

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.

[From the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, Nov. 16, 2010]

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

of Maggie's life tolls a particular sadness, and marks a conclusion of an astonishing life.

Maggie married into the Stewart pioneer family when she was 23; that was in 1944. Her husband, Walter Stewart, was heir to the family's citrus ranches that date back to the 1890s. Walter, a former member of the Ontario City Council, died in 2004.

The Stewart family, among others, fashioned the character of an agrarian community that evolved into the vibrant valley it was to become.

But by anyone's reckoning, Margaret Stewart was her own kind of dynamo. In 1939 Maggie (Margaret Sanders then) was elected president of the Chaffey High School student body. She not only was the first girl in the school's history to win that post, but she had to whip a star football player to do it.

"My mother was always so proud of that," her daughter Carol Hawkins said the other day.

That high school victory was a watershed for Maggie, for she was smitten with politics, and her love for it remained with her from that time forward. Although she never served in public office, she steered countless such campaigns, and helped elect scores of officeholders during the remainder of her life. Some of them still serve in high places.

A headline from a yellowed newspaper clipping describing Maggie's political prowess referred to her simply as "Mrs. Republican." She earned that sobriquet, and answered to it with pride.

She was a founder of the influential Chaffey District Young Republicans in 1950, and later served as chairman of the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee. She used the power of that post with envied skill and fairness.

Maggie was a delegate to three Republican National Conventions (1988, 1992 and 1996).

But she spread her goodness liberally beyond the local and national political stage and was active with numerous local organizations whose missions were to make the community a better place in which to live. She just as well could have been referred to a "Mrs. San Antonio Community Hospital," or "Mrs. Spanish Trails Girl Scout Council." The list could go on.

At the 2004 San Antonio Community Hospital's President's Award Dinner honoring Maggie, she was praised for her work with the United Way, the Assistance League of Upland, the hospital's auxiliary, PTA and other organizations. She possessed a myriad of awards, local, county and statewide.

Maggie liked to describe herself as a freelancer in the public relations field, and her clients, as well as newspaper people, agreed that she was an expert in that exercise. "Maggie is a gentle arm-twister," an editor once said.

She possessed another trait—she was particularly generous, and had the knack of making other people feel especially important when she talked to them. Ask anyone who knew her.

But Maggie's labor in the fields of community good came at no expense to her duties as an accomplished homemaker and a loving and supportive parent. Kathy Brugger, a close friend, once wrote, "Family is not just a word to Maggie, but a commitment. She continues to be there for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

Maggie's place in history also is well-established. She and her family spent 28 years living in the Stewart ranch home constructed in 1895 by Walter's grandfather, W.B. Stewart. When new, it was surrounded by citrus groves.

Although no longer owned by the family, the historic Queen Anne home (regarded as a mansion in its earliest days) was occupied,

at one time or another, by five generations of Stewarts. It still stands at 830 W. Sixth St. in Ontario.

In the new part of their marriage, Maggie and Walter, like other citrus growers, confronted the conflict between warm smudge pots and cruel frost in a struggle to save their fruit from certain death. The pots were fired by men and boys who ran through the night, a dance of sorts that left the valley veiled in dark smoke.

One of the Stewart groves was at the county roads of Arrow Highway and Mountain in Upland. Stewart Plaza, an office building and commercial complex, now stands on that site.

Maggie was born Margaret Sanders in Ontario on July 9, 1921, the only child of William and Mary Sanders. Her father was a Southern California Edison Co. employee.

Maggie attended local schools, and she graduated from Chaffey College.

In the early 1940s, she worked in the offices of the Cal Aero Academy (now Chino Airport) where thousands of young men were trained before they flew off to World War II.

She also was employed as a secretary at the General Electric flatiron plant in Ontario.

In 1944 she and Walter, who was a highly decorated Marine fighter pilot while serving in the South Pacific, settled down to married life. Maggie soon began what was to be her extraordinary career in community service. It would be a lifetime devotion.

