

Murfreesboro home. When she joined my staff as a field representative in 2009, she helped my constituents obtain their Social Security and Medicare benefits and helped students with concerns related to federal student loans. Lauren was enthusiastic, capable and quick to help all constituents who came through our door. Her kindhearted, compassionate nature endeared her to many people who were going through rough times and just needed some help cutting through government redtape.

In June, Lauren left the big city of Murfreesboro and headed to a really big city, Washington, DC, to experience work on Capitol Hill. When the scheduler position became available, Lauren stepped in and rose to the challenge. In a short time she mastered the complexities of the job and put her organizational skills to good use on major logistical projects, such as archiving my congressional papers for our alma mater.

Lauren's professionalism and positive attitude have made her a great addition to the office. She generously shared her home-baked treats with the office and became an integral part of the team. Her tiny dog, Nona, even graced us with occasional visits to the office in her leopard-print Snuggie, further brightening the mood.

Madam Speaker, I and the rest of the staff will miss Lauren, but we are thrilled about this newest chapter in her career. I've had the pleasure of meeting her family, and I know she makes them proud. Lauren, I and your colleagues here in DC and in Tennessee wish you all the best in the future.

HONORING ELIZABETH ZUBITIS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Zubitis, who will retire on January 5, 2011 after 47 years of active membership and leadership in the Washington State Democratic Party. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Ms. Zubitis for her commitment to public service, civic engagement, her extensive accomplishments within her community, and her undertakings as a local leader of the Democratic Party.

Born in Alberta, Canada, Elizabeth Zubitis and her family moved to Moscow, Idaho where she became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Soon after, she became an active member of the Democratic Party. She began her career in the party as a Democratic Precinct Committee Officer in 1964. Over the course of her career, Ms. Zubitis has been the treasurer of the Pierce County Democratic League in the Washington State Federation of Democratic Women, the chair of Washington State's 2nd Legislative District Democrats, the chair of the State's 29th Legislative District Democrats, and served a four-year term as the chair of the Pierce County Democrats.

Additionally, Ms. Zubitis has been an active member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women and the Lady Garment Workers Union, which was later incorporated into the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. She became and served for many years as a full-time union representative for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, and retired from this post in 1999.

Having been recognized by several organizations as a noteworthy person, Ms. Zubitis has proven to be an inspiring role model for girls and women in the community. Among her many accolades, she has received the Warren G. Magnuson Award for State Committee Woman of the Year in 2001 and the Glass Ceiling Award. Ms. Zubitis's retirement will mark the end of her two-year term as Chair of Washington State's 30th Legislative District Democrats. Her long list of accomplishments is made more impressive by her success as a mother of five children and a loving grandmother.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Elizabeth Zubitis on her many remarkable achievements, her venerable service to her community, and her retirement after 47 years of committed involvement with the Washington State Democrats.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF THOMAS L. BALDINI

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of my good friend and District Director Thomas L. Baldini of Marquette, Michigan. Tom has been a member of my staff since 2003, but has been a devoted member of the Marquette community for over 40 years and has been a committed public servant to the people of Michigan throughout his long career.

Tom graduated from Northern Michigan University (NMU) in Marquette in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education (Political Science/Economics and History). Following his time at NMU, Tom began his distinguished career as a high school economics and political science teacher with Marquette Area Public Schools, a position he held for 18 years. Throughout his teaching career, Tom also served as a part-time instructor at NMU.

In 1983, Tom began serving as the Special Assistant to Michigan Governor James Blanchard for Upper Peninsula Affairs and Education Advisor, and was referred to as the "Governor of the Upper Peninsula." Tom continued to serve the citizens of Michigan with Governor Blanchard until 1991, when he went back to work for Marquette Area Public Schools as Assistant to the Superintendent for Personnel and Finance.

Three years later, Tom had the distinct honor of being appointed by President Clinton—and later confirmed by the U.S. Senate—to become the Chairman of the U.S. Section of the International Joint Commission (IJC) for Canada and the United States. Tom was later tapped by President Clinton once again to become the U.S. Commissioner to the International Boundary Commission (IBC) for the United States and Canada. Tom was the first American to hold these two diplomatic positions for the United States concurrently.

