

Mr. Sabol was born in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, the son of Slovak immigrants. Growing up he was instilled with the values of family, hard work, the Catholic faith, and pride in his heritage. Following high school, he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and served our nation from 1952 to 1955. During the Korean War, Mr. Sabol was stationed in Japan and served as a damage control man on the Coast Guard Carrier *Winnebago*. He was awarded the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Korean Service Medal.

Mr. Sabol came to Cleveland, Ohio, for a wedding and there he met the woman who would become his wife, Agnes Fertal. John and Agnes had an instant connection as both their families hailed from the same region in Slovakia. He soon moved to Cleveland and began work at the General Motors Chevy Plant in Parma, where he worked for 30 years, retiring in 1985. He married Agnes at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Cleveland, on September 29, 1956. Mr. and Mrs. Sabol celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary surrounded by family and friends, in 2006. Together, Mr. and Mrs. Sabol raised three children: Jeanne, Jack (wife Tracy) and Judy.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of John Thomas Sabol. I extend my condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Sabol; through them his memories and spirit will live on.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

##### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 15, 2010*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Collinsville, Illinois, Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 666. A celebration of this occasion will be held on September 26, 2010, at the Masonic Temple in Collinsville.

The organization was chartered on October 6, 1910, by Worthy Matron Lucy M. Holding and Worthy Patron R. Guy Kneeder. The organization still meets today in the Masonic Temple in Collinsville. The current Worthy Matron is Betty Ruhmann and the Worthy Patron is Jack Kime.

I congratulate the Collinsville Order of the Eastern Star on this special occasion and extend my best wishes for an enjoyable celebration.

#### COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

##### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support H. Res. 1600 which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11,

2001. I congratulate Majority Leader HOYER and Minority Leader BOEHNER for their efforts on this important resolution.

The events of September 11, 2001 were a national tragedy. Over 3,000 innocent Americans died that day at the hands of international terrorists. In New York City, Washington, DC, and a field in Pennsylvania, Americans were directly confronted with acts of aggression on a scale and scope that our nation had never before seen. Our national consciousness was forever changed on that day as we all remember the losses we suffered and the horrific images of that day.

On the ninth anniversary of those events we must reflect and remember the victims and heroes of that tragic morning. I hope everyone takes some time to remember the nearly 3,000 American lives that were cut short that day and salute the firefighters, first responders and rescue workers who sacrificed their lives saving others.

For the victims, heroes and their families, let us never forget this fateful day, and let us refocus ourselves on what makes America unique and special in the world of nations—liberty and diversity, equality and the rule of law.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution.

#### HONORING JERRY VENTURI

##### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 15, 2010*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life of Jerry Venturi, who is receiving the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award. Jerry lived a long and distinguished life, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

Jerry Venturi passed away in 2008 at age 67 after a struggle with cancer. However, his legacy lives on in his Madera community. Jerry was a remarkable musician from his youth, a performer, a band leader, a music business owner, and a mentor for countless Madera musicians.

Jerry was well connected within his community. He was a faithful participant in St. Joachim Catholic Church and a first degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal Catholic service organization. In addition, Jerry and his band performed every year in the Madera County Arts Council "Concert in the Park," where he assisted other performers set up their sound systems.

Jerry's musical legacy extended to all of the students that entered his mentorship through his store, performance and service. It is clear that Jerry's memory will continue to inspire music and community service for generations to come. Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Jerry Venturi for a life well-lived.

#### HONORING MR. RAWLEIGH "MIKE" THOMPSON

##### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 15, 2010*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today

to commemorate Mr. Rawleigh "Mike" Thompson on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

On September 12, 1920, Mr. Thompson was born in Hineston, Louisiana. He is the only son of four siblings.

Oakhill High School recognizes Mr. Thompson as the first person to receive a diploma from their school and he proudly cites his position as Valedictorian. To attain this achievement, he overcame many obstacles, one of which was to walk and ride two different buses totaling 46 miles round trip each school day.

Mr. Thompson married Bessie Lee Jones and they were blessed with seven children. Further blessings now include nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1942 serving in World War II. Upon his departure from the military he worked at a sawmill and then began his career at the VA Medical Center in Pineville, Louisiana. Mr. Thompson was employed at the VA for 29 years and remarkably never missed a day of work.

As his family and friends prepare to join together to honor Mr. Thompson, he continues to exemplify a strong character of dedication, compassion and devotion.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Thompson on this truly significant birthday.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN MILES

##### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 15, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize John Miles, a Korean War Army Veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. John Miles was recognized on Tuesday, June 15. Below is the article in its entirety:

[From The Boone News Republican, June 15, 2010]

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: JOHN MILES  
(By Alexander Hutchins)

"That was a cold place over there. Cold, cold, cold," John Miles, 82, said of his time in the Korean War.

Miles has lived in Boone his entire life and worked for 36 years as a railroad dispatcher. He graduated from Boone High School and the local junior college, and a history of participating in warfare was in his family. Miles had four older brothers, each of whom served in World War II and returned home safely. Miles joined the Army in 1950, and returned from the Korean War with a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star to eventually married and have two sons.

"The Miles" lucked out," he joked.

When Miles enlisted in 1950, he was trained at Fort Leonardwood, in Missouri, and was assigned to the 40th division of the 160th infantry. He became a combat medic, and routinely entered the field to tend to wounded soldiers while under fire.

"The Chinese could put artillery shells in your back pocket," Miles said. No matter the enemy resistance Miles tended to the wounded, and resistance varied greatly from day to day. "When you're a medic, you go no

matter what. When guys are getting shot at, that's why you're there," he said.

Miles described living in bunkers while in Korea—large holes excavated in the earth that were lined with timber posts. Miles knew all the men he served with and said he always loved the camaraderie with his fellow soldiers.

