

motor control and speech production. Additionally, he has authored or edited over 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles, 39 book chapters and six books.

Dr. Jordan is a devoted member of many professional organizations and has received myriad accolades throughout his career, including the 2009 ACM/AAAI Allen Newell Award and the 2006 IEEE Neural Networks Pioneer Award. He is also a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science and President of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (2010–2011).

Moreover, Dr. Jordan's status as an internationally recognized, eminent scientist has allowed him to travel throughout the world to provide hundreds of invited lectures and scientific presentations at refereed conferences.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, I want to thank Dr. Michael I. Jordan for his groundbreaking scientific work. We congratulate Dr. Jordan on his acceptance into both The National Academy of Engineering and the National Academy of Sciences, and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

JOHN HALLMARK ROBERTSON

**HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John Hallmark Robertson, of Branson, CO, who passed away on August 17th, 2010.

John was born in Branson, CO on February 14th, 1922 to Lon and Nettie (Hallmark) Robertson. He had two older sisters, Louise and Georgie, and grew up primarily in the area he ranched most of his life. He went to school at Tobe and Kim CO, graduating from Kim in 1941. Following graduation John enlisted in the Navy and served as sonar operator on an anti-submarine patrol in the South Pacific during WWII. After the war he came home and began work at putting together the ranch and home that he would enjoy for the remainder of his life.

John married June Green of Branson, CO on September 14th, 1950 in La Junta, CO. Together they raised their five children on the ranch that John and his father started. The ranch was his livelihood, his treasure, his church, and his responsibility and he didn't take any of those lightly. John was proud of his children and their accomplishments and the fact that they all learned to stand up for themselves and their families. He enjoyed being around, playing with and talking to his 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was an ardent supporter of the opposition effort against the expansion of the Piñon Canyon maneuver site. He spent countless hours writing letters and poems that were printed regularly in many of the newspapers in the area in an effort to help people understand the potential atrocity. Although John preferred and felt it necessary to work every day, a hobby of sorts in later years came from his love of cutting wood and posts with his chainsaw. No matter the time of year or the temperature, relaxation for him consisted of gassing and sharpening up his saw and spending an entire morning in "the cedars" cutting wood or posts.

He will be missed, and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this difficult time.

IN HONOR OF TOMMY IRVIN,  
GEORGIA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tommy Irvin, an accomplished public servant and a personal friend. He is retiring after devoting over 40 years to his state and country, serving as the Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture.

His 54-plus years of public service began in 1956, when he was elected to the Habersham County Board of Education. From there, he went on to serve as Chairman of the School Board and President of the Georgia School Boards Association. Throughout his time in public office, he has remained dedicated to educational advancement in the State of Georgia, and as such, he is an honorary Lifetime Member of the Parent-Teacher Association of Georgia and the Georgia School Food Service Association.

Commissioner Irvin continued his commitment to education during his four terms representing Habersham County in the Georgia General Assembly. He served on the House Agriculture, Education, & Appropriations Committees and as the Chairman of both the House Industrial Relations Committee and the Governor's Conference on Education. In addition, he was the Governor's Floor Leader and Executive Secretary to the Governor.

He is the longest serving statewide official in Georgia, having been appointed Commissioner of Agriculture in 1969 by Governor Lester Maddox. Commissioner Irvin is the only Georgian to serve as President of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

In addition to serving as the President of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture, he served two terms as the President of the Southern United States Trade Association, an organization which he helped found to promote the export of Southern food and agricultural products.

Commissioner Irvin has received many honors throughout his distinguished career, including the Progressive Farmer Magazine Man-of-the-Year in Service to Agriculture, the National Award for Agricultural Excellence by the National Agri-Marketing Association, the National Future Farmers of America Honorary American Farmer Degree, and the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association's "Workhorse of the Year" award, which is considered to be the most prestigious recognition bestowed by the poultry industry.

