

men intent on distributing illegal narcotics are now off our streets. I would also like to recognize Ms. Rosemary Clark of Willingboro, NJ for providing compassion, strength, and support as a foster parent to two children who were witnesses in a case against their own father.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking these individuals for their assistance to law enforcement in Burlington County, NJ. I am proud to represent such exemplary citizens, and I hope others follow their example by helping those in need.

PASSING OF JIM BOREN

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, for any politician interested in a word of wisdom on how to conduct themselves; Dr. James "Jim" H. Boren—father, husband, author, teacher, and philanthropist—had this advice to those in public service; "mumble when uncertain, delegate when in distress, and ponder when in command."

Madam Speaker, the state of Oklahoma lost a true public servant recently—Jim Boren, who drew attention to his political causes with excitement, determination and color, died April 24th, 2010 at the age of 84.

Jim Boren joined the Navy during WWII at the age of 17. As a midshipman on the Destroyer Escort, William C. Cole, Jim served his nation with distinction and honor; including time in the 1945 Battle of Okinawa.

After the war, Jim received his degree from the University of Texas and began his first stint as a teacher at Oxnard Union H.S. in Oxnard, California. During that time, Jim earned a Master's degree at Cal State at Long Beach and a Master's at the University of Southern California. Eventually, Jim would return to the University of Texas to earn his PhD.

Later in life, Jim Boren would become the campaign manager, and eventually the chief of staff, for Senator Ralph Yarborough of Texas. During his time with Senator Yarborough, Jim worked side-by-side with him on legislation such as the National Defense Education Act, Cold War GI Bill, Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, Padre Island National Seashore, and the Mental Health Bill.

After working in the U.S. Senate, Jim Boren received a State Department appointment in 1960 to serve in an official capacity in South America under the Kennedy Administration, eventually obtaining the position of Deputy Director of the Economic Mission in Peru. After leaving government work, Jim began to teach again and write from his position as scholar-in-residence at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK.

Jim possessed his own original brand of political satire, authoring literature in that genre, not the least of which is exemplified by a pair of books entitled "When in Doubt, Mumble: A Bureaucrat's Handbook" and, "How to be a Sincere Phony: A Handbook for Politicians and Bureaucrats."

Through his unique style and substance, Jim Boren had a tremendous impact on his peers and most importantly on his community.

And as a member of the United States House of Representatives, I would like to honor Dr. James "Jim" Boren for his consummate wit, humor and unyielding dedication to the American political landscape.

Additionally, I also want to take a moment to send my deep condolences to Jim's friends and family, especially his wife Norma Williams; two sons, Richard and Stan Boren; two stepsons, James and John Williams; brother, Gene Boren; sister, Marilyn Boren; and three grandchildren.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, today I missed rollcall vote No. 256 on H. Res. 1294, rollcall vote No. 257 on H. Res. 1328, and rollcall vote No. 258 on H. Res. 1299. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of these rollcall votes.

CONGRATULATING THE SMITH-COTTON HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate the Smith-Cotton High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) of Sedalia, Missouri. These outstanding young men and women recently placed first overall at the 2010 National High School Drill Team Championships in Daytona, Florida.

More than 145 schools and over 4,000 cadets from across the country participated in the annual competition, and each team competed in four events: regulation, exhibition, color guard, and inspection. The cadets from Smith-Cotton High School scored exceptionally well in each, earning first place in regulation and color guard, second in exhibition, and tenth in inspection.

Since September, the Smith-Cotton JROTC has logged hundreds of hours in training and preparation. These young cadets showed an unyielding commitment to purpose, to team, and to goal, and their hard work has truly paid off. With leaders like the young men and women of this team, I am confident our future is in good hands.

Madam Speaker, the cadets of the Smith-Cotton High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps deserve recognition for their outstanding achievement, and I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in congratulating them.

COMMENDING MR. GERRY LENFEST ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize a great Philadelphian and a great American, Mr. H.F. (Gerry) Lenfest, and to call out specifically his outstanding service to the nation through his unwavering support of the Library of Congress. As he marks his 80th birthday I rise in tribute to a visionary leader who has established a high bar for philanthropists and whose dedication to the nation's library, his city, state and nation are legend.

