

was impossible. Gene and Ruth Ann, his wife, provided their child with the most love, care and attention ever given to a child. John Mark was born during an era where a child with such a disability was often institutionalized. The Stallings included John Mark in every decision—family-wise or career-wise, and John Mark was a fixture at every game and practice of all his father's teams. One of Gene's greatest legacies will be the contributions that he and his family made to families with special needs' children.

In recognition of his humanitarian efforts, Gene received the Dallas Father of the Year Award, the National Boys Club Alumni of the Year Award, Arthritis Humanitarian Award of Alabama, Humanitarian Award of the Lion's Club of Alabama, and the Paris Boys Club Wall of Honor. The Stallings family was honored by the Tuscaloosa Association of Retarded Citizens as the Family of the Year. Their efforts and generosity toward the Rise program, a program which aids developmentally disabled toddlers for entry into public school and interaction with non-disabled students, were again acknowledged with the naming of the Stallings Building on the Alabama campus. In addition, Gene wrote a book about his son, John Mark.

Gene has also served as a valued and esteemed member of President George W. Bush's Commission on Intellectual Disability, the Board of Abilene Christian University, the Tandy Brand Corporation, People's National Bank of Paris, Paris Regional Medical Center, Disability Resources, the Texas Rangers Law Enforcement Association, the Great Southern Wood Corporation, and the Boys and Girls Club of Paris, Texas. In 2005, Governor Rick Perry appointed him to the Texas A&M Board of Regents, where he served as a member of the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, and the Committee on Campus Art and Aesthetic. An additional responsibility as a member of the Board of Regents is his place as the special athletic liaison to the A&M Systems Members.

As the 111th Congress adjourns this week, I am honored to recognize the contributions of this great football coach and great American—Gene Stallings.

#### REPRESENTATIVE IKE SKELTON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 17, 2010*

RIGID AEROSHELL VARIABLE BUOYANCY AIR VEHICLE—ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATOR

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I am aware that the Force Transformation Directorate, within the Director, Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E) Office, is developing an advanced, variable buoyancy, rigid-structure air vehicle with vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) capability and the ability to hover, all while operating at maximum weight. Known as the Pelican project, this effort has the potential to provide for airship technology capable of moving large payloads and brigade-sized units to a point of need.

Pelican could assist in establishing a new inter/intra-theater capability that could greatly increase heavy cargo lift capability and effectiveness, reduce the logistics footprint in theater, provide low cost and "green" cargo carriage, and could establish a new disaster relief capability.

The recent Haiti relief operation demonstrates the importance of this capability. Aircraft dependent on runways were initially turned away because there was insufficient ramp space. A VTOL heavy lift transport, requiring little support infrastructure, would have been immune to this problem. The new VTOL air-lift capability can reduce our dependence on foreign airbases and ports, as well as the effectiveness of anti-access strategies employed by our adversaries.

I encourage the Department to maintain development activities and to initiate plans for a capable 60 ton payload vehicle, ensuring close coordination and cooperation with the Air Force, Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command. I further recommend that this effort be made a program of record beginning in Fiscal Year 2013.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JAMES MELTON STEELE

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 21, 2010*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of James Melton Steele. Mr. Steele, known affectionately as "Jim" to his friends, family and members of the North Texas community was passionate for the Northwest Independent School District and its students. His memory and commitment to NWISD are appropriately commemorated with the Dedication of the James M. Steele Accelerated High School, the only school of its type in Texas, designed to provide students an alternative venue to complete high school at an accelerated pace.

Mr. Steele's early life allowed him to know both north Texas and west Texas as home. His family followed his father's railroad employment with positions in both the Fort Worth area and Baird, Texas where he attended school until 8th grade. His family returned to north Texas where he attended the Birdville School District and met Johnnie, who was the love of his life and eventually became his wife and mother to their two sons, Bruce and Brian.

James attended Arlington State College where he majored in business administration and developed a desire through his early work experiences to own his own business. He built and operated a concrete plant in Haltom City and later bought a small country store in Roanoke which eventually became Steele's Affiliated Country Market.