Looking for a change in his professional life, Tom became my District Director in 2003 and has been with me ever since. When I am in Washington, Tom is my eyes and ears in northern Michigan and serves as my chief representative throughout our expansive District.

Tom possesses a firm passion for public service and a steadfast commitment to the people of Michigan, and always stands ready to assist in any way he can. He managed my 10-person district staff in seven different offices and assists constituents, local communities, local governments and businesses throughout the district.

Madam Speaker, Thomas L. Baldini is a dear friend to both me, and the citizens of northern Michigan. His remarkable career of public service is truly inspiring and I know that after my time in Congress has ended, Tom will continue to play an integral role in his community for years to come. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Thomas L. Baldini's four decades of service to the State of Michigan.

HONORING ROSHARA "ROSIE" J. HOLUB

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Roshara "Rosie" J. Holub, president and chief executive officer of the Missouri Credit Union Association, the service and support association for Missouri's 153 credit unions and their more than 1.3 million members. After decades of service to credit unions and their members, Rosie will be retiring on December 17th of this year.

Rosie has an extensive and impressive resume of professional accomplishments. She served as Chairman of the American Association of Credit Union Leagues (AACUL), as Chair of Credit Union House, LLC (Washington, DC), and as a Board member of the Filene Institute. Rosie also served on the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Partnership Committee and the National Action and Response Program (NARP) Coordinating Council.

Once named as one of the 25 most influential businesswomen in St. Louis, Rosie has positively impacted Missouri's financial services community through her leadership and educational efforts. Among her contributions to Missouri, she served on the Board of Trustees for the Missouri Council on Economic Education (MCEE) and the Board of Advisors for the University of Missouri's College of Health and Environmental Sciences: Personal Financial Planning Department.

I've had the honor of knowing Rosie Holub for many years. She has represented the Missouri Credit Union Association, its employees and member credit unions with a warm personality and professionalism. My staff and I will miss her, but wish her God's blessing in retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ANTHONY P. PLACIDO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Mr. Anthony P. Placido on his retirement from public service at the end of this

month after more than 30 distinguished years in law enforcement.

Mr. Placido began his law enforcement career with the U.S. Customs Service, but he later joined the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and quickly rose through the ranks, using his foreign affairs experience and leadership skills to manage counter-narcotics efforts both in domestic and foreign posts. In his time with DEA, he acted, among other things, as a Team Leader for the Tactical Intelligence Unit in Peru, a Senior Inspector with the Office of Professional Responsibility, and a Country Attaché for Bolivia.

In his two years as the Regional Director for the Mexico-Central America Division, supervising and coordinating DEA operations across eight countries, Mr. Placido was credited with dismantling and disrupting several major drug trafficking cartels. His success earned him an appointment to serve as the Special Agent in Charge of DEA's New York Field Office, where he established the first Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force in the nation.

Mr. Placido's focus on multi-agency joint missions made him the right person to serve as the founding Director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Fusion Center, where he continued to emphasize the necessity of interagency cooperation and information sharing in the fight against transnational criminal organizations.

As Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I have had the opportunity most recently to work closely with Mr. Placido in his current role as Chief of Intelligence for the DEA. During this time, I have come to appreciate his professionalism, expertise, and candor, as well as his work to cultivate extensive relationships and collaborative partnerships with other elements of the intelligence and law enforcement communities.

In particular, Mr. Placido has dedicated himself to promoting the El Paso Information Center (EPIC) as a frontline resource for law enforcement organizations. He has been an enthusiastic advocate for bringing the wide ranging expertise of federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers to bear in a variety of crucial national missions, from counter-narcotics operations to counterterrorism investigations. Under his leadership, EPIC has become a world class clearinghouse for tracking, investigating, and disrupting international drug operations.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Placido has seen the DEA's mission evolve and expand. It is truly a testament to his integrity and dedication that he has met the challenges of an increasingly complex set of national security threats, without losing sight of the needs of the officers patrolling our streets.

The Nation is better and safer as a result of Mr. Placido's service. For that, I pay tribute to him.

