

HONORING RECIPIENTS OF 2010
THIRD DISTRICT EXCELLENCE IN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AWARD

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor eleven individuals, organizations and businesses from Nebraska for receiving the 2010 Third District Excellence in Economic Development Award.

Nebraska, like many rural states, unfortunately has seen a "brain drain" in recent years and, now more than ever, needs entrepreneurs and innovators.

In June, I called for nominations for individuals, businesses, and organizations which have helped strengthen Nebraska communities. These entrepreneurs do more than just build successful businesses. They host charity events, serve on local chambers of commerce, and shape the character of our towns and cities.

The nominations came from many different people, from teenagers starting their own business to leaders in the business communities. All of the nominees have shown they are striving to help their home towns succeed into the future.

Hartelco (Hartington): This firm has contributed significant economic growth and business retention in rural Nebraska by supplying state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure, including plans for all businesses and residents to be connected to fiber optics. The company recently completed a \$1.5 million dollar office building and donates manpower, equipment, and time to community projects.

Ward Laboratories, Inc. (Kearney): This company provides agricultural testing of soil, plant, and fertilizer samples which lead to more informed land management practices. The company, through principles based on science, has contributed to the economic advancement of many rural areas in Nebraska.

Green Revolution Handbags (Albion): Lauren Bygland, a Boone Central High School senior, produces fashionable purses made of recyclable materials—including film strips, rice bags, and playing cards. She will continue her earth-friendly design business while majoring in business in college.

Don Freeman (York): Don Freeman has followed his family tradition of community service for over 50 years, both as a business owner and by serving on many community boards. He has contributed to job creation through expansion of his own company, and by supporting the economic development efforts of the region.

Tracee Ford/Stacey Adamson (Cody/Kilgore): These two teachers worked with students to secure grant funding, along with community contributions to start a student business incubator, including a student-run and community-owned grocery store. The project has revitalized the area and serves as an example of education in entrepreneurship bringing economic opportunities to rural areas.

Sandhills Country Door Café and Coffee House (Mullen): Tim and Jennifer Macke have offered locals a place to get home cooked meals, specialty drinks, computer repairs, and local greeting cards—as well as providing a

space for locals to gather to mark a special occasion. The efforts of this couple in providing essential community services contribute to sustaining the community.

Barb Sprague (Red Cloud): Barb has given selflessly to the Red Cloud community through public service, school involvement, and faith-based events. She has recently initiated a leadership group in Red Cloud which has resulted in receiving grant funding to promote business development in the community.

Heartland Shooting Park (Grand Island): Created primarily through private donations and thousands of volunteer hours, this city-operated shooting park has been the site of several national competitive events, including the U.S. Practical Shooting Area 3 Championships and the National 4-H Invitational, bringing hundreds of visitors to the region.

Apogee Retail, LLC (Columbus): Apogee employees conduct outbound phone calls on behalf of various charities requesting donations of household and clothing items. The Columbus facility employs more than 600 area residents and has been recognized for hiring and training employees with disabilities.

Thompson Wildcat Trailers (Albion): Curtis Thompson, a junior at Boone Central High School, designs, builds, and modifies custom trailers. He has utilized his skills in welding and wiring to start his business. Following graduation, he plans to expand his business through continued training in diesel mechanics.

I am proud to be able to recognize all of the honorees today and I thank them for their service to Nebraska.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mrs. NORTON. Madam Speaker, on September 16, 2010, I was not able to be present for votes on amendments to H.R. 4785, the Rural Energy Savings Program Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall No. 529.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
DONALD LEE BEAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mr. Donald Lee Bean, a devoted husband, father and friend. His life reflected his love for family and friends and an unwavering dedication to journalism.

Mr. Bean grew up in Northfield as one of five boys. He served for four years in the U.S. Air Force, and then he enrolled at Kent State University, where he graduated in 1954. He worked for several Cleveland news outlets, including the Cleveland Press, Cleveland News and a number of radio stations before joining the Plain Dealer in 1961. As a reporter for the 'PD,' Mr. Bean covered all sections of the paper, including crime, City Hall happenings,

courts, feature articles, general assignments and obituaries. He also held the title of Assistant City Editor and for decades was deeply connected to the inner circles within Cleveland's political and social scenes. Thanks to his experience and knowledge, Mr. Bean was the reporter who uncovered stories that no one else could break.

