

Weed Pro, Ltd. at the OLCA annual meeting Dec. 8 during the Ohio Turfgrass Conference & Show.

Guerra was selected from five finalists including: Matt Dixon, Buckeye Ecocare; Fred Hoyt, Custom Lawns; Matt Netzey, Fitzwater Tree & Lawn Care; and Dan Paolini, Weed Man Lake County.

Guerra was nominated by Highpoint President John Prusa, who commended Guerra for his productivity and personal, caring service to a loyal customer base while completing his education and earning a degree from the University of Akron. Several complimentary letters from customers accompanied his nomination.

The Ohio Lawn Care Applicator of the Year Award, sponsored by Dow AgroSciences, is a new award to be presented annually by OLCA. To apply, one had to be a member company of the association and could only be nominated by a company owner, manager or supervisor. Nominees were required to have a state of Ohio applicators license with a minimum of two years experience.

OLCA represents nearly 500 professional lawn care companies throughout Ohio, and is committed to promoting and protecting the lawn care industry in Ohio. For more information about OLCA or the Applicator of the Year Award, call 800-510-5296; email info@OhioLawnCare.org; or visit www.OhioLawnCare.org.

CONGRATULATING NANCY GOODMAN BRINKER

SPEECH OF

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Ambassador Nancy Brinker for her continued leadership and advocacy in breast cancer research and congratulate her on receiving America's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Ambassador Brinker's commitment to defeating breast cancer began 28 years ago after she lost her sister to the disease. Since that time, Ambassador Brinker has dedicated her life to increasing public awareness and developing a grassroots network of individuals affected by breast cancer.

As the founder of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Ambassador Brinker has campaigned tirelessly to help those affected by breast cancer and has raised over \$1.3 billion for research and education purposes since it was founded.

Now serving as the Goodwill Ambassador for Cancer Control for the United Nations' World Health Organization, Ambassador Brinker's dedication and leadership are felt throughout the world as she promotes awareness and continues the global fight against breast cancer.

Breast cancer is a devastating disease that has touched many lives. As a former volunteer and board member of the American Cancer Society of Dallas, I have seen how cancer impacts a family. As a husband and father, I share a deep commitment to the fight against cancer.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I applaud Ambassador Brinker for her

longstanding dedication, leadership and selfless spirit and congratulate her on receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

INITIATIVE TO WIPE OUT CREDIT CARD FRAUD

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, I rise to speak briefly about an initiative by MagTek, a company from California's 46th District, which I represent. This initiative is aimed at eliminating credit card fraud which funds gangs, crime syndicates and global terrorist organizations, including Al Qaeda. I would include in the record a short excerpt from a speech describing the initiative, and I ask all of my colleagues and the American people to join us in wiping out credit card fraud.

EXCERPT FROM A SPEECH TO THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (FDIC) PAYMENT SECURITY CONFERENCE

(By MagTek Chief Security Officer Tom Patterson)

Billions of dollars are being stolen every year from thousands of banks, hundreds of thousands of merchants, and millions of consumers—and it's being used to fund gang activity, organized crime, and terrorist plots. And it's got to stop.

Our identities and credit card information are being stolen across America, by waiters and waitresses in our restaurants, by clerks at our stores, and even our ATM machines and gas pumps. In fact, every time we hand over our credit or debit card, Americans are taking a risk that our critical information could be stolen. Last year, over \$4 billion dollars was stolen from us with these methods and others like them, and many of these thefts are being perpetrated by people and machines that have been co-opted by criminal gangs.

Gangs in America, like the "Bloods" and the "Crips", have now moved aggressively into the counterfeit card business, providing the devices (called skimmers), and paying out \$20 for every card number stolen. In fact, counterfeit card fraud is now the third largest revenue source for many of our largest gangs, moving ahead of extortion. They make their money by selling blocks of these freshly stolen identities up-stream, to foreign organized crime.

A 2009 United Nations report has identified Russian organized crime as the world's largest source of counterfeit card fraud, just ahead of the Chinese triad gangs. The largest of these, known as the Russian Business Network, is well known for purchasing these aggregated lists of identities and card numbers, combining them with near-perfect looking fake cards and then selling them on under-world-sponsored auction sites to the highest bidder.

