

and daughter-in-law, Jim and Libby Haddock, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, and her many friends. Granny D will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mrs. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on March 12, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 111. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 111: "yes"—Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2010.

AMY DAVID—PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

HON. CYNTHIA M. LUMMIS

OF WYOMING
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mrs. LUMMIS. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young student from the State of Wyoming who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community.

Amy David of Boulder, Wyoming has just been named one of the top honorees in Wyoming by the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state. Amy was nominated by the Sublette County 4-H. She is a senior at Pinedale High School and has represented the state as Miss Wyoming Teen USA. Amy has been an ambassador throughout Wyoming promoting physical fitness, healthy minds, self-confidence and goal setting for youth. She has participated in many health-related fund raisers and co-founded an annual race to raise money for cystic fibrosis research.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it is vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to insure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Ms. David are inspiring to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

Ms. David should be extremely proud to have been singled out from the thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this year's program. I heartily applaud Ms. David for her initiative in seeking to make her community and state a better place to live, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. Her actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

RECOGNIZING ANN SATHER RESTAURANT

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 65th anniversary of a Chicago institution—Ann Sather Restaurant. Although renowned for Scandinavian food, the string of restaurants has also built a reputation for hospitality and service to the community.

More than half a century ago, Ann Sather pooled her life savings and bought a diner. Her devotion to creating a restaurant with homemade meals, warm hospitality, and low prices made it a legend on the North Side of Chicago.

After more than 30 years, Ann Sather passed on her famous restaurant in 1981 to 24-year-old Cornell graduate Tom Tunney. Tunney has since opened several more Ann Sather restaurants, steering the business to new heights. Now alderman of Chicago's 44th Ward, Tunney has carried on Ann Sather's legacy of giving back to the community by supporting local organizations and causes.

Ann Sather passed away in 1996, but her spirit lives on through her restaurant. At the flagship Belmont location, her portrait still hangs in the dining room, smiling down on all who stop by for an order of her one-of-a-kind Swedish pancakes or world-famous cinnamon rolls.

Six-and-a-half decades later, this Chicago legend remains a staple of the Lakeview neighborhood thanks to its tradition, charm and commitment to the community. I wish to thank Ann Sather and Tom Tunney for all they've done, all they continue to do, and wish Ann Sather's the best of luck for another 65 years.

DON'T CRY FOR ME—IN HONOR OF A REAL AMERICAN HERO PFC BRENDAN MARROCCO, STATEN ISLAND STEEL, THE UNITED STATES ARMY, AND HIS MAGNIFICENT FAMILY

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, PFC Brendan Marrocco of Staten Island, New York. Rocco, as his Brothers in Arms call him, is an inspiration to all of us and to all the men and women recovering over at Walter Reed Hospital. Rocco is the only surviving quadruple amputee of the Iraq war. His will to live, and his courage makes him a heroes' hero, and a shining lesson to us all. His family, like his brother Michael who quit his job, is always there for him. His fine father and mother raised one heck of a son. For Rocco's heart matches this Gotham City from which he comes. Could there be a bigger one? I ask that this poem, penned by Albert Caswell in honor of him, his family, and SGT Jeff Mittman, and all of our heroes of these wars, FAOY, who have come home to teach us all, be placed in the RECORD. Bless them all.

DON'T, CRY FOR ME!

Don't, cry for me!

Lift up your head, there's so much more I'm going to be!

Don't, feel sorry for me!

Yea, I've hurt . . . but, I'm growing ever stronger! Don't you see?

Yea, it's been hard . . . and it will always be! But, this is the life that I so chose to lead! But, on this road that we call life . . . there are no promises, or guarantees . . .

All except, for what's deep down inside of me! Arms and legs, we all need!

But, we can survive! But, without hearts . . . We so surely, can not so breathe! For all in life, of which is great . . .

Love, valor, hope, courage, and honor . . . and so sacrifice . . .

So emanates, from deep down inside of me!

Sure, I'd love to touch and feel . . .

Or run once again . . . upon my once two strong legs so very real . . .

Still, all of this pain and heartache can not so steal . . .

My heart, that which so beats inside of me! That which so heals all of me! Don't cry for me!

Because, there's Staten Island steel inside of me!

Yea . . . I'm up and running . . . can't you see?

Well, you better get started . . . if you want to catch up with me!

As I make the best of what my Lord God has so left to me . . .

For all is possible, when hearts believe!

People live such useless lives!

Honor in death and freedom . . . are but for what I rise!

As but what, I've so lived for . . . and die!

And all of my most precious gifts, my arms and legs . . .

And so all of this . . . I give to thee, and not ask why?

Yea, I'd love to see . . .

Or hear, all those words you're saying to me . . .

But, my heart still hears and sees!

For all I've lost, and is no longer part of me!

For I can hear, far much more clearer now! And see . . . indeed!

Standing here, now with but half a face . . . With such scars and burns . . .

And such great burdens upon my soul as placed!

As so bravely, I carry on . . . both night and day . . .

But, in my Lord's eyes . . . my beauty so emanates!

To make a difference with it all!

As but what I so fought for, what I saw!

As I so answered that most noble cause!

As my new battle is to be won!

To so shine upon this world, all in courage's sun . . .

Giving hope to all, each and everyone!

For in this minute, That we call life . . .

Have you but so made a difference, I cry?

All in this our Lord's eyes?

And for all of those, who failed or not tried . . .

It's but for you, I cry!

Don't Cry For Me!

