

hope when that day comes I go out feet first."

Born on June 22, 1907, in Hutchinson, Kan., Judge Brown, who had become a prominent local Democrat, first sought appointment by President Harry S. Truman to the federal bench while serving as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II (at 37, he was the oldest man in his unit). He failed, but in 1962, after a stint as a bankruptcy judge, he was appointed to the district court by President John F. Kennedy. He earned a reputation as a pragmatic jurist whose middle-of-the-road rulings reflect a desire to apply rather than make the law.

Judge Brown is one of four Kennedy appointees still on the bench and the oldest federal judge in the country by six years, according to the Federal Judicial History Office. The only judge to serve at a later age was Joseph W. Woodrough, who was on the Eighth Circuit until 1977, when he died at 104.

For his part, Judge Brown is dismissive of talk of his place in the record books and tired of all the fuss over his birthdays. "I'm not interested in how old I am," he said. "I'm interested in how good a job I can do."

#### COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL IN ANSONIA

##### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2010*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Assumption School, a Catholic school for pre-kindergarteners, kindergarteners, and grades 1–8 in Ansonia, Connecticut.

For a century now, the Assumption School has helped to mold generations of young Catholic men and women according to the precepts of its motto: "Enter to Learn; Go Forth to Serve." It has taught Ansonia's students to nourish their minds and hearts, to reach out and work hard. It has helped them to integrate the Catholic faith into their daily lives, and, according to the best tenets of our faith, encouraged them to give back to their community and their neighbors.

Assumption itself is no exception to this wise calling. Over the years since its September 1910 founding, the School has taken on an increasingly broader role in the Ansonia community. Assumption now offers before and after school child care to working parents, through its ACCENT program, as well as a diverse portfolio of extracurricular activities, from athletics and youth choir to a Big Brother/Big Sister Program and a school newspaper. In all of these ways, Assumption helps students to grow and learn, while honoring their faith and their community.

I heartily congratulate Principal Kathleen Molner and the entire faculty and staff of the Assumption School on reaching this 100-year milestone. Here's to many more!

#### COMMENDING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MT. ANGEL TELEPHONE

##### HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2010*

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mt. Angel Telephone in Mt. Angel, Oregon, on the occasion of their 100th anniversary of being in business.

The City of Mt. Angel was founded in 1893 by German pioneers, due to its striking resemblance to rural Bavaria. In 1910, a local telephone company was organized and 45 customers were signed up in no time at all.

On the occasion of Mt. Angel Telephone's 100th anniversary celebration on August 20, 2010, the company sponsored its annual Customer Appreciation Day with community booths that attracted thousands of visitors to the community.

This event included a street fair, free community lunch, the Mt. Angel Police Department Bike Rodeo, free sight and hearing tests by Mt. Angel Lions Club, the "Phone Walk", an antique vehicles display, and activities for children.

Officers of the Mt. Angel Police Department offered free bike helmets to all children that participated in the rodeo. The Mt. Angel Lions Club and the Oregon Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit provided free health screenings to the public for visual acuity, hearing, blood pressure, diabetes, and glaucoma.

Finally, the Mt. Angel Apple Tree School Supply program took in donations for local students in need of school supplies. The drive helps parents with children in the local school district who find it difficult or impossible to afford school supplies.

Mt. Angel Telephone is more than just a company. It's a central part of the community and economy of the rural City of Mt. Angel, and it's always providing more than just telephone and internet services. It's providing a model of how a local business survives to become a centurion and how to give back.

Madam Speaker, while 100 years have now passed since Mt. Angel Telephone was founded, I am honored to represent this company and the City of Mt. Angel. I congratulate Mt. Angel on their centennial celebration and hope the company enjoys another 100 years of growth and prosperity.

#### HONORING MR. SHANNON McDANIEL

##### HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Shannon McDaniel, a long time advocate for water users and agricultural producers in the State of Washington. Mr. McDaniel's much deserved retirement comes after 30 years of service to irrigated agriculture. In his current position as the Secretary/Manager of the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Mr. McDaniel manages an irrigation district that provides water to 230,000 acres of irrigated land and 4,000

landowners and farm operators in the southeastern part of Washington State.

