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 whole-heartedly 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 presented 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

Achievement Award. They have lived long and distinguished lives, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

The Sambueso brothers were born in Madera, California in 1940. At the age of 15, the brothers went to work for the family business. They have stayed with that business since then, taking from a simple slaughtering company to a business that handles catering, barbequing and has a full service meat counter.

Don and Dim are well connected within their community. They have been involved with the Young Men's Institute, St. Joachim's School Sports Banquet, Madera Elks, 4–H and Holy Family Table.

Don and Dim are both proud husbands, parents and grandparents. Don and his wife Sharon have three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Dim and his wife Julie have two children and two grandchildren. It is clear that they will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Don and Dim Sambueso for lives well-lived and in wishing them the best of luck and health as they continue setting the standard.

HONORING SECOND LIEUTENANT MARK NOZISKA

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Nebraskan who will be laid to rest tomorrow—a brave soldier who paid the ultimate price defending our freedoms and liberties.

2LT Mark Noziska, 24, a member of Company D, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry was taken from us by a roadside bomb while on patrol in Afghanistan.

Mark joined the Army after graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He was a true friend to those who knew him—a man full of life and someone who always had a smile. He loved his country and felt it was his duty to protect those dearest to him.

In a way, it is fitting we pay our respects to Mark on a day we observe the signing of our Constitution. The ideals and freedoms which we so often take for granted have been protected by young men such as Mark and his brothers and sisters in arms for generations. The words which define our country—written so long ago—are his legacy for us all.

My heart and prayers are with Mark's family during this difficult time. Words cannot express the depth of their loss—nor can they convey the debt our country owes this brave man. We can do no less than live up to his ideals.

COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1610.

We must never forget the events of September 11, 2001, the victims, the responders, or the survivors.

September 11 was a horrifyingly destructive day of national tragedy. Innocent men, women and children of all ages, ethnicities, religions, and nationalities were killed that day by narrow minded, hateful men bent on a worldview of ignorance and oppression.

In that darkest hour, however, were revealed some of the brightest lights of the American community.

Our firefighters, police and other first responders bravely sacrificed their lives in an effort to save as many people as possible.

Individuals from communities around the country raced to New York and Washington, DC to provide whatever help they could.

And men and women from every state stepped up to defend the nation and joined the Armed Forces.

In the immediate aftermath of 9/11 our country came together with one voice to fight against the ideology of hatred embraced by the terrorists that attacked us.

We continue to fight around the world to oppose the advocates of terror and advance for all people the rights that our founders first articulated: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2010 HISPANIC HERITAGE HONOREE, MANUEL ACTA, MANAGER OF THE CLEVELAND INDIANS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Hispanic Heritage honoree of 2010, Manuel ''Manny'' Acta, Manager of the Cleveland Indians and keynote speaker at the opening ceremonies at Cleveland's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration.

Manuel Elias Acta was born on January 11, 1969 in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic. His career in Major League Baseball began at the young age of 17 when he was signed by the Houston Astros as a first baseman. Also a talented outfielder, he played with the Astros organization for six years and then began his coaching career. Before signing to manage the Cleveland Indians in 2009, he was manager of the Washington Nationals. He also managed the Tigris del Licy of the Dominican Winter League, leading them to victory in the 2003 Caribbean Series. He has also worked for the New York Mets and the Montreal Expos as third base coach.

Beyond his successful career in professional baseball, the foundation of his life continues to be his family, faith and community. A devoted husband and father to two daughters, Mr. Acta and his wife Cindy continue to volunteer their time and efforts in reaching out to the children of our Cleveland community and to the people of his Dominican homeland. Mr. and Mrs. Acta founded the ImpACTA kids Foundation, which provides children with opportunities to achieve their dreams through college scholarships and outreach programs. ImpACTA has also funded and organized the development of an athletic/education facility for youth in Consuelo, Dominican Republic.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the 2010 Hispanic Heritage honoree, Manuel ''Manny'' Acta. Mr. Acta's integrity, professionalism and willingness to help others in need, especially our children, continues to make a positive impact within the lives of children from Cleveland, Ohio to Consuelo, Dominican Republic.

TRIBUTE TO KENNY BARNES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Kenny Barnes, 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.

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BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: KENNY BARNES

(By Alexander Hutchins)

Joseph Kenneth ''Kenny'' Barnes, 85, was born in Boone and flew 51 missions over a period of three months. His children have kidded him, calling him 'the general,' and he lives today in a house that he built 51 years ago.

Barnes was born in Boone in 1925, the second son of Elmer and Nellie Barnes. In a history of Barnes' life written by his wife, Helen, he recalls ''My childhood in the depression years was like many others—we were poor, but always had food and shelter and a loving family with two sisters, Wilma and Joanne, and two brothers, Charles and Jimmy, a father who was an engineer on the railroad and a mother who took care of the family, making sure we kept clean, nourished, did our chores and all went to church on Sunday.''

Barnes had a paper route delivering the Des Moines Register, using the money to buy some of his own clothing. Barnes' father served in World War I, and during Barnes' childhood the second World War was fast approaching. When he went to collect his papers for delivery on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941, his circulation manager, Sam Lyon, predicted the young men would be involved in the upcoming war before it concluded as the news played out over the radio in the shop.

Barnes completed his high school requirements in January of 1943 and was drafted before the graduation ceremony took place in the fall. Barnes took basic training in Salt Lake City and was placed in the Army Air Corps. With no slots open for flight school, Barnes was trained as a gunner and attended armament school.

Barnes was trained to fly in a B–24 Liberator bomber, and when his crew of ten was formed and received its B–24, they christened it Paperdoll. While flying between Florida, Trinidad, Brazil, Africa and Italy, the crew crossed the equator and became members of the ''Hyper Terrestrial Order of Equator Hoppers,'' for which Barnes has retained his certificate.

The crew was based in Foggia, Italy, and had to delay their landing until bombers returning from a mission had landed.

''It was a rude awakening as we taxied down the airstrip to see a plane with the