

RECOGNIZING MR. LONNIE MYERS
FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO
VAN BUREN

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Lonnie Myers for earning the Iverson Riggs Memorial Citizen of the Year Award for his dedication and commitment to Van Buren, Arkansas.

Myers, an assistant superintendent for the Van Buren School District, has been a big influence in the school system first as a teacher and coach, then as an assistant principal, principal and athletic director. Many in the community regard Myers as the driving force behind the creation of Van Buren High School Hall of Honor and for having played a big role in getting a multi-billion dollar tax package passed to upgrade school facilities.

Neighbors and community leaders agree that Myers is a caring man, with a big heart who always leads by example and is always working in the best interest of the community and students of the school district.

It's clear that Myers is very deserving of the Iverson Riggs Memorial Citizen of the Year Award. Now, after decades of calling Van Buren home, Myers is moving to take a job in a nearby community. He will be greatly missed in Van Buren, but his impact and influence won't be forgotten.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS BANQUET

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sincerity and admiration that I offer congratulations to several of Northwest Indiana's construction businesses, corporations, and contractors. On Friday, May 14, 2010, the Northwest Indiana Business Roundtable and the Construction Advancement Foundation will honor these entities and individuals at the Construction Awards Banquet, which will be held at the Avalon Manor Banquet Hall in Merrillville, Indiana.

The Northwest Indiana Business Roundtable (NWIBRT) is an independent non-profit council of local firms who are dedicated to the progress and development of construction and maintenance projects in Northwest Indiana. The NWIBRT's main goal is to promote safety, quality, and cost effectiveness by all construction business affiliates. The NWIBRT will be presenting the Safety Awards to many of these hard working local businesses. The recipient of the Safety Contractor of the Year Award is Solid Platforms, Inc. The Safety Excellence Award recipients are as follows: Total Safety US, Inc., Culver Roofing, Inc., The Pangere Corporation, Atlantic Plant Services, Interstate Insulation Corporation, Interstate Environmental Services, Inc., Correct Construction, Inc., Solid Platforms, Inc., The American Group of Constructors, Graycor Industrial Constructors, Inc., ATC Associates, Inc., Ambitech Engineering Corporation, and Orbital Engineering, Inc. The recipients of the Safety

Achievement Award are: M&O Environmental Company, Stevens Engineers & Constructors, Security Industries, Inc., Stevenson Crane Service, Inc., Falk-Pli, Middough, Inc., R.J. Mycka, Inc., and Superior Construction Company, Inc. The Safety Recognition Award recipients are as follows: Manta Industrial, Inc., EMCOR Hyre Electric Company of Indiana, Inc., Central Rent-a Crane, Inc., Mersino Dewatering, Inc., M&O Insulation Company, AMS Mechanical Systems, Regional Contractors Alliance, KM Plant Services, Inc., Meade Electric Company, Cornerstone Electrical Consultants, Inc., CET Inc., Tranco Industrial Services, Inc., and BMW Constructors, Inc. The Safety Progress Award recipients are Urban Elevator and Van's Industrial. The recipient of the Safety Innovation Award is Manta Industrial. This year's Roger Walters Memorial Safety Award recipient is Mr. Doug Patton, Project Safety Manager, BMW Constructors.

The Construction Advancement Foundation, CAF, was created in 1967 and represents Northwest Indiana union contractors. The CAF continues to be a major force in the growth and improvement of the union construction industry in Northwest Indiana. The CAF will also be presenting project and contractor of the year awards. This year's Public Works Project of the Year Award recipient is: Hasse Construction Company, Inc. for the Lost Marsh Clubhouse and the Hammond Port Authority. The recipient of the Commercial Project of the Year Award are Tonn & Blank Construction for the Valparaiso Family YMCA. The Industrial Project of the Year Award recipient is BMW Constructors, Inc., for the C8 Coal Conveyor Replacement/NIPSCO. The recipient of the Commercial Contractor of the Year Award is Berglund Construction, while the recipient of the Highway Contractor of the Year Award is Walsh & Kelly, Inc. The Industrial Contractor of the Year Award recipient is The Ross Group, Inc., and the Professional & Engineering Services Contractor of the Year recipient is ACMS Group. Finally, the recipient of this year's Sub-Contractor of the Year Award is Thatcher Foundations, Inc.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these hard working individuals, businesses, and contractors for their dedication to the construction industry and to Northwest Indiana. They have contributed in many ways to the growth and development of the economy in Indiana's First Congressional District, and I am very proud to represent them in Washington, D.C.

**IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM
GOWER**

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to William Gower, a constituent of mine who has been overcoming his disabilities and gaining his freedom by participating in races for the past four years with Tim Thomas, Pastor of Munford Baptist Church in Munford, Alabama.

William Gower is a 37 year-old man with cerebral palsy who tirelessly works to prevail

over his challenges and lives a fulfilling life that many individuals without disabilities can only dream of. Together, Tim and William formed "Team Gower" and have participated as one in over 30 races.

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, "Team Gower" participated in a 15-mile race to raise money to help purchase a new special needs van for William. William has worked hard all his life, and this new van will help ensure he has the independence he wants.

All of us across East Alabama are deeply proud of William Gower and his outstanding strength. He is a role model for us all.

LAWRENCE KESTER

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I stand here today to honor and remember a loving father and husband, respected citizen and dedicated public servant, Mr. Lawrence Kester.

Lawrence was killed on duty May 7, 2010, while driving a San Bernardino County public transit bus, in Rialto, California. He was 47 years old.

He was the victim of a senseless stabbing attack by a mentally ill passenger. Although Lawrence did not survive the attack his passengers escaped traumatized but unscathed.

Fifteen years ago, Lawrence began working for the public transit system and went on to become one of the best regarded drivers in San Bernardino, as well as a great friend to the community.

He was well respected by his customers and colleagues alike, commended on numerous occasions for his consummate professionalism and attention to security.

Most recently, he was awarded the elite "Million Mile Club" membership which is reserved for drivers who have driven more than one million passenger miles in safety.

Lawrence is remembered as a Good Samaritan and trusted friend. He was the kind of man who would chip in for people when they didn't have enough change for the fare and generously greet customers as they entered and exited, wishing them a nice day.

Lawrence is survived by his wife, Misty, and 8 children. Lawrence and Misty celebrated their 12th anniversary of marriage last week and the family just recently spent a weekend at Disneyland together.

Let us take the time to pay tribute to this wonderful man. Let us celebrate the life he lived and the example he led.

Although he is no longer with us, his noble nature and loving kindness will continue to live on through the lives of everyone he touched.

The thoughts and prayers of my wife Barbara, my family and I are with his family at this time.

Madam Speaker, let us pay our respects to Lawrence Kester. He will always have a place in our memories and hearts for everything he gave to his family and community.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE PROSECUTOR'S CITIZEN HERO AWARD

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate several South Jersey citizens as they are being honored with this year's 'Prosecutor's Citizen Hero Award.' This award is given to an individual who is not a member of the law enforcement profession, yet has performed in a manner above and beyond any level expected of the general citizenry. For their outstanding efforts, they will be recognized at the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office 22nd Annual PROCOPS Award Banquet. PROCOPS, or Prosecutor's Recognition of Citizens or Public Servants, recognizes members of law enforcement and civilians whose significant actions, bravery and concern for the well being of society have made Burlington County, NJ a safer place to live.

Mr. Muzafer Yilmaz, Ms. Jacqueline Alomar, and Ms. Alesha Bennett are being honored for their involvement in the identification of a bank robbery suspect. Jayden Bolli, a courageous three year old who contacted 9-1-1 after his grandmother had fallen unconscious, will also be honored this year. Jayden had recently been taught by his grandmother how to use the 9-1-1 system in case of an emergency.

Madam Speaker, I hope that you will join me in thanking these citizens for their invaluable assistance in times of need.

IN HONOR OF A REAL AMERICAN HERO: CAPTAIN KYLE A. COM- FORT, U.S. ARMY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and in mourning of a brilliant American Hero from my State of Alabama, Capt. Kyle A. Comfort. On May 8th 2010, Kyle gave That Last Full Measure for God and Country; Our prayers are with his lovely wife Catherine and new daughter Kinleigh. May our Lord hold them in his hands. I ask that this poem penned by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD in honor of him.

TAKE COMFORT

Take Comfort!
As you lay your head down to sleep . . .
All in your hearts of love, so very deep . . .
Of all of those memories, so to keep!
Of all of those Magnificent Ones, who have so
brought us peace . . .
But, with their fine lives . . . as it's but for
them we now so weep!
Take Comfort!
In such hearts of honor and love . . . so very
deep!
Who to all of ours, so brilliantly do so speak!
As a gentle rain, rolls across Alabama this
night . . . all in our sleep . . .
Are but our Lords tears, coming down from
Heaven from his heart so very
deep . . .
All because of you Kyle, and your most self-
less sacrifice so very sweet . . .

