

years at the Navy Operational Support Center in Eleanor, WV.

Charles A. Helton, son of John R. Helton and Pamela Troney, plans on retiring to Hurricane, WV, with his wife, Carla S. Helton, and their two daughters, Kelly and Christy. He is currently employed with the Federal Highway Administration in Charleston, WV as an Information Technology Specialist. I would like to thank Charles for his dedication and service to our country from such an early age. Although a native of Chicago, IL, Charles has spent the majority of his career in West Virginia and has represented our state so well. I wish you the best of luck.

HONORING DR. JAMES PARKS
HITCH

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I have the utmost respect for people in the field of medicine. Those who choose this demanding path must fully devote their lives to it, from the many years of education and training to a commitment to their patients.

I wish to honor today, on the occasion of his retirement, a physician from my district in Knoxville, Tennessee, who stands out even among his distinguished colleagues.

I call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD the tribute to Dr. James Parks Hitch below, written by his co-workers to show their affection for a great man.

As a physician, Dr. Hitch has worked tirelessly for over three decades. He has found his greatest pleasure through service to others and his greatest reward in the restoration of their health.

Dr. Hitch views his patients, staff, and friends through the eyes of equality; one is no greater or lesser than the other. He is a luminary among his peers, yet he exhibits a life of sincere humility.

"If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he had imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours (Henry David Thoreau)."

As Dr. Hitch retires, he leaves behind the legacy of one man's dream fulfilled, one beloved profession shared, and one successful life to be remembered.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND DR.
KENNETH L. SAUNDERS, SR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. Kenneth L. Saunders, Sr., and to thank him for his 21 years of service with the North Stelton A.M.E. Church in Piscataway, New Jersey. His enthusiasm has doubled the size of his congregation and strengthened the larger community.

Before accepting the call to the ministry, Reverend Saunders served in the U.S. Army, where he earned an honorable discharge for service above and beyond expectations. He

later went on to receive his master in theology from the Trinity Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Indiana. In addition, Dr. Saunders holds doctorate degrees in divinity, philosophy in communications, sacred letters, and humanities.

Reverend Saunders's journey towards becoming a man of God started when he began singing in the Youth Jubilee Choir of the Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church in Jersey City. The combination of his love for music and spreading God's word inspired him as a young man to organize a quartet called The Sunset Harmonizers. His love of song continues today, as a member of the Singing Pastors of Piscataway.

Among the many awards and honors he has received, Reverend Saunders was presented with the Excellence in Ministry Award by the New Brunswick Chapter of the Association of Black Seminarians. He was also designated the Humanitarian of the Year in 1998 by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of Rutgers University.

Even with all these awards and accolades, Reverend Saunders considers his loving relationship with his wife Shirley and his son Kenneth Jr. to be his greatest achievement.

Madam Speaker, I would once more like to thank the Reverend Dr. Kenneth L. Saunders for his leadership in the community and service to New Jersey, as well as congratulate him on his 21st anniversary with the North Stelton A.M.E. Church in Piscataway, New Jersey.

ZACHARY LEMUNYON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary LeMunyon. Zach is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Royal Rangers and earning the most prestigious award of the Gold Medal of Achievement.

Zach has grown through participation with the Royal Rangers through his church, Northland Cathedral in Kansas City, Missouri. The Royal Rangers provide young men the character development and leadership formation needed to thrive in today's world. Attaining the Gold Medal of Achievement demonstrates Zach's dedication and commitment to the Royal Rangers. I am sure that Zach will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zachary LeMunyon for his accomplishments with the Royal Rangers and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Medal of Achievement.

IN HONOR OF GLENN A. ADAMS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Glenn A. Adams, the current President of the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA).

Since taking over as NESA President in 2008, Glenn's dedication and leadership has strengthened the organization through innovative outreach efforts and a variety of events, expanding the community of Eagle Scouts. On April 29, 2010, his hard work will be recognized when he receives the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA).

