

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

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 Ashley Arriaga for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF REV. BEN-
JAMIN LAWSON HOOKS

SPEECH OF

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, today we acknowledge the loss of one of the nation's legendary civil rights icon, Benjamin L. Hooks. Mr. Hooks led the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People from 1977 to 1992.

Mr. Hooks grew up in the segregated South and was a vocal campaigner for civil rights in the United States.

Hooks was a lawyer and an ordained Baptist minister who joined the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and led the NAACP for 15 years.

When Benjamin Hooks took over the helm of the NAACP, the organization was suffering from declining membership and prestige. During his tenure, the NAACP added several hundred thousand new members to its roster.

Under his leadership, the NAACP worked with Major League Baseball on a program that expanded employment opportunities for African-Americans in baseball, including in positions as managers, coaches and in franchise executive offices.

Hooks also worked with colleagues to set up a program in which more than 200 corporations agreed to participate in economic development projects in black communities.

President George W. Bush awarded Hooks the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in November 2007.

We join the nation, his family, friends, and colleagues in mourning the loss of this legendary leader.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF
MICHIGAN MEN'S GLEE CLUB ON
THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of one of the most respected and honored musical groups in the nation, the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club.

Alumni of this august group, which has received international acclaim for its outstanding singing over the years, will be hosting a reunion in Ann Arbor to help mark the 150th anniversary of the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club on April 8th through the 11th.

Since the class of 1859–1860, the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club has been entertaining audiences well beyond the boundaries of their namesake. Formed from many different glee clubs, the singular Men's Glee Club has become one of the signature facets of one of the world's foremost universities, which I have the pleasure of representing in Congress.

The group has toured around the world over the past 50 years on behalf of the university. It has been recognized for its excellence from New York City to Europe, South America, and Asia, as well as all across the nation and has won numerous competitions and awards.

The University of Michigan Men's Glee Club ensemble has been so successful and talented that it has spawned many subgroups, including the Friars, who patterned themselves on Yale's Whiffenpoofs. The group's sesquicentennial is being held this April and their camaraderie and tradition is so strong that over 400 alumni have registered to return to campus for the celebration.

Whether it is singing familiar U of M songs like "Laudes atque Carmina" and the alma mater "The Yellow and Blue," or performing classical or humorous songs of the day, the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club has always carried itself with both class and enthusiasm.

There are many things for which I am proud of the University and having such a wonderful asset as the Men's Glee Club is one of my favorite reasons for that pride. As the second oldest of such musical groups in the nation, The University of Michigan Men's Glee Club will continue to bring excellence in musical performances for many more years to come, I am sure.

Madam Speaker, I hope the House will join me in saluting this outstanding musical ensemble on the eve of their 150th anniversary.

ANTONIO VITALE

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 Antonio Vitale who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Antonio Vitale is a 12th grader at Arvada School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Antonio Vitale 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 Antonio Vitale for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

HONORING PATRICK GAMBLE

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize Patrick Gamble for his service to Alaska and our Nation.

A decorated Vietnam fighter pilot and now retired Four-Star General, Pat served in the United States Air Force for 34 years and distinguished himself as a decisive and capable leader. His military service first brought him to live in Alaska in 1996 as the commander of Alaska's joint military command. Like so many of us who have moved into the State, he was enchanted by the Last Frontier and has remained under its spell.

After retiring from the Air Force, he returned to Alaska as President and CEO of the Alaska Railroad, the Nation's only full service, year round scheduled passenger and freight railroad, and in my opinion, the most scenic railroad in the country. It stands as a pillar in Alaska's economy and will play a key role in the future of our great State. Through Pat's vision, the railroad has grown dramatically and promoted economic development throughout communities along the railbelt.

Pat was recently selected to replace Mark Hamilton as the President of the University of Alaska, the State's 15-campus university system which provides for the educational needs of 32,000 students every year. This new position is a continuation of many years of educational leadership, including having served as the commandant of the U.S. Air Force Academy and on the boards of five schools. In addition to ensuring a quality education, he plans to focus his efforts as university president on gaining more public support for the University of Alaska, continuing the university's strong presence in research important to Alaskans, and engaging the university in broader State economic development opportunities.

General Gamble has earned himself a reputation as a strong leader and a man of outstanding personal character. He is an excellent asset to our State, and I am proud to have this opportunity to commend his continued service to Alaska.

HONORING HUGH CODDING

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON, to honor the life and memory of Hugh Coddington, who helped shape and define Sonoma County over the course of the 92 years he was with us. He was a legend in his lifetime; a home builder, commercial developer, banker, city councilman, civic leader and philanthropist, who during the construction boom years of the 1950s and '60s, changed the face of the county forever.

He built his first home in the 1930s and honed construction skills in the Seabees in World War II and brought those skills home with him. He leveraged his \$400 discharge pay into a construction project and with profits