

an educational board trustee, attended United Association national conventions and New England Pipe Trade conventions.

Dave is also dedicated to his community and for many years, has served on the Democratic Town Committee, attended the Democratic State Convention and has been an elected town meeting member. Most recently Dave won a seat on the Town Planning Board.

Dave and his wife of more than 25 years, Rosemary, continue to live in Billerica. Their sons, David and Jeff, are now married, David to Gail and Jeff to Deb, and Dave and Rose are the proud new grandparents of David Philip Saviano, born to David and his wife, Gail, on May 21, 2010. An active member and leader of Pipefitters Local 537 for 39 years and a dedicated father and husband, Dave's commitment and hard work to his members and family earned him a new title at this stage in his life, retired grandfather.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the Floor of the House today, to join with Dave's family, friends and contemporaries to recognize and thank him for a career dedicated to the men, women and families of Pipefitters Local 537. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating David C. Saviano's distinguished career and wish him a happy and full retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF DR. EDNA SAFFY

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear, lifelong friend, Dr. Edna Saffy. We were students at the University of Florida in the 1970s and we worked together for 16 years at Florida Community College of Jacksonville. Everyone knew her as one of the great women leaders of our generation and she often led merely by example. For instance, she was one of the first women I know who did not take her husband's last name.

Dr. Saffy was a human rights activist, college professor and founder of NOW chapters in Jacksonville and Gainesville. Her public service to the Third District included mayoral appointments to the Duval County Hospital Authority, Jacksonville Human Rights Commission, advisory committee on LaVilla Cultural Heritage District and the Jacksonville Area Planning Board. She was active with numerous groups including Planned Parenthood, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society, Hubbard House, Karpeles Manuscript Museum and the American Association of University Women.

Dr. Saffy's influence spread far beyond Jacksonville, however. She was appointed by President Clinton to the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts from 1995–2001, and by President Gerald Ford in 1976 as a delegate to the International Women's Conference. Active in Mideast peace groups and a member of the American Arab Institute, President Clinton invited her to witness the signing of the Mideast Peace Accord in 1993.

Finally, she worked hard for the Democratic Party. Dr. Saffy was a member of the Duval

County Democratic Executive Committee for 35 years, was a Florida State delegate to all the Democratic National Conventions from 2000 and served as president of the Florida Women's Political Caucus.

Like the Apostle Paul, she fought the good fight, she finished the course, and she kept the faith. Now, it is up to us to carry on her work.

My thoughts and prayers are with her husband of 41 years, Grady E. Johnson Jr.. God has blessed us by allowing us to have Dr. Saffy in our lives.

TRIBUTE TO CHAMPLAIN VALLEY PHYSICIANS HOSPITAL

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital of Plattsburgh, New York in the wake of the 100th anniversary of the admission of the facility's first patient on June 22, 1910.

CVPH was created in 1972 by the merger of Physicians Hospital with Champlain Valley Hospital. This association of private and charitable hospitals increased the level of access to quality health care for our community, and the CVPH Medical Center has remained the foundation of Plattsburgh's health for decades.

CVPH, through its board, management and employees, has proved their dedication to our community's health by instituting ambitious programs to expand their services. In their relentless mission to provide our region with education, awareness, and strength—in addition to the gold standard of health care for which they are known—the Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital is a vital part of our community that cannot be replaced.

CVPH has always endeavored to find new ways to increase and expand the level of care it offers. From advanced cardiology services and mental health care to its community outreach efforts, our facility knows that the best approach to the overall health of an area involves every part of every individual.

Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital on their 100th anniversary, as well as my undying appreciation for the consistent level of service they provide our region.

A SALUTE TO DR. JAMES F. "JEFF" KIMPEL

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding Oklahoman devoted to being the best public servant ever for the people of the United States, working tirelessly to help save lives and protect property, Dr. James "Jeff" Kimpel, director NOAA National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Oklahoma. He is a close friend who will be retiring in Norman, Oklahoma this week. After 13

years of federal service Dr. Kimpel served the Nation and the people of our State and city and is recognized internationally as one of the world's leading experts on weather and meteorology, having served as the past president of the American Meteorological Society in 2000. Jeff Kimpel will be sorely missed in NOAA and I know that I will miss his active participation day by day in all matters relating to meteorology.

