

quickly assigned to Ladder 3 on 4 group where he spent the next six years before transferring to Ladder 2. Chief Lewison served as Captain of Engine 7 on 3 group in 1992 and was then assigned to Rescue 1 on 4 group. After eight years, Chief Lewison was transferred to Engine 10 on 4 platoon and continued on to Ladder 2. In 2001, Chief Lewison was made Battalion Chief on 2 group and then transferred to Battalion 1 on 1 group. After 28 years of dutiful service, Chief Lewison retired on May 1, 2010.

Chief Larry Wilson joined the Camden City Fire Department in 1981 after serving as a U.S. Marine from 1972–1975 and attending school at Rutgers University and Camden County College. Chief Wilson was assigned to Engine 6 on 3 group before transferring to both Engine 7 and Ladder 3. After his promotion to Captain of Engine 7 in 1996, Chief Wilson was transferred to Engine 11 and then promoted to Battalion Chief of Battalion 2 on group 3. After 28½ years of service, Chief Wilson retired on April 1, 2010. The proud father of four children, Chief Wilson and his wife, Joan, have nine grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, the commitment of Chief Kevin Hailey, Chief Ralph Roberts, Chief Maurice Wilson, Chief Darryl Lewison and Chief Larry Wilson to the community of Camden, New Jersey should not go unrecognized. I express my deepest appreciation to these men for their dedication and unwavering loyalty to the Camden City Fire Department.

TRIBUTE TO COMMISSIONER FRANK HALAS

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Southwest Florida's most outstanding public servants, Collier County Commissioner Frank Halas, who is retiring after an exceptional career.

Frank has served on the Collier County Board of Commissioners for the last eight years, and during his time on the Board, he has been a strong force for the people of Collier County and all of Southwest Florida. One of his top priorities has been the preservation and protection of the Vanderbilt Beach area in Naples, and he has fought tirelessly to protect our region's delicate environment and water resources.

Frank's public service did not start with his stint on the Board of Commissioners, and I doubt it will end there. He enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduating from high school, and after 31 years with the Ford Motor Company in Michigan, he retired to Southwest Florida, where the "quiet and sophistication" of the area appealed to him and his family.

During his time here in our part of paradise, Frank has held countless positions on numerous civic and charitable organizations throughout Southwest Florida. He's the type of person who believes in giving back to his community tenfold and has done just that. From his work with the VFW, the Taxpayers Action Group, the Collier Audubon Society, and the Estuary Conservation Association, he has worked to make Southwest Florida a great place to live, work and visit.

Frank's enthusiasm and passion for serving the community is inspiring. He is the type of elected official that all of us in public service strive to be—accessible, dedicated, and effective.

I'd like to recognize Frank's wife, Diane, and his six children and nine grandchildren, for their support during his public service—I know he couldn't have accomplished so much without their love and support.

Madam Speaker, although we are sad to see him leave the Collier County Board of Commissioners, Southwest Florida is better off today because of Frank Halas' tireless work. I wish Frank and his family all the best as he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE CAREER OF PASTOR DAVID STANDFEST

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and career of Pastor David Standfest of Williamsburg, Michigan. Pastor Standfest is the founder of the New Hope Community Church in Williamsburg and is retiring after 30 years of tireless service to his church and his local community.

David Standfest was born in Owosso, Michigan on May 14th, 1947. Early on, David knew that he wanted to have an impact in his local community and understood one of the best ways to affect positive change was through the church. David enrolled at Owosso Bible College following high school, where he studied to become a pastor and played basketball. After graduation in 1970, David served as a pastor in the Owosso area until moving to Traverse City in 1980, where he became the pastor at Bayview Wesleyan Church.

In 1990, Pastor Standfest founded the New Hope Community Church in Williamsburg. The church started humbly in an area home with only a congregation of eight people. But Pastor Standfest would not be deterred in his commitment to serving the people of northern Michigan. With hard work, the New Hope Community Church grew to a congregation of over 1,400 devoted worshippers. Aside from the home campus in Williamsburg, the New Hope Community Church expanded to three locations across northern Michigan (Traverse City, Bellaire and Petoskey) in order to expand its services to families in the area.

