

House Resolution 935, congratulating Drs. John E. Warnock and Charles M. Geschke of Adobe Systems, Dr. Esther Sans Takeuchi, Dr. Forrest M. Bird, and IBM Corporation as the recipients of the 2008 National Medal of Technology and Innovation. The National Medal of Technology and Innovation is the highest honor for technological achievement bestowed by the President on leading innovators in the United States.

The National Medal of Technology and Innovation has been awarded annually since 1985 and recognizes outstanding contributions to America's economic, environmental, and social well-being through the development of technological products, processes, and innovation.

The purpose of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation is to recognize those who have made lasting contributions to America's competitiveness, standard of living, and quality of life through technological innovation. By highlighting the national importance of technological innovation, we hope to inspire future generations of Americans to prepare for and pursue technical careers to keep America at the forefront of global technology and economic leadership.

The 2008 National Medal of Technology and Innovation Laureates include innovation and achievement in the display and dissemination of information, lifesaving medical technology, and computer design and development.

I'm particularly proud that two of the 2008 Medal recipients, Drs. John E. Warnock and Charles M. Geschke, hail from my district in San Jose, California. Drs. Warnock and Geschke, through their work at Adobe Systems, pioneered innovations that were crucial to the revolution in desktop publishing that began in the 1980s and continues today. The advances in desktop publishing had, and continue to have, a profound effect on the way we create and communicate information across mediums such as print, video, and Internet. It is fitting that today we recognize two individuals who have been influential in informing how we create, communicate, and interact with information; the work of Drs. Warnock and Geschke played a prominent role in ushering in what we know as "The Information Age."

As a Member representing Silicon Valley, I know firsthand how technological and scientific innovations provide invaluable contributions to our society. Research and innovation have long been key drivers of our economy, particularly in the Bay Area. Advances in science, medicine, and technology will continue to shape our economy and our world. Therefore, it is vital that we encourage and recognize those who lead the way in these critical areas—those like our 2008 National Medal of Technology and Innovation Laureates. It is my hope that in spotlighting the very best in technology and innovation, we provide encouragement to the next generation of students, researchers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and businesses to continue to invest their time, energy, expertise, and resources into creating the next era of technological achievement. It is through innovation and advancement in science and technology that we will continue to be a leader in the global economy, protect our environment, and improve the lives of all Americans.

Again, I am proud to join my colleagues in honoring the 2008 recipients of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, and I urge the passage of the resolution.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD AND LOCAL RESPONDERS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, today I have introduced a resolution recognizing the heroic efforts of the West Virginia National Guard and local responders.

On Thursday, February 18, 2010, the heroic actions of West Virginians brought about the highly successful rescue of 17 military personnel who were on board a U.S. Navy helicopter—participating in the Operation Southbound Trooper X annual military exercise, which went down in deep, snow-covered, and very rugged terrain in Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

The remarkable rescue was an outstanding and highly coordinated effort on the part of many highly trained professionals as well as private citizens, who worked under very difficult conditions to reach the crew and personnel on board the aircraft, many of whom had been injured in the crash.

West Virginians are the best neighbors for whom you could ever wish. It is a truth that has been proven time and again. This heroic rescue effort was, thankfully, a rare event, but it was not at all out of character for our State. In fact, it was merely illustrative of the best of West Virginia.

The swift response; astounding skills and abilities; enormous courage; and, profound determination of all those involved in the rescue operation—from those who serve in and lead our West Virginia National Guard; to our local fire, rescue, law enforcement and first responder units; and the countless volunteers, families and neighbors nearby—most certainly made the difference between life and death.

While no expression of gratitude would ever be sought for such selfless acts, the hope that one good turn deserves another never dims with West Virginians.

On behalf of my fellow West Virginians, I'm pleased to introduce the following resolution to honor their good deeds, and to illuminate them as a beacon for others.

HONORING ALCALDE NIELS CHEW

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON, to honor Alcalde Niels Chew, who was bestowed the title of honorary mayor of the City of Sonoma because of his commitment to his community and its citizens. The naming of an Alcalde, which means "magistrate" or "mayor" in Spanish, is a tradition that began in 1975 as a way to acknowledge the citizen of the year.

Niels is best known for his generosity, humility, and his unwavering dedication to the causes he believes in, which is why he was selected from a long list of candidates. According to Niels, his father is responsible for instilling in him the value of service.

"During the Depression, no one in need ever came to our house and left empty-handed," he said.

Niels embraces quite a history of community service to the City of Sonoma, dating back to 1984 when he and his wife Susan first moved to Sonoma. Since then, Niels has graciously shared his warehouse with many area nonprofits who have stored their food and clothing donations in his facility.

As owner of Dowling Miner Magnets until 2004, he provided opportunities to Becoming Independent to train and support people with developmental disabilities.

Currently, Niels serves on the board of the Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation, Operation Youth, and the Sonoma Overnight Shelter. He was formerly the president of Kiwanis of Sonoma Plaza and trustee of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District.

One of his most notable and impactful service endeavors has been his continuous support of the Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance as a dedicated mentor and founding board member. He is even credited with starting the organization because he added the organization's executive director to his payroll at Dowling Magnets so she could kick-off the mentoring program.

As a result of his initial investment, what began as a 10-hour weekly commitment at Flowery School blossomed into an organization that has been successfully connecting caring adults with at-risk students for more than 12 years.

"He has a heart the size of a continent, especially where kids are concerned," said Ms. Kathy Witkowski, Executive Director of the Mentoring Alliance. "We could never put a value on all that he has contributed to the Mentoring Alliance over the years, because it's priceless."

Madam Speaker, Niels Chew's commitment to service is a powerful example of the positive difference one person can make. We are thankful for the charitable contributions made by this humble and thoughtful leader and philanthropist and we wish him continued prosperity as he spends time with his children and grandchildren.

IN CELEBRATION OF SAN MATEO COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN "STREETS ALIVE"

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, every American can do something to address some of the most pressing issues facing our nation today—health care, energy independence, the obesity epidemic—simply by riding a bicycle or taking a walk.

That is why I commend the County of San Mateo and other cities in the 12th Congressional District of California for joining in the "Streets Alive" celebration as part of World Health Day festivities on April 11, 2010. This worthwhile endeavor is part of "1000 Cities, 1000 Lives," an international project to enlist 1000 local governments around the globe to open streets and public spaces to pedestrians and bicyclists as a worldwide message of cooperation and commitment to healthy and active living.

I have the extreme privilege of representing one of the most beautiful areas in our nation, yet too many of us only see it while stuck in traffic. This is an excellent opportunity to slow down, get some exercise, visit with neighbors

and soak in the local treasures that attract so many to the Peninsula in the first place.

Madam Speaker, I commend the forward-thinking leaders of San Mateo County for participating in such a worthwhile event and urge

my constituents and all Americans to celebrate World Health Day on April 11 by biking or walking through their community. They and the world will be healthier for it.