

The academic status jazz enjoys today finds much of its foundation in the work of Leon and his fellow music educators, who fought to bring jazz into the university music curriculum.

Leon was a dedicated family man, educator and public servant. He is survived by his daughter and three grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to join his family and fellow musicians, educators and students in honoring the life of Leon Breeden. His mission to pass on the art of jazz to future generations is an example that will continue to benefit the arts and education for years to come. I am honored to have represented him in the U.S. House of Representatives.

REGARDING WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the UN Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

World Remembrance Day was established to honor the memory of those who have been injured or killed in traffic accidents around the world. The day was set aside as a sign of the world's commitment to preventing road traffic deaths, to educating drivers and pedestrians about the hazards of road travel and to improving the safety of our roads.

Road crashes are the leading cause of death globally for people between the ages of 5 and 29 years old. According to the 2009 Global Status Report on Road Safety, nearly 1,300,000 people globally die in road crashes each year. Unless action is taken, it is predicted that road traffic injuries could double by 2030, killing an estimated 2,400,000 people per year.

As an original sponsor of H. Res. 1696, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the UN's "Decade of Action for Road Safety", I encourage my colleagues to join me in support of the ideals of road safety and in honoring the memory of those who have been injured or killed in traffic crashes around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, November 18, 2010, Monday, November 29, 2010, and Tuesday, November 30, 2010, I was not present for seven recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: Roll No. 580—"yea"; Roll No. 581—"yea"; Roll No. 582—"yea"; Roll No. 583—"nay"; Roll No. 584—"nay"; Roll No. 585—"yea"; and Roll No. 586—"yea".

IN HONOR OF THE LEWISVILLE FEED MILL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Lewisville Feed Mill in Lewisville, Texas. After a 124 year history as a cornerstone of the economic community, the mill will close its doors at the end of October.

The Lewisville Feed Mill has operated continuously since opening for business in 1886 and has remained a family related business ever since. Along with other agriculture related businesses such as a grist mill and a cotton gin, the mill helped spur the economic growth of early Lewisville.

As Lewisville's landscape shifted from an agricultural center to a suburban business area, the Lewisville Feed Mill adapted. The business was sustained by carrying lawn care products and pet supplies, along with small scale farming gear.

The mill's current owner is James Polser, who has managed to hang onto part of Lewisville's small-town atmosphere and recreate it for others to see. The building is filled with memorabilia from past generations, much of it on public display. Mr. Polser is known for welcoming visitors with old-town friendliness.

The Lewisville Feed Mill has long served as a gathering spot. The seats overlooking Main Street have been occupied by local residents, businessmen and civic leaders who stopped by for coffee and fellowship. It has evolved to a multi-generational destination, as visitors who first came to the mill in their youth, now bring their children and grandchildren.

During these times of constant rush and change, James Polser is to be commended for keeping us connected to a traditional way of life. I am grateful to have had the Lewisville Feed Mill in the 26th District of Texas.

CALLING FOR DIGNITY, COMFORT, AND SUPPORT FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 323, which supports efforts in ensuring that all Holocaust survivors in the United States are able to live in comfort and dignity. I am proud to co-sponsor H. Con. Res. 323 and I thank my colleague, Congresswoman DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ for introducing this resolution.

The Nazis systematically exterminated over six million Jewish people and killed between 11 and 17 million people overall. They established concentration camps, including the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka, Belzec, and Sobibor where they worked people to death and systematically exterminated them.

There are approximately 127,000 Holocaust survivors currently living in the United States. These survivors live everyday with the scars from this tragedy. They were forced to live in concentration, labor, or death camps where

they were tortured by Nazi soldiers. Those individuals "lucky enough" to escape the labor camps, were forced to flee their countries leaving their families, homes, and possessions behind.

All of the Holocaust survivors are at least 65 years old with the majority being over 75. These individuals are five times more likely to be living in poverty than other Americans their age. More than two-thirds live alone.