One of the largest bidders for these counterfeit cards this past decade has been Al Qaeda, who repeatedly purchases them for use in funding their terror plots around the world. The horrific bombing in the nightclub in Bali, which killed 202 people, was funded in large part by recently skimmed cards. A captured Al Qaeda handbook describes in great detail how to fund their plots, including the transliteration "obtain credit card numbers and use them to fund the struggle."

The security of our citizens should be paramount, especially in light of its negative ef-

fects on merchants and banks, and its role in funding of US gang violence, transnational organized crime, and global terrorism. It's time for our financial services industry to put a stop to this, by working together to allow merchants to tell the difference between our real cards, and these fakes that are plaguing our way of life.

It's now possible for banks and merchants to easily and economically completely eliminate counterfeit cards from our world, and they can do it today. By adding a simple "card authentication" check to the credit and debit process, which works with the same 3 billion cards we already have in our wallets and the same "swipe" that we've come to trust over 10 trillion times per year, we will allow our retailers to simply decline counterfeit card charges and thus wipe out counterfeit card fraud around the world.

All it takes to make this a reality is for the banks, processors, and merchants to agree to share the "magnetic fingerprint" inherent in the magnetic stripe of every card we use, and rather than arguing over costs we can be sharing the savings that come to all of us by saving billions of dollars of fraud every year. Already, we have the initial commitments to register the first 100 million cards, and make this check available to the first 250,000 merchants. But we need the rest of the players to take this step.

I am here today to urge you to join the coalition to wipe out counterfeit card fraud (www.NoCardFraud.com), and to do your part in protecting the identities of millions of Americans, improving the financial health of millions of retail stores and banks, shutting down a key criminal activity of gangs and organized crime, and disrupting the funding of global terrorists.

A TRIBUTE TO GRAYSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great place in the Commonwealth of Kentucky—Grayson County. On Monday, January 25, 2010, Grayson County will celebrate its 200th birthday.

The county was established in 1810 as the 54th county in Kentucky. It was named after Colonel William Grayson, a Virginian statesman and Revolutionary War aide to General George Washington.

Col. Grayson once owned over 5,000 acres, which included the western end of Grayson County. As the story goes, Washington purchased the land from Henry Lee, the father of Robert E. Lee, by trading his favorite horse.

Grayson County includes many great attractions, offering individuals a great place to visit and live. Grayson County's Twin Lakes and the Rough River State Resort Park offers countless recreational opportunities, including swimming, nature trails, boating, tennis, and go-cart racing as well as campsites and lodging.

I am proud to represent the citizens of Grayson County and they should be celebrated for their contributions to making Kentucky such a wonderful place. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Grayson County and congratulating them on 200 amazing years.

HONORING MS. KRISTEN JARBOE
FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exemplary resident of Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District, Ms. Kristen Jarboe. Ms. Jarboe, a teacher at Elkhorn Elementary School in Frankfort, has been named as a winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science teaching. This prize, awarded on behalf of the White House's Office of Science and Technology Policy, is a very high honor, and I am proud today to recognize the accomplishments of this exceptional educator in the U.S. Congress.

Her teaching methods emphasize individual attention and small classes so that struggling students are brought up to speed and not left behind. She is recognized as a leader not only among her students, but among the school as a whole, organizing after-school programs such as Family Math Night and creating a school-wide math test for primary through second grades. Her work does not end once students leave her classroom at the end of the year, as she strives to instill a desire to learn in each of her students, and motivates them to become lifelong learners.

Madam Speaker, I believe teaching is one of the most important jobs in our nation and is often underappreciated. Ms. Jarboe's devotion to her work and her students is certainly deserving of this great award and recognition, and with people like her teaching our young people, I am excited for our future generation of leaders.

HONORING THE UNBORN

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, I need not tell you that tomorrow millions of Americans will reflect upon the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*. Some Americans will celebrate. Many others will mourn. I will mourn that decision.

I know this question represents one of the great political fault lines in America today and that many of my countrymen and women feel quite differently than I do. But I believe in my heart and in my head that there is no more fundamental right that we have than the right to life. It is enshrined in our founding documents. Our Creator brought us into this world with certain unalienable rights, including the right to life.

