

that the existing Holy Trinity Church establish a parish for German-speaking people in their community.

On August 15, 1860 the original cornerstone was laid at Holy Trinity church. Immediately, Bridesburg's dedicated founding families and settlers raised the needed funds culminating in the building and dedication of the first church building located at the corner of Edgemont and Buckius Streets on February 3, 1861. It was not long before the parish established a school and celebrated its' first baptisms, weddings, and spiritual and social events.

Through the years, All Saints embraced immigrants who worked on area farms and as the neighborhood became industrialized, welcomed employees of the Rohm and Haas plant. The history of the church is rich in efforts to foster dedication to religious heritage and community. The parish plans a Mass of Celebration and Thanks on November 7, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating this milestone anniversary of All Saints Parish and wishing the congregation many more years as a source of spiritual and community strength.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT JAMES LANE TALLEY—SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE TO MILITARY" HONOREE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of the Armed Forces from my home state of Arizona. Each month, Scottsdale Healthcare recognizes service members who perform diligent service to our country. Scottsdale Healthcare has posthumously recognized Sergeant James Lane Talley for the month of November.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to this outstanding service member for his commitment, dedication, and sacrifice for our country.

Sergeant (SGT) Talley entered the U.S. Army during the beginning years of the Vietnam conflict and joined the ranks of Special Forces soldiers assisting the Republic of Vietnam, RVN, as an advisor. In June of 1964, Sergeant Talley and two other Americans along with 103 Montagnard soldiers left their base camp for a dismounted patrol. In a fire-fight two days into the patrol, SGT Talley fought valiantly but was ultimately captured by North Vietnamese soldiers. Although the Military conducted an extensive search, SGT Talley has never been found either dead or alive. He is officially listed as killed in action, body unrecoverable. For the heroism displayed during this battle, SGT Talley was awarded our nation's third highest award for valor, the Silver Star. SGT Talley's other awards include the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) Campaign Medal, the RVN Wound Medal, and the POW Medal. Additionally, SGT Talley earned the Special Forces Tab, the Basic Parachutist Badge, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

SGT Talley is the father of Scottsdale Healthcare's Roland Breidel, from the Osborn Construction Department.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this outstanding Soldier for serving our country and making the ultimate sacrifice.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, on November 15, 2010 I missed rollcall votes numbered 566, 567, and 568.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 566, to clarify, improve, and correct the laws relating to copyrights, No. 567, recognizing the 50th anniversary of Ruby Bridges desegregating a previously all-White public elementary school, and No. 568, 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.

HONORING DUANE IRVING

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Duane Irving who passed away July 19, 2010, at the age of 75 on Halleck Creek Ranch, his family ranch, on which he established Halleck Creek Riding Club for Handicapped Children. An iconic figure in West Marin, Duane was a hero to hundreds of children and community members who admired his unique blend of cowboy skills, sense of fun and adventure, and big heart.

Born in December 8, 1934, in San Rafael, CA, Duane grew up on his family's ranch in Nicasio. He excelled in athletics, and after San Rafael High School, he turned down an offer to join the San Francisco Giants minor league team to enlist in the Marine Corps where he excelled in both football and baseball. Despite an innate distrust of authority and a tendency for pranks, he was proud to be Marine and remained loyal to the Marines and their ethics his entire life.

After his discharge, Duane returned to Nicasio where he married Nellie Woodard in 1959. The couple had three children, Peter, Jeannette, and Buck, before divorcing in 1985. Duane also coached Little League in Nicasio for twelve years, maintaining the baseball diamond by attaching a length of chain link fence to his belt and dragging it over the diamond.

Duane trained horses and managed several ranches in West Marin as well as working for Marin Municipal Water District for 12 years. Legendary West Marin Rancher Boyd Stewart enlisted his help in establishing the Morgan Horse Ranch in Point Reyes National Seashore, where Duane set up a breeding program and trained young Morgans to become ranger mounts throughout the national park system.