The Steele's raised their family in Roanoke and were active community members as he helped with sports activities and Johnnie volunteered to help the teachers at Roanoke Elementary. Mrs. Steele eventually made a career of education in NWISD and taught for 24 years before retiring from Gene Pike Middle School. As members of Roanoke Church of Christ, Byron Nelson encouraged Mr. Steele to become an Elder.

Mr. Steele's leadership and commitment led to encouragement from parents within the Northwest ISD to run for the school board. He became a member of the NWISD Board in 1975, serving as a Trustee for nine years, including his term as board president.

The Steeles' commitment to NWISD is a family legacy as both of their sons and their grandchildren, Chris and Tara, graduated from Northwest High School. Bryson James Steele, one of three great-grandchildren, currently attends Kay Granger Elementary. The Steeles' other two great-grandchildren, Caroline Doshier and Brayden Steele, will eventually attend school at NWISD.

It is with great honor that I rise today to recognize James M. Steele and his commitment to Northwest Independent School District. I am honored to represent Northwest ISD, the town of Roanoke and the Steele family in the United States Congress.

#### HONORING ACHIEVEMENTS OF AMBASSADOR RICHARD HOLBROOKE

SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSS CARNAHAN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 17, 2010*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, this week, the world lost a legendary diplomatic figure and master peace negotiator. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke may no longer be with us, but his presence is timeless, as he leaves behind the invaluable lessons of his life's work.

Among his many accomplishments as statesman and steadfast advocate for greater stability throughout the world, Ambassador Holbrooke's most famous contribution to the mission of global peace was his role as chief architect of the Dayton Peace Accords, ending more than three years of bloody war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Up against deep-seated multi ethnic and religious divisions, a war-torn economy, and lacking government infrastructure, his unwavering commitment to establishing a peace worthy of America's name was fundamental to leading the accords to successful resolution.

As the United States considers a new way forward to reinvigorate Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations, Ambassador Holbrooke's memory serves as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved with persistent engagement, pragmatic diplomacy, and impassioned belief—not only in the necessity for resolution, but also in the ability for differing peoples to come together in the name of a common humanity.

The United States remains unwaveringly committed to ensuring Israeli security and its future as a Jewish democratic state, both as a moral imperative and as a crucial strategic relationship. While we have worked to maximize Israel's security, through military partnership and sanctions aimed to prevent Iranian nuclear capabilities, the fact remains, however, that Arab-Israeli tensions pose very real threats to Israeli and regional stability. Now is the time to ever more fervently pursue resolution to the issues that stand in the way of peace: borders, security, settlements, refugees, and Jerusalem.

As Founder and Co-Chair of the American Engagement Caucus, I firmly believe that U.S. leadership is paramount to the success of peace negotiations, and we must make a

strong push for a negotiated two-state solution that allows for substantial buy-in from Israelis, Palestinians, and the international community—unilateral actions will only serve to deteriorate progress and deter future collaboration. Let us call on the lessons of Ambassador Holbrooke's work and the strength and resilience of all those affected by conflict in Bosnia to pursue a lasting peace between Arabs and Israelis.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE  
LIFE OF GOODWIN STEINBERG

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 21, 2010*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Goodwin Steinberg, a renowned architect and an active and affectionate community builder, who died on December 14, 2010. For half a century, Goody Steinberg designed and developed spaces for professional, civic and sacred uses. He was a giant who will be missed by his family, his friends, and everyone who was touched by his wise, wonderful and gentle ways.

As his grandchildren remembered their grandfather at his memorial service at Temple Beth Am—the magnificent structure he designed which is now home to some 1,600 families—their heartfelt words, and the very woodwork, paid eloquent tribute to this extraordinarily talented, creative, and caring community member. One after another, they spoke of how valued he made them feel, and how they knew that they were cherished. This love for family was the essence of Goody Steinberg, and we all benefited from it.

