

an impact on the agricultural industry in Stanislaus County as one of the best in California. This year the Center has selected Duarte Nursery for its innovative practices in viticulture.

Family owned and operated since 1989, Duarte Nursery has played a valuable role in providing innovative products to the agricultural industry, and takes pride in providing the farming industry with the cleanest, highest quality nursery products available, as well as conducting experimental trials that focus on today's industries concerns.

With over 300 employees, Duarte Nursery is the largest permanent crops nursery in the United States. Its facility has provided for innovative technologies for rapid vine establishment and fruit production, and the evaluation of scion clones and rootstocks for broad ranges of growing conditions.

Located in Hughson in California's Central Valley, I am proud to recognize the Duarte family for their hard work, efforts and achievements in providing invaluable change within the agricultural community, and its impact to the Central Valley economy.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Duarte Nursery for its honorary selection into the 13th Annual National Ag Science Center's "Ag Hall of Fame."

IN RECOGNITION OF BRAD
DUGGAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Brad Duggan, a basketball coaching legend in my district.

While Southern California basketball may lay claim to the coaching exploits of the late John Wooden, the North has Brad Duggan who, as a student-athlete at City College of San Francisco, led the men's basketball team to its first and only state championship in 1962. Later, as the college's coach, he won 10 consecutive Golden Gate Conference championships between 1976 and 1985. His teams recorded an overall 327–90 record, earning him one of the highest winning percentages of a junior college coach in our Nation.

After retiring as the team's coach, he chaired the school's physical education department for more than 20 years, where he continued to turn athletes into scholars.

His player management philosophy, in his own words, was based on this: "There isn't a 17-year-old in the world who can drive me crazier than I can drive him." He not only drove his players to excellence on the hardwood, but also in the classroom. Ninety-five percent of his players went on to attend four-year institutions.

Madam Speaker, it is only right that for the first time in its history, the City College of San Francisco will name a sports facility after an individual. On November 13, 2010 its main court becomes the Brad Duggan Basketball Court. I ask that members join me in applauding Coach Brad Duggan.

HONORING GEOFFREY TENNANT
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK
FOR THE COLUMBUS FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Geoffrey Tennant for his valiant service to both the Columbus Fire Department and the Polk County Board of Education. His dedication to helping those around him and his positive attitude towards providing life-saving services deserves the utmost commendation.

Mr. Tennant has worked for 35 years for the Columbus Fire Department in Polk County, and has served the last 28 years as the Chief Firefighter. Mr. Tennant became the first firefighter in Columbus Fire Department history to be paid and has spent vast amounts of time volunteering for the Polk County Rescue Squad and First Responders. Mr. Tennant has worked tirelessly to serve and protect the citizens of Polk County. This type of assistance is rare in today's world, yet Mr. Tennant administers help in any way he can to the people of Columbus and Polk County.

Mr. Tennant also serves as the President of the Polk County Board of Education. Few things are more important than the education of our children. We owe every child in this country a high-quality education that will allow them to successfully compete in the workforce. Mr. Tennant works extremely hard to ensure that these goals are met. I commend his time spent working with and on behalf of the children of Polk County.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Geoffrey Tennant for the leadership he has displayed at the Columbus Fire Department and his commitment to excellence while serving as the President of the Polk County Board of Education.

CONGRATULATING THE SAINT JOSEPH
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Saint Joseph High School Indians girls' soccer team in South Bend, Indiana. The Indians succeeded in clinching the Indiana High School Athletic Association state championship on October 30, 2010 at Kuntz Stadium in Indianapolis, with a thrilling 1–0 victory over Columbus North High School. The Indians worked tirelessly this season, accomplishing a 22–1–1 record. After their only loss in the opening game of the season, the team went on to twenty-one straight victories, including sixteen shutouts. The championship victory was the result of a 25-yard strike that went left to the upper right corner of the net by senior Sarah Hall, the team's scoring leader. Goalkeeper Melissa Kuhar was credited with six saves as part of a strong defensive effort.

The St. Joseph team consisted of twenty-four young ladies, including: Ellen Bachmannhuff, Ali Connelly, Maggie Doslak, Ryan Durham, Gracie Gallagher, Kelsey Gill, Jessica Hall, Sarah Hall, Cati Kral, Maddie Kearney, Melissa Kuhar, Lindsey Kuitse, Karoline Langheinrich, Angela Loebach, Grace Maginn, Makayla Manta, Catherine Raster, Mary Robertson, Emily Rompola, Rachel Staud, Abby Toth, Madison Turner, Kate Vasile, and Merideth Warinner.