At the Morgan Horse Ranch, volunteer Joyce Goldfield was bucked off a horse

named Dill Pickle and spent five months in a full body cast. While Duane was sympathizing with her inability to get out and enjoy the wilderness, he spoke of some of the children who came to the park confined to wheelchairs and were unable to join in tours or mount horses due to insurance issues. The two decided to use their gentle horses to take disabled children riding into the wilderness of Duane's Nicasio ranch. Thus, in July, 1977, Halleck Creek Riding Club for the Disabled began.

Since that time, thousands of youngsters and adults with any and all disabilities have been served, and many have had their conditions improve dramatically. Duane and Joyce expanded activities to include camping, rafting, snow trips, horse shows, parades, sailing, kayaking, and beach trips in which Duane pushed children in wheelchairs right into the surf. Since all this was free of charge, Duane became a prodigious fundraiser as well. Today over 300 disabled riders per week enjoy the benefits Halleck Creek offers—improved self-esteem, greater freedom and mobility, adventurous activities, and the therapeutic effects of horseback riding.

Duane received many honors for his work including President Bush's Thousand Points of Light award, J.C. Penny Golden Rule Award, and Marin County's Volunteer of the Year. He was also active in helping Joyce collect and distribute clothing and bedding for the homeless and in an annual benefit for Heifer International.

Joyce became Duane's beloved companion, and for nearly 24 years they lived at Fairwinds Farm on Inverness Ridge with her children Cindy, John, and Danny. In Joyce's words, "Duane, the beloved native son of Nicasio and West Marin, shall be ever missed. This handsome, gentle, loving, immensely talented, free-spirited man was part of all our lives and resides in all our hearts."

Madam Speaker, I echo Joyce Goldfield's words. Duane Irving was a special man who knew how to direct his spirit and generosity when he saw he could make a difference for so many. His legacy is an inspiration to us all.

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS, PRESERVING THEIR FAMILIES: A SALUTE TO MILITARY FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Congressman SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR. (GA), Co-Chair of the Congressional Military Family Caucus and Congressman CHARLES B. RANGEL (NY) Chairman Emeritus of the House Ways and Means Committee for joining me in convening a very special Salute to Military Families and Children at the 40th Annual Legislative Conference of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, held in Washington, DC on September 17, 2010. The 22nd Veterans Braintrust National Forum entitled: "Supporting Our Troops, Preserving Their Families," focused on the challenges and, equally important, the strategies for sustaining and strengthening returning troops, their spouses, family

members and children. Of particular importance was listening to and learning from the many homefront efforts of the public and private sectors, federal agencies, and distinguished scholars and professionals who are actively addressing the needs of returning soldiers, their families, and especially children who struggle emotionally to cope with multiple deployments, financial hardships, injuries, trauma and unimaginable caregiving responsibilities for honorably, and medically discharged U.S. military members.

In the tradition of the black church, the morning's invocation was delivered by Chaplain Michael McCoy, Sr., Associate Director and Manager of Diversity Development for the Veterans National Chaplain Center (NCC). Inspirational music was provided by the internationally renowned Brenda Jackson singing our national anthem and the Negro anthem "Lift Every Voice," and Jacksonville's Tori Robinson, who performed a stirring rendition of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," before a crowd of more than 200 people.

Rep. RANGEL served as moderator for the forum proceedings and opened saying, "America has to do more to assist these brave men and women who put their lives on the line for us all." Reflecting upon his remarks along with both national statistics and congressional research examining the percentage of American families touched by the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, and those currently serving in the U.S. military, or Armed Forces who make up only one percent of the country's total population, we agree that 3.3 million military households representing only one percent of American families have become a virtual military underclass (or other) who are unfairly carrying the burden of war. Thus, we recognize most Americans don't have any first-hand knowledge of the current military, but particularly the experiences of military families and children. For example, in 2008 demographically nearly half of the active duty forces (43.2%) have children; over half of the active duty force (60.4%) are married and has a child, and a significant number are single (5.3%) and dual military couples (2.9%) with children (DMDC). Yet, for us, single parents representing 63.2 percent of all black families or more than twice the percentage for white families, and 75 percent higher than that for Hispanics (Joint Center, 2000) are obviously of major concern even though they are officially recognized as military heads of households and provided the same financial and service benefits as married soldiers. However, according to Drs. Robert Scheider and James Martin, authors of "Military Families and Combat Readiness", within the military's very traditional culture they are sometimes not well tolerated, usually ignored by formal spouse organizations, and not generally included in formal family activities such as support groups. Furthermore, we are unclear about how youth, family, low income, race, gender, disability and place (or geographical locations) converge as risk factors, or inhibit successfully coping with problems. Given, that these families often lack the immediate availability of extended family support during some of the most difficult and challenging phases of both marital and military life.

