

group of concerned community members looking to provide non-medical support for individuals and their families during the last phases of life and grieving process. It has since gone on to become a cornerstone for end of life care in the region, serving 27 communities in central Maine. HVWA has gone on to expand their services through the establishment of Camp Ray of Hope, an award winning statewide program aimed at bringing together those who have lost loved ones to illness, accidents, suicide, and homicide, as well as Hope's Place—a youth peer counseling program.

For anyone who finds themselves in this position, the last stages of life are often filled with tumultuous emotions, pain, and fear. The services which the staff and volunteers at HVWA provide to their neighbors during a period of ultimate vulnerability are truly remarkable. At no cost to patients or their families, volunteers operate a multitude of support groups, direct care companionship and bereavement counseling.

There is no way to quantify the value of HVWA to the central Maine region. For thirty years, they have remained a steadfast beacon of compassion, understanding and comfort for those who need it most. I wish them the very best going forward, and I hope their example stands as a testament to what can be achieved through the kindness of the human spirit.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area for their three decades of devoted service to their community.

RETIREMENT OF DAVE NEWBY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a man who spent a majority of his career fighting for the rights of Wisconsin workers, the current President of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, David Newby. After years of service to workers in the State of Wisconsin, Dave is retiring this year. Although his leadership and dedication to the labor movement will be greatly missed, his contributions will not be forgotten.

For 16 years, Dave has led the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, a federation of over 1,000 local unions, representing 250,000 Wisconsin workers. Dave was determined to achieve economic justice in the workplace and social justice in Wisconsin communities, and throughout the years he has had tremendous success accomplishing these goals. One issue at the forefront of Dave's agenda was to ensure quality health care for Wisconsin workers. In 2003, the Wisconsin AFL-CIO created the Wisconsin Health Care Partnership Plan, an innovative proposal that strengthened the debate in Wisconsin on how to solve the health care crisis. In 2007, this plan was combined with other health care proposals to become "Healthy Wisconsin: Your Choice, Your Plan," a plan to provide health care for all.

Dave's passion for equality and helping others goes back to his involvement in the civil rights and anti-war movements during the 1960s and 1970s. After the movements, Dave taught history at the Tuskegee Institute in Ala-

bama before becoming a teaching and project assistant at the University of Wisconsin. His first labor leadership role came in 1982 when he was elected President of the Madison Labor Council. During this time Dave literally showcased how far he was willing to go to advocate for the labor movement during a strike against Greyhound. Dave stood in front of a fast-moving bus driven by a strikebreaker, forcing it to come to a screeching stop.

In 1986, Dave became the secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO where his hard work and enthusiasm to help other unions helped him win the election for AFL-CIO President in 1994. In addition to his commitment to improved health care, minimum wage increases, family and medical leave, improved health and safety on the job, and plant closing notifications, Dave also spent his years leading the AFL-CIO reshaping the labor movement. He recognized that in order to achieve success, it was essential to build relationships with local communities and involve the general public. This transformation brought increased success and visibility to Wisconsin labor.

The AFL-CIO and the Wisconsin workers it represents will surely miss the hard work, courageous advocacy, and genuine dedication of Dave Newby. Personally, I will greatly miss his leadership, advocacy and vast knowledge. I wish Dave the happiest retirement and thank him for the work he has done to support Wisconsin's working families and their communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRADING POST TRAIN SHOP

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 60th anniversary of the Trading Post Train Shop located on Pearl Road in Cleveland's Old Brooklyn neighborhood. I also recognize its owner, Mr. James Berilla.

The Trading Post Train Shop opened in the fall of 1950 under its first owner Ralph Brown. Mr. Brown discovered a community-wide clientele of train enthusiasts of all ages. Forty years later, he sold the shop to the current owner. Sixty years later, the Trading Post Train Shop serves clients including second and third generation patrons. The shop fills orders from throughout Ohio and across the country.