He has been inducted into the Halls of Fame of many organizations, including National 4-H, Georgia Agrirama, Vidalia Onion, Georgia Seed Association, Habersham County, Hall County, and University of Georgia College of Agriculture.

He has received the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine's Distinguished Service Award. He received the Richard B. Russell Public Service Award, the Jefferson

Jackson Day HOPE Award, and most recently received the American Farm Bureau Federation's Distinguished Service Award for his service as an agriculture leader with merit and distinction.

Commissioner Irvin set up an international trade division in his department and pursued markets for Georgia's agricultural producers in the Soviet Union, China and Cuba. His initiative has inspired other states to follow his lead, and the United States Department of Agriculture and leaders in other countries have sought to emulate Georgia's procedures to eradicate animal diseases, and control plant pests.

Madam Speaker, the State of Georgia, especially the agriculture community, and our nation have greatly benefitted from the tremendous leadership of Tommy Irvin. He will be remembered for his ingenuity and dedication. His many awards are well earned and he leaves an unparalleled legacy as he retires.

IN MEMORIAM: FIRST  
LIEUTENANT MARK NOZISKA

**HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, last Friday, 24-year-old Army First Lieutenant Mark Noziska was laid to rest at West Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Grand Island, Nebraska. He was killed on August 30 near Malajat, Afghanistan, following an IED attack on his patrol. His decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Army Commendation Medal.

Lieutenant Noziska was born in Grand Island, and attended high school in Papillion. He enlisted in the Army National Guard in March 2004, before he graduated from high school that year. He was named Nebraska Soldier of the Year in 2005, and after graduating from the University of Nebraska-Omaha in 2008, earned his commission. His love of Husker football was well-known among his family and friends, many of whom wore "Husker Red" to his funeral. He also loved the Army. He planned a lifelong career of service to our nation, and hoped to one day become a General.

While Lieutenant Noziska's life was tragically cut short, it is clear that he touched and inspired so many of those around him, including the many people from the local community who lined the streets to honor his service and memory. May God bless Lieutenant Noziska and his family, and all our nation's fallen soldiers.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD MICHAEL  
"MUGGS" MCGINNIS

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the life of an outstanding individual, Richard Michael "Muggs" McGinnis, who retired this year after over 3 decades of service as a teacher, coach and

youth sports official in my hometown of Paterson, New Jersey. Mr. McGinnis will be honored by his admirers at the Bronstone in Paterson on Friday, October 22nd.

Mr. McGinnis was born and raised in Paterson, where he attended Don Bosco Technical and Vocational High School. At Don Bosco Tech, he was actively involved in Student Government and the National Honor Society. However, his true passion lay in sport. He earned recognition for representing his school on the soccer field, basketball court, and baseball diamond.

In 1970, "Muggs," as Mr. McGinnis is affectionately nicknamed, enrolled at Montclair State College. During his first year, he played baseball for his college. However, in 1972 he chose to begin sharing his gift for athletics with others. That year, he began his long and storied coaching career, returning to his alma mater, Don Bosco, to serve as an Assistant Baseball Coach. He graduated with a B.A. in Mathematics Education from Montclair State in 1974.

Shortly after his graduation, "Muggs" earned his teaching certification and started sharing his considerable intellectual gifts. He began working full-time at Don Bosco teaching mathematics and was promoted to Mathematics Department Chairperson after just one year.

In 1980, "Muggs" moved to John F. Kennedy High School where he also taught math and coached soccer and baseball. He also coached soccer for Ramapo College of New Jersey, worked for the City of Paterson Board of Recreation, and officiated soccer, basketball, and baseball at all levels. Beloved by his students and athletes as a coach, educator and friend, his tireless energy and enthusiasm should serve as an example for all Americans.

"Muggs" retired from JFK High School in June 2010 after 30 years of dedicated service.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing individuals like Muggs McGinnis.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Muggs' family and friends, all the students and athletes whose lives he has touched and me in recognizing Mr. Richard Michael "Muggs" McGinnis.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARBOR HEALTH SERVICES OF BRANFORD

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the thirtieth anniversary of Harbor Health Services in Branford, Connecticut.