Non-profit organizations provide many essential services to Holocaust survivors. These organizations often are underappreciated for all of the great work that they do. I am pleased that this resolution also recognizes the efforts of these organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Con. Res. 323. We must work to ensure that all Holocaust survivors are able to live out their remaining years in comfort and dignity.

RECOGNIZING THE MARCUS HIGH SCHOOL BAND

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Marcus High School Band from Flower Mound, Texas and their recent outstanding achievement in winning the 2010 Class 5A UIL State Marching Championship. The 300+ band members represent the communities of Highland Village, Double Oak, Copper Canyon and Flower Mound. They are very capably led by Director of Bands, Amanda Drinkwater and Associate Directors David Simon, Dominic Talanca and Kennan Wylie, and Color Guard Director John Leonard.

These accomplished young people deserve praise for their hard work and dedication. Student leaders of the Marcus Band are Drum Majors Connor Brem, Josh Dover, Kaitlyn Harry and Kevin Jones, and Color Guard Captain Kelsey Branson. They have an exceptional support system in the family and community members who comprise the Marcus Band Boosters.

The Marcus Band has the enviable reputation as one of the preeminent marching bands in the United States. Over the past thirty years, the band has earned hundreds of awards and honors. The Marcus Band's devotion to excellence resulted in the unparalleled achievement of winning this prestigious state title for the third straight time.

Madam Speaker, it is truly an honor to have the opportunity to commend the Marcus High School Band. I am proud to represent the exemplary administrators, teachers, staff and students that comprise the Lewisville Independent School District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING MIKE KERNS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow resident of the city of

Petaluma, Mike Kerns, who retires in December after serving 12 years on the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

Mike and I go back many years. When I was serving on the Petaluma City Council, Mike was the big, friendly cop who was involved in the city's tobacco and drug education programs. He served in many positions on the Petaluma Police Force beyond the usual enforcement programs. Mike was a Crisis Team Supervisor, a Peer Counseling Supervisor and a Youth Diversion Counselor and the department's liaison to the Stop Tobacco Access to Minors Program, which significantly reduced illegal tobacco sales to children and teens. He is best known, however, for his role as Press Information Officer in the Polly Klass kidnapping. He became a familiar face on television and his calm demeanor and his compassion for the victim and her family provided a sense of stability as the public witnessed the unfolding of a senseless tragedy.

Mike Kerns was born and raised in Napa, California. He was an athletic young man and in 1967 won a Golden Gloves championship. He began his public service career as a counselor for the Jobs Corps in Pleasanton. In 1973 he put on his first blue uniform as a police officer for the city of Tiburon in Marin County. In 1978 he transferred to the Petaluma Police Department, and was promoted to Sergeant in 1980. Sergeant Kerns married Carol Madsen the next year and they raised two children, Katie and Matt.

In 1998 following the retirement of popular, veteran Supervisor Jim Harberson, Mike was elected to represent the 2nd District for the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. His "southern Sonoma" district includes the cities of Petaluma and Cotati and a portion of Rohnert Park, along with the unincorporated agricultural communities of Penngrove, Two Rock, Bloomfield and Valley Ford. Mike's humor, directness and listening skills have served him well in dealing with his diverse constituency.

Mike also represents a portion of Sonoma County's bay lands, an area public agencies, non-profits and citizen's groups have joined together to restore watersheds and wetlands. Mike counts among his biggest achievements in office the county's purchase of the 1769-acre Cardoza Ranch in 2005. Now known as the Tolay Lake Regional Park, it includes hills and grasslands, a seasonal lake, creeks, ponds and wetlands, and is a major wintering stopover for migrating waterfowl. The park is currently under development with plans calling for new hiking and biking trails, a natural and historic education center and restoration of Tolay Lake.

