

the citizens of West Texas to see some of man's finest artistic achievements in their own back yard. It also serves as an exclamation point on 25 years of exceptional educational opportunities.

Of course, without curators, teachers, maintenance staff, donors, and volunteers, a museum is just a building. As we celebrate the museum's 25th anniversary, we must also extend our gratitude to the hundreds of people who have worked over the years to build this institution into the community treasure we have today.

For 25 years, the dedicated staff and volunteers at the Ellen Noël Art Museum has served the students and families of their community. From nothing more than an idea, they have built a lasting legacy for every citizen of West Texas to enjoy and be inspired. We owe them all a debt of gratitude.

On behalf of the citizens of the Permian Basin, who I am privileged to represent, I extend my congratulations to the Ellen Noël Art Museum on its 25th Anniversary and my deepest thanks to the citizens who have worked to create this institution. Our community is made better because of your hard work.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF
NORBERT M. BANGAYAN, MD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of Norbert M. Bangayan, MD, whose lifelong commitment to his patients, family and community made a permanent impact on countless lives throughout the northeast Ohio region.

Dr. Bangayan was a dedicated internist who led a family medical practice for nearly 40 years. Beyond his superior medical expertise and knowledge, Dr. Bangayan was known for his caring, patience and kindness. He treated every patient with dignity and respect, and frequently went above and beyond the call of duty to assist a patient in need. A gentle soul, Dr. Bangayan practiced from Deaconess Hospital in Cleveland for nearly 40 years, where he served in several leadership roles, including the hospital's Chief of Medical Staff. Dr. Bangayan served on several committees at Deaconess Hospital, and volunteered his time within several community organizations.

The center and foundation of Dr. Bangayan's life was always his family. He was the beloved husband of Ofelia and the loving father of Shirley, James, Maribe, and Michele. He was the devoted grandfather of Eric, Jack, Leo, Max and Kristin, and the beloved brother of Amelia. Dr. Bangayan was the beloved brother of Amelia. Dr. Bangayan was the beloved father-in-law to Ermir, Dr. Kieo and Steve. Along with his wife, Ofelia, Dr. Bangayan taught his children and grandchildren the significance of family, faith, heritage and giving back to community. He was deeply connected to his Filipino heritage, and was very active in the Filipino community of Greater Cleveland. For several years, Dr. Bangayan served as the President of the Association of Philippine Physicians of Ohio.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and remembrance of Norbert M. Bangayan,

MD, whose joyous life was framed by love for family, devotion to friends and dedication to the wellbeing of the patients he so lovingly served. Dr. Bangayan's generous heart and love for others will forever exist within the hearts and memories of his family, friends and every patient who knew and loved him—and he will never be forgotten.

OVERSEAS CONTRACTOR REFORM
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 in support of H.R. 5366, the Overseas Contractor Reform Act. The Overseas Contractor Reform Act will keep any person found to be in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 from receiving a government contract or grant. It is important that we ensure that any individual that receives a contract from the Federal Government, and therefore is a de facto representative of the people of the United States, is of the highest moral standard and complies with all applicable laws. Improving our ability to effectively oversee our foreign contractors will yield numerous benefits. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to improve our contractor system and curtail abuses and excesses when they are found.

RECOGNIZING THE 91ST ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION DAY

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Legion for the outstanding work they do on behalf of and for our nation's veterans.

Today we celebrate American Legion Day, the 91st anniversary of the date that the American Legion received their charter from the U.S. Congress. Over the past nine decades, the American Legion has never wavered from their commitment to support our veterans, our country and our communities.

The American Legion is a tremendous advocate for war-time veterans through their legislative outreach. Over the years, the Legion helped write and successfully advocated for the original "GI Bill of Rights" during World War II and the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals, among other important accomplishments. In addition to working directly with and for veterans, the Legion has also played an important role providing community support in areas such as mental health, children's welfare, and disaster relief.

As the House sponsor of the 21st century Post 9/11 GI Bill, I am particularly grateful to the work the American Legion once again put forth to advocate for improved and enhanced education benefits for today's veterans. From helping to craft language and whipping support among lawmakers and the public, the Le-

gion was an irreplaceable partner in this great step forward. Thanks to the Legion's grassroots efforts, today there are more than 330,000 veterans across the country now enrolled and using GI Bill benefits.