HONORING MANUEL "MABER" BERNAL

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my words of congratulation to one of San Antonio's most distinguished citizens. Manuel "Maber" Bernal was born in Veracruz, Mexico, on November 19, 1904. In

1930, he began his career in broadcasting when Mexico's Radio XEW-AM first went on the air. Over the next 23 years, Mr. Bernal's fame, both in Mexico and in the United States, grew. He was well known for his radio performances, as an actor, author, and producer for XEQ and Radio Cadena Nacional. His voice was known to millions from his dubbings of Disney movies into Spanish.

In 1953, after years of business trips here, Mr. Bernal made the United States his home. He settled in San Antonio, Texas, where he helped to build the radio station KCOR, the first full-time Spanish-language radio station in the United States. In addition to authoring several novellas and radio jingles, Mr. Bernal was dedicated to bridging the gap between his Spanish-speaking audience and their government. He worked with the local Social Security Administration District Manager to produce "Su Seguro Social," tapes which introduced Americans to the Social Security Administration and explained its workings.

As America transitioned into the television era, so did Mr. Bernal, and he continued to ensure that his work benefited the community. His program on KCOR-TV—once again the first full-time Spanish-language television station in the country as well as the first UHF station—was called "Escuadrón de Auxilio," "The Help Brigade." KCOR would become the foundation of the Spanish International Network and, later, Univision.

Manuel Bernal turned 105 years old on November 19, 2009. Over more than century, he has seen tremendous changes in the world and, often enough, he was at the forefront of those changes. I may be late in saying it, but I want to congratulate Mr. Bernal on a lifetime of accomplishment. I hope that his 105th birthday was a joy and I wish him many, many more.

A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD "DICK"
SWEEBE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Richard "Dick" Sweebe and his Memphis-based business, Diamond Companies, for receiving Navistar Incorporated's prestigious 2009 International Circle of Excellence Award.

The Circle of Excellence Award honors International truck dealerships that achieve the highest level of dealer performance with respect to operating and financial standards, market representation, and most importantly, customer satisfaction. It is the highest award a dealer principal can receive from Navistar. Diamond Companies has now received the Circle of Excellence Award a total of 17 times.

Diamond Companies has grown from a single International truck dealership to one of the largest International truck dealers in North America. Mr. Sweebe began his career with International Harvester in 1972 and served in several capacities before purchasing his first International dealership in 1982. His entrepreneurial leadership helped grow Diamond Companies to an operation with more than 600 employees in 16 locations across Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas. Diamond

Companies is the holding company for Diamond International, Diamond Idealease and Diamond State Bus Company.

As an industry leader, Mr. Sweebe has held numerous positions of responsibility in international organizations, including the former chairman of the International Dealer Council and co-chair of the International Dealer Development and Systems Board.

Through his commitment to hard work and outstanding customer service, Mr. Sweebe has built an economically vital business of which he can be justly proud. Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Dick Sweebe for his record of accomplishment, the success of Diamond Companies, and for his many contributions to his community.

CAMILLE ALLSOP—PRUDENTIAL
SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

HON. CYNTHIA M. LUMMIS

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mrs. LUMMIS. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young student from the State of Wyoming who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community.

Camille Allsop of Cheyenne has just been named one of the top honorees in Wyoming by the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state. Camille was nominated by Cheyenne's East high school. She is the lead performer and interpreter in a song and dance group that travels across the country bridging the gap between deaf and hearing audiences.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it is vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to insure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Ms. Allsop are inspiring to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

Ms. Allsop should be extremely proud to have been singled out from the thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this year's program. I heartily applaud Ms. Allsop for her initiative in seeking to make her community and state a better place to live, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. Her actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

RECOGNIZING PETTY OFFICER 2ND
CLASS ANTHONY THOMPSON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Petty Officer 2nd Class Anthony Thompson is a true hero. Like all of our nation's heroes, we will always be grateful for the sacrifices they have made in order to ensure our continued freedom.

Having served two deployments in Iraq, the sacrifices made by both Petty Officer 2nd Class Thompson and his family on behalf of our nation are innumerable. On April 2004, Anthony's life changed forever near Fallujah, when a suicide bomber detonated an explosive under an overpass where he and his fellow Marines had taken up post.

Although he is fortunate to have survived, he is now not only ensured a life of reduced ability and pain, but in need of a new means to support his family of five. He suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury, an incomplete spinal cord injury and a punctured right lung. The process of rebuilding his life is also blessed by the Homes for our Troops organization, which helps wounded veterans transition successfully into their communities by providing them with homes.

The Homes for our Troops Organization works with combat wounded veterans to build specially adapted homes; allowing the veteran to be as independent as possible. The organization raises monetary donations, building materials, professional labor and coordinates the process of building a home. They insure that each home provides maximum freedom of movement and the ability to live more independently for each veteran recipient.

By providing returning service members with needed resources, they are better able to succeed in their local communities. Organization's like Homes for our Troops allow us, as Americans, to give back to veterans who have selflessly given so much for the sake of our freedom, and for that we are forever grateful.

"HONORING NIEL ELLERBROOK
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP
AND SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY"

HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 15, 2010

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Niel Ellerbrook on his outstanding leadership and service to his community in Southwest Indiana.

In 2000, Mr. Ellerbrook was integral in the merging of Indiana Energy and SIGCORP into Vectren Energy Corporation—a company that would bring many new jobs to the Evansville area. Since that time, he has served as the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the company. Vectren is currently one of Indiana's largest publicly traded corporations with over 3,700 employees.

During his tenure as CEO, Mr. Ellerbrook has been recognized for his leadership in promoting diversity in the workplace. Additionally,