

James A. Ardaiz, who is retiring as Presiding Justice in the California Court of Appeal—Fifth Appellate District. Justice Ardaiz has had a long and distinguished career spanning over three decades, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

Justice Ardaiz is retiring at the end of this year, and his absence will be noted by all who have followed his honorable legal career. He has a reputation of being a hard worker, an intelligent and principled jurist, and a firm adherent to justice. He was recognized by the Judicial Council of California in 1999 as the California Jurist of the Year.

Justice Ardaiz is a recognized leader in our community. In addition to his legal accomplishments, which are many, he is co-author of a book called California Evidence, which looks at evidence law in California. He has also written articles about the death penalty and the California “Three Strikes” law. Another mark of success in Justice Ardaiz’s life is his family. He has been married to his wife, Pam, for 40 years, and they have three children.

It is clear that Justice Ardaiz’s service as Presiding Justice in the Fifth District Court of Appeal will continue to sustain justice and inspire others for generations to come. Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Justice James A. Ardaiz for a job well done.

HONORING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR TED TRAYLOR AS PASTOR OF OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize Pastor Ted Traylor’s twentieth anniversary as pastor of Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida.

Founded in 1894, Olive Baptist Church has experienced great growth by the grace of God and through its devout leadership. Almost a century after its founding, Dr. Ted Traylor was called to become its Pastor. Since November 1990, Pastor Traylor has answered his calling; his inspirational preaching over the last twenty years has brought people a fresh understanding of God’s Word and has challenged them to dedicate themselves to follow the tenets of the Lord.

In addition to Sunday services and the various spiritual activities held at the church, Pastor Traylor reaches thousands of homes along the Gulf Coast through his weekly radio and television ministry, At the Heart of Things.

His weekly messages of faith also reach an international audience through the internet, and while Pastor Traylor has preached extensively throughout the United States, he has also traveled the globe to share the Word of God. Emanuel University in Oradea, Romania, has honored Pastor Traylor by naming him to their Pastoral Leadership. He travels frequently to preach and teach the Gospel in Eastern Europe. Through Pastor Traylor’s leadership and vision to uphold and spread the Word of Christ, Olive Baptist has sponsored international mission trips to Russia, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Egypt, Costa Rica, India, Bahamas, and Brazil.

Pastor Traylor is noted for his unwavering stance on Biblical issues and unyielding defense of the Christian faith. Pastor Traylor has served as First Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention in 2000, President of the Florida Baptist Convention in 1995, President of the Southern Baptist Convention’s 2004 Pastors’ Conference, and he currently serves as moderator of the Pensacola Bay Baptist Association. Through his passion and leadership, Pastor Traylor has touched numerous lives throughout the northwest Florida community and throughout the world.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to celebrate twenty years of Pastor Ted Traylor’s dedicated service. I know that this anniversary is only the first of many more to come. My wife Vicki and I wish him, his wife Liz, and their two children, Rachel and Bennett, all the best. May the Spirit of the Lord continue to bless Pastor Traylor, his family, and the congregation of Olive Baptist Church.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. PATRICK LYNCH FOR MANY DECADES OF SERVICE AS HE ASSUMES THE PRESIDENCY OF THE NATIONAL FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Patrick Lynch as he assumes his presidency of the National Funeral Directors Association. As a Member of Congress, it is my honor and privilege to recognize Mr. Lynch on achieving this milestone in his career.

As owner and operator of Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors in Clawson, Michigan, Mr. Lynch has worked since 1972 to provide support for families in their time of greatest need. As a second generation funeral director, Mr. Lynch has worked diligently to ensure a high quality of service and support for families in grief over the loss of their loved ones. Mr. Lynch’s career is marked with many years of service in both the Michigan (MFDA) and National Funeral Directors Associations (NFDA). His many assignments have included work on the executive boards of both MFDA and NFDA, as well as service on NFDA’s Public Relations, Pursuit of Excellence and Consumer Protection Committees.

