

on Turkey and Turkish Americans, I would like to offer my warmest congratulations to the people of Turkey, as they recently observed the 87th anniversary of the founding of the Turkish Republic on October 29.

Under the visionary leadership of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and his successors, Turkey transformed itself into a modern, secular state allied with the democracies of Europe and the Americas. This alliance is enshrined in Turkey's NATO membership, as evidenced in the logistical and reconstruction efforts Turkey has undertaken in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In light of changing geopolitical developments, there have been questions about Turkey's commitment to its friends in recent years. While there may be bumps in the road in any friendship, differences that may exist between Turkey and the United States on certain issues are evidence of mature and healthy democracies having differences of opinion. The bilateral relationship is still undergirded by the same long-term goals of peace, security and prosperity.

I am confident that the relationship between our two peoples will stand the tests of time, given our shared ideals. Moreover, our ties are cemented by the presence and contributions of over 150,000 Turkish Americans, whose ranks are growing every year. Through diverse fields ranging from music to science—and increasingly through politics—Turkish Americans contribute to the vibrancy, health, and advancement of our society. We are fortunate to have them as our fellow citizens.

In closing, my congratulations again to all Turks everywhere on the commemoration of the 87th Turkish Republic Day.

IN HONOR OF BRIGADIER
GENERAL KENNETH W. NORTH

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General Kenneth W. North, who passed away on September 21, 2010. Kenneth North fought for his country and survived seven years in a Vietnamese POW camp, and I am honored to stand in tribute to him.

General North was born in 1930 in Rockville, Connecticut, and graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1953. In 1974, he completed studies at the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island. In Vietnam, North served as a fighter pilot and flew 33 combat missions before being downed by enemy fire on August 1, 1966.

Kenneth North repeatedly faced down his tormenters during his seven years at the Hanoi Hilton. North was often beaten and tortured; he endured guards jacking his bound arms behind his back until the shoulder joints split. He suffered through these torturous sessions and defied his captors through bouts of solitary confinement.

North, the son of a Vernon mill worker, was released with 100 other POWs in August 1973 and was the first man off the plane on March 7 when he reunited with his family.

General North's military decorations and awards include the Silver Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak

leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster and several unit citations.

North was buried in Wellfleet, Massachusetts. During the ceremony, Air Force fighter jets streaked over Pleasant Hill Cemetery in a final salute. I now ask my colleagues to rise with me so that we too may honor Brigadier General Kenneth North, a true American hero.

HONORING PAUL KELLEY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Congressman MIKE THOMPSON to recognize Paul Kelley who is retiring after 16 years as a member of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Congressman THOMPSON and I have the distinct privilege of representing Sonoma County and both of our tenures in the House have coincided with Mr. Kelley's tenure on the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Kelley represents the northernmost supervisorial district in Sonoma County, which is home to one of the finest wine grape-growing and wine-producing regions in the world. His support of agriculture and agriculture-related industries is deep seated. He grew up on a small farm outside of Santa Rosa and spent his summers as a youth working on neighboring ranches and farms in the area. As a supervisor, his work included helping to bridge the gap between the water needs of farmers and fisheries, in supporting measures that guaranteed that 22,000 acres in his district would be protected under the county's Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District acquisitions and encouraging businesses and farmers to embrace green technology.

Supervisor Kelley also helped create new parks and recreational facilities throughout his district, including the Boys & Girls Club in Windsor, and renovate existing youth facilities in Cloverdale, Healdsburg and Larkfield-Wikiup.

He was the key proponent of returning commercial air service to the Charles M. Schulz/Sonoma County Airport. The regional airport now has daily flights to four western cities.

Supervisor Kelley's special assignments on the board included membership on the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, the North Coast Rail Authority, the Water Agency Committee, the Local Agency Formation Commission (Chair), the Eel Russian River Commission (Chair), the Redwood Empire Association, the North Coast Air Pollution Control District, the North Coastal Counties Supervisors' Association, the Public Policy Facilitating Committee, the Sonoma County Advertising Program, the Sonoma County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Program and the Association of California Water Agencies (President).

