

Griffey played with exuberance and passion and created memories for baseball fans around the world.

A lot of Mariners fans were upset with Griffey when he left the Seattle Mariners after the 1999 season. Madam Speaker, I was not one. As a father, I completely understood Griffey's desire to be close to his family and play a bigger role in raising his children—a role too many men abdicate. Plus, Madam Speaker, his departure allowed for his joyous return, beginning in 2007 when he returned to Safeco Field in Seattle as a member of the Cincinnati Reds. The homecoming crowd cheered with delight, Griffey barely contained his emotions, and everyone knew "The Kid" would one day call Seattle home again.

It's fitting that Griffey ended his career in a Seattle Mariners uniform because he deserved to leave the game as a legend—and I believe his legend was established in Seattle. Madam Speaker, my staff and I wish Ken Griffey, his wife, and their three children the very best in the future. He changed baseball in the Northwest forever and his contribution won't be forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH THEINERT

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today humbly and with profound sadness to mark the death of Army First Lieutenant Joseph Theinert, who was killed in action in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan on June 4th.

A resident of Sag Harbor, in my Congressional district, Lt. Theinert graduated from Shelter Island High School in 2004. He distinguished himself in athletics, was Student Council president and was crowned king of his senior prom.

Deeply affected by the September 11th attacks, Lt. Theinert earned a BA degree from the University of Albany in 2008 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in May 2008 through the Siena College Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He had been deployed for one month in Afghanistan, attached to 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.

Lt. Theinert was leading his platoon on a mission in Kandahar Province when they came under hostile fire and were forced toward an area mined with IEDs, according to his commanding officer. He disabled one IED and started to disarm a second one when the trigger mechanism sounded; however, he was able to warn the twenty men under his command to get back before the device exploded. Lt. Theinert was the only soldier killed in the incident, and his final heroic and selfless act fulfilled the responsibility of an officer to keep his men safe and in the fight.

I offer my deepest condolences to Lt. Theinert's mother and stepfather, Chrystyna and Frank Kestler of Mattituck and Shelter Island; and to his father and stepmother, James and Cathy Theinert of Sag Harbor. I also join

these closely-knit Peconic Bay communities in mourning the loss of a young citizen of enormous potential, and note with a heavy heart that two sons of the small village of Sag Harbor have made the supreme sacrifice since September 11th.

Madam Speaker, among Lt. Theinert's possessions, his family found a memory book entitled: "My Life by Joseph Theinert." I read the noble sentiments he inscribed on its inside cover into the RECORD of this House, in the hope that others may draw inspiration from them, as I have:

The years of our youth that we will never forget.

When life was simple and all we knew was love.

The people in this book is why I choose to fight.

It is for them that I am willing to lay down my life.

There is nothing glorious about war, but I will go to it to keep the people I love away from it.

9/11, Never Forget.

HONORING CF INDUSTRIES AND ITS PALMYRA TERMINAL EM- PLOYEES FOR REACHING AN IM- PRESSIVE SAFETY MILESTONE

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize CF Industries and its Palmyra Terminal employees for reaching an impressive milestone: 15,000 consecutive safe days on the job. This is a proud achievement showing a commitment of the highest level of safety.

Employees at CF Industries' Palmyra Terminal receive ammonia by pipeline and by barge on the Mississippi River from the company's Donaldsonville nitrogen complex and ships ammonia to customers via truck. If not for the hard work of these individuals, agriculture in our area would certainly suffer. These individuals do their jobs well, and that shows through the safety they exhibit while on the job. It is with great pride that I can share this news of this achievement. The Palmyra employees have set the bar high for safety standards in their community and the 9th District of Missouri.

I am proud to represent this fine company and this terminal in Congress. Congratulations to every employee at the Palmyra Terminal on your outstanding safety record and commitment to excellence.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE CITY OF MANISTIQUE, MICHIGAN

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the city of Manistique, Michigan on its

150th anniversary. On June 19, 2010 the residents of Manistique will celebrate this sesquicentennial anniversary along with a color guard, presentations from local, state and federal officials and entertainment for all.

