

County and Eastern Kentucky will remember him for much more. George was a veteran of World War II, having served honorably in the United States Army. His legacy is even more firmly grounded in his public service and tireless efforts for progress in one of the most rural, distressed county's in our Nation.

The people of Leslie County elected George Wooton as Sheriff for one term and County Judge Executive for three terms. George attended every event, large or small because he believed in supporting his community and their interests. In every crowd, there was no mistaking George's presence. He was the type of man who greeted everyone and gladly spoke up for anyone not bold enough to share their concerns. He will be remembered for his compassion, his tenacity and boisterous personality.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring George Wooton for dedicating a lifetime of service to the families of Eastern Kentucky, our Commonwealth and our great Nation.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF RETAIL OPERATIONS AT ECKERT'S FAMILY FARMS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of retail operations at Eckert's Family Farms in Belleville, Illinois.

The Eckert family has been involved in farming since their ancestor, Johann Peter Eckert, came to this country from Germany in the 1830's. The first fruit trees, for which the family has become renowned in southwestern Illinois and surrounding areas, were planted near Fayetteville, Illinois, almost 150 years ago., Alvin O. Eckert opened a roadside produce stand on what was known as Turkey Hill, near Belleville, Illinois, in 1910. Thus was born a tradition that has grown and prospered for 100 years.

Currently, sixth and seventh generation Eckert family members oversee an operation that includes multiple orchards, a newly expanding country store and restaurant, garden center and wholesale operations. Generations of area families have built memories and savored the produce at Eckert's pick-your-own orchards, which are the largest family-owned and operated pick-your-own orchards in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of retail operations at Eckert's family farms and to wish the Eckert family and all of their employees the very best for many years to come.

HONORING THE CLUB HOUSE AT LAKE HOPATCONG YACHT CLUB

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Club House at Lake

Hopatcong Yacht Club, located in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

Recognized on both the National and New Jersey State Register of Historic Places, this building is the single most important surviving link to Lake Hopatcong's past grandeur as a major northeast resort. Built during the golden years of the lake's resort period, it is a tribute to an era when the lake hosted grand hotels, magnificent summer "cottages," two amusement parks and some of the most famous Americans of the day.

Appearing nearly unchanged from its construction in 1910, the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club's Club House is a structure almost frozen in time, bearing witness to a near forgotten period in northwestern New Jersey's history. Its stately charm recounts long forgotten days when thousands made the trek to what is known as the "jewel of the mountains." The club house has endured prosperity and depression, peace and war, seen popular music move through ragtime, jazz, swing, and rock-and-roll, and witnessed the country go from the first automobile to the moon. From an origin of catboats, Fay and Bowen's and Model T's, the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club has left behind a legacy of sailors, sportsmen and friends.

While Lake Hopatcong continues today as a wonderful recreation source with numerous marinas and waterfront restaurants, the Club House of the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club, provides members with a lasting glimpse into the lake's great history.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Club House of the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club as it celebrates its centennial.

OLGA SLYUSAR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Olga Slyusar who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Olga Slyusar is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Olga Slyusar is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Olga Slyusar for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ron Gettelfinger today upon his retirement from the United Auto Workers or UAW. Ron devoted his long and distinguished career to helping his colleagues and the American people achieve the American dream; and as he leaves the working world, it is my great pleasure to honor his professional efforts and accomplishments.

Growing up with 11 brothers and sisters in Frenchtown, Indiana, Ron got some early lessons in negotiating with others. After graduating high school in 1962, he moved to Louisville, Kentucky and in 1964 was hired as a chassis line repairman at the Louisville Assembly Plant of Ford Motor Company.

In one of his earliest jobs Ron so impressed those around him that the workers in the plant elected him to represent them as committeeperson, bargaining chairperson and president. Ron excelled in these positions and also functioned as a delegate to the National Ford Council and Sub-Council # 2.

After twenty years of work in the auto industry, Ron was elected president of local union 862. In 1987, he became a member of the Ford-UAW bargaining committee. When he was asked by Car and Driver magazine about what prompted this move into the union arena, he simply responded "I just thought I should apply my education to helping the workers."

Ron moved on to other union positions, including director of United Auto Workers Region 3, which represents United Auto Workers' members in Indiana and Kentucky. After six years in this role, he was elected UAW vice president in 1998.

As Vice President, Ron was director of the UAW Aerospace Department and the UAW Ford Department, where he led negotiations in 1999 that focused on "Bargaining for Families." In 2002, he was elected president of the UAW and was re-elected in 2006. On March 19, 2009, Ron announced his intent to retire at the end of his term.

During his tenure at the helm of the UAW, Ron has been an outspoken advocate for national single-payer health care in the United States. Under his leadership, the UAW has lobbied for fair trade agreements that include provisions for workers' rights and environmental provisions. With the help of these efforts, Congress enacted legislation to reform health, expand the children health insurance program (S-CHIP), the economic stimulus package, auto restructuring, the Lilly Ledbetter equal pay legislation, as well as a minimum wage increase.

During his presidency the UAW successfully lobbied for the enactment of compromise CAFE legislation in 2007, which included the Section 136 program to provide funds to encourage investment in domestic production of advanced technology vehicles and their key components. With Ron's help Congress was also able to facilitate agreement on a national standard for regulating greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy for light, medium and

heavy duty vehicles. All of these accomplishments have come in the face of trying times for organized labor. In the words of U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, American workers are endangered by "the corporate global chase for the lowest wage which creates a race to the bottom that no workers, in any country, can win."

