

and he will be honored at an event in Flint, Michigan on Saturday, June 19th.

Colonel J. Motley was born the 7th child of 13 children. He graduated from CCTS High School in Alabama and moved to Michigan. He retired from General Motors after 35 years of service. He serves on the Usher Board #2 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and has been a member of the congregation for 46 years. He is a member of the Westwood High Block Club. Mr. Motley and his wife, Barbara, have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

He is a member of the Eureka Lodge No. 16 and has served as Worshipful Master for two years. He has served as Excellent High Priest with the Royal Arch Chapter No. 17, and he is the Past Patron of the Royal Star Chapter No. 27. He is also a member of the Saginaw Valley Consistory No. 71. In addition to his work with the Order of the Eastern Star, Mr. Motley helps senior citizens with their lawns, shovels snow in the winter, helps to keep our highways clean, does security watch in his neighborhood, and works with teenage boys through the Ushers Ministry.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to applaud the work of Colonel J. Motley. He is an individual dedicated to helping others in need. I congratulate him for the honor he has received from his peers and I commend him for his charity, fellowship and assistance to both friends and strangers. May he continue in his service to others for many, many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF COACH DAVE SHOJI

HON. CHARLES K. DJOU

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. DJOU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Hawaii Rainbow Wahine women's volleyball head coach, Dave Shoji. The American Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame recently announced that Coach Shoji will be inducted in December 2010 for his work at the University of Hawaii and for the success of the Rainbow Wahine women's volleyball team.

Coach Shoji is only the second coach in NCAA Division I women's volleyball history to reach the 1,000-win mark. He achieved this feat in 2009 and he continues to lead his team to victory. Throughout his years with the University of Hawaii, Coach Shoji captured four women's volleyball national championships, three NCAA Division I Crowns, and an AIAW title. It is evident that Coach Shoji's leadership and devotion to his team contributed to the 18 seasons with 30 or more wins for the Rainbow Wahine. He, personally, received 10 conference coach of the year awards, two AVCA National Coach of the Year awards, and an All-time Great Coach Award in the Donald Shondell Contemporary Division by USA Volleyball.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and citizens of the 1st Congressional District of Hawaii, I would like to extend my congratulations to Coach Shoji for his amazing achievements throughout his coaching career at the University of Hawaii.

A TRIBUTE TO JULIO SALINAS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS-

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Julio Salinas for his commitment to excellence in business and contracting.

Julio Salinas is the owner of Mecca Contracting, Inc. located in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Salinas was born in Canton San Juan Bosco, Morona Santiago Ecuador and came to Brooklyn twenty years ago. He is married to Sonia Salinas and they have two children, Donna, age 12, and Emily, age 2.

Mr. Salinas likes to work with people, especially those that need encouragement to take a step in the right direction. From his early experiences in the United States as a laborer, he knows firsthand how difficult life can be. He draws strength from his upbringing and thanks his parents for showing him the right path to walk. His parents' guidance allowed him to become a man of great integrity and moral fortitude. He was educated at Rio Upano de la ciudad de Sucua, Ecuador where he obtained his Bachelor's degree.

Mr. Salinas started Mecca Contracting, Inc. in 1997 and worked first as a subcontractor, and now as a general contractor. He works closely with the City of New York, Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD). Mr. Salinas holds numerous certifications: NYC Department of Small Business Services (MBE), NY & NJ Minority Supplier Development Council (MBE), Empire State Development (Minority-Owned Business Enterprise), the Port Authority of NY & NJ (Minority-Owned and Small Business Enterprise), New York City MWSBE Housing Authority, NYC School of Construction Authority (MBE), and the Dormitory Authority-State of New York (MWBE). In 2002 he obtained a certificate from the Construction Management Institute sponsored by Jamaica Business Resource Center and New York State Chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors. In 2003 he completed the Construction Management Training Certificate Program, sponsored by New York City Department of Small Business Services and Turner Construction. And in 2006 he obtained a certificate in Construction Management Building Blocks Program, sponsored by Skanska USA, The New York State Chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors and Medgar Evers College. In 2008 he obtained a Certificate in Construction Management, sponsored by Pace University, Regional Alliance for Small Contractors, and The Port Authority of NY & NJ. In 2004 Mr. Salinas started another business called Broadway Supplies Lumber Corp.

Mr. Salinas has affiliations with the Regional Alliance for Small Contractors, the New York State Chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors, The Association of Minority Enterprises of New York, Inc., NHCA Hispanic National Construction Association, League of United Latin American Citizens and Youth Organization JUVE Ecuador. He has also been a member of Community Board # 4. In his free time he enjoys watching documentaries on television and listening to sports and classical music. He enjoys his weekends greatly, often with a good meal.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Julio Salinas.