Our guest speakers were: Dr. David Satcher, 16th Surgeon General of the United States and Director of the Satcher Health

Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., Founder and President of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition (RPC), Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder and President of the National Action Network (NAN), General Counsel Will Gunn of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Robert Gordon, III, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, Edward Jennings, Jr., Regional Administrator of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Tom Brasuell, Vice President of Community Affairs, Major League Baseball (MLB), Carol Ramsey, Vice President of the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF), Dr. Ernestine Briggs-King, Ph.D., Director of the Trauma Treatment Program at the Center for Child and Family Health (CCFH) in Durham, NC, and Director of Data and Evaluation Program at the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress at Duke University, Lyn Chwatsky, Assistant Vice President of Outreach Initiatives and Partners at Sesame Workshop, Aseneth Blackwell, Former President of Gold Star Wives of America and Ronald Steptoe, President and CEO of the Steptoe Group, LLC and a service disabled veteran.

Much of the focus of the presentations centered around overviews of veterans' experiences and VA programs available to families and veterans; changes to the new PTSD rules that have expanded eligibility for benefits; DOD programs and problems; Major League Baseball (MLB) initiatives focusing on PTSD and how the business community helps; clinical issues working with military families on mental health; Sesame Street activities and programs aimed at helping children of veterans cope with deployment and returning home; programs for widows, as well as programs to help hospitalized veterans and their families; and care giving programs. The presentations culminated with Dr. David Satcher, MD, Ph.D. recommending (1) invest in deployment preparation, including family basic training; (2) better support, especially mental health support; (3) more support for family, spouse and significant others; (4) improving intimate relationships involving returning disabled soldiers; and (5) greater acknowledgement for the role of caregivers, because the majority of military health care providers are family members, and, lastly, support research.

Although some may argue that there was no good news coming from Washington, DC before the mid-term elections, President Obama gets high marks for ending our combat mission in Iraq on August 17, 2010, welcoming back nearly 100,000 troops, and actually putting the money into the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) budget to make sure we're taking care of our veterans. Equally important, he signed legislation into law recognizing the role of family members in caring for wounded veterans, and within financial reform mandated the creation of a separate federal office just to provide special financial education and assistance to members of the military and their families. Therefore, we look forward to his next milestone coming at the end of 2011, when even more American troops will return home.

We also must congratulate Hon. SANFORD BISHOP, JR., Co-Chair, Congressional Military Family Caucus, for his consensus building with members on both sides of the aisle for

military and veteran constituents and inspiring the establishment of the Senate Military Families Caucus. In addition, Senator BARBARA BOXER (CA) is working on dual military career legislation regarding deployment. Similarly, the American Psychological Association's (APA) military family component policy focus and collaboration with Sesame Workshop and others because, as VA General Counsel Will Gunn said, "we all have a role to play," in helping to build bridges and partnerships with public and private providers.