And all of this pain, your family must now
so keep!

Take Comfort . . .
In hearts now so very deep . . .
As this you must, believe!
That a new Angel, our Lord God . . . up in
Heaven has so received!
To watch over us, indeed!
To fight the darkness, you see!
And on this day, as you hold your family so
very tight . . .
And all seems so very right!
All because a Hero, for us all has so died this
night!
Because, Freedom is not free!
But, bought and paid for . . . by all of these
most selfless souls indeed!
By men like Kyle, our most brilliant of all
lights!
And families who now so cry, in tears of
heartache tonight!
So, hush little baby Kinleigh Ann . . . don't
you cry!
For one day, up in Heaven you will look into
your Father's eyes!
And you, Katherine . . . his lovely wife!
Your Hero Kyle, but wants you to have a
happy life!
For there will be an eternity together, up in
Heaven so very bright!
So this night as you lay your head down to
rest, but remember all of our best!
Take Comfort, all in how our world they
bless!
Amen!

IN RECOGNITION OF SAC- RAMENTO'S BUSINESS LEADERS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many outstanding Sacramento business leaders who will be honored at the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's 115th Annual Dinner & Business Awards Ceremony. The men and women who were honored on Friday, February 5th, are dedicated to the success of Sacramento and have worked tirelessly to advance the region's economic vitality. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these fine Sacramentans.

David Higgins, a commercial construction icon and retired CEO of Harbison-Mahony-Higgins Builders, has been named "Sacramentan of the Year" for his life's work and commitment to philanthropy in the region. He has been actively involved in the leadership of HMM Builders, a general building contractor, for more than 40 years.

For decades, David has advocated for the sustainable growth of the region, most recently as past president of the Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization. He has also been widely recognized for his local charitable endeavors, including his longtime support of Jesuit High School, health and social service and youth programs, and the arts.

Ron Mittelstaedt, Chairman and CEO of Waste Connections Inc., has been named "Businessman of the Year." Ron founded Waste Connections in 1997. When he took the firm public the following year, Waste Connections had approximately \$40 million in revenue and about 400 employees. Today, the company serves about 2 million business and residential customers throughout 26 states, employs nearly 5,400, and has reported revenue

of more than \$1 billion. It is a true success story.

Jonna Ward, CEO of Visionary Integration Professionals, has been named "Businesswoman of the Year." Jonna started VIP 12 years ago out of her spare bedroom and has grown it to be the largest woman-owned business in our region. Through her leadership, VIP is also one of the fastest growing businesses in the country—making the Inc. 500 list for the past two years.

Other award winners include "Volunteer of the Year," Martha Clark Lofgren from Brewer Lofgren LLP. Robert Tobin, President and CEO of Cottage Housing, winner of the "Al Geiger Award," will be recognized for his work providing housing for homeless. The "Peter McCuen Award for Civic Entrepreneurs" will be presented to Rick Fowler for his work with The Community College Fund.

The "Small Business of the Year" award will be presented to Patrick Mulvaney and Mulvaney's B&L, for growing into one of Sacramento's top restaurants. Patrick is a marvelous chef, who supports local farmers and is active with a number of local non-profits.

Four outstanding local institutions have been inducted into the "Sacramento Business Hall of Fame" for their longtime and significant contributions to the economic and civic growth of the Sacramento region. Being inducted are Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard; Owen-Dunn Insurance Services; SAFE Credit Union; and Western Contract. Recognized for its success as a long standing, 100-year-old business in Sacramento, Lionakis has been inducted into the "Centennial Business Hall of Fame."

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize these individuals and businesses for their economic and civic contributions to the Sacramento Region. On behalf of the people of Sacramento and the Fifth Congressional District of California, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their unwavering commitment to our region.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE PROSECUTOR'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Matt Skahill and Ms. Rosemary Clark, as they are honored with the 'Prosecutor's Special Recognition Award' for providing significant assistance to law enforcement in Burlington County, NJ. For their outstanding efforts, they will be recognized at the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office 22nd Annual PROCOPS Award Banquet. PROCOPS, or Prosecutor's Recognition of Citizens or Public Servants, recognizes members of law enforcement and civilians whose significant actions, bravery and concern for the well being of society have made Burlington County, NJ a safer place to live.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations and thanks to Mr. Matt Skahill, Assistant U.S. Attorney, for his efforts in successfully prosecuting major drug traffickers in the South Jersey region. Thanks to his efforts,