In Williamsburg, the New Hope Community Church boasts a full size gym for active children and youth programs, and a 1,450 seat auditorium for local school and community college events such as graduations, banquets and other ceremonies. The administration building holds 13 offices and family counseling rooms and a community center that accommodates 250 people for various area events.

While this economic crisis continues to weigh down families in northern Michigan, Pastor Standfest has been there to help those who are struggling in every way possible. The first 5 percent of all offerings that New Hope Community Church receives go to help area families with housing issues and other financial difficulties. Pastor Standfest started a food pantry that is open seven days a week and has helped thousands of families put food on

the table. The church also offers "Care" ministries that provide attentive counselors to help local residents through this tough period.

Madam Speaker, Pastor David Standfest has devoted his life to helping the people of northern Michigan in any way he can. His untiring dedication to his community, especially during this recession, is a true inspiration and should be commended. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing and honoring Pastor Standfest's lifetime of commitment and hard work.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF THE OMAHA WORLD-HERALD

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, In 1885, former Congressman and Senator Gilbert Hitchcock founded what would become the largest employee-owned newspaper, and the newspaper with the highest percentage of subscribers in a home circulation area, in the United States. This paper, the Omaha World-Herald, recently celebrated its 125th anniversary of bringing the news to Nebraskans' and Iowans' hands and homes.

The Omaha World-Herald has won many awards through the years, including three Pulitzer Prizes for coverage of the senseless violence against African-Americans in Omaha in 1919, the large-scale scrap-metal drive in Nebraska during World War II, and an emotional photograph of a World War II soldier's homecoming to Iowa. One of its most recent awards was bestowed by the Columbia Journalism Review for its coverage of the war in Afghanistan.

Notably, the Omaha World-Herald is one of the few remaining independently-owned papers with statewide coverage. This is shown in its localized content and strong commitment to community. Congratulations to the Omaha World-Herald on 125 years of reporting and serving Nebraska's communities.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF JOHN H. BUSTAMANTE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of John H. Bustamante, devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend and mentor. Mr. Bustamante's great achievements in fields of publishing, law and business are only matched by his leadership in the civil rights movement.

Mr. Bustamante was born in Santiago, Cuba, and moved with his family to Florida. He graduated from Stanton High School in Jacksonville, Florida, and later attended Boston University where he shared a room with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His friendship with Dr. King inspired his lifelong involvement in the civil rights movement. Their friendship remained strong until Dr. King's tragic death in 1968.

After graduating from Boston University, Mr. Bustamante went to Harvard University where he earned a law degree. He became an internationally recognized attorney and served as legal counsel for high-profile figures like Dr. King and the Reverend Jesse Jackson. Mr. Bustamante obtained a charter to form a national bank called First Bank. It grew to become the largest minority-owned bank in the nation. He also formed his own publishing company and in the process met and became lifelong friends with William O. Walker, founder and publisher of the Call & Post. Mr. Bustamante served the Call & Post in many ways, including as legal representative. When Mr. Walker passed away, Mr. Bustamante became the sole stockholder and publisher of the Call & Post. He served with integrity for more than thirty years until his retirement in 1998.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and remembrance of John H. Bustamante, whose life was lived with great love for family, friends and community. Mr. Bustamante's legacy extends from Cleveland, Ohio, to places around the world. Moreover, Mr. Bustamante was a devoted husband to Mary, cherished father of Michael, Sonali, Andre and Kamala; devoted stepfather to Ronald, Marcus and Patrick, and devoted grandfather. His energy, leadership and work on behalf of civil rights, peace and justice elevated our Nation's pursuit of civil rights for all. His kindness, service and devotion made our world a better place. He will never be forgotten.

A TRIBUTE TO DEMETRICE MILLS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Demetrice Mills for his contributions to the Brooklyn community.

Demetrice Mills was born and raised in North Carolina on the family farm. In 1971, after graduating from high school, he moved to Brooklyn, New York to find a job and make a better life for himself.

Throughout the years, Mr. Mills has volunteered his time and energy in a number of ways to help his community. He is considered the "Mayor of the block" and a source of information. He is the President of the Block Association and a true community activist, always looking for ways to help and willing to speak out for the community on issues of concern.

Mr. Mills has worked in the insurance, manufacturing, and financial industries throughout his career. He was employed by JPMorgan Chase for over 25 years, and is now a retired financial information business system specialist. He has worked in the field of computer information and technology for over 38 years.