Located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where the waves of Lake Michigan meet the currents of the Manistique River, the city's history is one of commerce, ingenuity and immense pride. The small settlement on the Manistique River had no name until 1860 when Charles Harvey built a small dam on the river to power a sawmill. Initially named Epsport, after his wife's family name of Eps, the name was changed to Manistique in 1885. The name Manistique was adapted from a Native American word for vermilion, because of the reddish tint of the river's water.

Development of the area began in 1872 when Abijah Weston bought the Chicago Lumber company and brought it to Manistique. Manistique was ideally situated to take advantage of the timber industry boom from the 1880s through the 1920s. As a lumber transfer town, timber that was cut further north was sent down the Manistique River, sorted at Manistique and then sent by boats across Lake Michigan to towns for processing. The use of water transportation was vital for the survival of the community—until 1888 when the Soo Line Railroad began to serve the Manistique area, the only way to reach the city was over water.

As the timber industry declined, limestone production and the pulp and paper mill, along with tourism following World War II, became the area's major industries.

Still standing as a testament to the vibrant history of Manistique are the 200-foot brick water tower built in 1921–22 when the municipal water system was installed and "Siphon Bridge," an engineering marvel built in 1916 which allowed the Manistique Pulp and Paper Company to maintain the river's water level several feet above the bridge's roadbed to support a "floating bridge." The East Breakwater Light at the mouth of the river guided Lake Michigan vessels with its Fourth Order Fresnel Lens at the east end of the harbor beginning in 1917. More recently, a boardwalk nearly two miles long was constructed along the shoreline offering access to East Breakwater Light, picnic grounds, a fishing pier, and a wide variety of wildlife.

Today, Manistique provides residents and visitors alike with some of the best natural surroundings the Upper Peninsula has to offer. During summer months there is hiking in the Hiawatha National Forest, swimming in Lake Michigan and canoeing down the Manistique River. Winters bring up to 71 inches of snow for cross country skiers to glide through trails around Indian Lake and snowmobilers and sledders who want to try their hand at "Thunder Bowl."

Madam Speaker, Manistique is a city rich in history and natural beauty. From the humble beginnings of a small sawmill situated on the shores of Lake Michigan the city and its residents have grown and evolved into a premier destination in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Madam Speaker, as residents celebrate this sesquicentennial milestone, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring the city of Manistique on its 150th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE JACOB MILLER
TAVERN ON ITS HISTORICAL
MARKER DEDICATION

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am honored to recognize the Jacob Miller Tavern on the occasion of its historical marker dedication.

In 1806, this tavern, a two story hewn log structure was built by Jacob Miller. This building was recently purchased with the purpose of restoring this building to its original condition.

Somerset is famous for their local native General Philip Sheridan. The Jacob Miller Tavern will be another landmark that Somerset will be known for.

The Historical Society of Perry County and the Perry County Historical Museum are to be commended for their many years of support for Somerset and the Somerset National Register Historic District. Thus, it is with great pride that I congratulate them on this great occasion and extend best wishes for the future.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED
SERVICE OF UNITED STATES
AIRMAN LIEUTENANT COLONEL
RICKEY O. HARRINGTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Rickey O. Harrington, for 22 years of exceptional service and dedication to the United States Air Force.

Colonel Harrington will be retiring from active duty on September 30, 2010. He has most recently served as the Pentagon's Chief of Air Force Reserve Directorate of Personnel for the Chief Force Support and Sustainment Branch.

As a native of Itta Bena, Mississippi, Colonel Harrington entered the Air Force in 1988 as a distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Mississippi Valley State University.

In October 1988, then Second Lieutenant Harrington began his career as a Personnel Officer in the Consolidated Base Personnel Office at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas.