Maggie's death at her Upland home on Monday at the age of 89, was brought on by a lengthy period of diminishing health and the result of a recent fall. No one would disagree Maggie Stewart led a full and rewarding life, a life that has left a place better than it was before her time.

She is survived by two daughters, Shirley Preston of Rancho Cucamonga and Carol Hawkins of Upland. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandy Lee. Four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Life Bible Fellowship Church, 2426 N. Euclid Ave., Upland.

The family said memorial contributions can go to Charter Hospice, attention: Bonnie Beck, 1012 E. Cooley Drive, Suite G, Colton, CA 92324; or San Antonio Community Hospital Foundation, 999 San Bernardino Road, Upland, CA 91786.

PARTISAN CONSERVATIVES CONTINUE ATTACK ON FED'S EFFORT TO HELP THE ECONOMY

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I continue to be appalled by the spectacle of much of the conservative political movement in America attacking the man George Bush first appointed to head the Federal Reserve for his efforts to promote faster economic growth and a greater reduction in unemployment. Ben Bernanke's role in trying to cope with the economic disaster that the Obama Administration inherited from the Bush Administration has been productive and courageous. Consistently, he has refused to listen to conservatives, mostly although not entirely from the right, objecting to his efforts to provide the financial support needed for economic growth to go forward. Predictions that this

would lead to ruinous inflation have proven baseless; the notion that this would lead to enormous losses in federal funds have also been refuted.

Despite the record of success that the Fed has shown in these efforts, despite the fact that inflation is nowhere in prospect, despite the fact that when challenged by Republican Members of the Financial Services Committee in a series of hearings we held Mr. Bernanke was able to refute—easily—any suggestion that these measures could get out of control, documenting that he has thoughtful plans for containing them—despite all of this, leading conservatives have decided for reasons I cannot fathom, to join China, Germany, and other foreign nations in assailing Mr. Bernanke for efforts to improve our economic condition.

The notion that a fear of inflation, given the current statistics, should prevail over efforts to stimulate economic activity and reduce unemployment is baffling, and if fully understood by the American people, will be certainly rejected.

Yesterday, Madam Speaker, I inserted into the RECORD powerful arguments in defense of Mr. Bernanke from the New York Times Editorial Board and Martin Wolf of the Financial Times. I wish to add today to that list of thoughtful people who are defending the Federal Reserve Chairman against the China-German-right-wing Republican attack, an editorial from the Boston Globe, and a thoughtful article from one of our leading economists, Professor Alan Blinder of Princeton, himself a former Vice Chair of the Fed.

A GLOBAL CHORUS OF KVETCHERS

The Federal Reserve's attempt to stimulate economic growth by purchasing \$600 billion worth of long-term Treasury bonds over the coming eight months may not produce the hoped-for spurt in lending and investment. Cash-rich banks and other corporations seem worried more about anemic demand than the cost of money. But whatever the domestic effects of Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's use of monetary policy to ward off deflation, the vehement criticism of the move from other countries is way off base.

China, Germany, and Brazil have led the complainers' chorus. Tellingly, all three enjoy significant and growing trade surpluses. During the run-up to the G-20 summit in South Korea, they accused the Fed of a stealthy form of currency manipulation. In the case of China, the pot is calling the kettle black. China's propping up of the yuan in currency markets has been flagrant.

The G-20 summit, which ended Friday, was justly panned for the failure of the world's leading economic powers to agree on measures to prevent each other from deliberately undervaluing their currencies to promote exports and discourage imports. Charges and countercharges abounded.

Nonetheless, it was a positive sign that Chinese President Hu Jintao agreed to take specific actions to boost his country's domestic consumption of goods. This could herald a significant shift for an economy geared toward maximizing exports. And President Obama got the better of the argument about the Fed's effort to stimulate growth and create jobs in the United States. No one could refute Obama's contention that a "strong recovery" in America "is the most important contribution the United States can make to global economic recovery."

The disputes within the G-20 involve nettlesome matters and cannot be resolved quickly. The most positive sign to come out of the summit was a broad awareness of the need for continued consultation and cooperation to avoid a repeat of the protectionist