

Inc., Pennsylvania American Water Company, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Continental Bank and the Wilkes-Barre Housing Authority.

He served as chairman of the board at the Wyoming Valley Health Care System and at the Wilkes-Barre Housing Authority.

A member of the Fox Hill Country Club, he is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree.

Mr. McCarthy was awarded the "Citizen of the Year" by the Wilkes-Barre Lions Club and "Small Businessman of the Year" by the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. McCarthy is married to the former Cecelia M. Corgan and they are the parents of Mary Ellen Horn, Kathleen Lambert and John D. McCarthy Jr. They also have seven grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. McCarthy on this auspicious occasion. His extraordinary service to the community and his personal example has been inspirational to many. The contribution he has made has greatly enhanced the quality of life throughout the region and has earned him widespread respect and admiration.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House Floor during Tuesday evening's three rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 1069 and H. Res. 935, and against H.R. 3650.

HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS AND HYPOXIA RESEARCH AND CONTROL AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, yesterday, the House voted down H.R. 3650, the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act. This bill would have cost an estimated \$153 million of taxpayer dollars for 2010 through 2014 and \$22 million after 2014 to establish a new task force charged with responding to hypoxia events and, among other items, implementing and overseeing the regional research and action plans. I joined with 141 of my colleagues and voted against this misguided bill. I understand and appreciate that the health of our rivers is of vital importance to the 9th district of Missouri and to the Nation, and I believe that responsible environmental management is critically important to national commerce and infrastructure. However, agriculture has been forced to bear the brunt of environmental attacks for long enough. While the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, point the finger at agriculture as a contributor of gulf hypoxia, particularly through the dumping of sediment and runoff of fertilizer,

the Army Corps of Engineers, Corps, at the direction of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is digging chutes that are up to 25 feet deep, 200 to 300 feet wide, and sometimes over one mile long to provide shallow water habitat for the endangered pallid sturgeon. According to the Missouri Clean Water Commission, the Corps will dump 34 million metric tons of sediment into the Missouri River annually. This soil contains a significant amount of phosphorous, a known cause of hypoxia. All of this without facing fines from the EPA, which have been levied against farmers and businesses along the river, because the Corps was able to obtain a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit granted by themselves. Instead of continually attacking agriculture and small business and trivially spending hard earned taxpayer dollars, perhaps the Federal Government should spend some time investigating its own actions.

TRIBUTE TO CALIFORNIA CHIEF JUSTICE RONALD GEORGE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Chief Justice of California Supreme Court, Ronald Marc George on the occasion of his 70th birthday and to thank him for his years of extraordinary public service to the people of California and beyond.

Chief Justice George is married to his beloved wife, Barbara and they have three children . . . Eric, Andrew and Chris, and two grandchildren, Charlotte and Maya, daughters of Chris and his wife Rebecca.

Born on March 11, 1940, Chief Justice George received his A.B. from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in 1961, and a J.D. from Stanford University in 1964. Currently serving as the 27th Chief Justice of California, he heads the Supreme Court of California as well as the Judicial Council of California.

Chief Justice George has had a long and distinguished career. He was appointed to the Supreme Court of California in 1991 by Governor Pete Wilson after serving on the bench in the Los Angeles Municipal Court, the Los Angeles Superior Court and on the Court of Appeals. He also served as Deputy Attorney General in the California Department of Justice where he prepared six oral arguments and briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court.

Chief Justice George served as the President of the Conference of Chief Justices, Chair of the Board of Directors in the National Center for State Courts, President of the California Judges Association, as well as many other activities and associations outside his work on the bench. He has been honored by numerous organizations including the Consumer Attorneys' Association of Los Angeles' Roger J. Traynor Memorial Award in 2009, the Bar Association of San Francisco's Champion of Justice Award in 2008, the American Bar Association's John Marshall Award in 2007 and the Legal Writing Institute's Golden Pen Award in 2007. His accomplishments and recognitions are simply too many to name. In addition to his judicial commitments and volun-

teer activities, he takes time to lecture at numerous judicial education programs, law schools and events around the country to share his experience and legal expertise.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in offering our best wishes to Chief Justice Ronald George on the very special occasion of his 70th birthday, and extend our gratitude for his integrity, his love of the Constitution and his exemplary leadership which strengthens California's judicial system and our nation as well.