Mr. Bean was a colorful character known for his humor, wit and kindness. He was also known as a great mentor and friend to colleagues. Mr. Bean covered the major stories that helped shape the history of Cleveland, including the Hough and Glenville Riots and the Dr. Sam Sheppard murder trial. Mr. Bean was relentless in his pursuit of the truth; his reporting consistently demonstrated honesty, integrity and fairness. In 1983, he selflessly shared his own personal struggles with alcohol in a piece he wrote for the Plain Dealer, giving hope and inspiration to countless readers. He was also a lifelong blood donor.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mr. Donald Lee Bean. I offer my condolences to his wife, Olga; to his daughter, Nadine; to his sons, Matthew and Scott; to his six granddaughters and one great-granddaughter; and to his many extended family members and numerous friends. Mr. Bean lived his life with a generous heart and love for family and friends. He will always be remembered by those who knew and loved him, and I count myself as one those who loved him.

HONORING MARTY DICKENS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marty Dickens on his receiving the Joe and Honey Rodgers Leadership Award. Named for Honey and the late Joe Rodgers, former United States Ambassador to France, it is fitting this award honor Marty Dickens. From hosting international students, to leading major corporations, to serving on local boards, Dickens shares the drive and example set forth by Ambassador Rodgers.

Following the vision of evangelist Billy Graham, the Operation Andrew Group was launched to meet the spiritual and social needs of Middle Tennessee. Bringing together 250 churches, from a broad spectrum of Christian faiths, the Operation Andrew Group seeks to unify faith-based organizations to act as the catalyst for change. Operation Andrew Group's first major outreach project, The Gathering, attracted over 8,000 attendees in joint worship and praise. Similar events are held annually to focus the faithful of Middle Tennessee on the mission of the Almighty.

I appreciate all the churches, businesses, and civic agencies who from their offerings meet the changing needs of growing community. I also appreciate Marty Dickens for his dedication to Nashville and the surrounding community. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Marty Dickens for his outstanding leadership, commitment to character, and consistency in living the Christian faith.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRIDE FOUNDATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer special recognition of the Pride Foundation on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Since 1985, the Pride Foundation, through creation and administration of a vibrant lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) charitable legacy, has helped to unify and to strengthen the Northwest LGBT and allied communities.

In 1985, nonprofit organizations serving the needs of the LGBT community were rare. Those that did exist struggled for financial stability while also facing daunting challenges, not the least of which was the emergence of HIV/AIDS. At that time, no scholarships existed to help LGBT students pursue higher education. To address these challenges, a small group of concerned citizens founded the LGBT community's own philanthropic organization. The Pride Foundation created an endowment that would be prudently managed and professionally administered—a place where the LGBT community and its supporters could confidently contribute knowing full well that their donations would not only be used in accordance with the donor's wishes, but would also leave an enduring legacy for future generations.

In 1987, the Pride Foundation awarded its first organization grants, totaling \$7,654. Today, the Foundation grants hundreds of thousands of dollars every year. In 1993, the Pride Foundation started its scholarship program, giving \$3,680 the first year. Since then, the program has become one of the nation's largest LGBT scholarship funds. To date, the Pride Foundation has raised and invested more than \$8 million in hundreds of nonprofit organizations and individual students. In recent years, the Pride Foundation has broadened its reach beyond Seattle to the entire State of Washington as well as to Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon.

The Pride Foundation has enriched tens of thousands of lives, and has touched those who give and those who receive. It has sustained countless students, strengthened many valued non-profit organizations, and helped to improve the quality of life in the Pacific Northwest. Today, I rise to offer my thanks and congratulations to the Pride Foundation for 25 years of inspiring work and a legacy that will impact generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, the week of Tuesday, September 14, 2010, through Thursday, September 16, 2010, I was not present for thirteen recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Roll No. 519—"yea," Roll No. 520—"yea,"
Roll No. 521—"yea," Roll No. 522—"yea,"
Roll No. 523—"yea," Roll No. 524—"yea,"
Roll No. 525—"yea," Roll No. 526—"nay,"
Roll No. 527—"nay," Roll No. 528—"yea,"
Roll No. 529—"yea," Roll No. 530—"nay,"
Roll No. 531—"yea."

