

awarded the "Professional of the Year" award by the Missouri Association of Workforce Development and a "Local Hero" award by Ingram's Magazine.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor and privilege for me to recognize Mr. Clyde McQueen for his efforts to improve the workforce and advance job training in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. I know that Mr. McQueen will continue to fight for both the unemployed and underemployed in my district, and in this time when unemployed rates have plummeted, I am grateful for the hard work and dedication of Mr. McQueen. It is with great pride that we honor Mr. McQueen today for his commitment to the residents of Missouri.

HONORING THE 2010 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS OF THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I honor the four schools in the Fifth Congressional District of Texas recently recognized for excellence in education. Fred Douglass Elementary School in Jacksonville, Lake Highlands Junior High School in Dallas, Scurry-Rosser Middle School in Scurry and West Side Elementary School in Jacksonville were named to the Department of Education's 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools list.

Their performance illustrates the commitment and dedication of the students, parents, teachers, and administrators to a quality education. Education is the backbone of a successful society, and I am proud to know that the students of these four schools are receiving a quality education that will provide a solid foundation for future academic success.

This is a great honor of which the school, its students, parents, and communities can be justifiably proud, and I offer my warm congratulations on this fine achievement.

Madam Speaker, as the representative for the Fifth Congressional District of Texas, I would like to commend these schools for their continued achievements in education.

EDMUND G. SCHMIDT OF HUTTO, TEXAS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Edmund G. Schmidt of Hutto Texas. "Mr. Hutto", is what they call him. Mr. Edmund G. Schmidt has served the Hutto community in countless ways for decades. First being elected to city council in 1961, Ed served the city for 29 consecutive years, 9 as city councilman and 20 as mayor of Hutto. A World War II Veteran, and small business owner for over 50 years, Schmidt has also continued serving with several groups, including the Hutto Lions Club, where he is in his 54th year of perfect attendance as a charter member, and Hutto Lutheran Church where he

has served for more than six decades. Schmidt served as the first President of the Hutto Economic Corporation.

Schmidt grew up on a farm outside of Taylor. "God's country," he calls it. Looking for a way to a way to provide for his young family after returning from the war, some friends convinced him to open his own grocery store in Hutto.

Signing a 5-year lease for \$25 a month, Schmidt transformed a big, open building on East Street into his own grocery store, Red & White, with his wife Julia. They opened their doors on Friday, July 13, 1951, with three other groceries in the area to compete with. Ed proved himself to the community of Hutto and 2 years later, in 1953, he bought and expanded into the space next door. When his lease expired he purchased his first building. He owned and operated his grocery store with Julia on East Street until 1990. With the store closed, Schmidt had the opportunity to get in the insurance business with his son Dennis, so he sold some of his building space and kept enough for an office where he still works with his son. As an established resident, small business and property owner in Hutto, in 1961 Schmidt learned of a place on the council through a good friend from church who was also council member. When an opening came up mid-term, Schmidt filled it and then kept getting re-elected, never spending a cent on a campaign. "I never thought, and no one on council, thought of ourselves as politicians," he said. "We were serving the community. We just had to pitch in."

At this time, the city assessed and collected its own taxes; it had one elected marshal who was replaced with a one-person police department, a distant thought from the Hutto we see today, with a full police force, and new neighborhoods and schools being built to keep up with the rapid growth. On Friday, October 20, 2007, the city honored Schmidt, renaming County Road 119 after him, for his contribution to Hutto's growth. Ed Schmidt Boulevard links Hutto to Pflugerville's FM 685.

Though he continues to work hard every day without any sign of slowing down, Ed cherishes his time spent with Julia. Married 68 years, the Schmidts have raised four children and now take great pride and joy in their 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren who all live between Austin and Rockdale.

CONGRESSIONAL MADE IN AMERICA PROMISE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2039, the Congressional Made in America Promise Act. This bill extends the provisions of the Buy American Act to the legislative branch. It is important that the Congress lead by example and support American manufacturers and businesses.

In the global economy, American manufacturers are being pressured from all angles. It is important for this Congress to pursue policies that ensure that our businesses are able to compete in the world economy.

