

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.

In June of 1952, Ed went through basic training at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Infantry, "R" Company in the U.S. Army. Later that year he was deployed to Camp Drake in Japan. By Christmas, Ed was serving with the 35th Infantry Division—Tropic Lighting—Cacti Unit, in North Korea. In 1953 Ed earned the rank of Sergeant and continued to faithfully serve in North Korea until his return to the United States one year later.

Back home in Greensburg, Ed went to work for Bettis Atomic Power Lab as a Material Evaluation Laboratory Fuel Handler until retiring in 1992 as a quality insurance weld inspector. Not only a devoted soldier and worker, Sgt. Wagner has been a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather to his wife Luella of 59 years, his three children, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. When not spending time with his family, Ed serves as a member of the Free and Accepted Mason Philanthropy Lodge. He also has a passion for restoring old antique cars, driving both a 1937 Plymouth and a 1939 Chevy Master Deluxe.

Sgt. Edward C. Wagner is one of many who fought to preserve American values while in uniform and continue to "bear true faith and allegiance" to the Constitution. It was once said, "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." We owe each and every veteran a sincere 'Thank You' for their service and I would like to especially thank Sgt. Wagner and wish him a very happy and healthy birthday.

HONORING MR. LLOYD STUFFT

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. CRITZ. Madam Speaker, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our nation, I rise today to honor Mr. Lloyd Stufft of New Kensington, Pennsylvania. Mr. Stufft is a tireless volunteer and patriot who has made it his personal mission to honor deceased veterans buried in the Alle-Kiski region of the 12th Congressional District.

Growing up in rural Somerset County, Mr. Stufft joined the Army and served during World War II. He was deeply affected by what he saw. While stationed in France, he spent time burying veterans and maintaining their graves. After joining the American Legion, he continued to care for the graves of deceased veterans, and for the last 40 years, has volunteered as the graves-registration officer for the Robert L. Davies Post No. 868 of Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania. In this role he tends the graves of all the servicemen and women who served in the United States military. He ensures that each grave has an American flag and a marker denoting a veteran's military branch as well as service in any wars.

For the 50th anniversary of World War II, Mr. Stufft put together a color lithograph display of European cemeteries that contain the graves of American service members. In addition, he put together photo books of these cemeteries, including the French cemeteries where he helped to bury veterans and maintain their graves. This work has helped many people find out where their loved ones are buried.

To honor his service, the Pennsylvania American Legion presented Mr. Stufft with the Blue Cap Award for Legionnaire of the Year.

In addition to serving his fellow veterans, Mr. Stufft also cares for his loving wife of 62 years, Mrs. Jeneane Stufft.

Madam Speaker, I wish to conclude my remarks by thanking Mr. Lloyd Stufft for everything he has done to honor our deceased veterans. He is a man who lives by the ideals of the 4th of July every day, and has truly made a difference.

HONORING JIMMY WAYNE

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the leadership and contributions of Jimmy Wayne to the State of Tennessee and the United States of America for his remarkable efforts to combat homelessness.

Jimmy Wayne began his "Meet Me Halfway" journey on January 1, 2010. He is in the midst of a 1,660-mile walk from Nashville, TN, to Phoenix, AZ, to raise awareness about the plight of the homeless youth in our country.

Being raised in a foster child system, Jimmy knows far too well the challenges and heartaches that go with being homeless. He grew up in multiple foster homes and periodically found himself homeless as a teen.

Luckily at age 16 he met Bea and Russell Costner who took him in and gave him a fresh start and a new lease on life. They gave him a place to stay but only if he agreed to "meet them halfway," by following the rules of their house.

I wish to honor Jimmy for using his "Meet Me Halfway" campaign to not only raise awareness but to raise funds for organizations that benefit homeless youth including Nashville's Monroe Harding and Phoenix HomeBase Youth Services. Through these groups, essential services are continuously provided to the homeless, allowing so many who fought the same circumstances as Jimmy did growing up a chance for a more productive, healthy and self-sufficient life.

Madam Speaker, all people should educate themselves about the impact of homelessness on teens and children in their communities. It is my hope that individuals will help address the problem of homelessness in our country by volunteering and donating their time and/or money to the foster child and foster parent programs in their local community.

Thank you, Jimmy Wayne, for your work, and I look forward to congratulating you once you finish this campaign.

ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE VILLAGE OF COCHRANE, WISCONSIN

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise in recognition of the Village of Cochrane in Western Wisconsin. Cochrane is

celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding on Saturday, July 3rd.

Located just east of the mighty Mississippi river, Cochrane is surrounded by natural beauty. Located in Buffalo County, it is one of the few areas in the Midwest untouched by the glaciers in the last ice age. Numerous hills and bluffs rise majestically above its many lakes and streams. This beauty is enjoyed by sportsmen from across Wisconsin, many of whom come to fish for trout in the nearby rivers and streams.

While Cochrane citizens once played a role in Wisconsin's timber industry in the mills of the nearby City of Buffalo, it has always been and always will be an agricultural center. Farming is the number one source of income in Buffalo County, and Cochrane is no exception. Cochrane's Lacrosse Milling Company plays a vital role in processing the natural grains produced across the Midwest. I am very proud of the citizens of Cochrane, who help to continue Wisconsin's agricultural tradition.

The Village of Cochrane exemplifies the enduring work ethic present in Western Wisconsin. Though not great in size, together communities such as Cochrane make up an important piece of the social fabric of our society. I hope you will join me in applauding the citizens of Cochrane for all that they have contributed to their State and our Country over the past 100 years. I also hope that they will continue to grow and prosper in the months and years ahead.

IN HONOR OF BERTHA MANECIO

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bertha "Bert" Manecio, a resident of Lumberton, New Jersey and dedicated volunteer at the Memorial Hospital Thrift Shop in Mount Holly, New Jersey.

Bert began her volunteer services at the Thrift Shop in 1970. Before her "retirement" in May 2010 she had volunteered for forty years and donated over 10,700 hours of her time. Bert helped maintain the shop by tagging and pricing donated garments and helping at the register. She has always given her total support and welcomed any changes with enthusiasm and excitement. She has been a valuable asset to the program and her selfless efforts must be recognized.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you please join me in congratulating Bert for her outstanding and dedicated community service.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,203,473,753,968.10.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.