I can come to no other conclusion in my heart and in my head that life begins at conception. I cannot understand my countrymen who come to different conclusions. I do not hate these people, nor do I disparage them, but I have great sadness about what has occurred because of their beliefs: that millions of our countrymen are not here today to take that first breath, to take that first walk, to go into that first dance recital, to hit that first baseball, to put together that first "Two plus two equals

four. I did it, daddy." Millions and millions of our fellow countrymen will never experience that moment because of what I believe to be a very wrongheaded and a very unconstitutional decision made many, many years ago.

And so, a battle continues in this great body as a battle continues all across our land. It's not just a battle to change laws. It is a battle to change the hearts and minds of our countrymen. It is something that I take as an article of faith. But, if there is any parent in this body who has seen that sonogram when your baby is just weeks old, to see that beating heart, to see those little fingers, to see those little toes, and know that you have this great privilege that God Almighty has entrusted you with this gift to nurture this life, how you see that and turn your back on it is beyond me, it is absolutely beyond me.

I wish I knew what I could say to reach out to my fellow citizens and try to convince them to treasure human life and to understand how precious it is. And often when we hear in the debate in this institution that we ought to do something for the least of these, truly unborn life is the least of these. Let us recognize it. Let us hold it precious. Let us live up to our constitutional responsibilities and let us live up to our responsibilities from the Creator and grant our fellow citizens that precious right to life.

There is much work to be done. I see a day, which may not be in my life, but maybe in the life of my children and maybe in the life of my grandchildren, should I be blessed with any, that one day all Americans will somehow lock arms and lock hearts and decide that they will protect and defend that unalienable right to life.

TESTIMONY ON THE 37TH ANNUAL
MARCH FOR LIFE

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the 37th Annual March for Life. On Friday, thousands of people from around the country will gather in Washington, DC to rally against the Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision.

I have always been a pro-life advocate and throughout my years in Congress have earned a 100% pro-life voting record. I believe every human being has the right to life and that every life should be preserved and protected.

This year it is even more important to bring attention to the unethical principles of abortion as Democrats in Congress continue to discuss the possibility of taxpayer funded abortions in their attempt to create a government takeover of our healthcare system.

I applaud those who made the trip to Washington to participate in the March for Life and I assure you that I will continue to fight for the rights of the unborn.

HONORING BILL JELLISON

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Bill Jellison—a lifelong Kansan, a revered educator, and my friend. Bill passed away in April of last year at the age of 82, but he will always be remembered for his nearly three decades of service to Fort Hays State University and for his optimism despite adversity.

A native of Lincoln, Kansas, Bill attended Fort Hays State University and received degrees in 1951 and 1952. Following graduation, he taught high school in southwest Kansas along with his wife, Margaret. In 1960, Bill returned to Fort Hays for what was to become a 28-year career. Bill would serve as dean of men, dean of students, and vice president of student affairs. He retired in 1988.

Bill had two passions in life: helping others and the outdoors. During his tenure at Fort Hays, Bill enjoyed assisting students, particularly those from small towns and rural areas. He dedicated his career to ensuring that students achieved success, assisting in any way possible.

In his spare time, Bill loved to hunt and fish with his buddies and inspired others to share in this interest. One of the boys he inspired to hunt was Randy Wood, who is now a columnist for the hunting magazine *Horizontal Bowhunter*. Randy's father was Bill's friend and hunting buddy, as was Randy once he became old enough to hunt. After Bill's passing, Randy wrote a heartfelt tribute, describing Bill as a "big man who loved to talk and always had a smile on his face. The sound of his laughter would fill the room."

In 1994, Bill tragically suffered a severe stroke that left him disabled. Though wheelchair bound and no longer able to walk the fields for pheasants, Bill remained optimistic. He kept a bright outlook on life and continued to care about others. After a 15-year struggle, Bill passed away last spring. For those of us blessed to have known him, let us be thankful that God places men like Bill Jellison in our lives. May we always remember and honor him.

HONORING CHESTER GRAVES

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I wish today to honor a businessman and beloved community leader in one of my District's most close-knit communities.

Chester Graves recently retired from the pharmaceutical business following a remarkable 60-year career. Chester told his local newspaper, *The Daily Times* in Maryville, Tennessee, that he did not have one bad memory of his years as a pharmacist, and his favorite part of the job was simply helping people.

Like many of his generation, Chester served admirably in World War II. He then returned home to build a business based on the concept of people and personal service.