

security in Iraq. Tabler taught Iraqis the agriculture lessons he learned from his own experiences working for the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency's Agricultural Research Service.

Tabler served in the Babil Province region of Iraq from 2009 to 2010. While in Iraq, he worked with the Babil Beekeepers Association and oversaw the construction of a honey processing and breeding facility. Tabler also worked to develop and introduce new technologies to area farmers that increased agricultural productivity.

By empowering Iraqis with knowledge and best practices to improve their agriculture industry Tabler has helped create opportunities for development and long-term economic viability in Iraq. Tabler's devotion to helping others in need is a great example of selfless Arkansas values. I am so proud of his accomplishments and the opportunities he helped create for Iraqi citizens.

CONGRATULATING THE GREATER
PALM BEACH AREA CHAPTER OF
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter of the American Red Cross on receiving the Outstanding Chapter Award from the International Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center for the work of chapter volunteers in their community outreach programs. This is the top honor awarded by the International Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center, a national clearinghouse for persons seeking the fates of loved ones missing since the Holocaust and its aftermath.

The Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter has been delivering lifesaving services for over ninety years, providing relief to victims of disasters at home and abroad, teaching lifesaving skills, and supporting military members and families. This chapter, which covers most of the 23rd Congressional district, serves the counties of Glades, Hendry, Okeechobee, and Palm Beach, and reaches a population of 1.5 million residents. The Red Cross has operated this specialized tracing service for the past 19 years.

I commend the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter's leadership, staff and volunteers for their commitment to engage the community and diligently manage the influx of new requests to the Red Cross Holocaust Tracing Center. The Tracing Service offers to search for information about missing and deceased family members through personal services that are comprehensive, confidential and free of charge. The Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter has engaged the local Jewish communities, agencies and volunteers through notable educational outreach programs.

The Outstanding Chapter Award will be presented to volunteer leaders from the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter of the American Red Cross at a special luncheon celebrating the Tracing Center's 20th anniversary in Baltimore, Maryland, on September 27, 2010, featuring keynote speaker Gail McGovern, the

President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross provides an exemplary paradigm for providing support and answers to Holocaust survivors and their families. The Tracing Center is seventy percent successful in its tracing cases, having reunited 1,500 families and provided documents such as birth certificates and concentration camp records to others.

Madam Speaker, I am especially pleased with this Chapter's award because, in a sense, it brings my involvement with the Tracing Service full circle. Years ago I, along with several of my colleagues, was a strong advocate for opening the Tracing Service's archives to the public and worked with the German government and the International Committee of the Red Cross to do so. In opening the archive in 2007, Germany and the ICRC provided an invaluable service to humanity. The Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter award demonstrates the extent to which thousands of Holocaust survivors and their families in South Florida have benefited from this service.

Madam Speaker, the Center for Information on Holocaust Restitution estimates that five to ten survivors die each day. The urgency of affected family members initiating tracing services cannot be overstated. My local Red Cross has shown true dedication in assisting families in telling the stories of those who perished in the Holocaust, in discovering names and dates that have long been thought to be lost, and in giving families the necessary information so that they may pass on legacies and the truth. The Tracing Center's motto says it best: "Every Answer is a Gift."

Again, congratulations to the Greater Palm Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross on gaining national recognition for their enduring commitment to Holocaust survivors, their families, and the memory of those who were lost.

COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, this week the House pauses to remember those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on our nation some nine years ago. My district suffered casualties that day, including Cranbury, New Jersey businessman Todd Beamer. Todd's words, "Let's Roll", were the prelude to the first act in striking back against the terrorist who had hijacked Flight 93. His sacrifice and that of the other passengers and crew aboard Flight 93 undoubtedly save many lives that terrible day. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Lisa, and his children, David, Drew, and Morgan Kay, and to all the other families who lost loved ones on that day.

