

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

the school. He did play football at Fresno Junior College. Upon graduating, Dr. Moore enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Dr. Moore attended Marine summer training, where he was awarded the Leatherneck Magazine Award for firing expert with the M-1 rifle. He attained the rank of sergeant in the reserves while attending California State University, Fresno. He also worked part-time at the Boys' Club of Fresno, the Clovis Library, the Catholic Youth Organization and taught and coached in Fresno Catholic elementary schools. He married his childhood sweetheart, Shirley, in June 1961. In the same year, Dr. Moore began teaching and coaching, full-time, at San Joaquin Memorial High School. Two years later, he became the head football coach and athletic director at Memorial.

In 1966 the war in Vietnam was escalating and Dr. Moore entered active duty. He was selected for Officer Candidate School and upon completion, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant. Dr. Moore attended specialized infantry officer training at Quantico, Virginia. In late 1966 he commanded a replacement company at Camp Pendleton, California before shipping out to Vietnam.

Dr. Moore served with the First Marine Division, initially as an infantry platoon commander defending Da Nang Air Base. He was temporarily assigned additional duty with reconnaissance units and participated in patrols in the northwest sector of Vietnam and Laos. Dr. Moore served in one insertion by parachute with a South Vietnamese Ranger. He was responsible for directing artillery fire against heavy Viet Cong forces in the Que Sanh Valley. Dr. Moore was promoted to first lieutenant and later served with a rifle company as executive officer and commanding officer.

After fourteen months of serving in Vietnam, Dr. Moore received orders to return to the United States. In March 1968, Dr. Moore joined the Fifth Marine Division at Camp Pendleton as executive officer of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 28th Marine Regiment. Two months later he became the company commander. Dr. Moore was later promoted to captain and served as commanding officer of the 550-man Headquarters and Service Company of the battalion. He completed courses and training in Military Justice, Corrections, Investigations, Narcotics Investigations, Landing Force Planning and Fort Benning's Advanced Infantry Battalion Course.

During an amphibious landing operation, Dr. Moore suffered a debilitating injury, requiring him to undergo spinal surgery. During his hospitalization and rehabilitation, Dr. Moore took graduate level courses at San Diego area colleges. He returned to limited duty as an Assistant Operations Officer with the 3rd Marine Regiment. Shortly after, Dr. Moore was placed on the disabled retired list and he returned to Chowchilla. For his military service, Dr. Moore was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with "V", the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with bronze star, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Republic of Vietnam Unit Cross of Gallantry with palm and frame, RVN Honor Medal First Class, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, RVN Civic Action Medal, a commendation

from the Department of the Army, the RVN parachutist badge and four awards of the Expert Rifleman and Expert Pistol Badge.

After his career as a Marine, Dr. Moore returned to teaching. After six years of serving in various positions within the continuation school in Chowchilla, he was appointed as superintendent of the Chowchilla Union High School District. Dr. Moore completed graduate work at the University of California, Irvine, San Diego State, the University of South Carolina, the University of Arizona, University of San Francisco, California State University, Fresno and California Western University. He earned a master's and doctorate degree, as well as California teaching, counseling and administrative credentials. Dr. Moore served as superintendent for twenty-three years before retiring in 1999. Upon his retirement, Dr. Moore was honored by the State administrators' association, the California State Senate and the City of Chowchilla.

Dr. Moore is a Life Member of the Chowchilla Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9896, American Legion Post 148, the Disabled American Veterans, and the First Marine and Third Marine Division Associations. He is a past President of Chowchilla Rotary and has served as chairman of numerous education-related committees. He is a member of local civic and regional committees and commissions including the Central California Criminal Justice Planning Committee, Chowchilla Parks and Recreation, Heritage Preservation Commission and the Utilities Committee. Dr. Moore is a member of St. Columba Church. Dr. and Mrs. Moore continue to live in Chowchilla. They have two children and six grandchildren.

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

HONORING HONORS GOVERNMENT CLASS OF MARION CENTER HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the Honors Government class of Marion Center High School, which took first place at the "We the People" Pennsylvania State competition at Valley Forge.

The "We the People" competition measures students' knowledge and understanding of the Constitution, and Marion Center's Honors Government class proved well-acquainted with our principles of government. The following students: Emilie Borst, Tori Buzzelli, Toni Corosu, Alycia Frampton, Jed Gallo, Cody Miller, Brandon Snickles, Nick Stanisha, Jozzie Stuchell and Sarah Wolfe have all demonstrated their thorough understanding of the supreme law of our land. These young men and women, as well as their teacher Chris Peters, should be commended on this impressive accomplishment.

Preserving our Nation's unique character requires an understanding of our Constitution that these students have so ably displayed.

Their dedication to this important responsibility of citizenship is outstanding. I congratulate Marion Center High School's Honors Government class on its feat of civic knowledge and academic excellence, and I trust that these promising young citizens will continue to excel in their endeavors.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO THE PEOPLE OF POLAND

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, it is with profound sorrow that I rise today in support of House Resolution 1246, which expresses sympathy to the people of Poland in the aftermath of the tragic events of April 10th.

On behalf of the people of Connecticut, I join the citizens of Poland and the millions of individuals of Polish descent residing around the world in mourning the death of President Lech Kaczynski, First Lady Maria Kaczynski and the other 94 passengers involved in the tragic plane crash on April 10, 2010.

The death of Lech Kaczynski is a loss not only for the people of Poland but for the international community as a whole. President Kaczynski was a public servant in the highest sense. From his days as an anti-communist activist in the 1970's to his stint as the mayor of Warsaw, he brought with him a desire for change and improvement. During his time as president, Lech Kaczynski worked closely with the Russians to mend wounds from the Katyn tragedy, and on December 21, 2008 he took a historic step toward restoring relations between the government of Poland and its Jewish community when he became the first Polish head of state to attend religious services at a synagogue in Poland.

Under President Kaczynski, the bond between Poland and the United States grew. President Kaczynski was a strong supporter of American stability measures, such as missile defense systems, in the region. In losing President Kaczynski, America loses a great ally.

Once again, I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to the people of Poland and the millions of citizens of Polish descent residing around the world for this terrible loss.

ASHLEY ARRIAGA

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 Ashley Arriaga who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Ashley Arriaga is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ashley Arriaga is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and