There is much to be done, but this bill is a step in the right direction and allows for us to support our manufacturers directly. I look forward to working with the my colleagues to continue to support American manufacturing and a strong, vibrant workforce.

HONORING LARRY POWELL

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 Larry Powell for receiving the 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Sequoia Council Boy Scouts of America. Larry has had a distinguished career as the Superintendent in the Fresno County Office of Education, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

Larry is a lifetime resident of Fresno County who has created a legacy in his 40 years of service in public education. He has served students and lead community educational endeavors in Sanger Unified School District, Fresno Unified School District, and Central Unified School District.

Larry is also very involved and well connected within his community. He has participated in many civic and church activities, including membership on the Board of Trustees for Fresno Pacific University, the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, Break the Barriers, the Sequoia Council of the Boy Scouts, and many others.

Larry's educational leadership has been recognized by the California School Administrators of Region 9, who awarded him as Superintendent of the Year. He has been recognized by Fresno State as a Noted Alumni.

Larry is married to Dot, a former principal and Executive Director of SALT Fresno and READ Fresno, Inc. He has a daughter and two grandchildren. It is clear that Larry will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Larry Powell for his distinguished career and community service, and in wishing him the best of luck and health as he continues to set standards in Fresno County.

HONORING THE 300 ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Congregation of Great Valley Presbyterian Church in Tredyffrin Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania as they celebrate the Church's 300th anniversary.

Recognized as the second-oldest Presbyterian church in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, services originally were held in homes of various members. Rev. Malachi Jones delivered the first sermon in 1714 from a wooden pulpit inside the rough log cabin held together by iron nails forged on site and with windows made from imported glass.

Organized more than 65 years before our nation declared its independence from Great

Britain, Great Valley aided America's Revolutionary War effort by providing supplies to help troops encamped at nearby Valley Forge survive the brutal winter of 1777–1778.

While the Church and the area surrounding it has evolved immeasurably since the days when farmers and their families worshiped in a "little country church," the tremendous commitment to nurturing the spiritual growth of members and strengthening the bonds between neighbors and families has remained constant.

A worship service to give thanks for 300 years of faith and service will conclude the Church's tercentennial celebration on Sunday, September 19, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the Congregation of Great Valley Presbyterian Church as they commemorate this memorable milestone and in extending best wishes for continued success and growth.

CONGRATULATING THE MOJAVE AIR AND SPACE PORT ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an airport in my community that has been at the forefront of aerospace milestones. Mojave Air and Space Port, located in Mojave, California, is celebrating 75 years of service and cutting edge innovation this upcoming September 18, 2010.

The Mojave Air and Space Port has a unique history. Starting as a rural airstrip in 1935, the Mojave Airport provided access to the local gold and silver mining industry. After seven years of serving the local mining industry, the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) shifted the focus of the airport and turned it into the Marine Corps Auxiliary Station (MCAAS) Mojave in 1942. In 1946, MCAAS Mojave was converted into a U.S. Navy airfield. In 1951, the USMC reopened MCAAS Mojave as an auxiliary field, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro. In 1961, Kern County acquired the airport, and in 1972, and the East Kern Airport District was formed to direct the airport.

The Mojave Air and Space Port has three core focuses: flight testing, space industry development, and aircraft heavy maintenance and storage. With its convenient location close to Edwards Air Force Base, the Mojave Air and Space Port has been a leader in flight testing activities for over 30 years. Beginning in the late 1990s, the Mojave Air and Space Port became a hub for small companies seeking a place to develop space flight technologies, with the first flight tests starting in 1999. In 2004, it was the first spaceport certified by the Federal Aviation Administration to be licensed for horizontal launches of reusable launch vehicles in the United States.

The Mojave Air and Space Port is the home to the Rutan Model 76 Voyager aircraft, designed by Burt Rutan and piloted by his brother Dick Rutan, where they set a record-breaking flight around the world without stopping to refuel in 1986. Model 281 Proteus, a tandem-wing high-endurance aircraft designed by Burt and tested at the Mojave Air and Space Port, holds several altitude records.