STATE COMMANDER OF INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF THE VET- ERANS OF FOREIGN WARS EU- GENE KIJANOWSKI

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I stand before you today to pay tribute to Eugene H. Kijanowski and to congratulate him on his upcoming installation as the State Commander of the Indiana Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Northwest Indiana is certainly indebted to Mr. Kijanowski for his tireless commitment to those who have crossed seas to fight for our country. In honor of Mr. Kijanowski, a celebratory reception will be held on June 20, 2010, at Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 717 in Saint John, Indiana.

Eugene Kijanowski hails from a family with a great military tradition. All three of his brothers served in the armed forces—Thomas and Jerome in the Army, and Wayne in the Air Force. Eugene began his military career in Whidbey Island, Washington, as a member of the United States Navy, where he worked as a parachute rigger and specialized in aircraft hydraulics. He was then transferred to Miramar Naval Air Station to Light Photographic Squadron 63, where he became Aviation Hydraulics Mechanic Third Class as well as a plane captain for the squadron. On the morning of October 26, 1966, aboard the USS Oriskany off the coast of North Vietnam, Mr. Kijanowski was forced to show his true character as a disastrous fire broke out on the flight deck. Crewmen, including Eugene, valiantly fought the fire, jettisoning heavy bombs which lay within reach of the flames. Other men wheeled planes out of danger, rescued pilots, and helped to halt the fire. In the end, 44 sailors perished and 156 were injured. The USS Oriskany returned to Subic Bay on October 28, 1966; and Eugene was discharged on November 16, 1966. His courage and performance on the USS Oriskany earned him the Vietnam Service Medal.

Commander Kijanowski joined the VFW in 1976 and has since held every office in his post. He has garnered many accolades and is a perennial state award winner. During his service with the VFW, Eugene was awarded the prestigious Eisenhower Award for outstanding leadership. Eugene will continue his lifelong commitment to the VFW and will become State Commander of the Indiana Veterans of Foreign Wars on June 20, 2010. For his truly heroic service to our nation and his outstanding dedication to the VFW, Mr. Kijanowski is worthy of the highest praise.

Eugene's devotion to the VFW is exceeded only by his devotion to his wonderful family. He has been married to his loving wife, Mary, for 42 years. They have two beloved children: Mary and Kevin.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Eugene Kijanowski for his service and dedication in the United States Navy and

congratulate him on his new position of leadership as State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Indiana.

A TRIBUTE TO SHEILA STEWART-BETEGON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS—

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sheila Stewart-Betegon for her tireless service to her community.

Sheila Stewart-Betegon was born August 22 in Colon in the Republic of Panama to Cathleen and August Stewart. She is the youngest of three sisters; her older sisters are Maritza Austin and Diana Street. She is married to Porfirio Betegon; she has three children and one grandchild.

Sheila graduated from Abel Bravo High School in Colon and went to study law and political science in the University of Panama. She migrated to the United States in December of 1984.

Like many immigrants, Sheila took odd jobs such as fast food restaurants, and working as a messenger and mail clerk while pursuing the American dream. As a determined and ambitious woman with aspirations of growing professionally, she completed her undergraduate studies in criminal justice at John Jay College in February 1989.

Thereafter she began to work for Miracle Makers Inc., one of the largest minority nonprofit organizations in the State of New York. For 16 years Sheila worked at Miracle Makers Inc. and served the community in numerous capacities: as a caseworker, supervisor and coordinator for permanency planning. Sheila monitored over fifty children annually in their foster homes and schools and assessed the goal of reunification of children and families.

In order to keep up with the increasing demands for high level professionals, Sheila returned to college and obtained a Masters degree from Long Island University Brooklyn Campus in 2001.

In 2005, Sheila carried over her experience and skills in social service and social work involving children and young adults to the Salvation Army, one of the oldest social services organizations in the United States. Sheila was hired as a recruiting officer to find foster and adoptive parents for children who could not remain with their biological family.

During this time Sheila volunteered her service at "Prouecto de Trabajadores Latino Americanos" providing instruction in English as a second language to immigrants. Sheila is a member of Free Will Church of God in Christ where the pastor is Eddie Lacewell. Sheila has been given the opportunity to bring forth the word of God.

In 2006, Sheila returned to Panama for six months to culminate her studies in law and obtain her degree as a lawyer. She is currently employed as a Probation Officer for the City of New York Department of Probation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Sheila Stewart-Betegon.

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM FOR SOUTHWESTERN RANDOLPH

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish to extend our congratulations to the Southwestern Randolph High School softball team for winning the North Carolina High School Athletic Association State 3-A softball championship for the third time in 4 years. The Southwestern Randolph Cougars defeated Crest High School 6-1 on June 5, 2010, at Walnut Creek Softball Complex in Raleigh, North Carolina, to win the title.

