

Mrs. Zaborowski, as they celebrate sixty-five years of marriage. I wish Mr. and Mrs. Zaborowski an abundance of health, happiness and peace in all of their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITY  
ACTIVISM OF MR. MICHAEL  
SLAYMAKER

**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding public service of Mr. Michael Slaymaker, president of the Orlando Youth Alliance, in honor of Gay & Lesbian Pride Month. Under the direction of Mr. Slaymaker, the Orlando Youth Alliance serves to educate parents, academia, health care workers, and others about the development and diversity of sexual identity and make them more attention to the concerns and needs of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered youth.

Mr. Slaymaker moved to Central Florida in 1995 from Iowa. He graduated from Central College, Pella, Iowa, in 1983 with a bachelor of arts degree in Communications & Theatre and minor degrees in Business Management and German. In 1999, he earned his master of arts degree in Human Resources at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida.

Mr. Slaymaker has worked with numerous non-profit organizations that have contributed greatly to the Central Florida community. From 1983 through 1993, he worked for the American Heart Association, first at a field representative, then as the Special Events Director, and finally as the Director of Field Services. He successfully designed a major gifts program and increased the annual revenue generation by \$1 million and he was recognized nationally for his exceptional work. From 1995 to 1996, he served at the Executive Director for the Hope and Help Center in Central Florida, whose mission is to treat and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. Mr. Slaymaker's outstanding service continued there as he initiated many programs to benefit the people of Florida and repaired the financially troubled state of the organization. In 1998, he joined the Orlando Gay Chorus as a volunteer singer and was quickly recruited to help with fundraising. For 10 years, he served as the Development Director for the Orlando Gay Chorus, increasing their budget by more than \$150,000. In 2000, he founded the Orlando Anti-Discrimination Ordinance Committee to fight local discrimination, and has been the driving force behind this highly successful volunteer group ever since. From 2001 to 2010, he was the Human Resources & Development Director of the La Amistad Foundation, Inc., where his innovations helped enhance the quality of life for adults with chronic mental illnesses.

Currently, Mr. Slaymaker is the President of the Orlando Youth Alliance, a non-profit organization which has the vital purpose in the Central Florida community to provide a safe and nurturing environment for LGBT youth between the ages of 13 and 20. The Orlando Youth Alliance was formed in 1990 under the name "Delta Youth Alliance" as a support

group to help struggling LGBT youth. The group gathers every week to talk about their concerns and discuss issues that are important to them. Through the years, this organization has lent a hand to hundreds of Central Florida's youth and has expanded its outreach into the Orlando community. Mr. Slaymaker's exceptional efforts have helped make our Central Florida safer, our community more dynamic, and our people more conscientious. He has inspired our youth and empowered them to be proud of who they are.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Michael Slaymaker for his outstanding work and leadership both in the Gay & Lesbian community and in our Florida community as a whole. He is a fantastic community activist and a source of pride to Florida.

AGC RECOGNIZES THE BEST IN  
THE INDUSTRY

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, the Magazine of the Associated General Contractors of America proudly recognizes the new Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House and the AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre in Dallas, TX. Both buildings received an Aon Build America Award for their pioneering projects, commitment to safety, and community outreach. The one-of-a-kind 80,000-sq-ft AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre wins in the "Building New" category. Complimentary, the Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House is the grand award winner for "Construction Management New."

The eye-catching opera house is built in the center of Dallas' arts district which anchors the AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre. The complexity and stunning aesthetics of the Dallas Opera House, constructed by Linbeck Group, received AGC's highest award. This European style opera house, built at \$197 million, includes a performance hall that accommodates opera, musical theater, ballet, and many other dance forms.

One of the most visually stunning elements in the theater is the red glass wall panels that encase the performance hall. This red curtain wall is made up of a shocking 1,100 glass panels. It includes a great feature that allows three operable sections to be lowered opening the building to the outdoors.

For more than two decades these impressive awards were given to projects selected by a panel of tough critics and contractors. Now, Dallas can cheerfully accept this award and relish in their "job well done!"

