

the chairman of the Long Creek Township Democrats. RC has been married over 45 years to his wife Wanda and is the proud father of three children and a grandfather to boot. I know that he is looking forward to spending more time with his family, but I am confident he will still remain as an active and steadfast force for his community. I hope he enjoys his retirement—it is well earned after many years of service and commitment to the people of our area.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY PRESIDENT DR. DEBOW FREED

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the outstanding contributions of Dr. DeBow Freed. Dr. Freed is departing the presidency of the University of Findlay after serving in that office for nearly seven years.

DeBow Freed's distinguished service is a shining example to everyone in the field of higher education. He is a 1946 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, to which he returned as a physics instructor at the conclusion of more than two decades of Army service. He also earned nuclear science and nuclear engineering degrees from the University of Kansas and the University of New Mexico.

He served as dean of Ohio's Mount Union College from 1969 until 1974, when Illinois's Monmouth College selected him as its president. At Monmouth, as would be true in his future assignments, Dr. Freed helped solidify the school's fiscal standing, increase enrollment, and strengthen ties between the campus and the local community.

In 1979, Dr. Freed was chosen to serve as Ohio Northern University's ninth president, a position he held for two decades. At ONU, he oversaw continual balanced budgets, bolstered the school's endowment funds, and supervised numerous renovation and construction projects—including the completion of a performing arts center that bears his name and that of his wife of 61 years, Catherine Moore Freed. Dr. Freed was elected president emeritus in 1999.

In 2003, Findlay's Board of Trustees invited Dr. Freed to accept the presidency on a temporary basis and assist in the search for a longer-term president. He quickly endeared himself to Findlay's students, faculty, and staff through his vision, integrity, and high personal standards. Because of his strong leadership and commitment to the school and the local community, the trustees asked him to remain in office.

The university has benefited tremendously from Dr. Freed's outstanding skills as a manager and educator. During his tenure, he has helped expand the school's academic offerings to include doctoral programs in pharmacy and physical therapy. He has overseen an increase in the number of full-time faculty members from 155 to 195. He is held in the highest regard by students, who appreciate his direct engagement with them and his dedication to their success.

Dr. Freed models the service to community that he encourages in others. He is a trustee of the Toledo Symphony and the Blanchard Valley Health Association, as well as a former chair of the Center of Science and Industry Foundation Board of Trustees.

Dr. Freed is insistent that he is not "retiring," noting that retirement implies a departure. The students, faculty, and staff of the University of Findlay will never be far from his thoughts—just as he will never be far from theirs.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I offer my congratulations to Dr. DeBow Freed on a long and distinguished academic career. I wish him and his family every success as they move to a new chapter in their lives.

RECOGNIZING MR. GREGORY J. HARBAUGH

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a 10th District resident who has experienced what only a handful of Americans have gone through. Mr. Gregory J. Harbaugh of Wilmette logged over 800 hours in space as an astronaut for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. A graduate of Purdue University, Mr. Harbaugh began his career supporting flight operations from Mission Control at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

In August 1988, Mr. Harbaugh became an astronaut and went on to participate in four space flights. During those flights, he spent more than 18 hours in extravehicular activity outside of the spaceship. For his service, Mr. Harbaugh received the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, four NASA Space Flight Medals, the NASA Exceptional Service Medal, and the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal.

Mr. Harbaugh's explorations are invaluable to the advancement of science. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JEWISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL IN SACRAMENTO

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the Jewish Heritage Festival and the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region.

May is National Jewish American Heritage Month, and an opportunity to celebrate all that Jewish life has brought to this Nation.

In conjunction with National Jewish American Heritage Month, the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region will bring to the capitol of California the annual Jewish Heritage Festival on May 2, 2010.

The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region was founded more than 150 years ago, and has grown to more than 25,000 residents in their eight county area.

The Heritage Festival is a celebration of Jewish culture in the United States, and an opportunity to increase communication, coordination, and cooperation between the local communities and their Jewish and non-Jewish residents.