I also rise to acknowledge the dedicated coaching staff of Head Coach Johan Kuitse and Assistant Coaches Phil Depauw, Jessica Smudey and Brandon Gill, who helped guide the Indians to the championship title. The coaches developed a team with depth, talent and a phenomenal defense.

I offer my congratulations to the members of the girls' soccer team of Saint Joseph High School, the coaching staff, the school administration and community for their hard work and excellence during a season that ended with an Indiana State Championship title.

IN SUPPORT OF BAHAI RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the continued religious persecution by the Government of Iran towards the Baha'i community. As many of my House colleagues know, in the spring of 2008, Iranian authorities arrested and imprisoned Mrs. Fariba Kamalabadi, Mr. Jamaloddin Khanjani, Mr. Afif Naeimi, Mr. Saeid Rezaie, Mr. Behrouz Tavakkoli, Mrs. Mahvash Sabet, and Mr. Vahid Tizfahm, members of the Baha'i community's coordinating body in Iran.

These two women and five men were imprisoned for twenty months without charge. In August of 2010, after several months of closed-door hearings, they were sentenced to 20 years in prison. That sentence was reduced to 10 years in September.

Madam Speaker, these seven leaders were targeted solely because of their religion. This form of discrimination is absolutely unacceptable. As Iran is party to the International Covenants on Human Rights, I call on the Government of Iran to fulfill their commitment to the international community and immediately release these seven individuals and all other prisoners held solely on account of their religion.

COMMENDING BOB SMITH UPON
RECEIVING GOOD SCOUT AWARD

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the Boy Scouts Adirondack District in honoring Bob Smith of Plattsburgh, New York with the Good Scout Award. Each year, the Adirondack District presents this award to a distinguished citizen who has shown exemplary dedication to his community. Bob Smith

is truly deserving of this award and I'm pleased to have the opportunity to honor his decades of service.

Bob graduated from St. John's Academy in Plattsburgh in 1964 and from Gannon College in 1968. After graduation, he served as a weapons officer on the guided-missile cruiser Columbus CG-12 from 1968 to 1972. Following his service to our country, Bob returned to Plattsburgh, where he and his wife, Diane, raised their three children, Kristin, Lindsey and Michael.

I've known Bob for over 20 years, both professionally and personally. He is a person dedicated to his family, his community and his business.

Bob's commitment to contribute to his community began when his children were young. He has served on the CVPH Medical Center Board and Executive Committee, and as chair of the Plattsburgh Development Corporation, the 2002-2003 business campaign for Plattsburgh State, the American Heart Association Heart Walk, the United Way Fund Drive, and the United Way Board of Directors.

Currently, Bob serves as chair of the Development Corporation Strategic Planning Review Committee, as a volunteer for Vision 2040, and as a member of the Plattsburgh State Invention Committee.

A co-founder of the Plattsburgh Visitors and Convention Bureau, Bob is also a member of the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee and has served as a board member of the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Bob Smith for his ongoing efforts to support his community, and I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring his work to improve New York's North Country.

RECOGNIZING THE OAKLAND LIVINGSTON HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY ON THE COMPLETION OF ITS NEW WELCOME CENTER

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, OLHSA, as it celebrates the completion of its new Welcome Center.

For 46 years, the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency has been an invaluable community institution in Southeast Michigan, providing services to make low-income, senior and disabled persons more self-sufficient. Along with its 1,100 fellow Community Action Agencies, OLHSA provided service to 11.5 million Americans last year, specifically thousands of Oakland county residents. In fulfilling its mission to diminish poverty and empower the disaffected, OLHSA has tirelessly advocated on behalf of its clients, provided educational and economic resources to those in need and fostered the involvement of area residences in the design of programs and initiatives to provide needed services in a tailored and specialized manner. The completion of OLHSA's new Welcome Center marks a significant moment in the Agency's fight on poverty, in which it will have facilities to expand its programs and reach even further into our community.

