

In 1999, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson opened its first office in California to design Pixar Animation Studios. It was at this time the firm established its relationship with Apple founder and CEO Steve Jobs. Over the years Apple has hired Bohlin Cywinski and Jackson to design multiple Apple stores across the country, including its famous location on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

Today, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson maintains offices in Wilkes-Barre, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Seattle, and San Francisco. The firm currently has almost 200 employees.

Over the years, Mr. Bohlin and his firms have been recognized for their work on hundreds of occasions by the Pennsylvania Society of Architects, AIA, Business Week, the National Parks Service, and the Society of American Registered Architects, among others.

Among his award-winning portfolio of projects, he has designed Seattle's City Hall, buildings throughout the campuses of Yale University and Syracuse University, and the Pocono Environmental Education Center in Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Bohlin on this remarkable achievement. From his humble beginnings in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Mr. Bohlin has established himself as one of our country's premier architects.

**HONORING KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kennebec Behavioral Health on its 50th year of providing health care to central Maine residents.

Kennebec Behavioral Health (KBH) is dedicated to providing high quality, innovative, community-based services and to improving the lives of central Maine residents who experience mental illness, emotional difficulties or behavioral challenges. Founded in 1960 by Dr. Charles Rothstein as the Community Mental Health Center of Central Maine, KBH has grown by leaps and bounds. Today, Kennebec Behavioral Health employs over 340 Mainers in the service of helping their neighbors in need. With medical clinics in Augusta, Skowhegan, Waterville and Winthrop, KBH serves more than 12,000 children and adults every year.

Mainers far and wide have come to rely on the dedication and devotion of KBH and its employees. The programs and services offered demonstrate a keen understanding of mental and behavioral trauma across age and economic demographics. With many Mainers generally unable to afford the level of care provided by Kennebec Behavioral Health, the organization makes over \$2.5 million dollars available in financial assistance each year. Governor Baldacci recently proclaimed June 16 as "Kennebec Behavioral Health Day" in recognition of the effectiveness of KBH's mental health services.

I am pleased to share in the recognition of Kennebec Behavioral Health as they reach this important milestone.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating Kennebec Behavioral Health on reaching

ing a half century of service to the residents of central Maine.

**FOOTBALL RETURNS TO LAMAR UNIVERSITY**

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is September and back home in Texas that can only mean one thing—football season is in full swing. Each week helmets are buckled and cleats are tied as hundreds of teams line up to compete across the state, from the Pop Warner leagues up to the professionals. I was honored to be a part of history as the Lamar University Cardinals played and won its first home game in over twenty years against the Weber International University Warriors.

Lamar University began playing football in 1923, when it was known as South Park Junior College. The team was a Southland Conference power in the late 1960s, notching four championships in seven years. In 1989, the program was discontinued, forcing alumni and football fans in the area to choose a new favorite college team. Now, after several years of hard work, the Cardinals are back on the gridiron with all of Southeast Texas supporting them.

The first steps towards bringing football back to Lamar were taken in January 2008, as the student body voted for a tuition increase to help fund the program. That tells you all you need to know about the hunger for football in Southeast Texas. Lamar University President Dr. James Simmons and Athletic Director Billy Tubbs searched long and hard for the coach who could oversee the rebirth of the football program from the ground up. The right man for the job was 20-year coaching veteran and former NFL player Ray Woodard. He assembled a staff of experienced coaches and developed an offensive and defensive scheme without a single player recruited.

When it came time to recruit players, Coach Woodard made good on his promise to attract local talent. Nine of his starters come from the area and he has eleven additional local backups. Leading the offense is Quarterback Andre Bevil, who played high school football a short drive down the road at West Orange-Stark. The defense is headed by former West Brook High School standout Jacody Coleman. Lamar is a young team with no senior starters, leaving the Cardinals with a bright future.

The Cardinals opened their returning season in Lake Charles, Louisiana, with a nail-biting 30–27 loss to longtime rival and nationally ranked McNeese State University. There was little time to lament, as the following week was sure to be one of the biggest events in Southeast Texas sports history—the return of football to Lamar University.