Mr. McDaniel is an expert and a true leader in the water resources field. He has testified before Congress many times over the course of his career, helping inform both the House and Senate on legislation and other matters important to water users and agricultural producers. His expertise has also been vital to the management and delivery of water to farmers in the South Columbia Basin Irrigation District. Throughout his career, he has developed strong working partnerships at the local, state and federal levels, particularly in his involvement with the Bureau of Reclamation's Columbia Basin Project.

Mr. McDaniel serves as a mentor and advisor to many irrigation district managers in the Pacific Northwest. He has selflessly given his time to, and been actively involved with many professional and civic organizations including: the Family Farm Alliance, the National Water Resources Association, the Washington State Water Resources Association, Northwest Irrigation Operators, Leadership Tri-Cities and the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation. As a result, his peers have bestowed many awards on him throughout his career, including the National Water Resources Association President's Award, the Bonneville Power Administration's Administrator's Excellence Award for Exceptional Public Service, the Washington State Water Resources Association Water Resources Leadership Award and the Northwest Irrigation Operators Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. McDaniel's many contributions to Western irrigated agriculture are immeasurable. Although he is retiring from public service, his leadership, dedication and expertise will be valued and appreciated for generations.

#### HONORING JED STEELE OF LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

##### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today as co-founder of the Congressional Wine Caucus to pay tribute to Jed Steele for 42 years of excellence in the wine industry.

Mr. Steele began his journey as a cellar worker at Stony Hill in Napa Valley in 1968. From there, he received his Masters in Enology from UC Davis and went to work at Edmeades Vineyards in Mendocino County. He moved on to Kendall-Jackson in Lake County in 1982. By the time Jed left Kendall-Jackson in 1991, they increased production from 35,000 cases to one million cases and had become one of the premier wineries in California. In 1991, Jed founded Steele Wines in Lake County and to this day makes some of the most highly-regarded wines in the world.

Mr. Steele is a true giant in the wine business. He made 74 wines that scored 90 points or higher in the Wine Spectator. Six of his wines made the "Top 100 Wines of the Year" list in the same publication. In 1989, Wine and Spirits Magazine named Jed Winemaker of the Year. In 1990, he received the Robert Mondavi trophy as the Best California Winemaker from the International Wine Society in London.

Jed does not just make great wine—he is an innovator who gives back to his industry. In 1977, he produced the first commercial American ice wine from grapes grown in Mendocino County. He was also a leader in the creation of American Viticultural Areas in Anderson Valley and Clear Lake. He was the founder and served as director of the annual Mendocino County Wine judging.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Jed Steele for his many years of leadership and excellence in winemaking. The American wine industry owes him an enormous debt of gratitude. I join the other members of the Congressional Wine Caucus and the entire community in wishing him continued success and fulfillment.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL  
RAYMOND L. WEBSTER

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Major General Raymond L. Webster, Assistant to the Surgeon General of the Iowa Air National Guard and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his state and country.

Major General Raymond L. Webster earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Saint Louis University in 1974, followed later by a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Missouri in 1978, a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1983, and attended Air War College through correspondence in 2001.

In 1974, General Webster's long and distinguished career in America's armed forces began when he was commissioned as a Health Professions Scholarship Student at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine. He served on active duty in the Air Force from 1979–1986 as a squadron flight surgeon, resident in aerospace medicine, and chief of aeromedical services. In 1986, he joined the Iowa Air National Guard as a physician/flight surgeon and in 1993 became the 132nd Medical Squadron Commander. In 2001, General Webster became the first Air National Guard Medical Assistant to the Air Force's Space Command. Prior to this, he served as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Air Combat Command Surgeon General.

For the past 36 years, General Webster has served faithfully and honorably, earning a long list of military awards and decorations. Most recently, he will be receiving the Distinguished Service Medal from the President of the United States, as authorized by Congress. General Webster's long-standing commitment to the Iowa Air National Guard and his country has earned him the respect and honor of all who have served with him. For this I offer him my utmost congratulations and thanks.

I commend Major General Raymond L. Webster for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent General Webster in the United States Congress, and I wish him a happy retirement from the Iowa Air National Guard and all the best in his future endeavors.

