

Taylor Thorp, two teenagers from my district who were part of this team. Their commitment to service at such a young age is a model for people of all ages in our community.

In the coming months and years, American churches, non-profits, and relief-aid organizations will play a vital role in stabilizing and rebuilding the Republic of Haiti. I am convinced that Americans will answer the call to "Love thy neighbor," not due to any government mandate or social obligation, but because it's just what Americans do. In crises both small and large, the United States has proven itself the most philanthropic and charitable nation in the world. I thank the members of Trinity Methodist for providing such a courageous example.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REGINALD "JACK" HORACE FINNEY, JR.

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of a man who generously helped shape his state and community. Jack Finney of Greenville, Texas passed away on January 1, 2010, at the age of ninety-three.

Jack was born to Reginald Horace Finney Sr. and Valma Bracken in Commerce, Texas on August 15, 1916. Finney attended Paris High School in Paris, Texas. He later graduated from Texas A&M in College Station with a degree in agricultural administration.

Jack founded Finney's Holsum Bread Company in Greenville shortly after graduation. At age thirty-six, Jack was appointed to the Texas A&M Board of Directors where he recruited the famous "Junction Boys" football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. President and CEO of the Association of Former Students at Texas A&M University, Porter Garner, called Finney a great Aggie and states, "He was always there when Texas A&M needed him."

Jack was a proud resident of Greenville, stating in a 2006 interview, "I could've left Greenville when I sold the bakery, but I stayed here. This is where I was meant to be." He donated land to the city where a public library and swimming pool now sit. He was also a major contributor to the nearby Texas A&M University at Commerce and Hunt Memorial Hospital District Foundation.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Lou House Finney. He will be missed by his large family and the grateful citizens of Greenville.

Madam Speaker, Jack Finney was my good friend for many years. I could always rely on Jack to give me his honest opinion about any issue—as well as his support. Jack was the heart and soul of Greenville, and he will be greatly missed. As we adjourn today, let us do so in memory of this great American, Jack Finney.

CONGRESSWOMAN JAN MEYERS POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wholeheartedly support the naming of the United States Post Office Building located at 9727 Antioch Road in Overland Park, Kansas, as the "Congresswoman Jan Meyers Post Office Building." Congresswoman Meyers represented the 3rd District of Kansas in the United States House of Representatives from January 3, 1985 until January 3, 1997. I had the honor of serving with Mrs. Meyers in the 104th Congress, her last two years in Congress. It truly was an honor to learn from her. The state of Kansas is a better place for her tireless service.

Born Janice Lenore Crilly on July 20, 1928 in Lincoln, Nebraska, Mrs. Meyers was raised in Superior, Nebraska. She attended William Woods College in Missouri and the University of Nebraska, earning an Associate Fine Arts degree and a B.A. in communications, respectively. She then married Louis "Dutch" Meyers in 1953, eventually having two children, Valerie and Philip.

Jan Meyers became active in politics in 1966 on the campaign of Edward Lawrence "Larry" Winn, Jr. for the U.S. House of Representatives. She later went on to become a district co-chairwoman for Senator Bob Dole's first U.S. Senate campaign. Mrs. Meyers went into public service herself as a city councilwoman in the city of Overland Park, from 1967–1972. She left the city council in 1972 when she was elected to the State Senate. Congresswoman Meyers then served in the State Senate until her election to the United States House of Representatives in 1984.

Congresswoman Meyers became the Chairwoman of the House Committee on Small Business in the 104th Congress, becoming just the 4th Republican woman to become the chair of a full committee. As a staunch fiscal conservative, she was dedicated to empowering the small business owners of America by introducing legislation to protect their interests and lower taxes to help them expand. Kansas is strong because of our small businesses and Congresswoman Meyers made them stronger. She believed that government works best when it facilitates, rather than restricts private business, as I do.

Congresswoman Meyers did not run for reelection to the 105th Congress in order to spend more time with her family. She said "There are other things in life I want to do, and being a Member of Congress, if you take the job seriously, simply does not leave time."

