep love and strong loyalty to the Republican Party.

Haywood's grandson, Matthew Lehigh, is a former member of my staff. I find that Matt holds many of his grandfather's qualities, and I can think of no better legacy for Haywood