The Mojave Air and Space Port is also home to SpaceShipOne. It is the first, and so far only, privately built, flown, and funded aircraft to launch and enter a man into space in June of 2004. This feat was acknowledged with the Ansari X Prize, and the 2004 Collier Trophy later that year, awarded by the National Aeronautic Association. Today, SpaceShipOne is displayed in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's "Milestones of Flight" gallery in Washington, D.C. SpaceShipTwo is now in development and will continue to transform the commercial space industry.

Today, the Mojave Air and Space Port occupies about 3,300 acres and serves as a world renowned flight resource center. The airport is home to over 40 companies, ranging from small industrial to highly advanced aeronautical design firms. XCOR is a small business that is building a spacecraft to take individuals to space. Recently, NASA awarded funding to tenant Masten Space Systems through the NASA Commercial Reusable Sub-orbital Research Program to finance the development and testing of the Xaero vehicle which will make four flights from the Mojave Air and Space Port to demonstrate reusable launch and small payloads going to near-space.

The Mojave Air and Space Port continues to break new ground and expand its facilities as it recently extended its largest runway to 12,500 feet and integrated a new commercial development taxiway system. The Mojave Air and Space Port not only is known for its revolutionary air and space technology, but it also boasts an extensive resume in film production. The airport has been the host to movies, television shows, commercials and music videos.

Today, the Mojave Air and Space Port is run and supported by the leadership of the East Kern Airport District. The East Kern Airport District encourages entrepreneurship and flourishes, existing by its mission statement to, "Foster and maintain our recognized aerospace presence with a principle focus as the world's premier civilian aerospace test center while seeking compatibly diverse business and industry." The Mojave Air and Space Port is under the forward-thinking leadership of the East Kern Airport District Board Members Jim Balentine, JoAnn Painter, Marie Walker, Dick Rutan, and Cathy Hansen and General Manager, Stuart Witt, along with his team of dedicated individuals.

The Mojave Air and Space Port is also home to the Intermediate Space Challenge. Through this program, the Mojave Air and Space Port opens its facility to young students in 4th, 5th and 6th grade, enabling them to work together in a team environment to choose a team name, create team banners, craft an essay, and develop and use their math and science skills to construct and launch a small rocket under appropriate supervision. Along with involving the community in this revolutionary program, the Mojave Air and Space Port also encourages teachers and administrators across the country to implement similar programs that stimulate students and infuse them with a love of engineering, mathematics, and science.

The Mojave Air and Space Port has given the community 75 years of exceptional service. It is a keystone of our aerospace achievements not only in California but around the nation and throughout the world. I applaud the Mojave Air and Space Port for its innovative

research and its service as a public airport and will continue to support its place in America's air and space development for years to come.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF 2010 HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of 2010 Hispanic Heritage Month, as we celebrate the members of this community and their invaluable contributions to the Greater Cleveland Area and to our country.

Hispanic Heritage month celebrates and illuminates the significant contributions that Americans of Hispanic heritage have had on American culture. Hispanic Americans have contributed immeasurably toward efforts to elevate the human condition.

Americans of Hispanic descent have served our country in numerous ways—as elected officials, teachers, musicians, physicians, veterans, community activists, and dedicated employees in virtually every sector of the economy. Their rich and diverse culture has touched the life of every American has been an invaluable addition to Cleveland's diverse social fabric.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Hispanic Heritage month of 2010, as we recognize the great contributions made by Hispanic Americans in my district and around the country.

COMMEMORATING CONSTITUTION DAY

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, September 17th is Constitution Day, a time to show appreciation for the foundational and supreme law of our land that deserves special attention this year. The principles of the U.S. Constitution have successfully guided our Nation through times of both prosperity and challenge. The genius of our Constitution rests in the Founding Fathers' intricate system of checks and balances and the division of powers between the states and the national government. This has helped ensure that the people are the masters of their government, rather than its servants. The 10th Amendment was particularly prescient in recognizing that the most effective, responsive, and representative government is that which is closest to its citizens. It has long been my practice to distribute copies of the Constitution to the school groups with whom I meet, and I am greatly encouraged by the millions of patriotic Americans who are now dedicating themselves to reaffirming and restoring the principles of limited government and personal freedom. Public and personal readings of the Constitution are taking place throughout Alabama and our country in recognition of Constitution Day. All Americans should reflect on an enduring document that has given us the magnificent gifts of