Since his retirement, he has dedicated even more of his time to the community by volunteering with a number of community groups. Mr. Mills tries to educate and inspire people of all ages to become involved in their communities.

Mr. Mills is the Board President of the Brooklyn Queens Land Trust Community Gardens, which consists of 29 community gardens in Brooklyn and 5 in Queens. Community gardening is an important way of building on a

community's assets by providing a source of healthy fruits and vegetables and a vibrant social setting for the community.

Mr. Mills is a volunteer member of Bedford Academy High School PTA, a member of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Block Association, the President of the Classon Ful-Gate Block Association, Executive Director of the Classon Ful-Gate Block Association Community Garden, member of Community Board 3, member of BedStuy Alive, Treasurer of the 79th Precinct Community Council, Co-Chairperson of the Scholarship Campaign for the 79th Precinct Community Council College Scholarship Committee, and is a 2007 Graduate of the New York City Police Department Citizen's Academy.

Demetrice and his wife Dorothy co-chair the 79th Precinct College Scholarship Campaign Committee. The College Scholarship Campaign is an annual campaign to help local high school graduating seniors looking to further their education and hoping to obtain a college degree. Over the last three years, the 79th Precinct Community Council has been able to assist numerous deserving young graduating seniors who live or attend school in the community.

Demetrice and Dorothy have been together for more than 38 years, and have been married for 28 years. They have four children and two grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Demetrice Mills.

RECOGNIZING VETERANS GREEN JOBS FOR ITS INVOLVEMENT IN THE MILITARY HOUSING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Veterans Green Jobs, VGJ, for its efforts to create green jobs for military veterans while also helping to improve environmental efficiency through the Military Housing Energy Efficiency Project, MHEEP.

Thanks to the support from the Sierra Club's Military Families Initiative, a partnership between the Sierra Club and Walmart, VGJ worked with the Laborers International Union of North America, LiUNA, to establish a month long training program to certify veterans in energy auditing and weatherization work. The program also provided career and professional development services.

In the fall, VGJ's partnership with LiUNA allowed the newly trained veterans to weatherize 50 military homes in Virginia. VGJ worked with the Virginia National Guard, members of Congress, Veterans Service Organizations, and several other regional organizations to identify military family homes to receive energy audit and weatherization services. Through these initiatives, VGJ produced cost savings for military families.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Veterans Green Jobs, in coordination with the Sierra Club and Walmart, for its involvement with the MHEEP to create green jobs for military veterans and

improve environmental efficiency in military homes.

CONGRATULATING SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Saint Vincent de Paul School in Peoria, Illinois on being named a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

Saint Vincent de Paul joined only 50 other private schools throughout the nation in receiving this recognition. The school was nominated by the Council for American Private Education, also known as CAPE. By being recognized with the award, Saint Vincent de Paul has demonstrated its successes in ensuring students achieve exceptionally high national test scores.

I applaud the concerted effort it took to elevate the school's test scores to such an extraordinary level. As I honor this school I must remind this body that while this award is presented to Saint Vincent de Paul School, the award really reflects the combined efforts of all those involved with the school. As former Peoria School Board President, I know that every successful school has the trinity of skilled educators, committed students and involved parents as a base.

Also, on a personal note, I always find it impressive to see a school allow for students' academic and personal development. As such, I must applaud the school's commitment to the mission to "generate outstanding academic achievement and expect students to be confident leaders with a strong positive and moral impact on the community." I'm certain that Saint Vincent de Paul will not only continue to flourish as an institution for years to come, but that its young students will eventually become active leaders in Peoria, Illinois and throughout these United States.

Again, congratulations Saint Vincent de Paul School.

HONORING MR. ROMAN TOTENBERG'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Mr. Roman Totenberg's 100th birthday. Mr. Totenberg is a world-class violinist and a beloved educator. January 1, 2011, will mark the 100th birthday of this gifted musician, whose talents on stage and in the classroom have enriched the lives of many people.

Mr. Totenberg was born in Lodz, Poland. He says he "accidentally" started playing the violin when he was a little boy because a neighbor who babysat him played the instrument. By the age of six, he was playing consistently and has practiced the violin everyday since.