

Browning. During his tenure, Mr. Browning helped to transform the face of Mobile's industrial waterfront and secure the long-term return of Navy shipbuilding to Alabama's port city.

On November 16, Bob Browning officially stepped down as CEO for Austal USA shipbuilding in Mobile to pursue a new business opportunity. He has held Austal USA's top position for the last 2 years after joining the company in 2007.

Bob arrived at Austal as it was establishing itself as a force to be reckoned with in building quality, high-speed ships. For the last decade Austal has been expanding its footprint along the Mobile River and Bob played a significant role in making Mobile home to the largest aluminum shipyard in the world.

Bob guided the growth of Austal's high-speed military shipbuilding program by preparing it to successfully compete in major military contracts. In 2008, Austal secured a coveted \$1.6 billion contract to build joint high-speed vessels, JHSV, for the U.S. Army and Navy. The program is continuing with Austal on track to build the fourth and fifth vessels.

Bob has also well positioned Austal to successfully compete for a \$5 billion U.S. Navy contract to produce ten littoral combat ships. Austal and partner General Dynamics were awarded a contract in 2005 to construct their first LCS, the USS *Independence*, which was commissioned in January 2010.

Under Bob's leadership, Austal has since become the leader in the contract to build the full 10-ship Navy LCS fleet. The Navy is expected to make a decision by the end of the year. The award would mean a doubling of Austal's local workforce of 1,800 employees.

As Bob and his family transition to new challenges, I wish to convey the appreciation of Alabama's coastal community for a job well done. His leadership and his dedication to our local workforce have made our region stronger.

HONORING DANIEL JOHNSON

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and sacrifice of Senior Airman Daniel Johnson. Daniel was killed by an improvised explosive device last month in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He was just 23 years old.

Daniel spent much of his childhood in Minnesota and Wisconsin before moving to Schiller Park, Illinois to live with his grandmother. Family members remember fondly Daniel's lifelong dream to fight for his country and the pride he felt when he put on his uniform. In Afghanistan he disarmed dangerous bombs, continuously risking his life to protect others.

His commitment to service extended beyond the battlefield. Daniel attended Triton College with the admirable goal of one day working as an emergency medical technician. Today, I offer my deepest condolences to all of those who had the privilege to know such a selfless and giving young man.

I join with them in mourning the loss of this brave airman and exemplary American. On behalf of the United States Congress and the 5th district of Illinois I thank him for his cour-

age. To his family, friends, and loved ones: Daniel's country will never forget his service.

IN HONOR OF THE HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to the HealthCare Chaplaincy, a nonprofit multi-faith healthcare organization that is devoted to serving the spiritual needs of patients seeking palliative care and their families. This month, the Chaplaincy hosts its annual "Wholeness of Life" Awards Dinner in Manhattan.

Founded in 1961 by a syndicate of churches, the HealthCare Chaplaincy has served nearly 5 million people, relieving medical suffering and improving the quality of life of countless grateful clients and their families. Over the course of those five decades, the HealthCare Chaplaincy has sought tirelessly to expand palliative care by improving its accessibility, affordability, and quality, and by training qualified chaplains for hospital ministry. As the largest clinical pastoral education and research center of its kind in the United States, the HealthCare Chaplaincy has become an integral part of the medical community, caring for both residential and non-residential patients with serious progressive illnesses and helping to reduce the severity of disease symptoms.

The HealthCare Chaplaincy is hosting its 23rd Wholeness of Life Awards Dinner this month to celebrate its 50th Anniversary. I also wish to congratulate this year's most worthy honorees: the Chairmen of the Board of Trustees, as well as doctors and nurses who excelled at patient care in the palliative medical field.

The HealthCare Chaplaincy's remarkable achievements would not be possible without its President and Chief Executive Officer, the Reverend Dr. Walter J. Smith, and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Claire Haaga-Altman. A specialist in end-of life palliative care, the Rev. Dr. Walter Smith has served at the HealthCare Chaplaincy for nearly two decades. Ms. Haaga-Altman has served in the non-profit sector for more than 30 years, helping to develop New York City's Access-a-Ride program and fostering and facilitating the growth of the multi-faith palliative medical field. At the Chaplaincy, she is overseeing an innovative and critically needed assisted living program.

Madam Speaker, I salute the work of HealthCare Chaplaincy and I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the HealthCare Chaplaincy and its 2010 honorees for their many contributions to the civic and spiritual life of our Nation.

HONORING ELAINE ROTH FOR HER 42 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elaine Roth, former District Manager of the Social Security Administration field office in Melville, NY, who will be retiring later this year. Her 42-year career with Social Security is a testament to Ms. Roth's dedication to public service.

Ms. Roth's career with Social Security began in 1968 when she was hired as a Claims Representative in Brooklyn, NY. Between then and 1980 she was promoted multiple times and served as Branch Manager of the field offices in Kings Plaza (Brooklyn), Riverhead (Long Island), and Flushing (Queens). She was then promoted to District Manager of the field office in Melville in 1998, a position she held until 2004 when she was asked to join Social Security's National Medicare Planning Task Force.

Throughout her four decades with Social Security, Ms. Roth's many accomplishments have been recognized with various awards. Most notably, she received a Deputy Commissioner's Citation (August 2007 and October 2005), a Component Head's Citation (August 2006), and the Commissioner's Citation—Social Security's highest honor—in September 2005 and three times previously.

Ms. Roth and her husband are long-time residents of Long Island and she will be entering her well-earned retirement as a loving mother of two and a devoted grandmother of one. I thank her for her service to the Second District of New York and wish her all the best in the future.