Madam Speaker, after 16 years of public service to the people of Sonoma, Paul Kelley deserves to enjoy the riches of this new phase of his life as a water and transportation consultant. We wish him well.

RECOGNIZING ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, RECIPIENT OF THE 2010 BLUE RIBBON OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Ambrose Catholic School for being named by the United States Department of Education as a recipient of a 2010 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award.

The Blue Ribbon School award honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that have helped close the achievement gap and whose students attain and maintain high academic goals. The program is part of a larger Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices. Each year since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education has sought out schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals, including those that beat the odds. This year St. Ambrose is one of only 314 schools nationwide, public and private, to receive this award and is the only school in the 11th Congressional District of Virginia to be so honored this year.

Quality education is an important component to our community in Northern Virginia, and it gives me great pride to represent a school as committed and effective at attaining high achievement goals. St. Ambrose is committed to teaching faith and life skills to students from kindergarten through 8th grade. Through rigorous academic programs, robust activities, excellent staff, and a committed community, St. Ambrose exemplifies the strong fabric of our shared community here in Northern Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing and congratulating Principal Barbara Dalmut, her staff, and the St. Ambrose Catholic school community for their efforts toward earning this prestigious award.

TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN E.
DALLINGER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carolyn E. Dallinger of Huxley, Iowa, as the recipient of the 2010 Iowa Professor of the Year award. She was honored at a reception in Washington, D.C., on November 18.

The U.S. Professors of the Year program, which is sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, is the only national program to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

Carolyn is currently an Assistant Professor of Social Work and Criminal Justice at Simpson College. She enjoys incorporating service learning components within her classroom teaching whenever possible. An example of

this includes having her social policy students serve meals to hungry or homeless people.

Besides being involved in sporting events and extracurricular activities at Simpson College, Carolyn also serves as a junior/senior high school youth group leader for her church. The youth group has taken several mission trips across the country to serve less fortunate people. She is also a member of the church choir and participates as a church accompanist.

Carolyn Dallinger is an incredible teacher, and her dedication to her profession and to her students should make every Iowan proud. It's an honor to represent her in the United States Congress, and I know that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Carolyn on this well-deserved award and thanking her for her dedicated service to her community and America's young adults.

CELEBRATING THE GROUND-
BREAKING FOR THE ROUGH AND
READY FIRE STATION

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the groundbreaking for the Rough and Ready Fire Station in Nevada County, California.

Since its founding in 1963, the Rough and Ready Fire Department has served to protect the homes and businesses in their community. In the early years, the department consisted of a phone-tree-style call list that would spring into action when needed, using whatever assortment of equipment the group could afford to buy, maintain and house in local barns. In 1970, the current fire station was constructed on Rough and Ready Road to house two fire engines and serve as the headquarters for the 16 volunteer fire fighters. As the town continued to grow, so did its need for fire protection and the department acquired two additional engines, but with room in the station to house only two vehicles. As a result, the department went back to housing some fire engines in barns, including the Davison Barn, where chickens began roosting in the engine and going on fire calls.

As the years wore on, it became increasingly clear that the fire station on Rough and Ready Road would not be able to meet the needs of the city indefinitely. Without a training area large enough to accommodate all fire-fighters, lacking sleeping quarters or any space to service vehicles, an absence of ventilation, air conditioning and insulation, and a hopelessly leaky roof, the need to build a new facility was more than evident. Beginning in 1995, the department saved a little money each year towards a new station and by 2004 the land had been acquired and the department officers were finalizing design plans. Finally, in 2009, having raised just under one million dollars through department savings and private donations, Rough and Ready secured a federal matching grant to allow for construction to move forward. At over 8000 square feet and complete with five engine bays, living quarters and up-to-date infrastructure, the new

station will greatly increase the department's capacity to serve the 2,200 citizens in their immediate district and the over 52,000 people in the surrounding area.

