

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,565,048,007,674.3 so far this Congress. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

MERCER ISLAND'S 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, as the representative to this House for the 8th District of Washington, I want to congratulate and recognize a city within the 8th District that is celebrating a milestone anniversary today.

Mercer Island, with a population of 22,890, was incorporated on July 5, 1960. It is an island in Lake Washington, situated a few minutes east of Seattle. The City is breathtaking in many areas, with wonderful parks, open spaces, beautiful neighborhoods, and successful schools. My District Office is located on Mercer Island and the merchants and residents of the community could not be more accommodating or welcoming of my staff and the various guests who visit the office. Mercer Island is a gem of the 8th District.

Every August, Mercer Island has a front row seat to the extraordinary display put on by the Blue Angels and the boats on Lake Washington during the Seafair celebration; honestly, experiencing Seafair from Mercer Island is an experience that will not be forgotten. Additionally, Mercer Island's large multipurpose community center is an exceptionally valuable community asset and its parks provide the natural beauty and open space that is a hallmark of the Pacific Northwest.

Many fine business, civic and community leaders call Mercer Island home. Many fine students attend school on the island and receive first-class educational opportunities. Mercer Island is one-of-a-kind and I'm pleased to recognize its 50th anniversary of existence. To Mayor Jim Pearman, members of the City Council, and residents of Mercer Island, I say congratulations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I missed two votes last week in order to attend an important community celebration in International Falls and to see the devastating impact of a tornado that struck Wadena. As a result, I was unable to record my vote on important legislation to ensure continued Medicare reimbursement for physicians and on comprehensive sanctions against Iran. Had I present, I would have voted "aye" on both measures (rollcall votes 393 and 394). I also missed seven votes on Tuesday in order to attend the funeral of Judge Gerald Heaney of Duluth. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall votes 395, 398, 399, 400 and 401; I would have voted "nay" on Rollcall vote 397, and I would have voted "present" on Rollcall vote 396.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER  
MARY CELINE GRAHAM: "A  
WOMAN OF COMPASSION AND  
FAITH"

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to memorialize a beloved member of our community, Sister Mary Celine Graham, who's mass will be celebrated tomorrow at Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church in her beloved Harlem. Her tragic and senseless death came as a result of a horrific accident and has left behind a deeply felt void within the Handmaids of Mary of the Most Pure Heart family and the greater Harlem community. The Handmaids of Mary have a special place in my heart going back to my youth, and the loss of Sister Mary Celine is especially profound.

Sister Mary Celine was born in Jacksonville, Florida and raised in Detroit. At the age of 22, she joined the Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary in Harlem, which is one of only three historically black orders of Roman Catholic nuns in the United States. She continued to share her love and services with her community for the next 61 years.

Her death at the age of 83 leaves behind a great legacy of tireless service and devotion to those who needed her. Sister Mary Celine is remembered as a woman of true compassion who believed in education for the young. She dedicated her life to being a teacher, director, and surrogate grandmother to the children of St. Benedict's Day Nursery on 124th Street at Marcus Garvey Park.

As the New York Times reported last week, Sister Mary Celine left an indelible mark on the children she cared for and educated. She was a gently firm yet caring teacher who recognized the potential in each individual and worked to bring that potential to fruition. Sister Mary Celine was not only an educator but was also a loving mother figure to the children. These children not only learned the basics of reading and numbers but also learned what it was to love, and what it was to serve others.

The undivided attention and care she poured out to the children and the community will be forever etched in the hearts of all those that encountered her. She was a true kindred spirit that emanated a sense of peace and order.

Madam Speaker, although her life was taken from us too abruptly, rather than mourn this tragedy, I hope that my colleagues will join me in remembering and celebrating the tremendous and loving spirit of Sister Mary Celine Graham—one of God's special angels who served Harlem at the Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
BRADLEY W. BEAL

**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Mr. Brad Beal,

president and CEO of Nevada Federal Credit Union, and outgoing chairman of the Board for the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Mr. Beal's dedicated service at Nevada Federal Credit Union made him an outstanding candidate for chairman of the NAFCU Board, and his fellow board members bestowed on him this great distinction in the summer of 2008. From the outset of his chairmanship, Mr. Beal proved to be an invaluable asset to the NAFCU family. His more than 30 years of financial services experience served him well while sitting on several NAFCU committees, testifying before Congress on relevant legislation, and keeping a close eye on issues and legislation surrounding the entire credit union community.

Mr. Beal, a tireless advocate for federal credit unions across the country, faced the challenges and opportunities he was presented with during this time with great professionalism and vigor.

Mr. Beal's selfless commitment as chairman of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions has not gone unnoticed. As he ends his term as chairman, I am sure his colleagues on the NAFCU Board will miss his leadership. I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Brad Beal as his chairmanship comes to an end this July.

A TRIBUTE TO HON. RONALD B.  
MERRIWEATHER

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2010*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of my friend Ronald Merriweather. Dedicated to the law, Judge Merriweather worked to better his city and improve the lives of those living in Philadelphia. I know that my colleagues will join me in expressing our condolences to his family as well as thanking them for letting him brighten all of our lives.

Judge Merriweather was born May 27, 1938 and raised in Philadelphia. A product of the Philadelphia Public School System, he graduated from West Philadelphia High School in 1956. After high school Judge Merriweather attended Morgan State University, graduating with a degree in Chemistry and a 2nd Lt. Commission in the U.S. Army. From 1960 to 1962 he served in the U.S. Army, being promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

After serving in the Army, Judge Merriweather was employed as a United States Treasury Agent with the Federal Bureau of Narcotics. He served in this position for 5 years, earning the U.S. Secretary of Treasury Award for Outstanding Service. After Judge Merriweather received his J.D. from UCLA Law School and became a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association in 1973.

Judge Merriweather practiced law in Philadelphia for over ten years, before being elected to the Philadelphia Municipal Court in 1984. He worked on this court for 26 years, retiring in January 2010. During his tenure on the Municipal Court, Judge Merriweather garnered special recognition and numerous awards. He became a Senior Judge in 2009 and was honored with a Special Recognition Award from the Guardian Civic League.