

at the Claremont School of Theology from 1992–2000, teaching church administration with his coauthors in four states.

Frank was recognized numerous times for his unselfish devotion, including the Paul Harris Award, one of the highest honors Rotary International bestows upon an individual, and the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce Strathearn Lifetime Achievement Award.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Elsie; sons, Mark and Paul; their wives, Luene and Barbara; and grandchildren, Lauren and Peter, as well as his two older brothers, Harold and Henry.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join Janice and me in offering our condolences to Elsie and the Witman family, and in remembering a remarkable man whose life of service will live on in all those whose lives he touched.

HONORING MR. MATTHEW  
LEONARD SIMMONS, JR.

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the late Mr. Matthew Leonard Simmons, Jr., a constituent in the congressional district I represent. It is with both profound sadness, but also an enduring sense of gratitude that I recognize him for the tremendous inspiration he provided to the South Florida community.

Mr. Simmons was born on January 31, 1956 in Miami, Florida to Mrs. Blanche Simmons and the late Mr. Matthew L. Simmons, Sr. He was a product of the Miami-Dade Public School System and graduated from Miami Jackson Senior High School.

Soon thereafter, Mr. Simmons faithfully and patriotically served his country by joining the United States Army's 82nd Airborne Division. He attained the rank of sergeant before being honorably discharged in 1979.

Mr. Simmons was blessed with a loving family who took pleasure in every aspect of his life and his interests. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the Simmons family.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Mr. Matthew Leonard Simmons, Jr. He will be missed by all who knew him, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives. While he will indeed be missed, his legacy, as well as the outstanding contributions he made to South Florida and our nation as a United States Army veteran will live on.

CONGRATULATING THE PARK  
RIDGE FINE ARTS SOCIETY ON 50  
YEARS OF SUMMER CONCERTS

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Park Ridge Fine Arts Soci-

ety as they celebrate 50 years of providing free summer concerts for the community. The purpose of the Park Ridge Fine Arts Society is to provide a musical showcase and the means for enjoyment of serious music through free community concerts, and to engage in such activities and programs that will foster all of the fine arts. The concerts draw crowds of 1,500 to 3,500 people, with a season total of more than 30,000 concertgoers.

These concerts are a wonderful way not only to bring beautiful, professional music to the community, but also to bring neighbors together and build a sense of community. Summer in Park Ridge is enriched by these wonderful weekly concerts in Hodges Park.

Frank York established the Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony Orchestra and the Park Ridge Fine Arts Society 50 years ago and remained at the helm of the organization, driven by his vision of excellence, until 2005. Throughout the organization's history, it has maintained the highest artistic standards. The Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony Orchestra is produced and coordinated by the Park Ridge Fine Arts Society to perform the summer concerts. It is a fully professional orchestra, made up of superb musicians from throughout the Chicago area, devoted to bringing the excitement and beauty of great classical music to the northwest suburbs.

I want to recognize the great work of the people who make sure that the concerts are of the highest quality and are available to the community each summer: Barbara Schubert, musical director and conductor; Emily Toy Kosaka, president; Daniel Aranda, vice president; Dennis Van Mieghem, treasurer; Dawn Himley-Grandi, secretary; and the board of directors: Ken Boyce, Pam Boyce, Kevin P. Costello, Doug Crawford, Mike Grandi, Mary Jersey, Russ Jersey, Jim Lange, Paul Lundberg, Debbie Maggio, Mike Maggio, Jack Owens, Christel Owens, and Nancy Tordai.

The orchestra and its concert series in Park Ridge is truly one of the great jewels of the northwest suburbs.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4173,  
DODD-FRANK WALL STREET RE-  
FORM AND CONSUMER PROTEC-  
TION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, our mission from the American people was simple: pass Wall Street Reform that puts consumers first, holds Wall Street and Big Banks accountable, and ends the era of taxpayer-funded bailouts and "too-big-to-fail" institutions. By passing this legislation, we have fulfilled that mission.