With so many differences and divergent upbringings, there is much we share as a global community. The Festival will celebrate all that unites people with traditional food, live music and entertainment, dancing troupes, cultural exhibits and displays, family and children activities, and a special teen zone. Global values such as Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) will be highlighted with a variety of booths and activities that participants can learn from.

In collaboration with community organizations, the Tikkun Olam area will highlight the importance of social action in the Sacramento region. The area seeks to improve human welfare, deepen civic culture, and develop group life and commitment to others.

I am pleased to recognize the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region for their contribution to our district and their leadership in the Jewish Heritage Festival.

IN MEMORY OF CHRISTIE STANLEY

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Christie Stanley, the first female District Attorney for the County of Santa Barbara, California, who died this week at 61 years young after a courageous fight against cancer.

Christie was elected District Attorney in June 2006 with 70 percent of the vote. In many ways, she epitomizes the American Dream and how hard work and perseverance can bring a person to the pinnacle of her career.

Christie graduated from Ventura College of Law Magna Cum Laude, first in her class, while married, caring for two young daughters and commuting from Lompoc for 4 years—a round-trip of about 160 miles.

She was drawn to a career in law enforcement while in Kansas for her uncle's funeral. While she was there, her uncle's murderer was caught and brought through the small town square. Armed townspeople waited, intent on vengeance. The officers who had him in custody—friends and colleagues of Christie's uncle—brought the killer in safely so he could be prosecuted.

"I was and am consistently impressed by law enforcement professionals who do the right thing, even when it is the hard thing to do," Christie said of the experience.

Christie practiced civil law for 2 years before she joined the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's office in 1980. Soon after she was assigned to supervise the Lompoc District Attorney's office. She prosecuted hundreds of cases, including murders, rapes and arson, and had a nearly perfect conviction record.

In 1984, she was recognized as "Deputy District Attorney of the Year." She had been an associate member of the Santa Barbara County Law Enforcement Chiefs since 1991,

was an original Core Committee Member for the creation and operation of the Substance Abuse Treatment Court and trained volunteers for the Lompoc Rape Crisis Center.

Christie is survived by her husband Gary; daughters Renee Edman and Dawn Wright; stepchildren Mark Stanley, Ryan Stanley and Tami Millican; mother Jeanette Claycamp; and her grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in offering our condolences to Christie's family and friends and in remembering a life dedicated to incarcerating criminals and caring for their victims.

HONORING WILLIAM T. (BILL) ROBINSON III ON HIS ELECTION AS ABA PRESIDENT-ELECT NOMINEE

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, last week in Washington D.C., members of the American Bar Association (ABA)—including State, local and specialty bar leaders from throughout the USA—gathered to meet with Members of Congress and Administration officials about issues of importance to the legal profession and to the administration of justice.

Among the participants was one of my constituents, William T. (Bill) Robinson III from Kenton County, Kentucky, who recently became the ABA President-Elect Nominee.

Bill Robinson is the Member-in-Charge of the Northern Kentucky offices of Frost Brown Todd OD LLC, a regional law firm with almost 500 lawyers in nine offices located in Ken-

tucky, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia and Indiana. Throughout his career, Bill has served as a leader in his profession and his community. Bill successfully completed his three year term as ABA Treasurer in August 2008 and currently serves as Chairman of the ABA Governmental Affairs Committee.

As an active member of the American Bar Association for over 25 years, Bill has served in various leadership roles, including 7 years on the ABA Board of Governors. Bill is a Past Board Chairman of the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, a Past President of the Kentucky Bar Association and a Past Chairman of the Kentucky and the Northern Kentucky Chambers of Commerce.

Bill is a graduate of Thomas More College and the College of Law at the University of Kentucky, where in 2004, he was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame.

I ask the House to join me in congratulating Bill on his election as ABA President-Elect Nominee and his distinguished career and service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.