The Trading Post Train Shop carries Lionel model trains and collectibles for sale or trade. The busiest time of year for the Train Shop is always the December holiday season. Model trains with real smoke, metal tracks and whistles continue to be a treasured American holiday tradition, circling Christmas trees in millions of homes every December.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the Trading Post Train Shop, its patrons, past owner Ralph Brown and current owner James Berilla. Images of trains racing through a tunnel, across the desert or atop a bridge remain deeply embedded within the spirit of our nation. They reflect the great frontier, innovation, adventurous spirit and en-

ergy that define America. The legacy of the train will always manifest the trailblazing spirit Cleveland's small business owners, whose sense of independence and innovation are vital rails along the economic track running from Cleveland, Ohio to all points across our nation.

HONORING BILL FELTON

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, Bill Felton of Knoxville, Tennessee, is one of the most respected men in my District. His military career and civic service make him admired by everyone fortunate to know him.

Bill Felton is a leading expert in the transportation field. His education began at the University of Tennessee, where he majored in transportation and received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He soon found himself in the United States Army Transportation Corps, rising to top leadership positions.

Bill's long and distinguished career in the Corps began with his commission as Second Lieutenant and lasted three decades, when he retired as a Colonel. During his time in the military, Bill was stationed mostly at the U.S. Army Transportation Corps' headquarters at Fort Eustis, Virginia, where he became an expert in transportation and logistical matters for the military.

During his military career, Bill continued his training and education through many courses, including instruction at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and the completion of the Defense Advanced Traffic Management Course, Transportation Movements Officer Extension Course, and Transportation Corps Career Officer Course. He also graduated from the Command and General Staff College.

Bill loves the military and does everything he can to help those in active service; but he has always had an especially soft spot for Veterans.

He is the founder of the East Tennessee Veteran's Memorial Association and is largely responsible for the Veterans Memorial at World's Fair Park in downtown Knoxville.

Bill has always felt very strongly about our Nation and is very patriotic. Never one to sit by idly and complain, he has always taken an active role in politics. He served as President of the West Knoxville Republican Club and Executive Committee Member of the Knox County Republican Party.

His other civic contributions include serving as Vice President of the Knoxville Convention and Visitor's Bureau and on the Board of Directors of the Bijou Art Center. He also worked tirelessly for the Knoxville Dogwood Arts Festival, Girls' Club, Knoxville Rotary Club, and rose to top leadership at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce.

Bill is also a respected businessman who is a leader in the life insurance industry. Several articles he wrote on the industry have been published nationally, and he is the former President of the Knoxville Association of Life Underwriters.

Madam Speaker, I do not see how anyone could love this Country more than Bill Felton.

I call his service and devotion to the United States and his Community to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

INTRODUCING A HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a concurrent resolution to support the goals and ideals of National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, in recognition of the people who have died on our streets, in emergency shelters, condemned or abandoned properties, and from elements directly related to homelessness.

On or near the first day of winter and the longest night of the year, National Homeless Persons' Memorial events have been held nationwide every year since 1990 to remember the homeless persons whose lives and deaths might otherwise go without any public recognition.

Throughout my home state of Florida, this important day is being recognized, along with over 200 other local municipalities, organizations, and statewide organizations throughout the United States. With the support of the National Coalition for the Homeless, National Consumer Advisory Board, and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day brings attention to the tragedy of homelessness and to remember our homeless neighbors and friends who have paid the ultimate price for our nation's failure to end homelessness.

The statistics are daunting: more than half a million people in the United States do not have a place to call home each night and half of them are without shelter; nationwide each year, an estimated 2,000,000 people experience homelessness; and the mortality rate among homeless populations has been shown to be almost four times that of the general population.

As American citizens, it is not only our desire to help those in need; it is our duty to provide every homeless man, woman, and child with a place to sleep at night, an opportunity to sustain economic stability, and the right to access health care.

On June 22, 2010, President Obama and Members of Congress were presented with "Opening Doors: the federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness" which describes how the federal government will partner with states, local communities, non-profit organizations and the private sector. This resolution provides us with the opportunity to commend the efforts of the States, territories, and possessions of the United States who support the goals and ideals of National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, to encourage those not already doing so, and to salute the dedicated professionals and organizations who provide assistance 365 days a year to people in need.

