

initiative. A member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1985, he served as the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Chairman twice and Chairman of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. Bob's influence is felt throughout Nevada and the nation and is most importantly represented in the elementary school that bears his name.

But Bob didn't stop there. He has also been recognized as a national Emergency Medical Service (EMS) leader. Bob was instrumental in educating and implementing new levels of EMS care for citizens, specifically Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, and Critical Care Paramedic. He served on the Clark County EMS Medical Advisory Board for decades and was a founding member of the national American Ambulance Association. He was also a founder of the national Commission on the Accreditation of Ambulance Services and served as the American Ambulance Association's president and member or ex-officio member of every American Ambulance Association leadership committee.

Mr. Forbuss has served as faculty for the American Ambulance Association, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and traveled as part of ACEP's special EMS envoy to Russia. He belongs to the National Association of EMS Physicians, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Fire Fighters, EMS Today, EMS EXPO, and many other EMS related educational entities. Additionally, he served as Vice Chair for the National Registry of EMTs and served as faculty for the Japan Ambulance Association.

Mr. Forbuss led the ambulance response during two of Clark County's major mass casualty events, the MGM and Hilton hotel fires, as well as the PEPCON explosion in Henderson, Nevada.

Robert L. Forbuss received the EMS Today, EMS Administrator of the Year Award; the American Ambulance Association's President's Award and The Man of the Year Award. Also under his leadership, Mercy Ambulance received the United States Senate Quality and Productivity Award.

As the Representative for Nevada's First Congressional District, it gives me immense pride to recognize Robert L. Forbuss' lifetime of outstanding achievements and contributions to Las Vegas, and specifically on the occasion of the 2010 American Ambulance Association's Annual Conference, for his dedication and professionalism to the ambulance industry. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this outstanding American.

IN HONOR OF STANLEY EUGENE
TOLLIVER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Stanley Eugene Tolliver, a dedicated family man, accomplished attorney, community advocate and civil rights leader on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Tolliver attended Cleveland Public Schools. He earned his undergraduate degree at Bald-

win-Wallace College with a major in pre-law. He graduated with a law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1951. After law school, Mr. Tolliver served honorably in the United States Army.

Mr. Tolliver lives his life with a focus on service to others and to his community. He served for many years on behalf of the City of Cleveland schools. He was appointed by the late Judge Frank Battisti to the Committee of the Office of School Monitoring and Community Relations. He was elected as a member of the Cleveland School Board in 1981 and was re-elected in 1985 and 1987. In 1990, Mr. Tolliver was elected as President of the School Board.

Mr. Tolliver has also been a lifelong leader in our nation's struggle for civil rights. He served as legal counsel to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Congress of Racial Equality. He worked as the legal advisor for the Shield Club and led the indictment of ten Cleveland police officers for violent crimes. On the forefront of the civil rights movement in Cleveland, and across the country, Mr. Tolliver's work paved the way for equal rights and justice for all.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of Stanley Eugene Tolliver, as we celebrate the joyous occasion of his 85th birthday. His commitment to our community and to our nation reflects integrity, generosity and heart. We are grateful for his continued service.

HONORING OPERATION TRIBUTE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Operation Tribute for its substantial impact in spreading holiday joy to the children of military families.

Operation Tribute donates gifts to thousands of children in military families during the holiday season. Beginning just 4 months before Christmas 2007, founder Marc Badeau and his "Operation Holiday Cheer" raised more than \$100,000, translating into 9,000 gifts that were given to 2,500 children across Maine.

One year later, the organization changed its name to Operation Tribute and expanded to over 800 communities throughout New England and New York. That year, \$650,000 was raised to purchase 23,000 gifts. Marc has continued to expand the program along the East Coast and is aiming to reach all 50 States within the next 5 years.

For many military families, the holiday season can be a time of great sadness as children miss one or more parents stationed overseas. Through the giving of these gifts, Operation Tribute provides these brave children with an important measure of joy and hope. No one has had to make greater sacrifices in defense of our Nation than our armed forces and their families, and this is just one small way that we can give back to them.

