

us seeking elected office to promote this. I share with former Governor Michael Dukakis, former Attorney General Frank Bellotti, my predecessor, the late Robert Drinan, and a number of other people in elected office the status of being very much in her debt.

Madam Speaker, I indulge myself personally by these comments, but they have a broader point as well: for young people who are skeptical that politics can be both a valuable and honorable way of spending one's time, Peg Hannigan's life is an extraordinarily valuable lesson and I hope that at least some people reading these words will be motivated to learn a little bit more about her, and even want to emulate her.

Madam Speaker, through you I wish a very Happy 90th Birthday to two wonderful women.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER STATE
SENATOR BILL MENTON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with genuine sadness that I rise to note the passing of former State Senator Bill Menton, of Irvington; a long-time public servant and beloved friend to many in South Alabama. He passed away on February 15, at the age of 90.

Bill Menton was a native of Paterson, NJ, coming to Mobile, Alabama after having been awarded multiple sports scholarships to Spring Hill College. After graduation, he coached at Spring Hill College and then UMS Preparatory School.

Senator Menton had a strong belief in our young people and is credited with helping to build the juvenile division of the Mobile County Sheriff's Department, where he served as a juvenile probation officer.

Continuing his interest in law enforcement, Mr. Menton later served as police chief of Bayou La Batre and separately worked for the Mobile County School System as a crime prevention officer.

He was the voice of the Mobile Bay Bears baseball team throughout the 1940s and 1950s and a popular host of a local radio football scoreboard program.

Bill Menton entered politics in 1982, winning a state senate seat representing Mobile County in Montgomery until 1988. In 1988, he came home to run in for the Mobile County Commission, a seat he won and held until 1992.

In 1996, he returned to support the profession he loved—law enforcement—by assuming the position as executive director of the Alabama Fraternal Order of Police.

Senator Menton also loved south Mobile County and he gave much of his life to making it a safer, better place to live. He dedicated an equal measure of devotion to bettering the lives of our young people, guiding many to learn from early mistakes in judgment and to take the path of responsible young adults.

I wish to offer my condolences to his wife of 65 years, Carmen Santana Menton; their eight children, Grace M. (Bob) Overmeyer, William J. (Pat) Menton, Jr., Mary Jane Menton, Edward C. (Brenda) Menton, Regina F. Menton, John Samuel (Janie) Menton, Thomas P. Menton and Charles M. "Chip" Menton; six

grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Senator Menton's many contributions to our community will never be forgotten.

COMMENDING LANCE MACKEY ON
WINNING A RECORD 4TH
STRAIGHT IDITAROD TRAIL
SLED DOG RACE

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker: Whereas Lance Mackey was born and raised in Alaska and currently resides in Fairbanks, Alaska; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey comes from a long line of successful mushers, including his father Dick and his brother Rick, each of who has won the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey is married to his high school sweetheart Tonya, who is also a musher, and has three children: Amanda, Brittney and Cain and one new grandchild, born on the seventh day of the nine-plus Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey and his family run the Comeback Kennel in Fairbanks, Alaska; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey was diagnosed with throat cancer in 2001, took a year off from sled-dog racing to recover from the disease and is now cancer-free; and

Whereas, the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, which has been called the "Last Great Race on Earth," is a grueling 1,150 mile sled dog race across Alaska's jagged mountain ranges, frozen rivers, dense forests, and windswept tundra; and

Whereas, running the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is a year-long commitment to training and caring for one's sled dogs; and

Whereas, the Yukon Quest is an equally grueling 1,000 mile sled dog race from Fairbanks, Alaska to Whitehorse, Yukon; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey is the only 4-time consecutive Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Champion, the only 4-time Yukon Quest Race Champion and the only man to win both the Yukon Quest and Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races in the same year, which he did in both 2007 and 2008; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey, guided by his two lead dogs "Maple" and "Rev," mushed his team of Alaskan Huskies along the path of the 38th Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race from its start in Anchorage to the finish line in Nome in just 8 days, 23 hours and 59 minutes and nine seconds; and