The opening of the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency's new Welcome Center marks a new venture for OLHSA with a new presence and a renewed determination to combat poverty in Southeast Michigan. The Welcome Center makes OLHSA's vital services such as its weatherization, Emergency Utility Assistance, Head Start preschool, foreclosure counseling and food assistance programs more easily available to residents of Oakland county who are in need. Additionally, extended hours of operation will ensure that all who seek assistance will have an opportunity to do so.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today and recognize the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency on the completion of its new Welcome Center, which will expand access to vital services for those in need in Oakland County and across Southeast Michigan. I look forward to the day when we can rise together to celebrate the eradication of poverty and the protection of the most vulnerable members of our community.

HONORING REVEREND D. GRADY SCOTT FOR HIS FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE TUCSON COMMUNITY

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Reverend D. Grady Scott as he celebrates 20 years of leading the spirit-filled congregation of the Grace Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Tucson, Arizona. With Reverend Scott's guidance, Grace Temple has become an exemplary model of community ministry. When Katrina ravaged the states along the Gulf of Mexico, Reverend Scott lead the way for churches throughout Tucson and Pima County to become involved and to welcome those seeking refuge. He opened Grace Temple for meetings and encouraged elected officials Supervisor Ramon Valadez, Mayor Bob Walkup, and, myself, Congressman RAUL GRIJALVA to participate and, subsequently, to organize and to contribute resources.

Reverend Scott has worked diligently to improve the quality of life for the community. He has often been at the forefront of issues seen by others as controversial. When he learned that HIV and AIDS were an epidemic in the community, he invited expert speakers, non-profit organizations, community people and other ministers to attend meetings at Grace Temple so all could understand the need to speak out and to educate. He supports an ongoing HIV Speakers Bureau; he was and continues to be active in educating others about the dangers of drugs, especially methamphetamine, through community sessions held with the Meth Free Alliance. In addition, because of the experience with Katrina, Reverend Scott is a strong advocate of Emergency Preparedness and promotes community involvement with both the national and the local Office of Homeland Security.

Through his leadership, Grace Temple has become a community center of learning and caring. In addition to the activities of its many church ministries, Grace Temple provides senior citizens with computer training; the Pima

County One Stop has an active satellite office for assisting the unemployed to find jobs; there is an active Nurses Guild that regularly provides health fairs for both the congregation and the general public; a Fine Arts Ministry works with the community; the youth and adult Re-entry Community are actively assisted with resources and information. In addition to his many responsibilities as pastor, Reverend Scott personally visits and ministers weekly to the Pima County Adult Detention Center population.

Reverend D. Grady Scott's personal outreach and accomplishments are many. Currently, he serves as Executive Secretary of the National Baptist Convention USA, Incorporated Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission; as a member of the Tucson City Magistrate Merit Selection Commission; and as the President of the Minister's Conference for the Southern District Association. Reverend Scott has served on the Governor's Advisory Board for Faith-based and Community Initiatives since 2002. He recently completed serving as President of the Paradise Missionary Baptist State Convention; the Moderator of the Southern District Association; President of the Interdenominational Minister's Alliance of Tucson and Vicinity; and President of the Congress of Christian Education for the Southern District Association.

His contributions to the well-being of the community and to civil rights have been recognized through his many service and civic awards including: the LULAC Presidential Citation, the FBI Community Service award, the NAACP Community Service Award, the Rosa Parks Community Service Award.

Reverend Scott has a close and loving family that is equally committed to service and is active in church ministries. He is married to Theresa E. (Teel) Scott and they have three grown children: son, Lonnie, and daughters, Lauren and Leslie. They have one grandson, Kameron Scott. Reverend Scott has two sisters and one brother; Roberta (Scott) Guary, Reverend Pearl (Scott) Johnson and Deacon Cornelius Scott, Jr.

Today I honor Reverend D. Grady Scott for his faithful service of 20 years to Tucson and the Pima County, Arizona, community. May his example provide a path for others to follow.

HONORING THE CONGRESSIONAL CLASS OF 2008

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, as the 111th Congress comes to a close, it is fitting for us to recognize our Colleagues who will not be joining us in January for the start of the 112th Congress. Specifically, 19 of my classmates from the incoming Congressional class of 2008 will be moving on to new endeavors, where they will undoubtedly achieve great success and distinguish themselves, just as they did while serving their constituents and the American people in this body.

For the outstanding legislative accomplishments that we achieved during their tenure, I would like to recognize these representatives and thank them for their service: BOBBY