Madam Speaker, Jeff Kimpel's impact in Norman, Oklahoma which is in the fourth Congressional District has been ongoing and direct on all matters relating to severe weather and weather related research and development. We have been considerably blessed with the location of the National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman as well as the University of Oklahoma, and The Weather Center including many major weather private sector companies who advance the future of weather research in the United States. Dr. Kimpel has made a mark on weather forecasting that will be felt for decades to come.

Dr. Kimpel has been one of the main proponents of improving the connection of Doppler-radar systems, or NEXRAD, which would advance and improve radar resolution and increase the accuracy of rain, snow and other weather predictions. This program, which was created under Dr. Kimpel, has also generated forecast models and has largely improved the ability to predict tornados, windstorms, lighting, and other types of severe precipitation. These programs are extremely vital and important to Oklahoma in particular, but Dr. Kimpel has brought them into other regions that also deal with inclement weather and specific weather storms.

Madam Speaker, currently the upgrade of the current NEXRAD system for advanced notice of severe weather and tornados embodied in the Multi-purpose Phased Array Radar will ultimately improve the effectiveness and will also cut costs. Dr. Kimpel's tireless and diligent efforts to develop the Multi-purpose Phased-Array Radar technology have paid off and are being rewarded with amplified financial support for the upcoming 2011 Fiscal Year. Dr. Kimpel's successor will surely continue to work hard on this project and continue to work to create even more developments for this form of radar technology.

Madam Speaker, throughout his career, Dr. Kimpel has held important positions in several different organizations in the field of weather including a member of the National Research Council's Board on Natural Disasters of the National Academy of Sciences, an active official of the National Science Foundation including past chair of the Advisory Committee for Atmospheric Sciences, the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, the American Meteorological Society, and NOAA's U.S. Weather Research Program development team.

Dr. Kimpel's dedication goes above and beyond the field of meteorology and weather. He has epitomized and displayed leadership qualities that are very often hard to come by. He has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal while serving under the United States Air Force in Vietnam, has received the University of Oklahoma Student Association Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching and Service to Students, and among many other awards and honors has been given the Oklahoma University Regents' Award for Superior University and Professional Service.

Madam Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Dr. Kimpel on the many accomplishments that he has achieved throughout his lifetime and I thank him for his life's commitment to weather, science, and severe-storm prediction. Additionally, I would like to thank Dr. Kimpel for the example he has set for future meteorologists and researchers to follow, and for the fine career in which he has dedicated his life's work to. Madam Speaker, I am genuinely pleased to be able to say that I represent Dr. Kimpel and his family, and the laboratory that he created and worked so diligently for. I wish him luck in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST JOSEPH JOHNSON

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to Army SPC Joseph Dennis Johnson. Specialist Johnson was killed on June 16, 2010 in Kunduz, Afghanistan by a roadside bomb. Funeral services will be held on June 26 at Flint Central Nazarene Church.

After graduating from Carmen-Ainsworth High School in 2004, Specialist Johnson enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2006 and served as an Airborne Engineer disarming improvised devices. He had been stationed in Afghanistan since December 2009. Specialist Johnson considered it a privilege and honor to serve his country. I had the opportunity to meet and talk to Specialist Johnson when we flew from Washington, DC to Michigan together several years ago. I was attending the funeral of a friend, Jack Maxwell, and Jack was Specialist Johnson's great-grandfather. As I sat next to him on the airplane and again at the funeral, I was impressed by his deep love for our country, his passion for his work and his devotion to his family.

Specialist Johnson will be deeply missed by his parents, Dennis and Teri Johnson, his sister Jennifer Pollak, grandparents Eugene and Lois Johnson and Glenna Maxwell; his special friend Amanda Gauthier, many nieces, nephews and close friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to stand and take a moment of silence to remember SPC Joseph Johnson. He has made the ultimate sacrifice for the country he loved deeply and our nation is grateful for his steadfast duty. His enthusiasm for life is an inspiration to all that knew him and his integrity is a credit to his parents and family. I extend my condolences to his parents, family and friends and I mourn his passing.

CONGRATULATING GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Gastonia, NC—one of the recipients of the 2010 All-America City Award from the National Civic League. Gastonia, for

the third time, has achieved this honor, which highlights the innovation, inclusiveness, civic engagement, and cross sector collaboration of this unique town.