Gerry Lenfest has been Chairman of the James Madison Council, the Library's first-ever national private sector group, since 2007. He was one of the founding members of this remarkable group of philanthropists, and the Council is growing and flourishing under his leadership. The Council helps the Library add to the national collection and share its treasures with the nation and the world. Mr. Lenfest, who has a deep interest in educating today's youth, is the driving force behind the Library's top fundraising priority—to create a much-needed residential scholars center in the nation's capital. He is the lead donor, and is co-chairing the fundraising campaign to provide the emerging generation of researchers and teachers both here and abroad with inexpensive accommodations close to the unequaled reservoir of educational material in the Congress's library.

Championing the Residential Scholars Center is the latest of Gerry Lenfest's many benefactions to the nation's library. Since accepting the invitation of Librarian of Congress James H. Billington to join the Madison Council in 1990, Mr. Lenfest and his wife Marguerite have played key roles in the establishment and expansion of the National Digital Library, an authoritative, free Web site that presents 16 million unique and important primary documents of our nation's history and culture to students, teachers, researchers and casual browsers around the world. Gerry and Marguerite have also supported the Library in acquiring a number of unique, historically significant items for the national collection such as the Lafayette map collection and the 1507 Waldseemüller map, the first map of the Western Hemisphere and the first document of any kind to use the name "America." Gerry and Marguerite turn visions into reality not only through their generosity, but also through their engaging personalities.

In addition to their enthusiastic support for many varied initiatives at the Library of Congress, the Lenfests have extended their involvement and generosity to more than 168 educational, musical, conservation, health, arts and historic causes in Philadelphia and across Pennsylvania, and across the nation. Gerry's philanthropic leadership and presiding skills over cultural institutions in Philadelphia, like his Chairman's role with the Library of Congress, have been major contributions to America—and reminds us of the special role that Philadelphia has played in our nation's history and culture.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR ALBERT
STANLEY RODDA

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of former California State Senator Albert S. Rodda, who passed away on April 3, 2010 at the age of 97. He was a lifelong public servant whose example as a true leader will remain a guiding light for generations to come.

Albert Stanley Rodda was born on July 23, 1912 in Sacramento, California. A lifelong Sacramentan, Senator Rodda graduated from Sacramento High School in 1929, attended Stanford University, then returned to Sacramento to teach at Grant Union High School. After serving as a gunnery officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Senator Rodda once again returned to Sacramento, this time to teach at Sacramento Junior College, now known as Sacramento City College. He returned to Stanford and earned his Ph.D. in history and economics in 1951. Even after serving in the legislature, he continued his passion for education by teaching at California State University, Sacramento and by serving on the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees.

Dedicated to both public service and education, Senator Rodda was a civic leader throughout his life. Before being elected into the California State Senate in 1958, he served as president of the Local 31 of the California Federation of Teachers. While serving with the CFT, it became clear to him that teachers' rights were often ignored by administrators and school boards. After his election, Senator Rodda became a fierce proponent for education reform. During his 22 years as a legislator, he championed public education as chairman of both the Senate Education Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. He crafted legislation that provided necessary funding for public schools and created the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and Board of Trustees. He also drafted landmark legislation that gave teachers collective bargaining rights and established the Public Employment Relations Board.

While a steadfast Democrat, Senator Rodda was widely respected and made it a principle to work in a bipartisan manner with his fellow Senators. Because of this character trait he was often considered the choice alternative to end brewing legislative rivalries. He always made it a priority to thoughtfully study every piece of legislation he voted on, often taking his time, but always coming to a fair decision. He set the bar high and stands as an example that we all can look to for guidance.