The win did not come easily with the Cougars trailing 1-0 after the third inning. After readjusting to the Chargers' pitching style and hitting fewer pop-ups, the Cougars managed to score a run in the fourth inning. Cougars' pitcher Julia Calicutt was able to stop the Chargers from scoring additional runs in the fifth and sixth innings. Having played two seasons behind Southwestern Randolph's 4-year starter Anna Maness, Calicutt was finally given her chance to shine. Calicutt's athleticism and hard work gave the Cougars the opportunity they needed to claim the state title.

The Cougars ended the game tacking on three additional runs in the fifth inning and two in the sixth. "It's an awesome feeling," Calicutt told the Asheboro Courier-Tribune. "There were doubts at the beginning of the season. We had to do this to prove ourselves," added Calicutt.

The championship team members included: Cythnia Hayes, Hannah Hughes, Erin Billups, Olivia Hickman, Julia Calicutt, Kelsey Hoover, Victoria Hunt, Sydney Hyder, Sloane King, Ashia Nicholson, Kaylee King, Paige Parrish, Hayleigh Clapp, Brooke Hayes, Hagan Kiser, Felicia Brady, Braden Newlin, and Alexandria O'Connell. Assisting Head Coach Ricky Martinez were Brook Smith, Robert Hayes and Wendell Seawell.

Again, we would like to congratulate Southwestern Randolph High School's softball team, faculty, staff, students, and fans for an outstanding championship season.

A TRIBUTE TO NATHAN BRADLEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS—

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Nathan Bradley for his continued involvement in his community.

Nathan Bradley was born and raised in Brooklyn, and educated in the New York City Public School system. He is a veteran of the United States Army and has studied advanced micro electronics technology, computer science and graphic design. Upon completion of his education, Nathan worked for an information technology company wherein he installed networks, was responsible for troubleshooting and repaired computers. He also worked in the Graphic Design Department where he was a Senior Project Manager.

In 1989 Nathan became actively involved in the Ronald Brown Democratic Club. Through

the years he has developed an extensive background in community relations from organizing faith based and community based organizations, youth groups and groups with varying ethnic backgrounds such as Jewish, Russian, Hispanic, Caribbean and African American.

Nathan has been involved in various electoral campaigns at the Federal, State, city and judicial levels. He has served in the capacity of Campaign Manager, Deputy Campaign Manager and Field Operation Coordinator throughout the borough of Brooklyn. In these various capacities, Nathan has been profoundly involved in grassroots organizing, voter registration drives, door to door canvassing, phone banks, and petition drives.

Nathan has served as a Chief of Staff to a member of the New York State Assembly. He is currently the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Majority conference leader of the New York State Senate, the Honorable John L. Sampson. He is also the Chairman of Brooklyn Community Board #5, a member of the Community Advisory Board at Brookdale Hospital, a member of the Board of Directors of East New York Kids Power, and also a member of the Board of Directors of the True Worship Church.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Nathan Bradley.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise on the occasion of Oregon's inaugural Honor Flight journey of 24 of Oregon World War II and Korean War era veterans to visit their memorials here in Washington, DC. On behalf of a grateful congressional delegation, state, and country, I welcome these heroes to our nation's capital where I am honored to host a special recognition event for them.

The veterans on this Honor Flight are World War II veterans: Jim Cate, U.S. Marine Corps; Don Daugherty, U.S. Navy; Russell "Gunner" Day, U.S. Navy; Al Grant, U.S. Navy; Bob Haskin, U.S. Army Air Corps; Hank Henson, U.S. Army Air Corps; Don Huebsch, U.S. Marine Corps; Anne Laraia, U.S. Air Force; Rocco Laraia Jr., U.S. Navy, Army, Air Force; Ed LeRoy, U.S. Navy; Dennis "Mac" McManus Sr., U.S. Army; Paul Miller, U.S. Army; Richard Miller, U.S. Army; Ed Morehead, U.S. Army Air Corps; Marvin "Bud" Morss, U.S. Air Force; Al E. Rogers, U.S. Navy; Ken Shideler, U.S. Army; Samuel "Smitty" Smith, U.S. Navy; Bill Spencer, U.S. Marine Corps; Don Spencer Sr., U.S. Army Air Corps; George "Vince" Stauffer, U.S. Coast Guard; Vyril "Ed" Sweeney, U.S. Army; and Ervin "Van" Van Blaricom, U.S. Marine Corps.

Madam Speaker, these 24 veterans from Oregon join more than 35,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have traveled to our nation's capital to visit and reflect at memorials built here in their honor. This Honor Flight was made possible thanks to generous donations and contributions from the public to honor these American heroes.