

least fifteen years and are honored for their community, social, and spiritual contributions. Their dedicated efforts have positively influenced our community and touched the lives of numerous individuals, spanning generations.

The National Religious Hall of Fame Museum highlights the important role ministers play in our society. They work countless hours, wholeheartedly devoted to serving God and mankind. Although the results of their tireless efforts may be unseen by many, the impact of our ministers speak loudly in the legacy they leave and in the lives they transform. This museum serves as a tribute to how they have made our community and our world a better place.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Elite News and their commitment to honoring ministers with the National Religious Hall of Fame Museum.

RECOGNIZING FRANK W. MANN,
JR., ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Colonel Frank Mann Jr., upon the occasion of his 90th birthday. Colonel Mann has spent a lifetime serving both country and community, and it is a privilege to recognize him on this special day. Throughout the span of his nine decades, Colonel Mann has lived as a shining example to show all what the virtues of patriotism and voluntarism truly mean. I know that as he continues to live out his days, the life of Colonel Mann will serve as a reflection for all to gaze upon to find the exact measure of a man.

Frank was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, on May 2, 1920. As a young pilot, Colonel Mann spent time in the service as an instructor pilot and in England as a B-24 and B-29 aircraft commander during World War II. After leaving the service, he returned to the University of Wyoming and earned a Bachelor of Science in Geology.

As war broke out in Korea, Colonel Mann was recalled to active duty and stationed at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming. After a few short months, Colonel Mann was assigned as the Chief of Combat Operations for the 19th Bombardment Group based at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. During this time he flew B-29 bombing missions over Korea. By the time the war ended in 1953, the 19th had flown 645 missions, 5,950 sorties, and had dropped more than 52,000 tons of bombs on enemy targets. For their display of ability, the 19th was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation. They were also awarded the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

Colonel Mann spent the later portion of his illustrious career as an Air Force officer in numerous leadership and command positions throughout the world. Some of those posts include Commander of the 705th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Director of Flight Operations at Wright-Patterson AFB and Commander of an Air Defense Command Radar Station at Mt. Laguna, California. In 1973, after 37 long years of selfless service, Colonel Mann retired. Through his distinguished and

decorated career, Colonel Mann earned many awards including the Bronze Star, Air Medal and the Air Force and Army Commendation Medals.

Colonel Mann's record of military service alone is enough to merit a lifetime of achievement. However, after retiring from the military he did not quit his commitment to service. Instead, he continued to go above and beyond the call of duty and put his service-oriented lifestyle to work in the community. Colonel Mann helped co-found the local Lions Club in the 1980s. He also became a volunteer at the Chamber of Commerce where he remains active today. As a civilian, Colonel Mann worked with local retired military personnel and advocated on their behalf at the national level as a member of the Board of Directors and President of the Ft. Walton Beach Military Officers Association of America. In addition, Colonel Mann is a member of the Order of Daedalians. In this capacity, he worked to enroll high school youth in ROTC programs, and sponsored an annual scholarship for ROTC students. Frank is married to the former Margie Hatton of Malone, Florida. Together they have two daughters, Cindy and Karen.

It is with great honor, the highest respect and much personal pride, Madam Speaker, that I recognize the life and deeds of Colonel Frank W. Mann, Jr. on his 90th birthday. He has been a leader both on the battlefield and in northwest Florida. My wife Vicki and I wish him a happy birthday and his entire family all the best for the future.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009-2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC

may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

I spent an evening with Staff Sergeant (SSG) Efrain Garcia, a member of the Texas Army National Guard, recipient of a Bronze Star and an Army Commendation Medal, currently serving his second term. That's right. A second term. You see, Staff Sergeant Garcia originally joined the U.S. Army when he was just a kid out of Grand Prairie High School, served seven years in the regular army, took a ten year break, and decided he missed the Army life so much, he reenlisted.

SSG Efrain Garcia was a pleasant looking man, inoffensive in mannerism and he had a humble style of speaking. But, as he said best, "The plumber working on your pipes could have a Silver Star. But so what? He's not going to tell you his life story, he's going to fix your pipes." Garcia shrugged, as his wife continued to inform us of his endless humility. It clearly wasn't recognition that drove him. It was something greater. It was the bond between men serving their country. When he had left the Army, it called to him, and finally—called him back. He is a man in his element. He doesn't need to brag. He just serves.—Ross Van de Kop

HONORING ISRAELI
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Israel's 62nd year of nationhood.

On May 14, 1948, the nation of Israel was born. The United States of America was the first country to recognize the new state. We began a long relationship of trust and friendship, and that holds true today.

As a co-chair of the Democratic Israel Working Group I am proud to celebrate America's relationship with Israel and to commemorate the founding of our trusted ally.

As we reflect on the importance of Israel's 62 years of existence, I look forward to the work our nations will do together and the progress we can make towards a lasting peace with Israel's neighbors.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Israel's 62nd anniversary.

HONORING MR. DEAN G. POPPS

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding public

servant and proud Greek American, Mr. Dean G. Poppo. Dean most recently served our Nation as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and on April 16, 2010, he stepped down from his position to return to civilian life. This brings to a close a 7-year tour in the Department of Defense that started with his volunteering for a 179-day rotation in Iraq as part of the Coalition Provisional Authority, where I first had the pleasure of meeting him.

Since then, Dean has served our Nation under two Presidents, two Secretaries of Defense and three Deputy Secretaries of Defense in a variety of increasingly senior roles. His visionary approach to his most recent position brought sorely needed business acumen to the Army's bureaucratic acquisition process. By calling on his years of experience as a businessman and entrepreneur, he reinvigorated his staff, reshaped rigid business practices and advanced the Army's acquisition objectives. Through this work, Dean has made invaluable contributions to multiple aspects of Army operations in his years of service.