As I made my way through the Lamar campus on September 11, the sights I saw amazed me. Fans wearing red and white were lined up as far as the eye can see, enjoying the spirit of community that only college football can bring. I met some alumni who had been there battling the intense Texas heat since noon, others who flew in from across the Nation to witness the first home game in 21 years.

By kickoff time, the standing room only crowd of 16,600 was as loud and excited as I have ever seen. Less than two minutes into the game, Quarterback Bevil hit wide receiver J.J. Hayes for a 25-yard touchdown pass that had the newly remodeled Provost Umphrey stadium rocking. The Warriors evened the score at 7–7 in the first quarter. Then, both defenses stood strong, not allowing a score until Bevil threw a 57-yard touchdown pass to receiver Kendrick Prejean towards the end of the third quarter. In the end, the Cardinals prevailed 21–14, lead by Bevil and another local talent, former Lumberton running back Cody Hussey on the offense. Linebacker Asim Hick led the defense with 8 tackles and a sack.

Madam Speaker, after years of rumors and false starts, football has returned to Lamar University in grand fashion. The team is loaded with local, talented players. They have beautiful new facilities that help bring in the "big game" college experience. I am proud to celebrate the hard work that numerous people put in to bring college football back to Lamar University. I wish them the best of luck in the future. Finally, GO BIG RED!!

And that's the way it is.

**CONDEMNING REMOVAL OF MOJAVE CROSS MEMORIAL**

**SPEECH OF**

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, as has been mentioned the monument that is being debated has stood in the Mojave Desert for 75 years to honor our veterans. It stood there, that is, until the night of May 9th when vandals stole it. This memorial was a 7-foot cross that has endured much turmoil including a recent legal attempt to have the cross removed, which was turned away by the Supreme Court.

Those responsible for the disappearance of the cross have shown disrespect for both veterans and this Nation's legal process.

I would also like to commend the VFW for their determination in the face of this disrespectful act. They have vowed that the memorial will be rebuilt and are offering a \$125,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

President George Washington once said, "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were appreciated by their nation."

I think President Washington would agree that this appreciation includes allowing our veterans' memorials to stand in honor of them.

**IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF NASA'S OBSERVANCE OF 2010 HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of NASA Glenn Research Center's annual observance of Hispanic Heritage

Month, which was organized by the Hispanic Advisory Group at NASA Glenn. As employees at NASA celebrate the heritage, culture and numerous contributions of Hispanic Americans in Greater Cleveland and throughout our country, we reflect on this year's theme: "Heritage, Diversity, Integrity and Honor; The Renewed Hope of America."

Americans of Hispanic descent have served our country in numerous ways. Their rich and diverse culture has touched the life of every American and has been an invaluable component of Cleveland's diverse social fabric.

I also rise in honor of this year's keynote speaker, NASA astronaut Jose M. Hernandez, who was part of the crew aboard the space shuttle flight, *Discovery*, from liftoff on August 28, through touchdown on September 11, 2009. His leadership and expertise in the fields of chemical, computer and electrical engineering have promoted great strides in several areas of scientific study.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, of the NASA Glenn Research Center and of Astronaut, Jose Hernandez. The innumerable contributions made by Hispanic Americans have added immeasurably to NASA Glenn's unparalleled global record of success.

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**HONORING LAKE PARSIPPANY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

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**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company, District #3 located in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

In 1935, a group of concerned citizens, recognizing the need for fire protection in the Lake Parsippany area, began taking steps toward the formation of the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company. The Fire Company was formally organized in early September with incorporation formalities approved on November 2, 1935.

Determined to start the company off successfully, members loaned money to purchase some fire equipment and a committee was formed to investigate the possibility of purchasing a used fire truck. By December 1935, just one month after organizing, the company had acquired its first fire truck from the Livingston Fire Company. The Morris Plains Fire Association provided fire rings with which to summon members to a fire.

In the early days, meetings were held in the residences of Mr. Peter Yeager and Mr. Edward Flanagan. The Lake Parsippany Property Owners Association Club House eventually became the gathering place.

After establishing a place to meet, the next step members took was to obtain a suitable location to house the fire truck. Land was purchased from the New York Daily Mirror and construction was started on the firehouse in August 1936. Through the efforts of its members organizing dances and raffles and the help from generous contributors, the Fire Company had become a fully functioning fire company just one year after organizing.