The value of this program cannot be overestimated, and I wish Mr. Badeau and Operation Tribute the very best of luck going forward.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Operation Tribute and its founder Marc R. Badeau.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD AND INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE FACILITY IN ENGAGING AND HIRING WOUNDED WARRIORS AND VETERANS

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. DICKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding organization located in my district, the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS & IMF). PSNS & IMF, commanded by Captain Mark Whitney, leads Naval Sea Systems Command in engaging and hiring our nation's veterans and wounded warriors. In Fiscal Year 2010 PSNS & IMF hired 56 Disabled Veterans with a disability of 30 percent or greater, providing them with the opportunity to productively continue to contribute to our nation's security through the critical work of maintaining our Navy.

The debt of gratitude the nation owes our veterans is immeasurable, but this is one effort which has had a substantial and meaningful impact towards our responsibilities for these men and women. I submit this letter from Vice Admiral Kevin M. McCoy, Commander of Naval Sea Systems Command, as testimony to the leadership and achievements of Captain Whitney and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND,
Washington Navy Yard, DC, October 22, 2010.
Congressman NORM DICKS.
Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN DICKS: During my visit to Bremerton for Armed Forces Day 2010, you had some very encouraging comments about the great work of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS & IMF) in taking care of our Nation's Veterans and in particular our Wounded Warriors. We also discussed NAVSEA initiatives in support of these very important programs as I had recently returned from the Wounded Warrior Olympics in Colorado. Captain Mark Whitney continues to lead NAVSEA activities in hiring and reaching out to our veterans and wounded warriors. For Fiscal Year 2010, PSNS & IMF has hired 56 Disabled Veterans with 30 percent or greater disability.

This past year, they participated in many significant events to hire veterans and wounded warriors. They strengthened their partnership with agencies that support Wounded Warriors by hosting a familiarization visit of the shipyard with Career Counselors, Employment Specialists, and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors from Warrior Transition Command, Phoenix Battalion, Fort Lewis; Seattle and Bremerton Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation/Education Office. The visit provided information that improved awareness of the career and development opportunities available for Wounded Warriors and Disabled Veterans at naval shipyards.

Most recently the shipyard entered into a partnership with the Navy Safe Harbor Program at Bremerton Naval Hospital to provide internship opportunities for active duty service members who are seriously wounded, injured, or ill. This is a terrific opportunity for service members to productively apply

their skills and talents and learn additional skills in preparation for transitioning to civilian careers. Their first intern, Lieutenant John Edmonston, checked in on October 1, will work in Combat Systems Division on October 12.

I am very proud of the work being done at the shipyard and are adopting the best practices pioneered by Captain Whitney and his team across our entire Wounded Warrior program. I appreciate all you do for our great Nation and the tremendous support you provide to the U.S. Navy. Should you have any questions or desire to discuss NAVSEA efforts to employ and support Veterans, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

K. M. McCoy,
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, on Monday, November 15th, I was unable to cast my votes on S. 3689, H. Res. 1713, and H. Con. Res. 328 and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote. Last night I was meeting with a constituent group in Savoy, Illinois and was unable to travel to Washington, DC in time for the votes.

Had I been present on Rollcall No. 566 on suspending the rules and passing S. 3689, To clarify, improve, and correct the laws relating to copyrights, I would have voted Aye.

Had I been present on Rollcall No. 567 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 1713, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Ruby Bridges desegregating a previously all-White public elementary school, I would have voted Aye.

Had I been present on Rollcall No. 568 on suspending the rules and passing H. Con. Res. 328, Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the successful and substantial contributions of the amendments to the patent and trademark laws that were initially enacted in 1980 by Public Law 96-517 (commonly referred to as the Bayh-Dole Act) on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its enactment, I would have voted Aye.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER GARY M. WHITEHEAD AND HIS WIFE BARBARA WHITEHEAD

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Chief Petty Officer Gary M. Whitehead and his wife Barbara, and the great work done, together with Debi Copeland, on behalf of Hoosier veterans. At the end of this year, Gary and Barbara will be retiring after serving 24 consecutive years in Elkhart County's Veterans Service Office. Gary is a native son of Elkhart County, having been born and raised in Goshen, Indiana. In 1965, a year after graduating from Goshen High School, Gary enlisted in the

United States Navy, entering active duty shortly thereafter in early 1966. During his Naval career, Gary served in a variety of capacities including: three years on the USS *Allen M. Sumner*, which included a deployment to Vietnam; as a personnel officer for the Underwater Demolition Team Twelve, who also assisted in commissioning the first Navy F-14 Fighter Squadron; as the Training Coordinator for the Navy's Diving Schools; and another three years on the USS *Patterson* before finally retiring from the Indianapolis Navy Recruiting District in July 1986.