Later that evening the Veterans Braintrust gala reception and awards ceremony featured special musical entertainment by Collaboration, and was sponsored by the generosity of the African American Civil War Museum, Cracker Barrel Foundation and Rick Blankenship. 2010 Braintrust awardees included Dr. Ronald Beavers, Ph.D., Major Alceste Drisdale, USAF, Ret., Thomas Freney, Actor Louis Gossett, Jr., late Judge Edward Gourdin (Posthumous), Dr. Thomas Horvath, MD, Dr. Alton Kirk, Ph.D., Fred Kuwornu, Frank Martin, Sgt. Maj. Turner McGarity, USA, Ret., Sam Mosley, Col. Krewasky Salter, USA, Ret., Ph.D., Col. Eugene Scott, USA, Ret., Trooper David Smith, Roosevelt "Malik" Thompson, Sgt. John Vasser, Sr., Secretary of State Jesse White, Lt. Col. Clarence Willie, USMC, Ret., Ed.D., Reggie Worlds, Center for the Study of the Korean War at Graceland University, Featherfist, Rebuilding Together Veterans Housing Program, and America's Buffalo Soldiers Re-Enactors Association (ABSRA), along with Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority recognizing me for my work as a soro.

Lastly, I would like to give a special thanks to Frank Martin, Col. Krewasky Salter, USA, Ret., Ph.D., Dr. Regina Akers, Tom Nastick, Anthony Hawkins, Dr. William Lawson, MD, Ph.D., Guileline Kraft, Ph.D., LGSW, Jason Young, BGen (Ret.) Robert Cocroft, Dr. Diane Elmore, Ph.D., and Edna Wells Handy; as well as Congressional staff members: Starcie McAferty, Eyang Nyambi, Jonathan Halpern, Maj. Alfred Boone, USA, Lee Footer, Roshan Hodge, Michael Ashley, Michael Collins, Nancy Berson, Hannah Kim, Sunny Lee, Frederic Maurin, Emile Milne, Wendy Featherston, Reba Rafaelli and Kristen Rice-Jones for once again contributing to a highly successful three day series of film, discussion, education, thinking and strategizing on behalf of returning Iraq and Afghanistan soldiers and their families through valuable content, extraordinary information, and great attendance.

We all know that family life affects an Armed Forces member's performance, well-being, and retention in the military during peacetime, but particularly war. Thus, ensuring the family unit as a basic, or building block for community can easily be considered a national security issue given the alternatives: divorce, separation, domestic violence, arrest, incarceration, children problems, community instability, etc. . . . Regardless of the nature, structure or type of military family relationships (e.g. nuclear, traditional two parents, single parent, dual career, extended, or augmented) they are still the bedrock of the American community, and a great resource for support, renewal and recovery.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT
THOMAS D. GORDY, JR.—SCOTTSDALE
HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE
TO MILITARY" HONOREE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of the Armed Forces from my home State of Arizona. Each month, Scottsdale Healthcare recognizes service members who perform diligent service to our country. Scottsdale Healthcare has recognized Staff Sergeant (SSgt) Thomas D. Gordy, Jr. for the month of December.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to this outstanding service member for his commitment, dedication, and service to our country.

SSgt Gordy joined the United States Air Force out of high school in 1968. He served our Nation for four years as a Physiological Training Specialist and was responsible to ensure the readiness of pilots in all services for the rigors of combat aviation. This specialty requires spending many hours in a high altitude chamber to train and monitor flight crews while exposing them to the dangerous conditions of hypoxia and the potential for decompression sickness. By educating pilots and crews on their individual vulnerabilities to these life threatening conditions, SSgt Gordy was instrumental in creating medically ready and trained individuals to engage in the U.S. conflict in Vietnam.

Additionally, SSgt Gordy was trained to treat aviation related medical issues that arise from the demanding effects of military flight. He has logged over eighty hours in hyperbaric chambers assisting our wounded warriors and helping them in their return to duty. SSgt Gordy's awards include the National Defense Service Medal and an Outstanding Unit Award.

SSgt Gordy has been a Scottsdale Healthcare employee for six years, working in the Emergency Department at the Osborn Campus where he has filled positions as a staff nurse, clinical educator, and currently the department manager.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this outstanding Soldier for serving our country.

TRIBUTE TO CONSTANTINO DELSIGNORE

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and mourn the extraordinary life of Constantino DelSignore upon his sudden passing at the age of 47.