I am grateful for the many opportunities I have had to work with the Legion on both the national and local level.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing American Legion Day and honoring the decades of service to our veterans, and the vital work they continue to perform for our country.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF MAULDIN, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON ITS MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of Mauldin, South Carolina, on its Municipal Association of South Carolina Achievement Award for improving relations between the Mauldin Police Department and youth community. Through four innovative youth initiative programs, Mauldin police officers interacted with the young people in a positive, hands-on way.

The Mauldin Youth Court puts first-time juvenile offenders in a student-run trial. The jury of high school students hands out sentences typically consisting of community service, tutoring, or an essay. The program has seen success evidenced by a recidivism rate 5 percent lower than the rest of the state.

The Youth Academy program targets middle-school students who have met the police department in negative circumstances. Together the Mauldin police department and other community members interact with the students for four weeks in circumstances not involving disciplinary measures. After the four weeks have concluded, each student is delegated an officer for a year-long mentorship program.

Mauldin's police community also has made an effort to create a more formative relationship with adolescents through the Fifth Quarter program. With the help of the local high school and churches, the program hosts students at the local skating rink after school sporting events to prevent swarming and loitering. Officers serve free food and hand out prizes throughout the night. The program successfully has eliminated juvenile delinquency after football games, leading to a possible expansion of the program after basketball games.

The Mauldin Youth Academy and Explorer programs give youth community a chance to interact directly with the police department through hands-on activities and mentorship. These programs not only teach adolescents about law enforcement but also give the police department a desired pool of potential candidates when hiring new officers.

I am honored to see the City of Mauldin's novel youth programming with these four initiatives. The Mauldin Police Department is giving students the opportunity to interact with officers to proactively address juvenile crime

and garnering interest in law enforcement while serving and protecting the entire Mauldin community.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD ROTCH, LONGTIME PRINCIPAL AND COACH AT T.R. MILLER HIGH SCHOOL, BREWTON, ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I join the people of Brewton and Escambia County, Alabama in mourning the loss of a beloved community leader whose life was suddenly taken during a tragic auto accident on August 11, 2010.

Donald Wayne Rotch, or "Coach Rotch," as he was affectionately known to his former players and students and many in Brewton, was an institution in Escambia County. Originally from Lake Charles, Louisiana, Coach Rotch came to Brewton in 1974 from Jackson, Alabama, joining the T.R. Miller High School coaching staff.

Coach Rotch was a fixture in Tiger athletics for the better part of 18 years as the football offensive line coach while also coaching the baseball team.

T.R. Miller is a sports powerhouse in South Alabama and Coach Rotch was a major force behind the Tiger's success. As a coach, he helped the team attain two championships in 1984 and 1991, before transitioning to the role of high school administrator in 1992. He served as assistant principal and then principal at T.R. Miller for the next 20 years.

As a school administrator, Donnie Rotch also witnessed the Tigers achieve football championships in 1994, 2000 and 2002. Just one month after his death, his beloved Tiger football program scored their 600th victory—a milestone not matched by any other Alabama high school football team.

Coach Rotch was tragically taken from his family and his students in August when his vehicle was struck by another during a police chase. Ironically, the person driving the vehicle which took Rotch's life was a former T.R. Miller student. The police officer who was pursuing the other vehicle once played baseball under Coach Rotch. In a very real sense in this wonderful, small South Alabama town, this accident was a tragedy in every imaginable way.

Coach Rotch was the friendly face who greeted T.R. Miller students each morning as they arrived at school and he was the steady hand that guided his school through many decades of excellence—urging everyone from students, teachers and parents to "do their best."

It has been reported that Coach Rotch was planning to retire from his leadership post at T.R. Miller in the coming year. His untimely passing has left T.R. Miller and all of Brewton with deep and profound sadness. There was no bigger believer in his students and no bigger role model to his school than Coach Rotch.

Madam Speaker, I offer my heartfelt condolences to the family of Coach Rotch and to the people of Brewton and Escambia County who were all influenced by his remarkable pres-

ence. Our prayers especially go out to his wonderful wife, Jane; his daughter, Jayme; his son, Richard; his mother, Jean Rotch Bonneau; his three brothers, Greg, Ray and David; two sisters, Kathy and Connie, and other family. You are all in our prayers.