We ensure that taxpayers are never again on the hook for Wall Street's risky decisions. We enable regulators to shut down "too big to fail" banks before they take down the system. We impose tough new rules on the riskiest financial practices that were at the root cause of the crisis. We place a fiduciary duty on brokers to act in the best interests of their clients. We create a new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and end the reliance on credit rating agencies that gave triple-A ratings to

risky mortgage-backed securities that they didn't understand or investigate.

To those who ask: will the Wall Street Reform we passed last night prevent another financial meltdown in the future—I answer with a firm and resounding yes.

HONORING CAPTAIN E. LORENZO  
DICASAGRANDE

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the life of Captain E. Lorenzo DiCasagrande, a shipping executive who helped transform Baltimore into a nationally recognized container port and thus contributed to the economic vitality of Maryland communities.

Captain DiCasagrande, who passed away May 21, 2010, was vice president of the Mediterranean Shipping Company for more than 20 years and was an early advocate of the Port of Baltimore. Within one year of joining the company, he had established weekly service for the line from East Coast ports, including Baltimore's South Locust Point Marine Terminal, which had previously been served by one ship once every two weeks. The company brought 8,000 containers each year to the South Locust Point shipping berth.

Captain DiCasagrande then paved the way for the success of the Seagirt Marine Terminal in 1990 by being the first container line to commit to the then-new terminal. Today, the company is committed to 150,000 containers a year and is still growing, with five ship calls every week to the Seagirt terminal. In fact, the Mediterranean Shipping Company is Baltimore's top container customer.

Earlier this year, Captain DiCasagrande celebrated with Maryland port officials as they broke ground on a new 50-foot berth for the Port, a long-time vision for him. The project will support 5,700 jobs and, when completed, accommodate larger ships and attract more cargo to Baltimore. It will help Baltimore maintain its current customers and attract new ones that will come aboard the larger ships of the future.

A native of Italy, Captain DiCasagrande adopted Baltimore as his second home, fiercely defending the city in business negotiations. He worked hard to win customers and built a strong relationship with the port community, elected officials and his employees. His friends and business associates alike described him as a great leader, well-respected and well-liked. He was also a dedicated husband, father and grandfather.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me today to honor the life of Captain Lorenzo E. DiCasagrande. His dedication as a tireless advocate for the Port of Baltimore is deserving of the utmost gratitude. He deserves credit for helping bring more cargo to Baltimore's piers and creating thousands of jobs for Maryland families.

CONGRATULATING BOYD  
HUNEYCUTT

**HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of the most hard-working and inspirational people I've ever had the honor of knowing.

Last month at the U.S. Powerlifting Championships, Boyd Huneycutt, after an 18-year break from competing, set the national and world record in his weight class.

But what makes his story unique is that Boyd was born prematurely with numerous birth defects, and given 72 hours to live. 50 years later, Boyd is still touching lives and inspiring those around him.

You see, Boyd only has two fingers on one hand. And one on the other. He has metal braces on his legs. In his lifetime, he's had 72 orthopedic surgeries. The obstacles he's faced in his life are many, and may have stopped others.

But Boyd lives by the motto "Never Compromise, Always Improvise". And improvise he did.

He set his first North Carolina state record in 1989. He won his first state championship in 1990. In 1992, he won gold in his weight class while representing the United States on the U.S. national team.

And to top it off, he's undefeated. In more than two decades of competing, nobody has ever beaten him, and I doubt that anyone ever will.

It's because of his work ethic, determination, and refusal to take "no" for an answer that Boyd Huneycutt has become a world class athlete and world champion. I'm honored to know him, and look forward to many more national and world records to come.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SUCCESS FOR WESTERN SUGAR AND THE SCOTTSBLUFF SUGAR INDUSTRY

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the success of the sugar beet industry in the Panhandle region of Nebraska for its relationship with Western Sugar and its various owners over the past 100 years.

Opened in 1909, the sugar beet factory operated by the Great Western Sugar Company—along with the development of improved irrigation canals—soon made the raising of sugar beets a major agricultural industry in Scotts Bluff County and the surrounding areas.