Mr. Lynch has shown a lifetime of leadership in his field and unyielding commitment to the pursuit of excellence in service. Under his leadership, the Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors have sought to the highest standards in its work at its seven Detroit area locations. As President of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, MFDA passed landmark consumer protections to ensure the rights of grieving families. Furthermore, while leading the MFDA, Mr. Lynch brought together over 1,600 clergy, hospice workers, and funeral directors to discuss how to provide the best continuum of care to the dying, the dead and the bereaved. At the national level, Mr. Lynch has been recognized with the Golden Eagle Award for his work in the NFDA’s Pursuit of Excellence program.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Patrick Lynch on the occasion of his installation as President of the National Funeral Directors Association for 2010–2011. Mr. Lynch’s career is comprised of decades of tireless dedication to assisting grieving families in a time of great need. I wish him success in his tenure of President of NFDA and many years of continued service to our community and country.

HONORING THE CONGRESSIONAL CLASS OF 2006

### 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, 16 of my classmates from the incoming Congressional class of 2006 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 accomplishments that we achieved during their tenure, I would like to recognize these representatives and thank them for their service: HARRY MITCHELL, PHIL HARE, CAROL SHEA-PORTER, JOHN HALL, CHARLIE WILSON, PATRICK MURPHY, STEVE KAGEN, PAUL HODES, RON KLEIN, BARON HILL, MICHAEL ARCURI, ZACK SPACE, CHRIS CARNEY, CIRO RODRIGUEZ, BRAD ELLSWORTH, JOE SESTAK.

Each of these members has been instrumental in formulating and implementing policies that serve the best interests of the American people and that will continue to shape our future in a positive way for generations to come.

These colleagues of mine—though their service, intellect, and companionship will be missed dearly—can look back on these last two years in Congress and take pride in the historical legislative achievements of which they were a part. The Class of 2006 can take heart in the knowledge that our legislative achievements assisted in pulling the country through some of its toughest times, marked by the housing crisis, financial crash, and ensuing recession. You were instrumental in the passage of landmark legislation such as:

Health Care Reform, ensuring that the wealthiest country in the world gives all of its citizens an opportunity to receive decent care and ending the worst insurance industry abuses.

Wall Street Reform, promising to the American people that the greed of Wall Street executives will never again jeopardize their savings, retirement, or livelihood.

The Recovery Act, providing the funding necessary to establish a foundation upon which the American economy could create new jobs while saving existing ones, and spur economic activity while investing in long-term growth.

The Class of 2006 can also proudly look back at other important accomplishments such as: Housing and Economic Recovery Act, Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, Honest Leadership and Open Government Act,

Energy Independence and Security Act, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, Credit CARD Act, Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, American Clean Energy and Security Act, Small Business Jobs and Credit Act.

The 110th and 111th Congresses acted boldly to confront pressing challenges; we worked hard, put in long hours, and prolifically passed vital pieces of legislation. Congressional scholars have even called the 111th Congress "one of the most productive" in our nation's history. Thanks to your hard work and vision, we have been a part of a congress that has looked forward, rather than backwards, and has always put the middle class first.

In closing, I would like to thank each of these members for their extraordinary commitment to public service and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors, which I and my Democratic colleagues hope includes a return to the House.

HONORING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHORAL  
SOCIETY OF PENSACOLA

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Choral Society of Pensacola.

The Choral Society of Pensacola was founded in 1935 by a group of local citizens whose goal was to enrich the northwest Florida community through the presentation of choral music and the continuing development of the choral arts.

In 1935, Mrs. Minnie Leah Boschen, a member of the Pensacola Music Study Club, desired to perform a portion of Handel's Messiah as part of the Pensacola Music Study Club's 1935 Christmas program. Mr. Edwin Northup, who was the choir director at Christ Episcopal Church, agreed to serve as director for the performance. Singers were recruited from church choirs and members of the Music Study Club; they included Mr. and Mrs. John Boschen, who went onto become soloists for the Messiah performance. Their first performance took place at the First Methodist Church in Pensacola, Florida on Monday, December 16, 1935. The well-attended performance of Handel's Messiah garnered lavish praise in the local newspaper. This same untitled group of singers who performed would later become recognized as the Pensacola Choral Society, the Pensacola Oratorio Society, and ultimately, the Choral Society of Pensacola.

During World War II, Pensacola experienced an influx of talent from all over the world. As Pensacola and the Choral Society adapted to this cultural expansion, the Choral Society continued to provide entertainment and joy to the local community. Their steadfast support and service during the challenging times of war was a true testament to the Choral Society's strength and dedication to northwest Florida.