CONGRATULATING SAHIL
KHETPAL ON 2010 DAVIDSON
FELLOWSHIP

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to congratulate Sahil Khetpal, 17, of Plano, Texas on being named a 2010 Davidson Fellow by the Davidson Institute for Talent Development.

Davidson Fellowships, offered by the Institute since 2001, are honors given to only the very best of America's very brightest. As one of just 20 young people to receive the designation this year, Sahil Khetpal certainly fits that distinguished category.

He is a recent graduate of the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS), an advanced program for high school students offered through the University of North Texas. During his time at TAMS, Sahil took the specialized, college-level coursework necessary to fuel his Davidson Research Project, "Carbon Nanotubes as a Cancer Drug Delivery System."

In his project, which was motivated by the tough experience of watching several family members fight cancer, Sahil developed a nanotube based drug-delivery system that can be used for both chemotherapy and phototherapy of cancer. His innovative system has the potential to treat cancerous tumors more efficiently and effectively with fewer side-effects, and it could even allow for earlier diagnosis in some cases. In short, this outstanding young man's work will likely save lives.

Using his talent and voice to help others is not a new concept for Sahil. In the midst of a strenuous coursework and research load, he made time to co-found and serve as copresident of the local branch of Invisible Children, an organization that raises awareness of the conflict taking place in Northern Uganda.

Sahil is currently continuing his higher education at the University of Pennsylvania where he is a double-major in business and chemical engineering. This incredibly talented, hard-working young man is an exceptional representative of Texas' Third Congressional District, and it is my distinct honor to enter his accomplishment into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for posterity.

To Sahil Khetpal, 2010 Davidson Fellow, congratulations and God bless you!

HONORING WILLARD MORRISSEY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Willard Morrissey, recipient of

the HEALTHSOUTH Personal Achievement Award for his unparalleled strength and exceptional perseverance. On January 25th, Mr. Morrissey was involved in a traumatic accident in Altoona, Pennsylvania while operating a cardboard crusher. He was flown by medical helicopter to Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, and immediately underwent surgery, which resulted in the amputation of both legs. Will has made an amazing recovery and is now ambulating with bilateral prosthesis and no assistive device.

Will's perseverance and determination throughout his path to recovery has served as an inspiration to us all. Staff and patients of The HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center were moved to tears when Will proudly walked through the halls with his new sneakers that he proudly wore.

Will has risen above adversity and lifted himself to a stature that we should all emulate in our daily lives. I would like to wish Willard the best of luck in his path to recovery. I know that my words reflect the feelings of all citizens of our nation when I say that Willard Morrissey is an inspiration to us all.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
JAMES M. ANDREWS, SR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of James M. Andrews, Sr., a loving husband, father, grandfather, veteran and protector of the people of the City of Cleveland as a firefighter for thirty years.

Mr. Andrews joined the Cleveland Fire Department on July 1, 1960. He was committed to the safety and wellbeing of Cleveland residents as well as his fellow firefighters. He was a thirty-year member of the Cleveland Firefighters Union, Local 93 and served on the Executive Board from 1970 to 1990. He served as Secretary from 1970 to 1979, as President from 1980 to 1989 and was named President Emeritus in 1990.

In addition to his devotion to serving our community, Mr. Andrews' devotion to family was unconditional. He was the beloved husband of Joan and loving father of Anne, James Jr., Katherine, Joseph and Ellen. He was the cherished grandfather of Jennifer, Elizabeth, Emily, Mary, James III, Angela, Claire, Joseph and Nicholas and father-in-law of Terrance, Mary Brigid, Robert and Stephen. He was also the beloved brother of Sister Mary Ann and uncle, friend and mentor to many.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of firefighter James M. Andrews, Sr. Mr. Andrews served our community and our nation with commitment and excellence. Mr. Andrews lived his