The projects that Goody designed are now iconic symbols of Silicon Valley and its development from the fruit-growing Valley of the Hearts Delight into the equally fruitful birthplace of ideas and innovation that it is today. Beth Am, designed so that his daughter could attend a religious school to learn Jewish traditions, is a much loved “house of the people,” the Hebrew translation of its name. Indeed, everywhere people gathered, Goody transformed into a house of the people. In his nearly half-century career as an architect, he designed the restoration of the Santa Clara County Courthouse, the Tech Museum of Innovation and the Del Monte Hotel in Monterey. The campus of Stanford University and the entire San Francisco Peninsula bear the indelible mark of his warm and welcoming designs, infused with light, love and laughter.

Goody served his community well, and glowed with justifiable pride in the community involvement and contributions of his family, proud of their generosity and accomplishments. His wife Geraldine served with distinction on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in the 1970s, and nothing made Goody happier than the day his son Robert joined the family business, Steinberg Architects, now an international architectural firm with offices as far afield as Shanghai.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Goodwin Steinberg's exemplary life and his multitude of accomplishments. I ask also that the entire House of Representatives extend its most sincere condolences to his wife of 66 years, Geraldine; his children Robert (and Alice Erber) of Palo Alto, Thomas (and Shaindel) of New York and Jerusalem, and Joan Laurence of Tsfat, Israel; his 11 grandchildren, and his late grandson Jacob Erber Steinberg; three great grandchildren; and sisters, Sylvia and Darlene.

On entering a synagogue, Jews begin the Ma Tovu, a prayer of awe and reverence for their sacred spaces, with the words, “How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel!” As Beth Am congregants enter the sanctuary he designed, they will forever be reminded of Goody Steinberg and the goodly tents he established everywhere he went. He built this city on rock and soul, from the ground up, and his family and his designs stand as magnificent memorials to Goody Steinberg's extraordinary creativity and humanity. America has been bettered in so many ways because of him.

‘O WHAT A GAL IN HONOR OF  
OPRAH WINFREY

**HON. CHET EDWARDS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 21, 2010*

Mr. EDWARDS of Texas. Madam Speaker, on behalf of a friend who works every day to bring wounded warriors and Make a Wish youth to our Capitol, I would like to include the following in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at his request.

Dedicated to Oprah Winfrey, the Promise of American . . . and what dreams, courage and faith are made of. Your life and your example, are one more watershed moment in time . . . in the healing and the growth of America! May God Bless you always, as you have blessed so many others with your kind heart. I ask that

this poem penned in honor of Oprah Winfrey by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

‘O WHAT A GAL!

‘O . . . What a Gal!

‘O what a Woman, ‘O what a Lady . . . who so stands before us now!

‘O . . . what A Great American Tale. . . .

And ‘O, what a journey, through life in her profiles in courage, so now . . .

‘O, The American Dream . . .

‘O, The Promise of what all of this so means . . . to be American and so very proud!

‘O, from the bottom to the top . . .

‘O, as against all odds . . . even with all that discrimination and hatred, she would not be stopped!

From fields of slavery of yesteryears,

‘O . . . as her loved ones in heaven, now watch over her with tears!

Oprah!

Teaching us all, with your lessons of life . . . of answering its quest and its call!

To be a champion of what is right!

With your heart of kindness, all in your search of the truth as you went out into that night . . .

All in your warmth and love, as you fought that fight!

Teaching us all . . . that, ‘O . . . Black is Beautiful!

All on her pilgrimage of truth and caring, sharing, loving and teaching . . . she brought her light.

‘O, the proof of what one life can mean!

An American Heroine, as now almost like an American Queen . . .

‘O, in this our world . . . and in our lives!

Will we so find the courage? . . . The Sacrifice? . . . To Fight, To Fight The Good Fight?

To make a difference, with these our so short lives!

‘O, an American hero . . . touching our hearts, bringing your light!

Oprah Winfrey, is a Winner . . . A Light . . . A Great Beacon of Hope . . . of which shines this night!

The power of hope and courage . . .

All determination, and faith can so nourish what is right!

‘O, Win your Heart is open!

Win you believe! Win . . . your heart is Free! There's nothing you can not so be!

Win . . . you stop to believe!

Win . . . you take from pain and heartache, and rebuild . . . we all can be Free!

Children, Win . . . your . . . Free!

There's nothing, that you can not so do! There's nothing, that you can not so be!

Listen my children, as your future dreams you are building . . . remember, Oprah Winfrey!