During her time in Congress, the Congresswoman was fond of saying "Listen to your conscience and your constituents—both. Most of the time they'll agree." This is truly the best way to represent your constituents and has been my goal during my time in this body.

I would like to thank Jan Meyers for acting as a mentor to me in my freshman year and for her dedicated service to Kansas. This legislation is a fitting tribute to an honorable

woman and a respected member of this distinguished body. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

CONGRATULATING NICHOLAS YOUNG, MASSACHUSETTS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my personal congratulations to Nicholas Young who was recently named superintendent of the year by the state superintendents' association. I would like to express my gratitude for Mr. Young's hard work, dedication and leadership.

Mr. Young has served with distinction as the superintendent for the Hadley Public Schools for nine years and continues to be an exemplary educational leader.

Nicholas Young is a very active citizen as he serves as president of the state superintendents association and has previously served as president-elect and vice president. He is also the acting chairman of the state Task Force on Small and Rural School Districts and a member of the state Professional Development Committee and the state Legislative Committee.

We join with Mr. Young's family, friends, colleagues and students as he is honored next month at the National Conference on Education in Phoenix, Arizona.

NICHOLAS YOUNG NAMED MASS.
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

(By Diane Lederman)

The program is part of the American Association of School Administrators National Superintendent of the year awards.

In a statement, Thomas Scott, executive director of the state association, stated that Young "is an exceptional educational leader. In addition to his many accomplishments in the Hadley Public Schools, he has been an exemplary model for his colleagues throughout the state, influencing state policy through active research and providing comprehensive and cutting-edge professional development programs."

Young, who has been superintendent here for nine years, said he was pleased and proud to be recognized.

He said it was good for the community anytime someone is recognized in town—be it he or a teacher or administrator.

"It highlights the town having a top-notch school system," he said.

Young is president of the state superintendents association and had previously been president-elect and vice president.

He is also the chairman of the state Task Force on Small and Rural School Districts and a member of the state Professional Development Committee and the state Legislative Committee.

In 2008, he was one of 158 educators from across the country selected to participate in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Fellowship, spending more than two weeks in that country.

Young and the other state winners will be honored next month at the National Conference on Education in Phoenix, Ariz.

The national winner will also be announced then.

HONORING THEODORA J. KALIKOW
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
AT FARMINGTON'S SUSTAINABLE
CAMPUS COALITION

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Theodora J. Kalikow and the University of Maine at Farmington's Sustainable Campus Coalition.

Earlier this month President Theodora J. Kalikow announced that the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) had finalized its roadmap to achieve the goal of carbon neutrality by 2035. The "Climate Action Plan", as it is called, was developed through UMF's own Sustainable Campus Coalition, a collaborative group of driven students, faculty, staff and community members. The plan identifies a number of strategies to reduce carbon emissions, including implementing energy efficient behavior and policies, ensuring future campus structures conform to LEED standards and investing in the use of renewable energy.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the UMF campus uses approximately 20 percent fewer British thermal units (BTU) per square foot than the national average for colleges of similar size and climate. Despite an 11 percent increase in campus building space, the university managed to reduce campus wide energy costs by 5 percent of the 2005 levels. A new geothermal heating and cooling system is projected to save \$60,000 and 325 metric tons of carbon emissions per year. These astounding feats are made even more impressive by the fact that the university community led the planning process, with little to no cost to the university system.

The leadership of UMF President Theodora Kalikow in guiding the campus towards energy solutions that reduce greenhouse gases and long-term energy costs is an inspiration to institutions everywhere. I applaud the efforts of the Sustainable Campus Coalition, which reminds us that biggest force of change in a community is the drive of its members. Although the nation has a long way to go in moving towards a clean energy future, the people of UMF have shown that progress is possible and that it is happening now.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Theodora J. Kalikow and the University of Maine at Farmington's Sustainable Campus Coalition for their efforts in making a clean energy campus a reality.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JACK
HOMER HITTSON, JR.