With the aid of the sugar factory, Scottsbluff was rapidly becoming the principal trading center of the valley. As people in surrounding farms and villages acquired automobiles, Scottsbluff was invariably their destination.

A century later—through tough economic times and even a tragic explosion in 1995—this stalwart factory has proven to be the bed-

rock it was in 1909. The company boasts 260 full time employees (a number which grows substantially during harvest) and a \$10.6 million annual payroll.

It is not a stretch to say without Western Sugar, there would be no sugar beet industry in the Scottsbluff-Gering area. Nearly one-third of the acreage in our region is designated for sugar beets—almost all of which are processed through the sugar factory.

Last week we celebrated 100 years of Western Sugar's successful processing factory. This success is directly attributable to the commitment and dedication of its employees, local businesses, sugar beet growers and their families.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM L.  
TAYLOR

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William Taylor, a Washington area lawyer who played a critical role in civil rights issues across the country. Taylor was instrumental in the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and dedicated over 40 years of his life to ensuring every American, regardless of race or creed, enjoy the freedom that is the promise of this great country.

William Taylor was born in Brooklyn, New York, on October 4, 1931, to two Jewish immigrants. Though Taylor was subject to racial slurs and discrimination throughout his childhood, he chose to devote his life to guarantee equal rights for all. Taylor understood that the power of the voting booth was vital to liberty, and one's color, religion, social status, and should never restrict access to freedom.

Upon his 1954 graduation from Yale Law School, Taylor joined the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, serving under the great Thurgood Marshall. During his tenure, Taylor aided desegregation enforcement efforts, ensuring school districts abide by the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision.

Taylor was then appointed to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, composing civil rights recommendations that were the basis for the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act. I had the pleasure of working with Bill for a number of years as a member of the Missouri State Senate. During this time, I was witness to his brilliance and perseverance, while we crafted an amicable legislative solution that settled the long-running St. Louis Public School Desegregation issue. This feat concluded in the largest voluntary metropolitan school desegregation plan in the country.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Taylor, a man whose visionary leadership helped usher in a new era of justice. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. William Taylor.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF AEROJET'S REDMOND, WASHINGTON EMPLOYEES

**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the employees of Aerojet-General Corporation's Redmond, Washington operations facility. Aerojet-Redmond has recently been selected by the United Space Alliance to receive the Space Flight Awareness Supplier Award for Aerojet's sustained superior performance as a key supplier on NASA's Space Shuttle program over the course of nearly 30 years. This most significant achievement will be commemorated with a presentation from United Space Alliance and celebration ceremony held at Aerojet's facility in Redmond, Washington on Thursday, July 8, 2010.

Aerojet is a world-recognized aerospace and defense leader principally serving the space and missile propulsion, defense and armaments markets. The Space Flight Awareness Supplier Award is a very prestigious award bestowed upon United Space Alliance supplier companies—from among over 2,000 active suppliers located throughout the United States—who have performed extraordinary work that added to safety, mission success, schedule compliance, and enhanced flight capability. Aerojet's Redmond Operations will be only the twenty-first company to receive this highly selective award.

Aerojet-Redmond is the world leader in the in-space propulsion market and as such is the manufacturer of the 38 primary and 6 vernier Reaction Control Thrusters used on every Space Shuttle mission. The Shuttle's Reaction Control System is used to position the Space Shuttle during flight operations such as payload insertions and International Space Station docking.

On the occasion of this most significant milestone, my colleagues and I are proud to join together and lend our voices to congratulate and honor the more than 425 Aerojet workers in Redmond, Washington on a job well-done.

SALUTING SERGEANT EDWARD  
WAGNER

**HON. TIM MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as Independence Day approaches I would like to take a moment to recognize all the men and women who have ever fought to defend the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness espoused by the Founding Fathers. Since the time when the Declaration of Independence was read in town squares across the 13 colonies in 1776 to today, more than 230 years later, our liberties and freedoms have been protected by the members of the Armed Forces. Specifically, I want to recognize Sgt. Edward C. Wagner, a Korean War veteran and lifelong constituent of mine from Greensburg, Pennsylvania who is turning 80 years old on July 6, 2010.