A mental health clinic that has served the Branford community with conviction and compassion for thirty years now, Harbor Health always works hard to put individuals and their families first. They have been a model of how best to help our citizens with mental and behavioral health needs—by treating each patient with warmth, dignity, and respect.

For adults in Connecticut grappling with severe mental illness or serious substance

abuse disorders, Harbor offers a wide range of treatment and rehabilitative services for all stages of recovery. They know that each person who walks through their doors is a unique case, deserving of individualized care and a specialized plan of recovery.

What's more, Harbor Health goes the extra mile in helping mentally ill citizens reintegrate with the community at large, through social rehabilitation, such as working to improve communications skills, and important vocational rehabilitation programs, such as job training and career counseling.

I applaud Harbor Health Services for reaching this important milestone, and I honor their tireless service, day in and day out, on behalf of Connecticut families. Congratulations on thirty years.

#### IN MEMORY OF DR. HERMAN D. JAMES, BELOVED PRESIDENT OF ROWAN UNIVERSITY

### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Dr. Herman D. James of Voorhees, New Jersey, who died of heart failure in his home on October 2, 2010 at the age of 67. He is survived by his wife Marie, three children and two grandchildren. Dr. James' life and work left a lasting impression on the Rowan University community.

Originally from St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Dr. James relocated to Harlem, New York with his family at the age of ten. As a young man, he developed a love of jazz music, which he later shared with the listeners of Rowan University's radio station, WGLS-FM. Dr. James went on to graduate from Tuskegee University in 1964 with a bachelor's degree and later earned his doctorate in sociology from the University of Pittsburgh.

Becoming the fifth president of the former Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) in 1984, Dr. James began his legacy of striving for academic improvement. Under his leadership, Rowan University saw the launch of its college of engineering as well as the first doctoral program available at a New Jersey state college. Dr. James was also the pioneer of fund-raising for state colleges, resulting in the \$100 million donation by Henry and Betty Rowan, the largest gift to a public college at that time. Through the generosity of the Rowan family, Dr. James was able to construct a building for the college of engineering while transforming Rowan University into a more residential campus. Dr. James' love of the classroom persisted even after his retirement from the position of president in 1998, teaching sociology and educational leadership classes up until last year.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Herman D. James' commitment to Rowan University and its students should not go unrecognized. I express my deepest condolences to his family for their loss and pay tribute to the memory of this outstanding individual.

#### HONORING REDWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 30th Anniversary of Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) in Eureka, California. Since its establishment in 1980, RCAA has been a leader in serving Humboldt County's low- and moderate-income residents. The agency has developed programs that help people become more self-sufficient and empowered to improve their own lives. Over the years, thousands of individuals, families and children have received assistance and, in return, given back to our community.

Redwood Community Action Agency has implemented a wide range of services that create jobs, provide affordable housing, assist with housing rehabilitation support families and at-risk youth and improve home energy efficiency. They have provided emergency shelter for the homeless, job training and employment readiness programs and promoted the health of our communities and watersheds through habitat enhancement and multi-use trail networks. Through their innovation, commitment, expertise and diligence, they have brought millions of dollars into our community over the past thirty years.

Redwood Community Action Agency is an extraordinary example of success. Through their effective collaboration with other organizations and governmental entities they identify social and environmental needs, work to improve current services and seize every opportunity to serve low- and moderate-income people in our region.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor the accomplishments of the Redwood Community Action Agency on the occasion of their 30th Anniversary and wish them continued success in bringing hope and opportunity to Humboldt County, California.

#### TRIBUTE ON THE BIRTH OF MATILDA ANN GRAHAM ROSSBACH

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Jason Rossbach and his wife Laurie on the birth of their new daughter Matilda Ann Graham Rossbach. Matilda was born on November 2, 2010, and is named after her two grandmothers.

She is 7 pounds and 20 inches of pride and joy to her parents, who I wish all the best with this new blessing.