Madam Speaker, it is impossible to overestimate the necessity of fire protection or to measure to countless contributions these fire-fighters make to our community. It is has been my privilege to work with the Rough and Ready Fire Department in competing for a merit-based federal grant and it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the city of Rough and Ready to celebrate this joyous occasion.

IN HONOR OF TERRY SULLIVAN,
PRESIDENT AND CEO, COLORADO
SPRINGS CONVENTION & VISI-
TORS BUREAU

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Terrance W. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan has served as leader of the Colorado Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau for 20 years. In this role, Mr. Sullivan has helped support and expand the tourism industry in Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region. He has previously been awarded Outstanding Individual Contribution to Colorado Tourism by the Governor of Colorado in 2005, and was elected to serve as President of the Tourism Industry Association of Colorado (TIAC).

Mr. Sullivan has also served in leadership roles in numerous civic and business organizations and has contributed significantly to the economic development of the Pikes Peak region. His exemplary career is marked by his chairmanship of the Tourism Industry Association of Colorado (TIAC) and the Colorado Association of Destination Marketing Organizations (CADMO), organizations that work cooperatively to promote travel to our state, region, and city. Mr. Sullivan is also a co-founder and board member of the Southern Colorado Business Partnership and has served and continues to serve on many other community boards and committees. He continually supports community parks, museums, historic sites, and open spaces.

In addition to his achievements in the tourism industry, Mr. Sullivan was an Army aviator in Vietnam followed by service in the National Guard and Army Reserves. He is rated as a Master Aviator with approximately 3,000 flying hours. In March 2004, Mr. Sullivan participated as an organizer and crew member in the Smithsonian Museum of History's "America's Huey, The Final Journey Home." Mr. Sullivan continues to support the military community by founding the Mountain Post Historical Association, serving as an honorary board member of the Peterson Air & Space Museum, and serving as an active member of the Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council.

Mr. Sullivan will retire from the Colorado Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau on December 31, 2010, leaving a lasting legacy of hospitality and tourism promotion for all that follow. Mr. Sullivan's future hopes for the Con-

vention and Visitors Bureau include bringing further credibility and recognition to the Colorado hospitality industry, proactively pursuing an increased air service network, creating valuable and effective partnership marketing opportunities, attracting more sports-related events to the Pikes Peak region, and assuring the development of a community infrastructure. These will meet the future needs of a growing and healthy tourism industry.

Madam Speaker, residents and visitors of Colorado have been fortunate to have Mr. Sullivan serve as leader of the Colorado Springs Convention & Visitor Bureau for the past 20 years. His involvement in Colorado tourism and civic engagement has provided economic development to Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region as well as a richer experience to visitors of our beautiful state. I know my fellow Members of the House of Representatives will join me in thanking him for his lasting contribution to the community and for his commitment to our country.

NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. This year marks the 27th anniversary of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, which has brought awareness to the 5.3 million Americans living with Alzheimer's and the over 200,00 living with Alzheimer's in my own state of Georgia. More than half of all Americans now know someone with Alzheimer's and approximately thirty percent of Americans have a family member with the disease.

It is of immense magnitude that all Americans become aware of what they can do to support those who live with the disease. This month should serve as a time to reflect on the struggles faced by those with the disease and to commemorate how far we have come and all we have accomplished in the fight for a cure.

I would also like to express immense gratitude to the Georgia Alzheimer's Association for their advocacy throughout the state of Georgia. Under their incredible leadership they have been able to help over 124,000 Georgians through their programs and services. It is important that we acknowledge this month as a time of support for all affected with the disease and reaffirm that as a nation it should be our mission to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, and to provide and enhance care and support to those individuals affected with the disease, their families and caregivers.

I encourage everyone to join me in recognizing November as the National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month.