Born on December 2, 1962, Tino DelSignore graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1980. He immersed himself in the DelSignore family business becoming a warm and welcoming presence at Livonia mainstays, Fonte D'Amore and Laurel Manor. He dedicated his life to serving his community through many philanthropic efforts. Tino was founder of CDS Foundation, co-

founder of the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Foundation as well as being an advocate for many other local, national and international non-profit organizations. Tino committed his considerable efforts to Angela Hospice, the Aliaga Foundation, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, St. Mary's Mercy Hospital's Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, Botsford Hospital Foundation, McCarty Foundation, Madonna University, Hunters Feeding the Homeless, Livonia Italian American Club, Hockey Has Hearts, veterans' organizations, and Rotarians. Constantino DelSignore gave with an open heart and, like the entire DelSignore family, was always willing to help promote a worthy cause.

Regrettably, on October 26, 2010, Tino DelSignore passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved son, Giovanni and his parents, John and Lina. A devoted brother to Luciano, Nancy and Renata, Tino leaves a legacy in his nieces and nephews Ryder, Caprice, Coco, Alexa, Olivia, Alexandria and Max. If, in the end, a man's wealth can be measured by the friends and lives he has touched, Constantino DelSignore went home to God a very wealthy man. Courageous and honorable, Tino will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, Constantino DelSignore is remembered as a compassionate father, a dedicated son, a treasured brother, a caring leader and a true friend. Tino was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Constantino DelSignore farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to our country and community.

RECOGNIZING MR. EARL NIDIFFER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the 100th birthday of Mr. Earl Nidiffer. This significant milestone is certainly an incredible accomplishment.

A graduate from East Tennessee State University in 1934, Earl went on to become a star baseball and basketball player for the Bucs in the early 1930's.

His first job out of college was as the Sports Editor for the Johnson City Press. Earl later went on to work for the U.S. Postal Office in Johnson City. In addition, Earl is the oldest active member of Central Baptist Church in Johnson City.

Madam Speaker, EARL Nidiffer's tenacity and service to East Tennessee is a beacon of hope to us all. I want to thank him for all he has done, and I wish Earl nothing but the very best.

May the experience and wisdom Earl has attained and shared over the years encourage and teach those around him, lasting for generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF POLICE DISPATCHER LORI RILEY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Police Dispatcher Lori Riley for her 20 years of dedicated service to Burlingame Police Department.

She joined the department in 1990 after working for seven years as a communications operator with the California Highway Patrol. At the department, she was responsible for answering incoming emergency calls from the public and dispatching help to save both lives and property. She was a vital link to police officers, monitoring their activities by radio and providing them information while insuring their safety. She served as a Communications Training Officer, providing trainees with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively perform their duties.

Lori was recognized by the American Red Cross and the California State Assembly for her heroic efforts to save the life of a woman who had threatened to commit suicide.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the members join me in saluting Dispatcher Lori Riley for her 20 years of dedicated service to the Burlingame Police Department and that we extended our best wishes to Lori and her husband, Steve, for a healthy and happy retirement.

CONGRATULATING JERRY BROCK, RECIPIENT OF TEMPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S THIRD ANNUAL GUIDING LIGHT PHILANTHROPY AWARD

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jerry Brock, a Tempe, Arizona resident who was recently honored with the third annual Guiding Light Philanthropy Award by the Tempe Community Council. The Tempe Community Council was founded in 1972 with the mission of "connecting those in need with those who care."

Jerry started his career working in his father's auto salvage yard in Tempe over 50 years ago. Through his impeccable work ethic over the years, Jerry has become a national leader in the wholesale auto parts industry, through his company, Brock Supply Co., which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. Just as Jerry worked steadily to build his company, he has worked tirelessly to improve his community.

Jerry has been giving back to his community continuously through the years. He recently crossed the \$1 million mark in charitable gifts, primarily to causes within his home community of Tempe. Among the organizations that Jerry has supported over the years are the Cancer Foundation, East Valley Boys and Girls Club, Community Bridges and the Tempe City Council.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Jerry Brock for his well deserved