In September of 1990 Colonel Harrington became newly promoted First Lieutenant Harrington and was deployed to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm as Chief, Personnel Support Contingency Operations Team at Al Minhad Air Base, United Arab Emirates providing the full scale support to nearly 3,000 airmen.

Colonel Harrington would go on after this deployment to serve in a variety of staff and leadership positions both stateside and overseas. During his career he has served as a Section Commander, Executive Officer, Squadron Commander, Inspector and Action Officer at the wing and Headquarters level. Most notably, he was on-duty as Executive Officer to the Director of Personnel Accountability at the Air Force Personnel Center responsible for running the Air Force Casualty Operations Center during the bombing of Khobar Towers where 19 brave service men lost their lives and during the airplane crash in Germany carrying then Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown. During this crisis, Colonel Harrington ensured that all levels of leadership were kept abreast of ongoing issues and ensured humane and dignified notification of next of kin while honoring the memory of those who fell in these tragedies.

He also served as the Deputy Support Group Commander at Khandahar Air Base, Afghanistan in 2003 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Over the past 4 years Colonel Harrington has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Air Force Reserve as the lone active duty member on their Personnel Staff.

As the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have led to increased use of our reserve forces, he has championed many initiatives, both in policy and in law, that have enhanced recruiting, retention, benefits and entitlements for these dedicated airmen.

His efforts have helped to sustain a viable, ready trained force capable of meeting the needs of Combatant Commanders to protect our Nation and achieve objectives of national interest.

In addition to upholding the highest standards of professional conduct as a military officer, Colonel Harrington has also labored to enhance the communities he's lived in through his affiliation with various churches, civic organizations and as a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

Madam Speaker, I ask my Colleagues to join me in expressing our sincere thanks to Colonel Harrington and his family for their unwavering support of our country and their dedication to preserving our Nation's freedom. Congratulations, and thank you for your service.

TRIBUTE TO GARY WAUTERS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gary Wauters of West Marshall, Iowa who is celebrating his retirement from the West Marshall Community School District.

Gary, the only art teacher in the West Marshall School District, devoted 40 years to facilitating his students' creativity in the classroom. Gary takes pride in the work his stu-

dents have produced over the years, especially stained glass artwork, which was a staple in his curriculum. In his retirement, Gary plans to continue his artwork in his home studio.

I commend Gary Wauters for his dedication to the students he has taught over the years and to the West Marshall School District. Gary inspired thousands of students to embrace their creativity and the lessons he taught will influence people for ages to come. I am honored to represent Gary and his family in the United States Congress and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

COMMENDING WEBSTER CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT RETIREES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of sixteen exemplary teachers and staff members from the Webster City School District of Webster City, Iowa and to express my appreciation for their dedication and commitment to these schools and their community.

Collectively these sixteen teachers and staff retirees have served the school district for 440 years. Among these notable faculty members: Linda Moenck served for 31 years, Dave Niggemeyer taught in the district for 35 years, Debra Niggemeyer as well as Gayle Olson served 32 years, Carolee Woodward taught in the Webster City Schools for 41 years, Donna Foster served for 24 years, JoAnn Robb as well as Sally Crouch served 30 years in the district, Mike Larson served 35 years, Gary Moenck has served 34 years, Faith McDowell served 12 years, Holly Riemenschneider taught for 9 years, John Kidney served the district for 39 years, Sharon Conder served 9 years in the district's food services department, Karen Draeger served for 26 years, and Nancy Spire served 21 years in the Webster City Schools.

These educators and faculty and their dedicated service underscores the value that Iowa has always placed on education. Every student who has gone to school in Iowa knows a great teacher or faculty member like this group of sixteen, and every community in the state does everything it can to make sure students have the best possible chance to succeed. Iowans know that the best way to invest in the future of our state is to invest in the education of our children.

I consider it an honor to represent these sixteen distinguished teachers and staff members of the Webster City Schools in the United States Congress, and I wish them all a long, happy and healthy retirement as they continue to serve their community.