Among Dean's many contributions to the Army and the Nation was his leadership role in the Army's modernization program, in which he successfully defended resources and secured funding for many projects that have strengthened the capabilities of our Armed Forces as they carry out missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere around the world. Dean also oversaw the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund for three years, running what became the largest construction effort since the Marshall Plan. This project saw the completion of more than 3,400 reconstruction projects that have had a profound impact on the restoration of key elements of the Iraqi infrastructure as the country rebuilds and establishes a democratic system.

A committed leader in every position he has held, Dean effectively ran the U.S. Elimination of Chemical Weapons Program as well, which has become a model for achieving the safe destruction of stockpiled chemical weapons. By the end of his time at the program's helm, the program had successfully completed over 50 percent of our national goal to eliminate stockpiled chemical agents in accordance with the Chemical Weapons Convention, and it will continue to serve as an outstanding model for similar programs elsewhere in the world.

Foremost in Dean's mind has always been a commitment to the welfare of each soldier serving our Nation, a concern that he has upheld throughout his tenure as he helped various projects overcome a myriad of obstacles. He has constantly held himself to exacting performance standards and his visionary leadership and unselfish commitment to duty are truly admirable. The Nation will miss Dean's service but I'm confident his wife Lise, sons Stephen, Jason, and George, and his daughter Christina, will be happy to have him back after his extended loan to the American people. I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing him well in all his future endeavors and hope that those who follow in his footsteps will continue his legacy of selfless dedication to our great Nation. Good luck and god-speed.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 'RED KNIGHTS' OF TRAINING SQUADRON THREE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary the Red Knights of Training Squadron Three. Through times of war and through times of peace, the Red Knights have served our country with great distinction and valor. In their commitment and in their sacrifice, Training Squadron Three rightfully holds a place in the annals of Naval History as a squadron that took immense pride in preparing America's finest youth for the defense of our great nation and her ideals. For that reason, I am proud to recognize the Red Knights of Squadron Three for their exceptional training and excellent performance over the last 50 years.

With World War II raging in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters the demand for trained pilots was at its zenith, and the first squadron to bear the name Training Squadron Three was created. Throughout the costly struggle with the Axis Alliance that claimed many young pilots, Training Squadron Three continued to train pilots for day-to-day operations and for the units needed to carry out the final campaigns against the Japanese mainland. After the terms of surrender were signed by the Japanese, there was little need for multiple training squadrons to train an enormous invasion force and Training Squadron Three was decommissioned.

The current Red Knights of Training Squadron Three picked up the torch lit by their predecessors on May 1, 1960, and continued the legacy of "Training the Best for America's Defense." On that day, Training Squadron Three was commissioned with the task of utilizing the T-28 Trojan to prepare a younger generation of student naval aviators in radio instruments, formation flying and air-to-air gunnery. In 1968, at the height of the Vietnam War, Training Squadron Three was at its peak size; consisting of 174 instructors, 494 students, 649 enlisted and 162 T-28 aircraft. During 1968, Training Squadron Three had flown almost 110,000 instructional hours and trained 902 students. These impressive figures set the record for any training squadron in the history of Naval Air Training command.

In 1980, Training Squadron Three became the only primary fixed wing training squadron to be alternately commanded by a Navy and Marine Corps officer. The Red Knights were honored once again in 1994 when they became the Navy's first and only joint service primary flight training squadron. In 1997, the squadron was selected as the first Navy squadron to transition to and fly the T-6 Texan II.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the Red Knights for going above and beyond the call of duty on their 50th anniversary. To this day, the Red Knights of Squadron Three continue to provide the highest quality training to student aviators from the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force and several Allied nations. As they remain resolute and steadfast to do their part defending our nation,

we must do our part to remember their unwavering commitment with our hearts and minds.

HEROES COME IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES: EIGHT-YEAR-OLD DILLON EARL IS A HERO

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, heroes come in all shapes and sizes and I rise today to honor eight-year-old Dillon Earl of Fruita, Colorado for heroic acts that saved lives on Sunday, April 25.

While the two were on their way to church, Dillon's grandmother Lisa DeKruiger had a seizure behind the wheel of her truck. Luckily for both of them, Dillon's quick thinking and bravery under pressure saved both their lives and those of other drivers on the road.

When he noticed something was wrong with his grandmother, eight-year-old Dillon reached for the brake and guided the truck to the side of the interstate. With the assistance of another driver, he called 9-1-1 and got his grandmother the urgent medical attention she needed.

The impact of Dillon's actions has only begun to sink in for his grandmother who recently told him, "I guess Grandma owes you lots of candy for the rest of your life."

Throughout this incredible incident, Dillon has shown humility and a maturity beyond his years. His remarkable courage and concern for his loved ones are an inspiration to all of us. This brave young man from Mesa County Colorado has made his family, his community and his Congressman very proud.

I wish him and his family continued health and happiness.

HONORING CARLOS BRADLEY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor one of Philadelphia's great athletes, Carlos Bradley, on his induction into the Pennsylvania State Sports Hall of Fame. Throughout his athletic career, Carlos has proven to be not only an extraordinary sportsman, but a man of great character as well.

Carlos was an All-American linebacker at Germantown High School in Philadelphia, and he also earned the distinction of being an All-American at Wake Forest University. Carlos then went on to become a successful NFL linebacker, playing for the San Diego Chargers and, later, the Philadelphia Eagles. Carlos now uses his athletic experience to help clients as a personal trainer, where he is one of the most sought after trainers in the country.

In addition to having a spectacular athletic career, Carlos has worked to help give back to our youth. As the Executive Vice President of the International Student Athlete Academy, Carlos works to help young athletes realize their true athletic and academic potentials. By