IN HONOR OF THE STRONGSVILLE  
VFW, POST 3345 ON THE OCCA-  
SION OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVER-  
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**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the veteran and auxiliary

members of Strongsville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3345, as they celebrate the Post's 75th anniversary and dedicate a Veterans Memorial on June 19, 2010.

Strongsville VFW Post 3345 was chartered on June 22, 1935 with only three members in attendance. Today, it is one of the largest VFW posts in the state with nearly 1,200 members.

Strongsville VFW Post 3345 has a legacy of community outreach and volunteer service throughout the western communities of Greater Cleveland. The members of Post 3345 have reached out to veterans and the families of military personnel, providing support and assistance wherever possible. Post 3345 provides numerous college scholarships and sponsors an annual Teacher of the Year Award. Members also volunteer thousands of hours annually for charity and at local Veterans Administration hospitals.

Members of VFW Post 3345 raised funds to construct a Veterans Memorial to publicly honor and commemorate the lives of all American soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our nation.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring the members of Strongsville VFW Post 3345 and all veterans for their contributions to community and country.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SAC-  
RIFICE OF UNITED STATES AIR  
FORCE SENIOR AIRMAN BEN-  
JAMIN D. WHITE

**HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Air Force Senior Airman Benjamin D. White, who was killed in action on June 9, 2010.

Benjamin grew up in Johnson City, Tennessee and graduated from Science Hill High School in 2004. He attended East Tennessee State University before entering the Air Force in July 2006.

A Pararescueman assigned to the 48th Rescue Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Benjamin belonged to a highly regarded and specialized unit known throughout the military for their skills and willingness to risk their lives to save others.

The motto of Pararescue units, "That Others May Live", speaks to the dedication that Benjamin and his brothers in arms share. He perished doing what he loved, alongside other Air Force Rescue personnel, on a mission to save a British Soldier's life.

We remember Senior Airman White and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss, nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Benjamin made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

Senior Airman White is survived by his mother Brenda, father Tony and brother Mark.

This body and this country owe Benjamin and his family our deepest gratitude, and we

will today and forevermore honor and remember him and his service to our country.

#### SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to strongly support the right of Israel to act in self-defense, which requires the inspection of cargo going into area controlled by the terrorist organization Hamas surrounding the Gaza territory. The inspections are vital because Hamas has smuggled in thousands of rockets to attack and terrorize Israeli civilians. Hamas has clearly stated its goal is the destruction of the State of Israel and the leaders of the Gaza flotilla, particularly those on the Mavi Marmara, set out to intentionally use force to confront the blockade. If the blockade were to be broken, it would be impossible to tell which vessels were carrying humanitarian supplies and which were carrying deadly rockets.

As a sovereign nation, Israel has the right to protect its people from the threat of terrorism. Israel warned the boats that they were in violation of a lawful blockade and offered them an alternative where the humanitarian aid would be off-loaded and delivered to Gaza. The flotilla, however, insisted on attempting to circumvent the blockade because their primary motivation was confrontation.

Israel is a long-standing democratic ally of the United States. We must stand with Israel and defend their right to defend the Israeli people.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

### HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, today marks the one year anniversary of the enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. I was proud to have partnered with Representative HENRY WAXMAN in introducing this bill and seeing its passage through the House of Representatives.

The Family Smoking Prevention and Control Act took important steps to educate the American public about the harmful effects of tobacco-use. The law provides the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with the authority to regulate tobacco products and ensures that these products are not advertised or sold to children.

While many of the provisions of this law are still being implemented by the FDA, a number of important changes have already taken place. For example, a ban on flavored cigarettes is now being enforced. Cigarettes with flavors such as strawberry and lemon were clearly marketed toward children and lured young adults into trying their first cigarette.

In addition, tobacco companies are now prohibited from sponsoring athletic and cultural

events, which are widely attended and viewed by millions of children each year. No longer will a child's favorite race car driver be covered in tobacco ads nor will a favorite baseball player hit a homerun over a large cigarette banner.

The FDA has also begun enforcing the prohibition of vending machines that sell tobacco products in settings in which children are present. Vending machines served as an easy way for minors to access tobacco products since no age verification is present. Because the vast majority of all smokers try their first cigarette between the ages of twelve and twenty, these important changes will go a long way toward preventing children from trying their first cigarette, and becoming smokers as adults.