CONGRATULATING GREGORY APPLEGATE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gregory Applegate on his retirement from his position as city administrator of Sonora, California, where he has served since 1990. His work and service has made a permanent mark on the community and he will be missed.

Greg has been married to his wife, Deborah, for 31 years, and they have 2 children, Caleb and Cassie. Prior to his service as city administrator in Sonora, Greg worked for the city of Dos Palos and the city of Merced in his successful career in public administration. Greg was involved in many local and federal associations such as the Tuolumne County Economic Development Board, the Historic Downtown Chamber of Commerce, the League of California Cities, the California Redevelopment Association, and the Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management, where he was past president.

Aside from industry and municipal organizations, Greg spends much of his time and energy serving the community through school initiatives, measures to improve children's health, Rotary Club, and mentoring youth at his church. Greg was involved in the Tuolumne County Healthy Children's Project as well as served on the Summerville High School Bond Committee.

You don't have to walk far through the streets of Sonora to see for yourself the hard work and tireless effort that Greg has put into the city. He has played a pivotal role in the following projects: the Sonora Opera Hall, creating the Sonora Redevelopment Agency, the Rother's Corner Fire Museum, the new fire station, the renovations of City Hall, the Mono Way Pedestrian Facility, the Sonora Crossroads Project, among countless other valuable projects.

Greg has been awarded a number of accolades throughout his time as a city administrator. These include the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Government Award, which he received in both 1991 and 2006, the Tuolumne County "Top Hand" award in 2002, and was named President of the city managers section of the League of California Cities, Central Division. He was also President of the Central San Joaquin Valley Risk Management Authority from 2004–2006.

After a long and full career of helping communities by developing and managing cities in the Central Valley, Greg is leaving the world of city administration, but his legacy will forever stay with the city of Sonora through the continuation and development of projects he has worked on and implemented through his 30-plus years of service. I rise today to thank Greg Applegate for his hard work and congratulate him on his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN McGOVERN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize John McGovern, a Vietnam War Army Ranger and Studies and Observations Group 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 McGovern was recognized on Tuesday, August 31. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: JOHN McGOVERN

(By Greg Eckstrom)

John McGovern worries about sounding like he's bragging when he talks about his time in the military.

After all, with a resume of experiences like McGovern's, it's hard to share them without this concern crossing your head.

The man once briefed John Wayne. He's been part of the handful of graduates from some of the most difficult military training in the country. He's seen shrapnel come within inches of hitting him, walked through an ambush by himself and cheated death more than half a dozen times.

And so he recalls these experiences in a quiet, modest voice. He's proud of his time in the military, but quickly dismisses any comments that even tread on being complimentary with quick statement.

"I've been lucky," he said. "That's all."

Coming from a large military family, McGovern was born in Oceanside, Calif., and raised in several states around the country—Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Alaska—as his father was in the military.

The decision to join the military was made by the young McGovern when he was 16 years old.

"I was ready to get out on my own," he said. "I told [my father] I wanted to join, and he told me he'd sign for me. I took all my tests and everything and when I had my 17th birthday, they flew me out for Fort Carson, Colo."

McGovern originally wanted to enter the infantry, but was given the offer to become an Army Ranger and jumped on the chance.

Once in Florida, McGovern ran into two sergeants—Pierre and Lehew—who took him under their wing.

"I ran patrols with him for six months at night, and then doing my job in the daytime. Finally they said I was ready," he said. "So I put in for Ranger school, passed it, and then they kept me as an instructor. Oh, it was rough. That's actually probably one of the roughest schools other than Special Forces."

Ranger school started with 275, graduated 70, and only 57 had enough points to receive the tab.

After passing Ranger school, the three went to Scuba school, then Airborne school, then Special Forces school.

Around 50 people were enrolled in Special Forces school. After its completion, only McGovern, Lehew and one other person remained.

"I've been lucky," he said. "I would pick out the worst man, and I'd say, 'I'm going to be here longer than him.' And if he failed out, then I picked the next one. The main thing with all these hard schools . . . if you set your mind that you're going to pass it,