In recent years, the Choral Society of Pensacola has performed for large audiences both

locally and internationally. The Choral Society, accompanied by the Pensacola Civic Band, presented a large-scale concert titled In Commemoration of September 11, 2001. This event drew an audience of approximately 850 people to Pensacola's Saenger Theatre. In December of 2004, the Choral Society began what has become an annual collaboration with the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra; their joint 2004 performance of Handel's Messiah drew an audience of over 1,200 people to Pensacola's Hillcrest Baptist Church. In August of 2006, the Pensacola Choral Society was the only U.S. choral society to perform in the prestigious China International Chinese Choral Festival held in Beijing, China. The Choral Society's grand performance was evidenced by their invitation to return to China and perform at the next festival.

Over the past 75 years, the Choral Society of Pensacola has enhanced the artistic community of northwest Florida by maintaining excellence, diversity, a commitment to education, and an emphasis on collaboration with other cultural organizations. On behalf of the northwest Florida community, I would like to give a standing ovation to the leadership and countless volunteers that compose the Choral Society of Pensacola and recognize their hard work and dedication.

Madam Speaker, I am very proud to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Choral Society of Pensacola. I know that this anniversary will only be the first of many more to come.

HONORING STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE BETTY BROWN

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize State Representative Betty Brown for her outstanding service and commitment to the State of Texas.

A native of Kaufman County, Texas, Betty entered political office because she was concerned that her children and grandchildren would not have the same opportunities as previous generations.

As a lifelong conservative, Betty has worked tirelessly to serve her community through state and local leadership positions including six terms representing Henderson and Kaufman counties as a member of the Texas House of Representatives.

Representative Brown has served admirably on both the Elections Committee and the Agriculture & Livestock Committee where she has continued to promote the values and ideals of her constituents since first being elected to office in 1998. Betty has devoted much of her life in service to the State of Texas, and I appreciate her principled dedication and conviction while serving in the Texas Legislature.

I am proud to call Betty a dear friend, and on behalf of the citizens of the Fifth District of Texas, I would like to thank Representative Brown for her twelve years of service and her commitment to defending freedom and liberty in our communities, state and nation.

HONORING THE EMPLOYEES OF  
SCHRAMM INC. FOR ROLE IN  
RESCUE OF CHILEAN MINERS

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated employees of Schramm Inc. of West Chester, Pennsylvania for playing a crucial role in the miraculous rescue of 33 Chilean miners trapped underground for 69 days.

A Schramm drill rig bore through more than 2,200 feet of rock and created 26-inch holes that rescue teams used to communicate and provide food to the miners, who had spent more than two weeks in darkness and were feared dead. Rescuers also used a Schramm T-130XD drill rig to create the narrow escape shaft through which miners would eventually be hoisted and joyously reunited with their families. Everyone in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is extremely proud of the exceptional teamwork and ingenuity Schramm employees demonstrated under immense pressure and the extraordinary performance of the Company's equipment during the rescue operation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me and Congressman JOE SESTAK (PA-7th District) today in recognizing the employees of Schramm Inc. for their commitment to manufacturing world-class products and in honoring them for transforming tragedy into triumph by helping free 33 Chilean miners with most of the world watching in awe.

HONORING MARGARET STEWART

**HON. DAVID DREIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness I submit for the record, together with my friend and colleague Representative JERRY LEWIS, the obituary of our dear friend Maggie Stewart of Upland, California. Maggie was a formidable community leader, activist, volunteer and philanthropist. San Antonio Community Hospital, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, United Way, Kiwanis Club of Upland, Soroptimist Club of Ontario and the Assistance League of Upland are just a few of the community organizations that benefitted from her outstanding service. As we remember her extraordinary life and accomplishments, Maggie's two daughters, Shirley Preston of Rancho Cucamonga and Carol Hawkins of Upland, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren remain in our thoughts and prayers. The contributions of this tremendous woman will continue to make a difference in the lives of so many in our communities.

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STEWART FAMILY Matriarch LEAVES A RICH LEGACY

(By John Jopes)

I learned Monday that Margaret Stewart had died. And I was hurt by that.

She was not only a friend, but also was part of a withering vestige of our community's rich history. Because of that, the end