"War is hell to be in, but it was a good experience," Miles said. "I'd do it again if I had to."

He said the thing he appreciated the most was the friendship he had with the men he served with, despite the frigid and deadly conditions. He spoke of one friend who never returned—a soldier who the army failed to find after a search and is still listed as missing.

After being in the country for six months, Miles was in the field tending to two wounded soldiers when a shell exploded nearby. Miles was hit with shrapnel and wounded. He was rescued from the field by jeep and then flown by helicopter to the USS Consolation hospital ship. He stayed on the ship for six months until he was able to walk again and returned home. He was awarded his Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his service.

Miles returned to Boone and the railroad. Despite the hardship of the war, Miles said he eventually returned to an ordinary life.

"When I first got home, I couldn't go to a movie because I was too jittery," he said of films with gunfire or war movies. Later his tension abated and he was able to pursue all his social activities. Miles is an avid fan of sports who often swam at the public pool and played tennis and baseball in an adult league at the city park.

At 35, Miles married school classmate Lois Huffman, who has since passed away, and the couple had two sons, Lane and Lynn. Miles says he responds to the conflicts in the world today as anyone else probably would. "It works out of your system," Miles said of the trauma he felt in the war. "I lived a regular life when I got home. It was different for a while, but you get used to it again."

Miles said that many veterans returning home aren't respected as they should be. He said he supports providing higher education to veterans to help them get professional jobs. "I'm a veteran, but there are veterans who come home who aren't treated the way they should be," Miles said.

I commend John Miles for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF DETECTIVE CHAD DOUBLE, DISTRICT CHIEF ROBERT REBTOY AND OFFICER PATRICK SPELMAN FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SAFETY

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor America's First Responders, the brave men and women who have dedicated their lives to protecting the lives of our citizens. As we remember those who have fallen in the line of duty, I wish to also recognize the continued dedication of those who serve our communities today.

In particular, I rise to honor and recognize three committed public servants from Michigan's 9th Congressional District: Detective

Chad Double of the Farmington Hills Police Department, District Chief Robert Rebtoy of the Farmington Hills Fire Department and Officer Patrick Spelman of the Farmington Public Safety Department. In their respective roles, these men have been shining examples of dedication and public service and have made a real difference in their communities and undoubtedly to the many individuals and families whose lives they have touched.

Detective Chad Double began his career with the Police Department nine years ago as a cadet and through much hard work and determination rose to the rank of Detective in the Department's Investigative Bureau, which he holds today. Detective Double has been honored many times in his young career, receiving multiple citations, commendations and awards.

Like so many of his brethren, District Chief Robert Rebtoy of the Farmington Hills Fire Department brings a lifetime of dedication to protecting public safety. Mr. Rebtoy's 42 years of service with the Department are marked by distinction, having received dozens of awards and citations for his work, including the 1985 Fire Fighter of the Year Award from his Department.

Farmington Public Safety Department Officer Patrick Spelman is yet another fine example of public service. In his short time with the Department Officer Spelman received numerous awards and commendations for his service, including recognition as the Department's 2009 Officer of the Year.

The responsibilities placed on our first responders are often the most significant and demanding, ensuring the safety and continued health of our community. Their lives are on the line every day as they bravely undertake the work of protecting our communities. It is fitting that these men be honored for their dedication on September 11, 2010 when just nine years ago, so many of their brothers and sisters were called upon to meet an unparalleled challenge. Their courage, bravery and determination, like those of these three men, are most valued virtues found in all our first responders.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring these three outstanding public servants. Detective Double, District Chief Rebtoy and Officer Spelman represent the kind of dedication and self-sacrifice emblematic of our nation's first responders whose work is so critical to the continued security and welfare of our communities.

ANDREW HUTCHINSON

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew Hutchinson. Andrew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 332, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Andrew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Andrew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous

merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Andrew achieved the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Andrew has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Andrew provided maintenance at St. Robert's Bellarmine Church in Blue Springs, Missouri, by replacing the outside steps and repainting a shed for the church.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Andrew Hutchinson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUDHIR  
PARIKH

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh, a resident of New Jersey and honored member of the Indian American community. Dr. Parikh recently received the 2010 Padma Shri award from President Pratibha Patil of India, honoring distinguished Indians and people of Indian origin for their contributions to a wide variety of fields in public life. I applaud Dr. Parikh's achievements and dedication and recognize his work as it serves as an inspiration to us all.

Dr. Parikh is a nationally acclaimed and respected allergist and immunologist and has used his time, money, and influence to advance the goals of the Indian American and Indian communities. With the Padma Shri award, Dr. Parikh becomes the only Indian American to receive the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, and the Padma Shri. The Ellis Island Medal is the highest civilian honor presented to a U.S. immigrant for community and social service. The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman award is the highest honor the Government of India presents to non-residents.

Publisher of Parikh Worldwide Media, Inc., the largest Indian American publishing group in the United States, Dr. Parikh's priority is to use the media to empower second-generation Indians assimilating to American society. His work with the media has a dual purpose: to expose mainstream America to the accomplishments and quality of the Indian American community and to encourage young people to pursue the American Dream.

Dr. Parikh has also helped construct an influential Indian American lobbying force in Washington D.C., arranged several high-level meetings between U.S. and Indian lawmakers, and secured critical votes on multiple Indian issues. Dr. Parikh has worked closely with members of both houses of Congress and the Administration to develop a close, strategic relationship between the United States and India. Under his guidance, the Friends of India Caucus was created in the Senate. Dr. Parikh was also actively involved in the U.S.-India Civilian Nuclear Agreement. He currently serves as founding board member and Vice Chairman of the Indian American Republican Council, President of the Indian American Forum for Political Education and the board of the Federation of Indian Associations.