Nine years later, the memory of that terrible day remains fresh for those who lost someone dear to them. At the memorial service in Middletown in my district, we recalled the names of the fallen, including Stephen Cangialosi, Kathleen Hunt, Robert Parks, Edward Desimone, and Brendan and Roseanne Lang—just some of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. My thoughts also turned to Richard Guadagno, formerly of Tren-

ton and the manager of the Humbolt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, who perished on Flight 93. We owe debt of gratitude to the families of the victims for pressing for an investigation into how the attacks happened and how to prevent future tragedies. Kristin Breitweiser, Nikki Stern, Ginny Bauer, and other affected families from across the country demonstrated the power of citizen action. We will never forget these people, nor the courage and dedication of those they left behind and who continue to remind of us of the need to honor their memory and their sacrifice.

I've spent many of my years in Congress since the 9/11 attacks working to prevent a repeat of that tragedy. We are safer today in many ways than before 9/11, but there is still much for us to do. The best way we can honor those Americans who lost their lives on that day is to continue working to make our country safer still. Osama bin Laden and his band of murderers inflicted great physical harm on our country and our citizens, but neither he nor terrorists like him will never be able to break our spirit or cause us to walk away from our friends around the world.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARNEGIE WEST LIBRARY OF CLEVELAND, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker and colleagues, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Carnegie West Library, a cornerstone of the Cleveland Public Library system, located in the heart of Cleveland's historic Ohio City neighborhood.

Named after American visionary and leader in the advancement of libraries, Andrew Carnegie, the ornate building was designed by internationally renowned architect Edward Tilton. Built by artisans, craftsman and stone experts, the restored exterior of the building is graced with the beauty of terracotta, red brick, limestone, intricate floral motifs and medallions. The interior is highlighted with original painted murals that reflect scenes from classic children's literature.

Throughout the past century, the programs and services have expanded, yet the mission of the library has remained the same: to provide a creative environment where imagination is inspired and where learning flourishes. The Carnegie West Library offers numerous programs and services to patrons of all ages—including computer classes, film festivals and workshops. Additionally, the Library has a legacy of strong neighborhood bonds and community outreach. The Carnegie West Library provides free lunches and reading clubs for children after school and during the summer months.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the founding members, dedicated staff, volunteers and every patron of the Carnegie West Library. For an entire century, this library has inspired and enriched the minds and hearts of tens of thousands of visitors of all ages. Their vision "to be the learning place for a diverse community, inspiring people of all ages with the love of books and reading, advancing the pursuit of

knowledge, and enhancing the quality of life for all who use the library” continues to enrich our community—and is a critical part of the educational and social advancement of our entire society.

TRIBUTE TO GALEN WILEY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Galen Wiley, a World War II Army Air Corps 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. Galen Wiley was recognized on Tuesday, July 27. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: GALEN WILEY
(By Alexander Hutchins)

Galen Wiley, 93, nurtured a passion for flight in his time in the Army Air Corps. It would help shape the rest of his life and give him a pursuit that would eventually include an airport bearing his name.

Wiley grew up on a farm near Jordan, Iowa and attended school in a building that is no longer standing. Wiley's father died when he was eleven, facilitating the family's move to Boone. Wiley has spent the rest of his life in the community.

Wiley was a paperboy in his youth. He graduated from Boone High School and worked as a salesman in the J.C. Penny's and J.C. Peterson stores, where he was employed when he was inducted into the army.

Wiley entered the Army Air Corp and was originally placed in mechanic school. He soon opted for an officer training program, however, and took wholeheartedly to the training. Wiley was sent to England to fly a B-17 bomber, and he flew bombing runs over France, Holland, and Germany during his time in the service. Wiley's B-17 once suffered an equipment failure while flying over Holland, but he managed to land the plane with the left landing gear jammed. It was a harrowing experience, but the crew would survive and celebrate Wiley's achievement. "I came out okay on it," Wiley said with a smile.

Wiley once flew a mission on which he saw the plane of a fellow Boone pilot, David Mondt.

Wiley flew many of his missions with English pilots, and went into London several times during the war. "We flew an awful lot, day after day," Wiley said of routine life in the Air Corps. The King of England and (at that time) Princess Elizabeth once visited the air base where Wiley was stationed.

Upon returning from the war in 1946, Wiley and his wife Marian were wed. Wiley was hired as a treasurer at city hall and soon promoted to a city clerk. He also joined the National Guard, and greatly enjoyed the chance to fly again. Wiley split much of his attention between his job with the city and the airport, and drafted the original paperwork to create the airport after the war. For many years Wiley served on the airport commission, even after his retirement from city hall, until resigning on his 90th birthday. On his 91st birthday, the airport commission renamed the airport 'Galen Wiley Field' in honor of Wiley's dedication to the airport through the years. He has also been pre-

sented with a display of his service medals that friends from the airport crafted for him.