It is time we acknowledge, as a nation, all of the people in our country living on the

streets who have paid the ultimate price for our failure to end homelessness. In remembering those who died on the streets, the cause of ending homelessness is kept urgent as is the Nation's collective commitment to preventing such deaths in the future.

I urge my colleagues to support this House Concurrent Resolution and reaffirm Congress' commitment to ending homelessness by promoting a comprehensive national response that addresses the housing, health care, income, and civil rights causal factors and consequences of extreme poverty. Let us make this year's first night of winter and longest night of the year, December 21, 2010, a true national day.

RECOGNIZING MILITARY MEDICAL AND AIR CREWS

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 1605, which recognizes the service of medical and air crews in helping our wounded warriors make the expeditious and safe trip home to the United States and commends the personnel of the Air Force for their commitment to the well-being of all our service men and women.

The Air Force's Aeromedical Evacuation Squadrons help guarantee that our wounded soldiers are quickly reunited with their families and given the best medical care in U.S. hospitals. Since September 11, 2001, Aeromedical Evacuation flights have been responsible for transporting over 81,000 patients from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, yielding a 98 percent survival rate for injured soldiers. Today, a soldier injured on the battlefield in Afghanistan or Iraq will be back in an American hospital in an average of three days. This is over seven days faster than during Operation Desert Storm and over 40 days quicker than during the conflict in Vietnam.

As a veteran who was wounded in Vietnam, I was flown into Travis Air Force Base in Northern California. Travis Air Force Base is now home to the 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. These physicians, nurses and medical technicians go above and beyond the call of duty every day.

I am honored to bring this resolution to the floor and remain committed to supporting our Armed Forces.

HONORING BOB WHITLEY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Bob Whitley.

As President of the United States Tour Operators Association, Bob Whitley dedicated his life to promoting travel, tourism and building lasting friendships. I am proud and honored to have worked with such a caring and dedicated

professional on issues so important for our nation.

In my efforts to advance current legislation providing United States citizens the freedom to travel to Cuba, I seized an opportunity to visit New York City and create national media discussion of the issue. Accompanying me on that trip in September 2009 was Bob Whitley, truly one of the most knowledgeable and respected travel industry leaders.

As our trip progressed, I came to know Bob for the man he was and the legacy he would leave behind. His passion for United States generated tourism and his love for people around the world drew us together. This past March, Bob helped organize and lead the U.S. Cuba Travel Summit in Cancun, Mexico—an event that drew strong participation from both nations in an effort to open communications and discuss easing travel restrictions.

Bob passed away in May, and his funeral included an unrivaled gathering of travel industry colleagues and friends. Today, I add my name as one of his greatest admirers.

Bob held many distinguished positions throughout his career, including Director of both the Florida and Pennsylvania Departments of Tourism, Director of the Virginia Beach Convention and Tourist Bureau, and an incredible thirty-two years at the United States Tour Operators Association. Because of his outstanding record, Bob has been recognized internationally many times. This year, he will receive the 2010 National Tour Association Pioneer Award, an honor given to career leaders in tourism. I am proud to be a past recipient of this same award and it is my honor to share it with Bob.

In addition to his career accomplishments, Bob was an avid golfer and enjoyed traveling to new destinations around the globe, eventually visiting over 100 countries. He leaves his wife, two sons, a daughter, their spouses, and his grandchildren to carry on.

The travel industry has lost a giant, with Bob's passing. We will miss him.

HONORING JOSEPH BARBAGLIA

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Joseph Barbaglia, a successful businessman, person of faith and selfless community volunteer.

Joe and his business partner Guy Bopp are owners of Southwest Hill Auto Parts Inc. They are celebrating their 25th year in business at the same location in the famous "Hill" neighborhood in the City of St. Louis. Joe's business is one of the most successful and reputable auto parts firms in the St. Louis region, and Joe is a member of business organizations that are dedicated to providing quality service and products to the general public; groups such as the Better Business Bureau, the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers, the Hill Business Association and the Professional Business Men. Additionally, he is also on the Board of Directors of Eagle Bank.

Joe Barbaglia is a faithful leader in his church serving on various committees for the good of St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Joe has been instrumental in the success of such