Since it was first introduced in 1969, the DESA is given to an Eagle Scout that has shown distinguished service in his profession and community for a period of at least twenty-five years. Glenn is most deserving of this great honor and prestigious award for all he has done for NESA and Scouting. His active involvement is notable; he serves on the Longhorn Council Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Foundation Board and as a Committee Member of the National Scouting Museum. He was also the former Scoutmaster for Troop 326 and has made generous financial contributions dedicated to providing scholarships for deserving Eagle Scouts. Glenn has always led by example and his active involvement in his local community speaks loudly of the impact he has had.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in recognizing Glenn for all he has done for the Boy Scouts of America and join me in congratulating him as he receives this prestigious award.

HONORING THE SEATTLE TIMES
AND THE PUGET SOUND BUSINESS JOURNAL

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the wonderful accomplishments and tireless efforts of two of my local newspapers—the Seattle Times and the Puget Sound Business Journal. Both papers captured the attention of their readership by searching for all the details, double checking all the facts and meticulously painting the full pictures of the two most noteworthy stories of 2009. For its efforts in reporting on the financial troubles of Washington Mutual, the PSBJ was recognized by the Pulitzer Committee for explanatory reporting. The Seattle Times took the lead in reporting every aspect of the heinous murders of four police officers in Lakewood, Washington and for their outstanding efforts have been awarded a Pulitzer Prize for breaking news.

When the fall of Washington Mutual first emerged, thousands of people throughout the Puget Sound area searched for the facts; the Puget Sound Business Journal supplied them. The incisive and thorough nature of their reporting allowed interested readers to understand the full scope of the issues at hand and the challenges facing their families, their pocketbooks and their neighborhoods. Although the coverage brought devastating news, it was fair, accurate and held a redeeming value. The Newspaper's journalists provided an invaluable public service and never looked for accolades—they simply did their jobs to the best of their abilities.

Washington residents were greeted with extremely grim news the morning of November 29: four police officers had been shot and

killed and the gunman was on the loose. The story—heartbreaking, complex, and infuriating—dragged on for more than 40 hours, with Times reporters, photographers, editors and producers working tirelessly to provide their readers with a comprehensive picture of the story as it unfolded. When the shooter was shot and killed early in the morning on a Seattle street, The Times was there to sift through the information and report the facts. The Times did a wonderful job reporting on an absolutely horrible and tragic string of events. I applaud them for their service to the community and congratulate them for the well deserved honor from the Pulitzer Committee.

The stories told by the Puget Sound Business Journal and the Seattle Times, although depressing and brutal in nature, prove that even in the midst of a sluggish economy and a fractured marketplace for quality journalism, our nation's newspapers play an absolutely vital role in society. It is especially gratifying, as a native of the Puget Sound region, to recognize the remarkable accomplishments of some "hometown" journalists. To name just a few individuals at the Times, I'd like to recognize Publisher Frank Blethen, Executive Editor David Boardman, Managing Editor Suki Dardarian and Assistant Managing Editor Jim Simon. In addition, Madam Speaker, it is nearly impossible to record the names of every person at The Times who contributed to the voluminous and detailed coverage of those difficult incidents, so I want to recognize the work of the entire newsroom staff and their giving and patient families. Additionally, I'd like to recognize Puget Sound Business Journal publisher Emory Thomas, Jr., Editor George Erb, reporter Kirsten Grind, and the rest of the wonderfully talented people at the PSBJ. At this time, it is almost impossible to determine how all of us will receive our news in the future. Whatever the answer, we all hope it comes from the dedicated and talented professionals highlighted here. professionals highlighted here.

HONORING WILLIAM CHANDLER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate William Chandler upon being awarded with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Mr. Chandler was honored on Saturday, January 30, 2010, in Chowchilla, California.

Mr. William "Bill" Chandler was born in Waurika, Oklahoma. During his youth he moved to a small town near Bakersfield, California where he graduated from Arvin High School in 1962. Mr. Chandler attended Bakersfield College for two years, majoring in agriculture. In 1965 he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and was selected for specialized training as a photographic repairman.