RECOGNITION FOR THE 2010 TUCSON FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2010 Tucson Festival of Books, which will be held at the University of Arizona on March 13 and 14.

The Tucson Festival of Books is a celebration of literacy and an opportunity for those of us who cherish books to meet the men and women who write them. It is, ultimately, a community's recognition of the great value we place on the written word.

As the proud home of the University of Arizona, Tucson is the ideal place for a festival of books. The Festival brings together more than 450 authors and presenters who will speak about their work, sign their books and answer questions about their craft.

Now in its second year, the Tucson Festival of Books will have writing workshops and competitions, panel presentations, children's activities, storytelling, artists and musicians. The Festival truly provides something for readers of all ages. In 2009 more than 50,000 people attended the Festival and an even larger turn out is expected this year. Clearly the people of Southern Arizona have a strong love of books and reading.

As much fun and informative as the Festival will be, it also serves a larger purpose. I believe that the Tucson Festival of Books can help us improve literacy and encourage young people to expand their knowledge of the world. It is a reminder of how essential books and the information they impart are to our society and to our form of government. In 2009, the Festival raised \$200,000, which was distributed to agencies providing literacy services in Tucson.

"Once you learn to read," Frederick Douglass told us, "you will be forever free." The Tucson Festival of Books plays an important role in fulfilling that promise.

The 2010 Tucson Festival of Books is sponsored by the University of Arizona, the Arizona Daily Star and The Diamond Children's Medical Center.

The Festival is organized and run by the Tucson Festival of Books Foundation, a non-profit organization. It was founded by Bill Viner, President of the Foundation Board of Directors. He is joined in this labor of love by Board Vice Presidents Frank Farias and John M. Humenik, Treasurer Bruce Beach and Secretary Brenda Viner. The Festival would not be possible without their hard work and dedication and the efforts of many volunteers. On behalf of a grateful community I thank and

commend them for bringing us this incredible gift.

IN MEMORY OF CROSWELL FIRE
CHIEF THOMAS A. DICKENSHEETS

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to honor and remember the life of Thomas A. Dickensheets. Sadly, at just the age of 55 years old, he unexpectedly died on Sunday, March 7th, 2010. I offer my deepest sympathy and condolences to his family, friends and colleagues from the City of Croswell. I know this is an extremely difficult time as they mourn his passing, but hopefully they can find comfort and solace and eventually start the healing process.

Tom was a loyal and dedicated employee for the City of Croswell. He served his community with great pride and enthusiasm while performing numerous functions in many different capacities. He worked for the Croswell Department of Public Works (DPW) for 25 years, serving as the Superintendent for 11 years as well as the City's Zoning Administrator and Cemetery Sexton.

In addition, he achieved 34 years of service as a Volunteer Fireman and was the Chief for the past 22 years. His knowledge, expertise, and commitment to the safety and security of this community will be significantly missed. He dedicated his life to protecting property and saving lives. Instead of running away from a threat, Chief Dickensheets hurried to the firehouse to throw on his gear and race towards the emergency and danger that awaited him. That is an admirable characteristic that many would not choose to pursue on a daily basis and as a profession. There is no doubt his impeccable integrity has created a void throughout Sanilac County, the 10th Congressional District and the State of Michigan. He truly was an outstanding person.

Chief Dickensheets' life demonstrates a consistent pattern of going above and beyond the required call of duty. He served his community through numerous roles such as the City of Croswell Emergency Management, Sanilac County 911 Committee Member, and President of the Sanilac County Firemen's Association, President of the Sanilac County Police Firemen Field Day Association, Regional Homeland Security Committee Member, and a Sanilac County Fire Training Committee Member. These are just some of the leadership roles Tom pursued during his tenure with the city.