HONORING ETHAN J. SMITH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ethan J. Smith. Ethan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 332, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ethan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ethan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ethan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Ethan painted and renovated the Pink Hill Park playground prior to that park hosting the Wall That Heals traveling Vietnam War Memorial exhibit.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ethan J. Smith for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
BRIAN MARSDEN

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, Dr. Brian Marsden directed the Minor Planet Center, MPC, at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Massachusetts for nearly 30 years, where he kept track of the thousands of daily asteroid and comet observations from around the world. The responsibility of keeping track of these near-Earth objects, and potentially the fate of all humanity, could not have been in better hands than those of this capable, conscientious scientist.

Dr. Marsden became interested in astrophysics at the early age of five, when his mother displayed to him that method by which eclipses could be predicted in advance. His teen years were spent calculating forecasts of astronomical phenomena—long before modern computers or even calculators were available. By the time he was an undergraduate student, he had achieved an international reputation for the accuracy of his predictions of comets and for a number of new discoveries.

One of the most outstanding examples of his predictive prowess can be seen in his calculation of the return of comet Swift-Tuttle. The scientific consensus was that the comet would return in 1981, almost 120 years after it was last seen, but Dr. Marsden analyzed the available data and projected correctly that it would not return to the inner solar system until late 1992, over a decade later than previously expected. Swift-Tuttle has the longest period of any comet whose return has been successfully predicted.

Dr. Brian Marsden passed away on November 18, 2010. His soaring accomplishments have made this planet a safer place, and his legacy will live on for centuries.

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER
LORENZO "PETE" CASALEGNO

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication, public service and patriotism of U.S. Navy Commander "Pete" Casalegno for 30 years of distinguished service to our nation, both with the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Air Force.

Commander Casalegno's military service began in 1965 when he enlisted in the Air Force and served as a weather observer and forecaster. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he served as a member of the combat weather team at Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam, from December 1967 to December 1968.

Upon graduation from the University of San Francisco, Commander Casalegno was commissioned and subsequently designated as a naval flight officer. After completion of advanced training in the E-2 Hawkeye aircraft, Commander Casalegno was assigned to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 114 and completed two overseas deployments onboard the USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63) and the USS

Coral Sea (CV-43). During this assignment, Commander Casalegno completed arduous qualifications as Officer of the Deck and Tactical Action Officer.

After graduating from the United States Postgraduate School in 1981 with a Master of Science in Systems Engineering, Commander Casalegno was assigned to the staff of the Cruiser Destroyer Group Three as Assistant Air Operations and Electronic Warfare Officer. Involved in frequent deployments to both the Western Pacific and Southwest Asia, Commander Casalegno participated in military operations following the fall of the Shah of Iran and numerous humanitarian operations.

In 1985, Commander Casalegno reported to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 116 where he served as Operations Officer and Maintenance Officer during deployments to the Western Pacific and Southwest Asia. Commander Casalegno was involved in operations which included escorting U.S. merchant ships through the Straits of Hormuz and retributive strikes on Iranian oil facilities.

Following the tour, Commander Casalegno was assigned to the staff of Commander Allied Forces Southern Europe in Naples, Italy. As a staff officer, he was involved in numerous North American Treaty Organization operations, including support of allied forces during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In 1990, Commander Casalegno was assigned as the United States Navy Exchange Officer to the Royal Navy's Maritime Tactical School in Portsmouth, England, where he trained senior allied officials in the employment of naval forces. In 1994, Commander Casalegno returned to the United States to serve at the Navy's Tactical Training Group, Atlantic Fleet, as the air defense instructor.

Commander Casalegno, his wife Marla, his daughter Julie, and his sons Cory and Phillip are stalwart Americans who have made enormous sacrifices over the last 30 years. Commander Casalegno has honorably and faithfully upheld the nation's special trust and confidence conveyed through his military commission. In every way, he has upheld his oath of office with true faith and allegiance. It is with the greatest sense of respect and appreciation that I stand today in recognition of Commander Casalegno and, along with the rest of my colleagues, wish him all the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE F.P. "SKIPPY" WHITE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise to inform the House of the passing of long-time South Alabama State Representative F.P. "Skippy" White. Representative White died on October 21, 2010, after an extended illness at age 69.

Skippy was the epitome of a public servant. He served with distinction in the Alabama House of Representatives for three decades, proudly representing the people of Baldwin and Escambia counties from 1982 to 2006.

He began his career in public service as a firefighter and later councilman for his beloved

hometown of Pollard, Alabama where he held office for seven years. In 1982, he was elected as a Democrat to the Alabama House of Representatives and served in that capacity for 24 years. In fact, he was the longest serving legislator from Escambia County.

During his career in the Alabama State Legislature, Representative White worked tirelessly on behalf of south Alabama. He was distinguished as an outstanding legislator and served on the House Rules Committee and the Joint Transportation Committee. He is credited with improving the roads and bridges in his district where he took a great personal interest.

On behalf of the people of south Alabama, I extend deepest sympathy to his lovely wife, Clara; their wonderful children, Todd, Hugh, and Sarah Anne; and his family and many friends.

Representative Skippy White was much loved and respected by his constituents for his tireless dedication to Baldwin and Escambia counties. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

HONORING HANK DAVID GAMEL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Hank David Gamel. Hank is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1494, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Hank has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Hank has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Hank has earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Hank has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Hank designed and constructed a sign for the entrance of the Church of the Annunciation in Kearney, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Hank David Gamel for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING JAMES J. BOLLICH
AS 2010 AMERICAN LEGION POST
241 LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Sergeant James J. Bollich who was recently named Legionnaire of the Year by American Legion Post 241 in Lafayette, Louisiana. Sergeant Bollich served this Nation with honor and distinction, and has lived an exemplary American life worthy of approbation.

Sergeant Bollich was born in the small farm community of Mowata and attended college at