HONORING LLOYD A. SEMPLE AS
CHAIR OF THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER
OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in appreciation of Lloyd A. Semple. On De-

cember 2nd he will step down after a successful tenure as Chair of the Michigan Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Lloyd has provided extraordinary leadership in shepherding The Nature Conservancy into its next decade of conservation. As Chair, he held the gavel as the Great Lakes Project was launched on Mackinac Island in 2008, and was at the helm when The Nature Conservancy completed the largest conservation project in Michigan's history.

Lloyd joined the Michigan Board of The Nature Conservancy in 2003 and has remained an active member of the Board through his tenure as Chair, which started in 2008. His philanthropic nature is further exemplified by his positions as Vice Chairman of the National Audubon Society's Board of Directors and member of the Executive Committee of the Detroit Zoological Society's Board of Directors. These commitments require time and energy, which Lloyd has selflessly volunteered year after year.

It is my belief that we do not inherit the Earth from previous generations, but we borrow it from future ones. By continuing to expand our scientific knowledge and by conserving pristine wildlife habitat, we are fulfilling our role as stewards of the environment. Lloyd Semple successfully championed this vision as Chair.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 581 and 582, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. MILO
SHULT TO ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize the service of one Arkansas Agriculture's greatest advocates—Dr. Milo Shult, who is retiring this year.

Since 1992, Dr. Shult has served Arkansas's agricultural community as the vice president for agriculture of the University of Arkansas System and I express my sincere gratitude to him and his family for their steadfast service to 'The Natural State.'

Agriculture is a critical part of our State's economy, accounting for more than \$16 billion in added value, 12 percent of GDP, and supporting more than 250,000 jobs. Dr. Shult's administration of the Agricultural Experimentation Station and Cooperative Extension Service have strengthened Arkansas's agribusiness and his legacy will ensure that our State will continue to be a national leader in agriculture research and the production of food and fiber. It has been an honor and a privilege to get to know and work with Dr. Shult during my service in Congress. He has

always been a strong voice for Arkansas agriculture in communicating their needs to the Arkansas Congressional Delegation and his leadership has helped us remain focused on making our State a leader in food safety, resource management, sustainability, and other critical research.

Dr. Shult has also been a regional and national leader for agriculture advocacy and his service includes, but is not limited to: National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges Chair of the Board on Agriculture, president of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists, service on the National Agricultural Library Board of Directors, 4-H Natural Resources Program Steering Committee, United States Department of Agriculture, USDA, Natural Resource National Initiative Task Force. He has also chaired the USDA Research, Education, and Economics Information System, REEIS, Steering Committee since 1997.

While the University of Arkansas System may be losing one of its most valued vice presidents, I know that the agriculture community, particularly Arkansas's, will continue to have a strong voice and a friend in Dr. Milo Shult. On behalf of myself and Arkansas's Third Congressional District I say "Thank You" for your selfless dedication and commitment to 'The Natural State' and the advancement of agriculture everywhere.

CONGRATULATING MURRAY
KALISH

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am both honored and privileged to rise to congratulate a true pillar of the Palm Beach County community, Murray Kalish. Mr. Kalish will be honored on December 12, 2010 at Temple Emeth for his activism and leadership in South Florida.

Murray Kalish has repeatedly distinguished himself through his volunteer and civic activities throughout Palm Beach County. In 1992, Murray, who had previously served as vice president of the West Delray Democratic Club, formed the United South County Democratic Club. As president, Murray oversaw the largest Democratic club in the State of Florida. His insight has been sought by elected officials and candidates for decades.

Always looking for ways to contribute to his community, Murray has served on the Land Use Advisory Board, the Palm Beach County Board of Adjustment, and the Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority Advisory Board. Murray also currently serves as a board member for the Lake Worth Drainage District. First elected over a decade ago, he has dedicated his time on the board towards maintaining clean and clear canals for the people of his district.

Beyond his volunteering and activism, Murray is the symbol of a true family man. For 72 years he was a loving husband to his late wife Rosalyn, and he continues to be a dedicated father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. A true leader in every sense of the word, Murray has served not only as a friend to me, but as a mentor. I could not think of a more deserving person for Temple Emeth to bestow this