I cannot imagine how heart-breaking this time is for the family of Mr. Dickensheets and the City of Croswell. Tom was an inspirational leader and a wonderful man. He loved his family, community and country very much. He always strived to improve the world around him and the fire department he served so proudly. Without question, he will be severely missed but definitely not forgotten.

In closing, it is an honor to have an opportunity to recognize his lifetime of achievements and offer my sincere gratitude and thanks for his service. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of those who knew Chief Dickensheets. May he rest in peace and receive eternal rest.

MICAH PROCTOR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Micah Proctor. Micah is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Micah's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Micah has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Micah can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Micah Proctor for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF JON JONES

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of my friend Jon Jones, the Vice President of Raytheon Company and President of Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems (SAS)—and to celebrate his life.

Jon was a single father with sole custody of his two beloved daughters. He was a proud family man and was pleased to see them grow successfully into adulthood—Alexis, a nurse practitioner who does research at USC, and Ashley, a student at the University of Arizona. He was looking forward to Alexis' wedding in May.

Jon led a life devoted to others. In addition to supporting numerous veterans' charities and causes, Jon is remembered for his authenticity, his even temper, and the kindness with which he treated others.

He was a proud native of California and a true Bruins fan serving on the Dean's Advisory Council at UCLA School of Engineering, where he was scheduled to give the commencement address in May.

He was Raytheon Executive Diversity Champion and throughout his career served as a model for inclusion and embracing diverse viewpoints to solve some of our nation's most difficult technology challenges.

He pioneered the development of the Side-winder missile and the Tomahawk cruise missile, both of which have provided critical capabilities to our nation's military.

Jon served as Vice President and Deputy General Manager of Space and Airborne Systems before becoming its president in 2005. He demonstrated for his 12,400 employees the professionalism and self-confidence that allows them to serve their country so well. He demanded excellence and got it, turning a troubled Raytheon contract around after some major challenges.

Jon was an admired innovator. He won the Malcolm R. Currie Innovation award in 1996. He was named the State of Arizona's Innovator of the Year in 1997, and he received Raytheon's corporate Excellence in Technology Award for advancements in infrared guided missiles in 2001.

He was an advocate for the warfighter, a patriot, and a successful businessman and innovator, but most importantly, a devoted and wonderful father. My colleagues and I who knew and worked closely with him mourn his passing.

CONGRATULATING HON. JAMES M. MUNLEY FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Hon. James M. Munley, senior Federal District Court Judge of the Middle District of Pennsylvania, who is being honored for 25 years of service to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. Judge Munley was nominated by President William Clinton, confirmed by the United States Senate and sworn in as a federal district judge on October 26, 1998.

A graduate of the University of Scranton and Temple Law School, he also graduated from the National College of State Trial Judges in Nevada and pursued additional legal studies at Harvard Law School, Massachusetts, and participated in national security seminars at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

He served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1960 during which he was stationed in Germany.

Formerly engaged in the practice of law with his brother, Attorney Robert W. Munley, from 1964 to 1978, he was elected as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas November 8, 1977, and was retained for additional terms in 1987 and 1997.

In 1986 he was appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to serve on the Judicial Inquiry and Review Board. He was elected chairman of that board in 1989.

He has lectured, taught and written extensively on the law over the years and has remained active in the Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations.

Judge Munley has also been active in the Boy Scouts, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Columbus and the Country Club of Scranton.

He has also been actively involved in Lourdesmont, Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services, St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Lackawanna County United Way, Everhart Museum, First National Bank, Peckville; Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Pennsylvania Trial Judges Association and its State Ethics Committee.

He has received numerous awards from Marywood University, University of Scranton, Women's Resource Center of Scranton, Boy