Wiley served in the National Guard for 31 years after the war, and was able to fly on some weekends as part of his guard duty. He still enjoys going to the airport to watch the planes take off and land, maintaining his passion for flight.

Wiley's son Bill died in a car accident when he was 23, but the family has persevered. Shirley Wiley, Galen's daughter and a retired nurse, lives in Boone to this day and assisted with this article.

Wiley still stays in contact with the other three surviving members of his crew. Two of his crewmates live in California and one lives in Texas. The men still call and stay in touch, and have met up for reunions in the past.

I commend Galen Wiley 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.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SPECIALIST JUSTIN B. SHOECRAFT

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to solemnly remember and honor the life and dedicated service of Specialist Justin B. Shoecraft, a native son of Elkhart, Indiana, and a proud member of the United States Army. SPC Shoecraft died on August 24, 2010 in Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan of wounds sustained when his Stryker vehicle was hit by a roadside improvised explosive device in Kakarak, Afghanistan.

Justin graduated from Elkhart Memorial High School in 2001 and worked for the United Parcel Service for seven years before enlisting in the United States Army. He was assigned to B Troop, 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment out of Vilseck, Germany. His regiment had assumed control of Tarin Kowt in July of 2010. Justin was five weeks into his first deployment when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit.

Justin was posthumously promoted to the rank of Specialist. His awards include the Bronze Star medal (posthumous), the Purple Heart Medal (posthumous), the Army Good Conduct Medal (posthumous), the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, the Combat Action Badge (posthumous), the Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Expert Rifle Bar, and the Overseas Service Bar.

Justin loved working on old cars and motorcycles, and was a fan of stock car racing. He had always wanted to drive tanks for the Army. He will be remembered by his friends, family, and fellow soldiers for his generosity, work ethic, and sense of humor. He is survived by his wife, Jessica, whom he married the day before he left for basic training, his parents, Carroll "Blue" and Donna, his grandfathers, Walt and Floyd, his grandmother, Helen, his brother Michael and sister Sherry,

extended family and many friends. He will be missed by all.

It is my solemn duty, and humble privilege, to honor the life, service, and memory of Specialist Justin B. Shoecraft, which stand as a testament to the great honor possessed, and sacrifices made, by our men and women in the armed forces, and by their families. We mourn his passing and offer solemn gratitude for his service and sacrifice.

HONORING LYNN T. GREER

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, Lynn T. Greer started his career with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1975 working briefly as a Substitute Teacher and Youth Program Coordinator, and then for the Governor's Office of Budget and Administration in Philadelphia. His tenure with the Department of Transportation began in 1979 where he worked in the CETA Program and Equal Opportunity Development in the District, eventually moving on to an Assistant County Maintenance Manager Trainee position in the Delaware County Maintenance Organization.

In 1983, Lynn transferred to the Montgomery County Maintenance Organization where he supervised night operations on the Schuylkill Expressway for several years as a Highway Foreman.

In 1986, Lynn became an Assistant County Maintenance Manager with the Philadelphia County Maintenance Organization, where he served the Department for twenty years in that capacity, which included External Focus Manager for Agility. In 2006, Lynn became the County Maintenance Manager for Philadelphia, where he has served for the past four years.

Lynn holds a Master's Degree in Sports Administration from Temple University, a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from Virginia State University, where he was on the "Dean's List," and an Associate Degree in Computer Programming from Camden County College, receiving the "Secretary's Award for Excellence".

Lynn is looking forward to spending his well-earned retirement spending time with his family, being involved as an active member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, coaching basketball in the greater Philadelphia area, playing tennis as a member of the Philadelphia Tennis Team, for which he has competed nationally, and of course, traveling.

Lynn's lovely family includes his wife of 33 years, Alma, son, Lynn II, daughter Kelli, and grandson, Lynn III.

HONORING DON AND DIM SAMBUESO

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Don and Dim Sambueso for receiving the 2010 Lifetime