Shortly after their first anniversary in December 1936, the Fire Company welcomed the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company. The Auxiliary performed remarkable work for the firefighters and are credited with the company's steadfast progress. The Ladies Auxiliary spent many nights supplying hot coffee in the freezing weather while the members were engaged with firefighting duties.

The passing years have seen continued improvements for the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company. In the year 2002, the company moved across the street to their new home. However, the old firehouse still continues to serve the community as a substation for the Parsippany Rescue and Recovery Unit. In 2007 the Company added a 75 ft. Pierce Ladder Truck.

The Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company continues to welcome new members into an organization dedicated to protecting their community and living out their motto: "Neighbor protecting and helping neighbor."

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company, District #3 as they celebrate 75 years of community service.

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**RECOGNIZING REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA'S AMBASSADOR CAROLINA BARCO**

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**HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks on my own behalf and on behalf of my fellow co-chairs of the Congressional Colombia Caucus which includes Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART, Representative HENRY CUELLAR, and Representative AARON SCHOCK. As co-chairs of the Caucus, we recognize today the tremendous work and legacy of the Republic of Colombia's outgoing Ambassador to the United States, Carolina Barco. Since 2006 Ambassador Barco has been an exemplary representative of the government and people of Colombia. She has worked tirelessly to deepen the ties between the United States and the nation of Colombia, a key South American ally.

Ambassador Carolina Barco has been an effective advocate on behalf of her country ensuring that we are well aware of the many ways that the United States can support a promising vision for the future and the continued progress of our ally, to the benefit of our entire hemisphere. There has been much progress for us to support. While she has been Ambassador to the United States, we have seen evidence of the commitment of Colombia to continue efforts to reestablish and maintain government control over its territory, fight drug trafficking and terrorist activities, reduce poverty, and become a more inclusive society. Despite Colombia's decades long conflict with guerrilla forces and paramilitary groups, public security has been restored in many areas previously under siege, and a stable environment for investment has been created.

As Ambassador Barco passes the baton to her successor, we know that her country is on

strong footing and her work here in the United States has created long lasting relationships that will continue to be fruitful; though she is leaving her legacy lives on. We wish her well on her future endeavors.

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**IN RECOGNITION OF HOWARD O'NEIL**

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**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Chief O'Neil, a resident of New Jersey and dedicated member of the Neptune Township police. Chief O'Neil has recently completed 40 years and 4 months of distinguished service in the township of Neptune and will be retiring this winter. I applaud Chief O'Neil's achievements and dedication and recognize his work which serves as an inspiration to us all.

A native resident of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, Chief O'Neil's career of public service began in 1964 when he served in the New Jersey National Guard until 1970. He was then assigned to the patrol division of Neptune Township Police until 1979. During his career on the force, O'Neil earned several promotions, including Sergeant in 1981, Lieutenant in 1985, Captain in 1987, Deputy Chief of Police in 1996 and most recently, Chief of Police in 2003. Furthermore, he remained an outstanding member, former president and vice president to the Policeman Benevolent Association as well as the Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge.

Chief O'Neil's civic achievements have also helped to form numerous organizations devoted to further advancing the safety and well-being of the Monmouth County community. In 1994, he chaired a committee that established a fund that gives monetary donations to families of officers who were killed in the line of duty. In addition, he helped establish an education fund as well as a fund for healthcare for special case residents of the area. Moreover, O'Neil has served or continues to serve on multiple organizations, including the New Jersey Governor's Awards committee and Attorney General's Awards committee.

Chief O'Neil's enthusiasm for service extends well beyond his call of duty as a police officer as evident in his active community leadership. A true member and devotee to his community, he has dedicated his time to coaching numerous youth sports teams including little league, recreational basketball and soccer, and travelling boys and girls soccer. The youth and families of Neptune Township are fortunate to have benefited from Chief O'Neil's energetic service and civic participation.

Chief O'Neil has tirelessly devoted his time to his community and epitomizes what it means to give back. Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledgement of the extraordinary contributions of Chief Howard O'Neil. He is a greatly valued citizen of the State of New Jersey, and I am honored to recognize him today.