This year, representatives to the competition highlighted two of Gastonia's most important civic programs. The first is The Shelter of Gaston County, a transitional home for battered women. The second is "Run for the Money," an annual fundraiser that has raised more than \$9 million for non-profits in our area.

It was clear that Gastonia made quite an impression—they were one of only two in the entire competition to receive unanimous support from this year's judges.

Not only was Gastonia recognized with this honor, but Gastonia team member Luis Rios, president of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council, won the inaugural All-America City Teen of the Year Award.

In addition to the hard work of the people of Gastonia, I would also like to extend special congratulations to Mayor Jennie Stultz. A native of Gastonia, Mayor Stultz provides the leadership necessary for the City of Gastonia and its citizens to live up to their fullest potential—with great gusto.

It is truly a privilege to represent Gastonia in Congress. Gastonia is well-deserving of being named an All-America City, and I commend the city for the commitment it shows to its citizens and the dedication it has to the traditions and values that make Gastonia so special.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD HUNSUCKER AND THE WALK ACROSS AMERICA TEAM

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard "Ric" Hunsucker, a United States Marine Corps veteran, and the Walk Across America Team for their selfless efforts to bring awareness to disabled veterans across the country.

Mr. Hunsucker, an ironworker from Green Bay, Wisconsin, has completed a challenging yet worthy undertaking that has achieved great success—all in the name of disabled veterans. On Veterans Day, November 11, 2009, Mr. Hunsucker set out to begin his 202 day walk across America to raise donations and awareness for the struggles faced by disabled veterans.

Starting at the Duval County War Memorial in Jacksonville, Florida, Mr. Hunsucker and his support teammate, Jack Dixon, visited countless veterans medical centers and outpatient clinics to meet with disabled veterans, doctors, nurses, family members and the public.

This 2,600-mile journey took them through four time zones and eight states, ending proudly at the Balboa Park War Memorial in San Diego, California on Memorial Day, May 31, 2010. He carried a 5-foot by 3-foot navy blue Disabled American Veterans flag the entire route. All donations raised went to the Disabled American Veterans organization, a non-profit that advocates and assists those injured while serving their country.

Mr. Hunsucker trained for six months for his 202-day walk and has since gone through

three pairs of sneakers and countless aches and pains. Walking an average of 17 miles a day, meeting the families of those killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan were among the most memorable moments.

Mr. Hunsucker's patriotism and desire to raise awareness for veterans was best explained when he recently stated, "You can build a memorial for those who have been killed, but how can you remember those who are disabled? You take care of them."

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my personal accolades to the Walk Across America Team for such a remarkable and dedicated journey.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE ZATKIN

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, my colleague HENRY WAXMAN and I join together to mark an important occasion for California's and the nation's health care policy community. After leading the public policy and government relations team at Kaiser Permanente for the past 20 years, Steve Zatzkin has announced that he will retire at the end of this month. He reached this conclusion after having seen a long-awaited event—the enactment of comprehensive health care reform—finally come to pass.

Following his graduation from the University of California at Berkeley in 1969, Steve began his career in health policy, like many other national experts, as a staff person in the California legislature. After starting out as an Intern and Analyst in the California Assembly, Steve served throughout the middle and late 1970s as Senior Consultant to the Assembly Health Subcommittee on Health Personnel, the Joint Committee on Health Sciences Education and the Joint Committee on the Siting of Teaching Hospitals. During his senior staff tenure in Sacramento, he developed major legislation and budget policy on health care workforce and training issues, an area of abiding and continuing interest for him.

While working in the legislature, Steve earned his degree at the McGeorge School of Law and was admitted to the California Bar. In 1978, he joined Kaiser Permanente as a staff counsel focusing on government relations. In addition to leading Kaiser Permanente's government relations function since 1990, he has chaired its Health Policy Committee since its inception in 1996. Since 2004, he has also served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals.

Steve has long been recognized as a leader in the health plan and integrated care delivery sector. He served on the Boards of Directors of the Alliance of Community Health Plans, the California Association of Health Plans and the American Association of Health Plans. In the late 1990s, Steve served on the California Governor's Managed Care Improvement Task Force. He has also served as a member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' Health Care Insurance Access Advisory Committee.

In his role as a health plan leader, Steve has ably represented Kaiser Permanente as it has grown to serve over 8.6 million people, including over 6 million individuals in our home