Whereas, both "Maple" and "Rev" exemplify all the essential qualities for good lead dogs, including intelligence, initiative, common sense, and the ability to find a trail in bad conditions; and

Whereas, Lance Mackey, who despite retiring "Larry," the lead dog with whom Mackey won his first three Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races, was still able to convincingly win his 4th consecutive Iditarod; and

Whereas, the Iditarod Trail, a National Historic Trail, is staffed by thousands of volunteers who monitor and assist all competitors; and

Whereas, each checkpoint along the Iditarod Trail has coordinators, health care

professionals and licensed veterinarians who carefully monitor the health and safety of all dogs and mushers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) Commends Lance Mackey on his record-breaking 4th consecutive Iditarod victory during the 2010 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

(2) Applauds each and every musher who was courageous enough to compete in the 2010 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

(3) Expresses appreciation to all the volunteers and staff who help make this great Alaskan race possible each and every year.

THE USO

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I will never be able to express the gratitude I have for all of the brave men and women who have so proudly worn the military uniform. So today, I am humbled to honor the United Services Organizations for their 67 years of unrelenting service and dedication to our troops.

The United Service Organization was congressionally chartered before World War II on February 4, 1941, by former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The organization is a non-profit, private establishment set up to create a way for the American public to volunteer and provide a wide variety of support services for military members and their families.

What started as an idea has transformed into a conviction. Today, the U.S.O. has more than 130 centers all over the world and provides its programs to over 1.4 million active duty service members and 1.2 million National Guard and Reserves.

These soldiers give their heart and soul for our country and the U.S.O. understands how vital our servicemen and women are to this great nation. The U.S.O. provides unmatched morale, welfare, social and entertainment needs. They show respect for our troops, their families, and our community by conveying that the American people are forever indebted to their commitment and sacrifice in the continual fight for freedom.

The Second Congressional District of Texas commends the United Services Organization for bringing a piece of home to wherever our troops may be. The individuals who willingly participate in this remarkable group emulate integrity and pride that this nation deserves. Their efforts will never go unappreciated and their actions will always be cherished.

AMY SCHULZ CHILD ADVOCACY
CENTER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the 20th anniversary of the Amy Schulz Child Advocacy Center in Mount Vernon, Illinois.

The center was born from tragedy when, in 1987, 10-year-old Amy Schulz of Kell, Illinois,

was murdered. Her father, Dennis Schulz, was determined to do all he could to see that no other families had to face the kind of devastating tragedy like that which afflicted his family. Mr. Schulz lobbied legislators for greater protection of children from violent criminals and started the Amy Center to keep the advocacy work going.

Starting with just a one-room office twenty years ago, the Amy Center has expanded and helped more than 100,000 children in several counties in south-central Illinois. Its advocacy efforts and education programs have had a lasting, positive impact.

I stand before this House to thank Dennis and Esther Schulz for their determination to protect children from violence. I also commend Executive Director LaDonna Richards and the staff of the Amy Center, past and present, who have done so much good work for the children of south-central Illinois. Their positive efforts and big hearts have done much to

make our community a better, safer place to live. I extend my appreciation on their 20 years of service.

IN MEMORY OF PFC JAICIAE
PAULEY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of Private First Class Jaiciae Pauley, who lost his life on December 11, 2009, while serving this grateful Nation in Iraq.

PFC Pauley joined the United States Army in 2008 and served as a combat medic in HQ Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division based in Fort Stew-

art, Georgia. PFC Pauley was posthumously awarded the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

Born to Julia Caitlin Ramshaw of Fort Pierce, Florida and Roger Pauley of Muncie, Indiana on April 11, 1980, PFC Pauley leaves behind a legacy of dedication and service that ended far too soon.

Thanks to the bravery and courage of patriots like PFC Pauley and all those who have defended this country by donning the uniform, freedom and democracy continue to exist. As a Nation, we will forever owe a debt of gratitude to PFC Pauley and his family that can never be repaid.

As we mourn Private First Class Jaiciae Pauley's passing, let us remember his mother, Julia Caitlin Ramshaw; father Roger Pauley (wife, Teressa); grandparents, Marshall and Flossie Bias, and Harold Hale in our thoughts and prayers.