With Ron as their advocate, UAW members have endured and succeeded in these difficult times. He will be remembered for his leadership role in putting the UAW at the forefront of the struggle for civil rights, better schools and pensions, tougher workplace health and safety standards, and stronger workers compensation benefits. His impact stretches beyond the auto industry and will be felt for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in wishing Ron Gettelfinger the best in his retirement. I am certain he will enjoy his newfound free time with his wife Judy, and their two children and four grandchildren. I can think of no one more deserving of having a long, happy and healthy post-career life. He will be sorely missed at the UAW, but if his successors follow the examples he set for so many years, American workers will continue to be well represented.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT MANNINGS

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and work of my friend Robert Mannings. Robert dedicated his life to serving his community and he will be sorely missed.

Born in Asbury Park, New Jersey, Robert Mannings was the oldest of three children. Educated in the New Jersey public school system, Robert entered the U.S. Army in 1952, serving his country during the Korean War. After his service in Korea, Robert moved to Philadelphia and quickly established strong ties to the community.

A long-time member of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Robert was dedicated to bettering his neighborhood. He served in various positions within the Church, such as a member of the Men Usher Board and Men of Mount Carmel. For over 20 years, Robert served as the president of the Dewey and Race Streets Civic Organization, providing outreach and necessary services to those in his community. Robert headed "Let's Talk About It" seminars and starred in a video called "Putting the Pieces Back Together", both dealing with cancer. In recognition of his hard work, Robert was awarded the American Cancer Society's Volunteer Achievement Award and the Carl Mansfield, M.D. Award.

Robert Mannings' long and impressive career showcases his commitment, service, and dedication to bettering his community. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating the life and accomplishments of Mr. Mannings, and honor him for the great work he has done for the people of Philadelphia.

CELEBRATING THE BOY SCOUTS CENTENNIAL

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, this year marks the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America. Like most Americans, I am a long-time admirer of the Boy Scouts of America organization. The Boy Scouts have taught generations of young men the values of teamwork and the importance of continually striving for excellence, as well as providing its members the opportunity to develop leadership skills at a young age.

It is therefore my pleasure to congratulate the Boy Scouts of America on the occasion of their one-hundredth anniversary. I would also like to extend a special thanks to all those who have made the great work of the Boy Scouts possible by volunteering to serve as Troop Leaders, Den Mothers, and in other positions with their local Boy Scouts Troops.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I would like to extend special congratulations to the following Boy Scout Troops in my district who will be honored at the City of Fulsher's annual Fulsher Friday Night on July 2: Boy Scouts of America Troop 941; Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scout Pack 941; Boy Scouts of America Troop 1103; Boy Scouts of America Troop 1103, Cub Scout Pack 1103; Boy Scouts of America Troop 941, and Cub Scout Pack 941.

RACHEL OLSSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rachel Olsson who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Rachel Olsson is a 9th grader at Faith Christian Academy and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rachel Olsson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Rachel Olsson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, first, let me thank my colleague, friend, and the Dean of

the House, Congressman JOHN DINGELL, for leading tonight's Special Order.

I rise today to honor a true champion of the American working family, Ron Gettelfinger. Since 1935, the United Auto Workers (UAW) have led the fight to create and protect the rights of autoworkers and working people across our country—the basic work place protections that have made the United States the most productive country in history. For eight years as the UAW president, Ron has carried that charge, advocating tirelessly to improve the lives of his union brothers and sisters.

A member of UAW Local 862 since 1964, he spent his career fighting for equity and justice in the workplace, ensuring labor and wage standards in fair trade agreements, advocating for quality and affordable health care for all, and raising the quality of life for workers worldwide. Ron relished being close to line workers and advocating for them on a daily basis. For six years, he served as the director of UAW Region 3 before being elected UAW vice president in 1998.

The last two years have been a historic period for the auto industry as the country recovers from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Amid drastic job cuts, plant closures, and financial hardship, Ron steered his organization to emerge on a solid footing, ensuring that his workers were treated fairly. Tough choices were made, but Ron understood that working with the industry was necessary to secure stability for the automakers and his workers. This willingness contributed significantly to the industry's survival and saved the jobs of thousands of auto workers.

This year also marked the passage of landmark health care reform legislation. I was proud to support this legislation, and am grateful for the efforts of Ron and his fellow union members in support of health care reform.

It is my honor to recognize Ron for his years of service and contributions to organized labor. His leadership and warm demeanor will be missed among his fellow union members, but his legacy will live on. I look forward to working closely with UAW's new president Bob King and I wish Ron a happy and healthy retirement.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN SAM JOHNSON

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, as Congress commemorates the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War, I am honored to recognize Congressman SAM JOHNSON for his dedicated service to the United States. SAM spent 29 years in the United States Air Force, serving valiantly in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. During the Vietnam War, SAM was held as a Prisoner of War for nearly seven years in Hanoi. Despite 42 months of solitary confinement, SAM's spirit was never broken. In 1991, SAM came to Washington to serve the people of the 3rd District of Texas in the United States Congress.

In honor of SAM's service to our Nation, Albert Carey Caswell, a long time House employee, authored a poem entitled, The Star of