

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 Extek 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 Marine 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

in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Dr. and Mrs. James Burne for their outstanding community service for which they are being honored by the Scranton Kiwanis Club.

Dr. Burne maintains a general Dentistry Practice in South Scranton. He is a member of the American Dental Association and the Pennsylvania Dental Association and has been an active member of the Scranton District Dental Society since 1969. He has served as its president, a member of the board of directors and chairman of its dental health programs.

A graduate of the University of Scranton, Dr. Burne received his doctorate of Dental Surgery from Georgetown University School of Dentistry. He is also a graduate of the L.D. Pankey Institute for Advanced Dental Education and the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Cosmetic Dentistry.

Dr. Burne is a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry and the American College of Dentists along with additional fellowships and honors.

He served as a Captain in the United States Army Dental Corps and he is the recipient of the Frank J. O'Hara Award, University of Scranton.

He is a past member of the YMCA Board of Directors and is currently a member of the Scranton Chapter UNICO National, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Kiwanis Club. He also serves on the Advisory Board of Directors of Penn Security Bank.

Mrs. Mary Lou Burne is a graduate of Scranton Central High School, Keystone College, Millersville University and she pursued graduate studies at Marywood University. She is a former Special Education teacher with NEIU 19 and was the founder and director of its summer program for special needs children. She was also founder and director of the local Special Olympics and she received the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation Award.

She has served as local and state president of the Youth Association for Retarded Citizens. She has served as trustee at Keystone College and she received its Distinguished Alumni Award. She was a member of the White House Conference on Children and is a past President of the Scranton District Dental Alliance. She received the Boy's and Girl's Club Champion of Youth Award and the Thelma Neff Award of the Alliance to the American Dental Association.

Dr. and Mrs. Burne are co-founders of the Family-to-Family Thanksgiving Food Basket Program that since 1986 has served over 175,000 people. For that service, they have received the following awards: Justice Michael J. Eagen Humanitarian Award; J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award, James Crowley Humanitarian Award; UNICO National Civics Illustris Humanitarian Award, National Association of Social Workers Public Citizens of the Year and letters of commendation from Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush.

Dr. and Mrs. Burne are the parents of four children: James 3d, Dr. Mark, Mary and Matthew Burne.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. and Mrs. Burne on this auspicious occasion. Their outstanding service to community is inspirational and has earned them respect and admiration throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

#### HONORING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF BLUE LAKE, CALIFORNIA

##### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Blue Lake, Humboldt County, California.

Founded in 1877 by French pioneer Clement Chartin as a resort area popular for its sunny climate along the majestic Mad River, it was named for its once notable lake created by a record flood, now a small freshwater marsh of about 3.5 acres. Known today as the city "Where the Sunshine and the Sea Air Meet," Blue Lake remains a popular destination for its excellent river fishing and swimming.

The City of Blue Lake borders the historic ancestral Native American lands of the Wiyot Tribe, today represented by the Blue Lake Rancheria. Blue Lake once played a pivotal role in the robust logging industry and is the site of the historic Macintosh Lumber Mill. Since its closure in the 1970s, the city has adapted and evolved in its entrepreneurial spirit to attract a number of thriving, locally-owned businesses serving the North Coast and beyond.

Today, the city is home to important businesses and organizations such as the Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theater founded in 1974, Mad River Brewery founded in 1989, Mad River Grange, Blue Lake Family Resource Center, Wah-nika Women's Club, and Blue Lake Chamber of Commerce, among others.

Blue Lake will celebrate this centennial anniversary with two days of festivities in the spirit of the era including theater, an historic homes tour, and the filling of a time capsule. The vibrant people, culture, and surrounding landscape make Blue Lake a wonderful place to live and visit.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the City of Blue Lake, California on the occasion of its 100th anniversary of incorporation.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF T.C. MARSH'S JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS AND CORPORAL DAVID BATES

##### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize T.C. Marsh Middle School's Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) and Corporal David Bates on their winning the National Middle School Drill Championship for the third time.

Corporal David Bates has led the JROTC program for the past eleven years. He has taught them the importance of personal responsibility, discipline, commitment, and hard work. Under his leadership, T.C. Marsh's JROTC has taken the prestigious title of Na-

tional Champion three times in the past four years.

After spending countless hours practicing their drills, the cadets were ready to compete and capture the national title once again. In addition to practicing daily, cadets also garnered the support of teachers, families, friends, and the local community to raise \$12,000 to help cover the cost of equipment and travel expenses. They are the essence of discipline, dedication, and hard work. By working together, the cadets have developed a mutual respect for each other and honed their leadership skills.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of the JROTC and Corporal David Bates on their well-deserved victory. I commend them for their dedication and hard work and I wish them all my very best.

#### ANTHONY GARRALDA

##### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Anthony Garralda who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Anthony Garralda is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Anthony Garralda is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Anthony Garralda for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

#### HONORING RONALD MOORE

##### 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 Dr. Ronald Moore upon being awarded the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Dr. Moore was honored on Saturday, January 30, 2010 in Chowchilla, California.

Dr. Ronald Moore was born in Madera, California and raised in a rural part of the county where his parents were farm workers. At the age of ten, the family moved to Chowchilla. He worked in the fields during the summer months and after school while he was growing up. He played sports at Chowchilla High School and was a member of the 1955 Valley Championship football team. He received a football scholarship to the University of Nevada; due to a minor injury he did not play for