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow veteran and treasured citizen of Garland, Jack Hittson, who passed away last year, at the age of eighty-three.

Jack, a fifth generation Texan, was born June 19, 1925 in Palo Pinto, Texas. He graduated from Strawn High School at the age of

sixteen and enrolled at the University of Texas at Arlington. Before completing his studies, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a pilot. Jack returned to college following World War II and graduated from Baylor College of Dentistry at the age of twenty-three.

Jack first practiced in Panama where he met and married his wife, Elizabeth Weltzin. Shortly thereafter, they moved to the Alaskan Territories where Jack began work with the Alaskan Health Service. Jack went on to attend the University of Tennessee at Memphis to specialize in orthodontics.

Following graduation, Jack was re-commissioned during the Korean War and stationed in Orleans, France. He returned to Garland after completion of his commission and started one of the first orthodontic practices in North Texas.

Jack was actively involved in the community where he volunteered his time and resources to the benefit of the YMCA, Boy Scouts, Masons, Garland Dental Club, Texas Dental Association, and the Texas Democrats.

Jack will be missed by his wife and the greater Garland community.

Madam Speaker, I commend Jack Hittson for his service to the North Texas community and his country.

CONGRATULATING NANCY
GOODMAN BRINKER

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 708, a bill to congratulate Ms. Nancy Goodman Brinker for receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Nancy Brinker, a resident of my Congressional District in South Florida, has had a remarkable impact on the fight against breast cancer. As founder of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a foundation named for her sister who unfortunately lost her battle with breast cancer 30 years ago, Nancy has helped raise over \$1 billion dollars in support of research, education campaigns and support services for patients and their loved ones.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Race for the Cure have helped create a global movement to empower and support those touched by this disease. Now the largest grass roots breast cancer movement in the world, Susan G. Komen for the Cure offers a place for patients, their friends and family, and those who have lost loved ones to breast cancer to share their stories, raise awareness and donate their time and resources toward finally putting an end to this disease.

I was honored to participate in the Race for the Cure held in West Palm Beach, FL where I walked in honor of my sister, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. At this event, I was delighted to meet Nancy in person, and thank her for her tireless efforts in fighting this terrible disease.

Nancy's work to honor the life of her sister by helping countless others is truly admirable, and deserving of this distinguished civilian award. I would like to thank my friend from Illinois, Congressman SCHOCK for introducing this resolution, and Chairman TOWNS for his

leadership in bringing this bill to the House floor today. I urge passage of the bill and I yield back the balance of my time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, on January 19, I missed three rollcall votes numbered 6, 7, and 8 due to being unavoidably detained.

Rollcall No. 6 was a vote on congratulating the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine for its 150 years of commitment to advancing science. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall No. 7 was a vote on congratulating the Penn State women's volleyball team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Championship. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall No. 8 was a vote on commending the University of Virginia men's soccer team for winning the 2009 Division I NCAA National Championship. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

RESPECT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE AND SEAT SENATOR SCOTT BROWN

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, prior to my service in this body I had the honor for eight years to serve as Michigan's Secretary of State. In that role I also served as Michigan's chief elections officer.

I am always awed by elections where the people of this nation choose those who they wish to have serve them in government.

Everyone of us who serves in this House is here because of the will of the people.

The people's collective voice must always be honored and respected.

Yesterday we saw another example of the voice of the people when the voters of Massachusetts went to the polls in large numbers to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Ted Kennedy.

The result of that election is clear. The people of Massachusetts have chosen Senator SCOTT BROWN to be their voice. There is no doubt of the outcome, there is no contest to the election and his opponents have conceded.

When Senator Kennedy was elected in 1962 to fill the unexpired term of his brother President Kennedy, he was seated the very next day, because the people had clearly chosen him to do so.

Senator BROWN and the people of Massachusetts deserve the same consideration.

With all of the important issues facing this nation it is vital that the people's duly elected representatives are able to exercise their important duties.

I respectfully urge the other body to seat Senator BROWN immediately so that the people of Massachusetts can be heard through their elected Senator.