Gary joined the Elkhart County Veterans Office in August 1986, immediately after retiring from the Navy. He has been the Elkhart County Veterans Service Officer since January 1988, and is retiring this year. He has been involved in representing and advancing veterans' issues within the community and throughout the state, having served on a variety of committees. Gary was instrumental in efforts to establish the VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Goshen. He also served as a distinguished member of my Veterans Advisory Committee for the past four years.

Gary's wife of 42 years, Barbara, whom he met on a blind date and married six months later, stood by his side throughout his Naval career and has worked alongside him in the Elkhart County Veterans Office since 1986. Barbara has been instrumental in the great work their Office has done on behalf of veterans these past 24 years. They have three children, Stephanie, Douglas and Scott, and six grandchildren. Barbara will be joining Gary in well-earned retirement.

Another key member of Gary's team who has contributed meaningfully to the office's work since 1996 is Debi Copeland, who serves as the office's secretary. Together, these three have provided dedicated service, representation, advocacy, counsel, and friendship to the veterans of Elkhart County.

It is my privilege to thank Gary for his 20 years of service to the United States Navy, and, along with his wife Barbara and their friend Debi, for their office's service these past 24 years to the veterans of Elkhart County.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
MEDWISH INTERNATIONAL OF
CLEVELAND, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the staff and volunteers of MedWish International of Cleveland, Ohio, a nonprofit organization that specializes in recovering and recycling donated medical supplies. Those supplies are then used to provide critically needed medical care in developing countries around the world.

For the past fourteen years, medical facilities in the Cleveland community have donated medical supplies and equipment to MedWish International. These supplies have then been distributed to medical care organizations and volunteer medical teams around the world. MedWish supplies are often lifesaving and they significantly improve the quality of health care provided within impoverished regions around the world. MedWish supplies and equipment are never sold.

Locally, recovery and recycling of unused medical supplies is good for the environment, significantly reducing the amount of solid waste deposited in local landfills. In addition, MedWish International also serves as an excellent point of reference for health care professionals and nonprofit medical organizations committed to learning more about the great need for quality medical care, globally and locally.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor of MedWish International of Cleveland, Ohio, whose work on behalf of recovering, recycling and distributing donated medical supplies and equipment for lifesaving medical procedures and treatment brings hope and healing to individuals around the world.

A TRIBUTE TO RANSON AND LULA SMITH ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ranson and Lula Smith on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

Ranson and Lula both came to Brooklyn early in their lives. Through the past several decades, they have made numerous contributions to the Brooklyn community.

For more than 20 years, Ranson and Lula have been members of the 500 Block MacDonough Street Association. Ranson currently serves as the Block Association President, and Lula currently serves as secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are also members of the 81st Precinct Community Council.

After 21 years of service, Ranson retired from the New York City Department of Sanitation in 1990. He has been a community activist for many years. In 1994 he was awarded by Assemblyman William Boyland and the 55th Assembly District for his work in the community. He received the Exemplary Service Award from the Unity Democratic Club in 1996. In 2006, he received a Community Service Award from the Key Women of America Brooklyn Chapter.

Lula retired from the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services after twenty years of service. She received an award for her service to the Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been long time members of Zion Baptist Church, and have been actively involved in numerous ministries. Lula is particularly involved in the Teaching Ministry, and has received a Gold Star Diploma in Christian Leadership Education from the Progressive National Baptist Convention. Additionally, she received an award for her outstanding service to the New York Progressive Baptist State Convention Congress, which she has served for over 20 years. Lula has also served on the Board of Managers of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union, and serves as a Girl Scout Committee Person for Zion's Girl Scouts.

Ranson and Lula have four children, twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on November 27, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the lives of Ranson and Lula Smith.