WIPA AND PABSS EXTENSION ACT  
OF 2010

**HON. EARL POMEROY**

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2010*

Mr. POMEROY. Madam Speaker, today I join with my colleagues, SAM JOHNSON, Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Social Security, and JIM McDERMOTT, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, to introduce legislation to reauthorize the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program (WIPA) and the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) program. This bill will ensure that two programs which provide critical assistance for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability beneficiaries who are seeking to return to work continue for another year.

WIPA and PABSS were both originally established in the bipartisan Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999. WIPA provides \$23 million for community-based organizations to provide personalized assistance to help SSI and Social Security Disability Insurance (DI) recipients understand Social Security's complex work incentive policies and the effect that working will have on their benefits. In 2009, WIPA assisted over 37,000 SSI and DI beneficiaries who wanted to return to work. The PABSS program provides \$7 million in grants to designated Protection and Advocacy Systems to provide legal advocacy services that beneficiaries need to secure, maintain, or regain employment. In 2009, PABSS served nearly 9,000 beneficiaries.

This bill will extend the WIPA and PABSS programs for one year. It also includes two commonsense technical changes to conform the treatment of WIPA and PABSS grantees. The bill would require WIPA grantees to report annually on their services to the Commissioner of Social Security, as PABSS grantees do. Although there have been problems in the past with maintaining an electronic reporting system for this data, we believe those problems are resolved and expect the Social Security Administration to maintain its commitment to an effective system during this extension. The bill would also allow WIPA grantees, like PABSS grantees, to carry over some unspent funding for one year, which will allow for smoother and faster staffing transitions.

This bill does not increase government spending, since the funds will continue to come out of the Social Security Administration's existing administrative budget.

By extending WIPA and PABSS for a year, we reaffirm our commitment to these important work support programs, while also acknowledging the need to consider policy and funding changes in the near future. For example, in 2008, the Social Security Administration made important regulatory changes to address the disappointingly low participation in the early years of the Ticket program. If those changes are successful, they will increase the number of people who are able to transition to work, but they may also increase the number of people who need help from WIPA and PABSS or change the kind of help they need. Funding for WIPA and PABSS has not grown since they were created in 1999.

I urge your support for extending these important programs.

THE WIPA AND PABSS EXTENSION  
ACT OF 2010

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2010*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, today I have joined Representatives EARL POMEROY and SAM JOHNSON in introducing the WIPA and PABSS Extension of 2010 that will provide a one-year extension of the Work Incentives Planning Assistance (WIPA) and the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) programs. These programs provide valuable assistance that help Social Security disability beneficiaries, including Supplemental Security Income recipients, return to work. Through the use of community-based organizations, these programs provide one-on-one legal services and help ensure recipients understand the complex rules that govern their ability to return to work so they are compliant with the Social Security Administration's policies. I look forward to working with my colleagues on long-term reauthorization that continues the important work of these programs.

HONORING BROTHER JOHN G.  
DRISCOLL

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2010*

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Brother John G. Driscoll who passed away on September 21, 2010. Brother Driscoll served as the sixth president of his undergraduate alma mater, Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, from 1971 to 1995, where he also was a mathematics professor.

A New York City native and long-time member of the Congregation of Christian Brothers, Brother Driscoll earned a PhD in theoretical mathematics from Columbia University. He taught at all educational levels, including elementary and secondary schools in Manhattan and the West Indies, and colleges and universities in four states. In his nearly quarter century as Iona College's top administrator, Brother Driscoll left an impressive legacy in many academic and student life areas. He was inducted into Iona's Hall of Fame in 1994 for his significant contributions in enhancing Iona's athletic department, including expanding women's athletics, developing athletic scholarships in almost all sports and raising the competitive standing of Iona's teams. Because of his active leadership and involvement in a wide range of educational, civic and religious organizations, he also made a lasting mark throughout the broader community of New Rochelle, Westchester County and New York State.

After leaving Iona, Brother Driscoll combined his commitment to lifelong learning and teaching with his passion for Jewish-Catholic studies. In February 1989, Brother Driscoll was appointed director of the Bat Kol Institute