Supervisor Kerns should also be congratulated for his major role in the Supervisors' decision to place on the ballot two successful transportation measures which provided the financial foundation for the long-awaited widening of Highway 101 and the future construction of the SMART rail system. These transportation improvements will help ensure that Sonoma County continues to have corridor-centered growth while lowering its carbon emissions and more quickly move goods and people.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mike Kerns for his years of service as both a law enforcement officer and a lawmaker, and wish him a well-deserved happy, and healthy retirement.

CONGRATULATING DR. JERRY ROY UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS LEWISVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to congratulate Dr. Jerry Roy upon his retirement from the position of Superintendent of the Lewisville Independent School District (LISD) and to recognize his many contributions to LISD and its communities.

As Superintendent of Schools, Roy has expertly guided the rapidly growing district since 2001. LISD currently serves all or part of the communities of Lewisville, Flower Mound, Carrollton, The Colony, Highland Village, Copper Canyon, Hebron, Double Oak, Frisco, Plano, Grapevine, Coppell and Argyle, and includes seven high schools, fifteen middle schools and forty-one elementary schools. Under Dr. Roy's capable leadership, the district has grown from 51 campuses to 66 and student enrollment has expanded from 39,000 to well over 50,000. The district has earned a "Recognized" rating from the Texas Education Agency for the second consecutive year.

During his distinguished tenure at LISD, Roy has been nominated three times for Texas Superintendent of the Year and was named the Region XI 2006 Superintendent of the Year. In addition, he has served on the Texas Commissioner of Education's TASA Cabinet of Superintendents, University Interscholastic League Legislative Counsel and many other professional organizations. Currently, he serves on the Texas Association of School Administrators' Executive Committee as well as the Board of Directors for the Lewisville Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to congratulate and recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Jerry Roy, Superintendent of Schools of the Lewisville Independent School District. I am joined by the citizens, colleagues, teachers, parents and students of LISD in wishing him well upon his retirement. It is a privilege to represent such a dedicated community leader and public servant who has had such a positive influence on the lives and futures of thousands of students in the United States House of Representatives.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,860,773,759,018.43.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,222,348,012,724.60 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

WORLD AIDS DAY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize December 1, 2010, as "World AIDS Day". This day was designated as such in 1988 by the World Health Organization and from then on, we have continued to uphold the tradition.

As we embark upon the thirtieth year of the HIV/AIDS virus, we should reflect on so many Americans and others around the world that have died from this devastating disease. My district of Brooklyn, New York is considered the epicenter of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States for African Americans, women, adolescents, and children. With this alarming revelation, 87 percent, of which 7 percent are under the age of 13, are persons of color living with the HIV/AIDS virus. Brooklyn has been heavily affected by this deadly disease for over the past three decades and we have the city's highest prevalence rates. It was estimated that 27,000 Brooklyn residents were living with HIV/AIDS in 2008, and 1,027 were newly diagnosed. There are several thousand more who are infected with the virus, but don't even know it! That's why it is critical to get this message out across the nation: get tested, it could save your life.

Today, on World AIDS Day, the mayor of my home state of New York, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg announced a new initiative to fight against HIV/AIDS called "Brooklyn Knows". This is a community-based test effort that aims to help a half-million Brooklyn residents learn their HIV status over the next four years. It highlights the city's leadership to date in making HIV testing a routine part of health care.

Like the World Health Organization and my great state of New York, I want to encourage everyone to take a stand by putting in place preventive mechanisms to eradicate this deadly disease. I want to be clear that I am not asking you to solve this epidemic alone, but I feel it is our responsibility to take whatever steps and measures are necessary to put into place mandatory requirements for our medical providers to offer voluntary HIV testing to their patients.

Once again, I ask that we all take a stand and make a difference to ensure another life is saved from this deadly disease.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 9168 IN LEWISVILLE, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9168. On November 12, 2010, the VFW Post 9168 celebrates its 50th Anniversary of service to the community.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is a nonprofit veterans' service organization composed of combat veterans and those who currently