Senator Rodda left his mark on Sacramento. His work can be seen at the Cal Expo, on Regional Transit and in Old Sacramento at the California State Railroad Museum. His lasting legacy may be a strong community college system, a system that he taught at and led. Today, the Los Rios Community College District and Sacramento City College give Sacramentans an opportunity to improve their lives through academic learning and career technical education.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize and honor the life of one of Sacramento's

greatest leaders. On behalf of the people of Sacramento and the State of California, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Albert Stanley Rodda for his unwavering commitment to Sacramento, the State of California and our nation. Senator Rodda was humble, honest and thoughtful in all he did. He was a great man, and he will be missed.

**HONORING CAPTAIN GERALD
VALENTA**

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 Captain Gerald B. Valenta of the Willingboro Police Department. Captain Valenta has been awarded the Career Recognition Award for his distinguished career in law enforcement. He 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.

Captain Valenta has been a dedicated and loyal law enforcement officer for 32 years, proudly serving the citizens of Willingboro, NJ. The Willingboro Police Department expresses deep gratitude for his continued contributions to the Burlington County Law Enforcement Community.

As a nation, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Captain Valenta and to the men and women of the law enforcement community. Each day, these selfless individuals start their shifts with one goal in mind: to serve and to protect the citizens of their communities. The one constant they face is the uncertainty of what each day will bring, knowing all too well that in any situation, there is the potential for danger. Still, these everyday heroes honor the commitment they have made to the people they serve.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Captain Valenta for his honorable service to the Willingboro Police Department.

**HONORING CRESTON CHRISTIAN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to join with the past and present members of the Creston Christian Elementary School family to "Celebrate God's Faithfulness," and mark over 120 years of devotion to the education of young people in Grand Rapids. As a state senator, I had the pleasure of recognizing Creston Christian Elementary School for its first 100 years of service, and now, as their Representative in the United States Congress, I am delighted to again honor them for their tradition and success.

"By faithfulness we are collected and wound up into unity within ourselves, whereas we had

been scattered abroad in multiplicity." Saint Augustine eloquently captures the mission of Creston Christian Elementary School as they have worked to develop an inclusive community, believing that one body is made up of many parts. Through unity, Creston Christian has sought to learn from one another and grow closer to God.

On the eve of my retirement and Creston Christian's consolidation this fall to a new, comprehensive elementary school, it is not only a time of celebration, but also an occasion for remembrance. As we both close out one chapter and open a new one, I am reminded of God's faithfulness and that great things happen when we glorify Him and model our lives after His teachings. As Creston Christian joins with other schools in the area, I suspect the changes will be bittersweet for many families and staff members. I hope you will take the time to reflect on the many years of service provided by the dedicated staff and families connected to Creston Christian, and know that not only have you prepared many young people to make a living, but you have also taught them how to make a life—one that is focused on God and centered on Christ.

I am thankful for the many years of service so willingly given. I hope that Creston Christian has a joyous, memorable celebration, and may God's blessings continue to shine upon you.

**HONORING THE 20TH ANNUAL DC
BLACK PRIDE CELEBRATION**

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 20th Annual DC Black Pride celebration, which will be held in Washington, DC on May 26–31.

The DC Black Pride celebration is a multiple-day festival that features music, dance, fashion shows, films, poetry slams, church services, community town hall meetings, a health and wellness expo, and much more. The DC Black Pride celebration is widely considered to be one of the world's preeminent Black Pride celebrations, drawing more than 30,000 people to the nation's capital from across the United States as well as Canada, the Caribbean, South Africa, Great Britain, France, Germany, and the Netherlands.

At the very first Black Pride, the DC Black Pride celebration fostered the beginning of the International Federation of Black Prides and the "Black Pride Movement," which now consist of forty Black Prides on three continents.

The DC Black Pride celebration has deep roots in the DC community, dating back to 1975. It grew out of the Club House's annual Memorial Day weekend celebration, called the Children's Hour. After the Club House closed in 1990, local individuals and groups kept the tradition alive by organizing the first DC Black Pride celebration on May 25, 1991, at Banneker Field. The celebration has grown from a few hundred people who attended that first festival to the thousands expected for the 2010 celebration.

Fittingly, the celebration's organizing body, Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc., chose "20 Years Later, The Legacy Lives!" as the