Thus far, the FDA has moved expeditiously in their implementation of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. I hope that they will continue their efforts to discourage our nation's young people from smoking and educate them of the harmful effects of tobacco use. For too long tobacco companies have targeted our nation's children through cartoon ads, event sponsorship, and free merchandise. I am confident that the continued implementation of this law will lead to generations of fewer tobacco-addicted youth.

#### HONORING ATHLETE AND HUMANITARIAN MANUTE BOL

### HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sudanese athlete and humanitarian Manute Bol, who sadly passed away on June 19, 2010, at the age of 47.

Seven-foot 7-inches tall, Manute Bol joined the National Basketball Association (NBA) in 1985 with the Washington Bullets, after catching the eye of an American basketball coach working in Sudan. When he arrived in the United States, he didn't speak any English and hadn't completed any schooling beyond a basic elementary level. His exceptional height and shot blocking ability made him an instant hit in the NBA, and, in addition to two stints with Washington, his 10-year career took him to Golden State, Philadelphia and Miami. He twice led the league in the number of blocked shots per game and shares the record as the tallest person to ever play in the NBA.

While many undoubtedly knew Mr. Bol due to his prowess on the basketball court, he was perhaps most proud of the humanitarian work he did to help his native Sudan. In 2007, after relocating to Olathe, Kansas, Mr. Bol partnered with a Kansas-based relief organization, Sudan Sunrise, to help educate and improve living conditions for children in Sudan. He pledged money and support to help construct a school in his native Turalei, Sudan, which was partially completed in January 2010, and now serves 300 children a day.

Ravaged by prolonged civil wars, Sudan lacks many of the basic services that you and I take for granted. Eighty-five percent of the population in Southern Sudan is illiterate. Only about seven percent of teachers in the southern part of the country have any professional

training, and it is not uncommon to visit a school where the teachers themselves have not been educated beyond fourth grade. Drawing from his own experiences and struggles due to a lack of basic education as a young man, Mr. Bol came to place a high value on learning. He felt that one of the keys to peace in Sudan is education for its children, and dedicated his life to improving the educational opportunities in his native country.

While Mr. Bol was helping Sudan make significant strides in its education system, it is clear that there is still much work to be done. It is my hope that we in Congress, and others across the globe, are inspired by the work of Manute Bol to help children in Sudan and that together, we continue the mission he has begun.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BUD AND SHERRY GRINSTEAD'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 50th wedding anniversary of Bud and Sherry Grinstead.

Bud Grinstead of Gary, IN, and Sherry Ryzenga of Holland, MI, met at Bryan University in Dayton, TN. In September of 1959, the couple transferred to Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

On June 4, 1960, Bud and Sherry were married at Rose Park Baptist Church in Sherry's hometown by Revs. Garland Cofield and James Gurley. After college graduation in June of 1962, the couple moved to Jacksonville, Florida to serve at Victory Baptist Church where their first two children were born. On May 26, 1965, Bud was ordained as a Baptist minister.

The family relocated to Oxford, Alabama in 1969 where Bud served as minister of music and taught the young adult class at Trinity Baptist Church. Their third child was born in 1970. That same year, Bud started Trinity Christian Academy (TCA). The school added a grade each year until their first graduating class graduated in 1979. Bud also started a radio broadcast in 1979. During their time at Trinity, Sherry taught piano lessons and a music class.

In 1975, the family joined the Tom Williams Evangelistic Team and traveled from church to church ministering to all. In 1978, they moved back to Oxford to serve at Trinity Baptist Church and in 1980, Bud accepted the position of pastor. The radio station, WTBJ, aired for the first time in 1994. Bud has ministered in every continent of the world except Antarctica and Sherry has taught full time at TCA for 28 years and is retiring this year.

Bud and Sherry have three children: Debbie, Darryl and Dawn and nine grandchildren. A reception in their honor will be held on June 26th at Trinity Baptist Church.

I salute my friends, Bud and Sherry, on the 50th year of their life together and join their family in honoring them on this special occasion.