After additional training, Mr. Chandler was selected for specialized duties and received top secret security clearance. He was sent to the Far East where he was assigned to the Tan Son Nhut Air Base near Saigon to work

on classified photographic equipment used by reconnaissance aircraft to gather intelligence on Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces. His tour in the Far East continued with an assignment to Japan at the Yokota Air Base, where he was assigned to the 67th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron in support of the SR-71 "Blackbird." He and his unit worked day and night to keep the equipment in good condition as the SR-71 flew missions over North Vietnam, Laos, and mainland China.

Upon completing his tour in Southeast Asia, Mr. Chandler was assigned to Beale Air Force Base in Marysville, California. He continued to work on the photographic equipment for the SR-71. In June, 1969, Sergeant Chandler received an honorable discharge from the United States Air Force and was transferred to the Air Force Reserve.

For his service, Sergeant Chandler was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Unit Cross of Gallantry with palm and frame.

Upon leaving active duty, Mr. Chandler was employed by the Extel Microsystems Microfilm Corporation from 1969 until 1973. In 1972, he married his wife, Nancy. Later he was employed by the First National Bank of Arizona for microfiche banking records. In 1975, Mr. Chandler began working for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory on the MARS/Viking Project. Mr. Chandler and his family moved to the Chowchilla area in 1977 where he continues to live and remains active in farming operations. From 2004 until 2009, Mr. Chandler worked for the Chowchilla Water District. He is a Life Member of the Chowchilla Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9896, a member of the Chowchilla Masonic Lodge and the American Legion Post 148.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate William Chandler upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Chandler many years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR JON M.
LAUDER, USMC

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Jon. M. Lauder and his dedicated service to this great Nation.

After graduating from the Virginia Military Institute with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1994, he has served on active duty with the United States Marine Corps. He proudly served two combat tours in Iraq, including the initial assault into Iraq in 2003 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. After a combat tour in Eastern Afghanistan as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom, Major Lauder served as a U.S. military observer in Israel during the summer of 2006 during the Israeli-Hezbollah war. He is currently the Commanding Officer for the Marcie Corps Recruiting Station in Dallas, Texas.

On May 14, 2010, Major Lauder will be turning over his command and will move to Wash-

ington, DC for his new assignment at the Pentagon. It has been my distinct honor and pleasure to work with him. I proudly call him my friend and know that Major Lauder's dedicated service has made our Nation a safer and better place.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to Major Lauder. I wish him and his family all the best.

HONORING KENNETH SULLIVAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kenneth Sullivan for his heroic response to a potentially disastrous situation during the severe flooding of eastern Connecticut last month. Kenneth is the director of the Jewett City Department of Public Utilities, which controls the Jewett City Sewage Treatment Plant. With the Quinebaug River rising rapidly at the peak of the storm, Kenneth immediately recognized that the \$19.6 million plant and local residents were in danger and, with the help of his colleagues, moved quickly to avert disaster. I had the opportunity to visit the plant with Griswold First Selectman Philip Anthony during this emergency and saw firsthand Kenneth's great work and leadership as he rallied people from around the region to help protect the plant.

As soon as he realized the severity of the situation, Kenneth contacted state emergency preparedness and environmental organizations as well as summoned the help of the National Guard. He worked around the clock with colleagues, town employees, and local firefighters to surround the plant's pump station with sandbags and prevent the floodwaters from overrunning it. At one point during the storm, the water was said to have risen three feet in one hour. If it were to rise any higher than it did, close to 2,000 homes and the Quinebaug River itself would have been contaminated with backed-up, raw sewage.

By the end of the 36-hour ordeal, the integrity of the plant's structures remained and no sewage was lost. Kenneth was faced with a worst case scenario and achieved the best possible outcome through diligent planning and coordination. Not only was he wise to take advantage of the resources available to him, but he saw this job through and did so without hesitation. I ask all Members of the House to join me in honoring Kenneth Sullivan for his undying sense of service and commitment to the people of eastern Connecticut.

CONGRATULATING DR. AND MRS.
JAMES BURNE WHO ARE BEING
HONORED BY THE SCRANTON
KIWANIS CLUB FOR COMMUNITY
SERVICE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues