

Institute for Defense Analysis, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and continues today at the University of California, Berkeley. He has made major waves in spectroscopy, radar systems, and now astrophysics and astronomy.

The most notable of his achievements and the one that we celebrate now earned him a share in the 1964 Nobel Prize for Physics. Dr. Townes is most famous for his work on the precursor to the laser. This technology has contributed billions of dollars to our economy and we use it in everything from listening to music and buying groceries to manufacturing cars and conducting surgery. Scientists use lasers today to study everything from the big bang to nuclear fusion.

This transformational technology can be traced back to an epiphany and a thought experiment on a Washington D.C. park bench in 1951. Three years of hard work and experimentation later, Dr. Townes and his team delivered a functional 'maser.' By 1958, Bell Labs had filed a patent application for what we now call the laser.

While we cheer Dr. Townes' hard work and the sweeping impact of his technology, we must also acknowledge his dedication to defending this idea. One of the most famous chapters in the history of the laser is the steadfast opposition Dr. Townes and his team faced from several eminent physicists. His perseverance pushed the research forward.

In addition, Dr. Townes is one of only two people who have ever won both the Nobel Prize and the Templeton Prize. The Templeton Prize honors those who have made exceptional contributions to affirming life's spiritual dimension, and Dr. Townes received the prize for his papers and talks that sought harmony between scientific discovery and religious faith.

It is an honor to recognize this man and his numerous contributions to physics and scientific inquiry. I thank him for his devotion to discovery, and for sharing his optimism and genius with all of us.

BELCHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, a major celebration takes place in Clearwater, Florida, this Friday as Belcher Elementary School celebrates its 50th anniversary of educating Pinellas County's youth.

Under the direction of Principal John DiLeo, Belcher Elementary moved into its new brick building on January 4, 1960 and under his leadership for the next eight years it grew into a fixture of the community. Principal DiLeo left Belcher in 1968, but missed the school so much that he returned for another 10 year stint as principal from 1978–1988.

He was the first of seven principals that have each left their mark on Belcher. Lisa Roth is the current principal and since arriving in 2003 she has helped usher Belcher into the new age of high technology including white boards in the classrooms.

Belcher has always been on the cutting edge of technology. It was in 1989 that the entire school was wired for cable television and with that came the Belcher Bobcat News or BBN. It was the county's first student produced news show for an elementary school, brought to life by fifth-grade teacher Linda Calahan, who continues to oversee production of the program.

Eight years later, Belcher took the next technological leap as the school was wired for internet access, which brings the world to the fingertips of every student.

Many of the advancements at Belcher Elementary have come through the support of the school's award-winning PTA organization. In addition to the events the PTA sponsors for the students and staff, the organization has taken special pride in the improvements it has made to the school facility and grounds. One of its landmark achievements was the opening of a nature center, which turned some unused area on school grounds into a native Florida ecosystem. With Florida's beautiful weather, this has become an outdoor classroom where students learn and where they work to maintain its natural elements.

Belcher's motto is "Believe—Act—Achieve" and the students, teachers, volunteers and support staff live that out every day. Likewise the core values of Belcher's staff—Education, Integrity and Community—are widely apparent with the many awards the school has received. Most recently, Belcher was recognized with a 2009 Bronze Award for the National Alliance for a Healthier Generation Program. It is a Positive Behavior Model School and has received a Golden School Award for community involvement for the last 26 years.

Madam Speaker, some of the Belcher Bobcats joined us for a visit here at the Capitol last week and they all will be back home Friday for the school's big celebration. It is my hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating the students, faculty, staff, parents and volunteers of Belcher Elementary School for 50 years of educational excellence.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JIM
BOREN

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of myself and Congressman DAN BOREN of Oklahoma to pay tribute to Dr. James Boren, a man who made a profound impact on our country through his public service and political activism. Dr. Boren's celebrated life came to an end on April 24 when he passed away at his home in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, at the age of 84.

As my colleagues may know, Dr. Boren was the second cousin of our colleague, Congressman BOREN, and first cousin to his father, former U.S. Sen. David Boren of Oklahoma.

Dr. Boren served our country valiantly in World War II as a sailor in the Pacific, where his ship was struck by multiple Japanese kamikaze planes in the Battle of Okinawa. Following his distinguished Naval service, he embarked on a career in government.

He served as Chief of Staff to Senator Ralph Yarborough until 1960 when he joined

John Kennedy's presidential campaign. Following Kennedy's victory, Dr. Boren received an appointment from the State Department for an assignment in Latin America. During his tenure in Latin America, he established the volunteer organization Partners of the Americas.

Despite his remarkable career in public service, Dr. Boren's greatest impact was felt through his political activism. He dedicated much of his attention to government inefficiency and corruption. No one in Washington was safe from one of his satirical assaults. In 1972, he famously raced the United States Postal Service on horseback from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C., in order to highlight inefficiencies.

Dr. Boren believed in the power of humor and satire to inspire political activism among the people. He never was without a witty remark pertaining to politics or government. During his Presidential campaign in 1992, the Apathy Party candidate notably stated, "I have what it takes to take what you've got."

Personally, I will always remember his memorable line, "if you are going to be a phony, at least be sincere about it." That's just one of the gems from his two books, *When in Doubt Mumble* and *How to be a Sincere Phoney*, a Handbook for Politicians and Bureaucrats.

In addition to his political work and writing, Dr. Boren spent three decades as a scholar-in-residence at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma, teaching younger generations about the importance of activism.

Dr. Boren is survived by his beautiful wife Norma, his two sons, two stepsons and his three grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join us in honoring the remarkable life of Dr. James Boren. His friends and family will miss his wit and humor, and everyone in this chamber can thank him for this famous quotation, "When in doubt, mumble; when in trouble, delegate; when in charge, ponder."

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
CAPTAIN JOHN C. MIKO

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain (Ret.) John C. Miko as he prepares to retire as Vice President of Government Relations for the Electronics, Intelligence, and Support Operating Group of BAE Systems. Captain Miko's life of dedicated service to this country throughout times of conflict and times of peace is truly remarkable, and it is a great privilege to recognize him on this day.

Following the example set by his family's military service, Captain Miko attended the United States Coast Guard Academy and received a commission as an Ensign upon graduation. After serving aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Unimak for 16 months, he went to flight school at NAS Pensacola, Florida. Within his aviation specialty, he had a variety of important and challenging flying assignments. Captain Miko served as an instructor pilot and spent three years as an exchange pilot with the British Royal Navy. In addition, he commanded a large Coast Guard Group and Air

Station in Oregon. Before being detailed to the Department of Homeland Security Transition team and the DHS Office of Legislative Affairs, Captain Miko served as the Coast Guard liaison to the U.S. Senate and as Chief of Coast Guard congressional affairs.

Upon his retirement from the U.S. Coast Guard in 2004, Captain Miko accepted a government relations position with BAE Systems. Since then, he has continued to demonstrate his abilities as a passionate and effective public policy advocate on matters of national security. In his role as Vice President of Government Relations, he displayed even-tempered, professional leadership that consistently focused on helping others do what is best for our U.S. military members and veterans.

Captain Miko has tirelessly supported this nation's military through his service in the U.S. Coast Guard and as a trusted voice within the defense community. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress I am honored to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of this outstanding American patriot. I congratulate and thank Captain John C. Miko for his 33 years of service and wish him a happy retirement.

HONORING JUDGE ARNOLD
ROSENFELD

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON, to honor a friend and community leader, Judge Arnold, Arnie, Rosenfield. Judge Rosenfield is retiring after a distinguished career marked by his commitment to children and families and his foresight in establishing successful programs to serve them.

Born in Connecticut, Arnie Rosenfield attended Vanderbilt University, where he earned his J.D. in 1971. That same year he married Phyllis Ann Rubins, and the couple has two children, Jessica and Asa.

Judge Rosenfield began his career as a Deputy District Attorney in San Luis Obispo County, CA, where he demonstrated early on his passion to serve those not always well-represented in the justice system. He handled one of the first large successful consumer protections trials in California, and in 1977, after taking the same position in Sonoma County, he established a Consumer Protection Unit. He later opened a private practice and served as the first Commissioner of Sonoma County Superior Court before being elected Superior Court Judge in 1984, a position he held until his retirement on December 31, 2009.

The majority of Judge Rosenfield's cases involved the juvenile court, and he was always a strong advocate for children at risk for emotional trauma. In 1996 he initiated the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Sonoma County, which advocates for the needs of abused children caught up in the justice system. He instigated the development of the Redwood Children's Center for easing the process of interviewing and examining these children and has been a supporter of Social Advocates for Youth, the Valley of the Moon Foundation, Jewish Children and Family Services, and the Parent Education Project of

Sonoma County. He also served on the Advisory Committee on Juvenile & Family Law for the California Judicial Council. "I have been very involved in my career in trying to make the court system work better for kids and families who find themselves caught up in it," he says.

Judge Rosenfield was also a strong proponent of restorative justice, an approach in which offenders work with the victims and the community for repair of the harm they have done. He used these techniques, especially for kids, before there was an actual movement and became a leader in the field as well as an instructor at Sonoma State University, Empire Law School, and California Judicial College.

For his work, Judge Rosenfield has received numerous awards including Juvenile Court Judge of the Year by the California Judges Association and the 2009 Rex Sater Award from the Sonoma County Bar Association for Excellence in Family Law.

Madam Speaker, Judge Arnold Rosenfield has provided Sonoma County with a legacy of innovative programs and, more importantly, an example of what passionate leadership can accomplish. "It's my belief that for the most part what we do to kids and families here in the justice system continues to be destructive," he says, "and I've spent my time trying to make it more constructive. I try to care about the families that I see and am very gratified to see lives turn around." Thank you, Judge Rosenfield, for the many lives you have turned around and for showing us what can be done in the name of justice.

HONORING THE 35TH ANNUAL
CAPITAL PRIDE

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 35th Annual Capital Pride, a celebration of the national capital area's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender, GLBT, communities and their families and friends.

In 1975, Deacon "Super Hero" MacCubbin, owner of Lambda Rising Bookstore, in Dupont Circle, launched the first Capital Pride. It began as a block party on 20th St, between R and S Streets, NW. Six years later, in 1981, the annual Pride Parade became part of the festivities. Now Capital Pride consists of more than 10 days of events organized by the Capital Pride Planning Committee and dozens of local community partners.

This year's Capital Pride theme, "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet," both reflects Capital Pride's past and anticipates its future.

Capital Pride's producer, the Capital Pride Alliance, Inc., predicts an attendance of 250,000, making Capital Pride one of the largest GLBT festivals in the United States.

This year Capital Pride culminates with what the Washington City Paper has declared D.C.'s Best Parade for three years running, the Capital Pride Parade, on June 12, and "The Main Event," a street fair on Pennsylvania Avenue in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol, on June 13.

I have marched in Pride parades since coming to Congress to emphasize universal human rights and the importance of enacting

federal legislation to secure those rights for the GLBT community. Congress has much work to do. We must pass the Family Leave Insurance Act, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act, the Respect for Marriage Act, the Safe Schools Improvement Act, the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act, the Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act, the Family and Medical Leave Inclusion Act, the Uniting American Families Act, and the Responsible Education About Life Act.

This year our nation's capital joined Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire in extending equal marriage rights to its GLBT residents.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming those who are attending the 35th Annual Capital Pride.

CELEBRATING THE DENTON
COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the completion of the Denton County Veterans Memorial. This memorial represents the bravery and selfless sacrifices of veterans who have served in United States Armed Forces. These men and women have performed their duty to our country with honor.

The Denton County Veterans Memorial assures that the legacy of veterans from all services will not be forgotten by the residents of Denton County. Inspired by veterans who dedicated their service to protecting the freedom of the United States, the Denton County Veterans Memorial honors the service members who have served the United States past, present, and in the future.

Since the founding of our great nation, the members of our armed forces have been charged with the responsibility for defending the United States. Currently, many men and women serve around the world protecting and defending our security and sovereignty. While paying tribute to our fallen heroes, this memorial also acknowledges our soldiers who have returned home to their families and loved ones. America has more than 23 million living veterans, and we are inspired by their devotion and commitment to the United States as demonstrated through their service.

Today, as citizens, we have been made stronger by the bravery and courage of our veterans. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in commemorating the Denton County Veterans Memorial to honor the great men and women who have served the United States in war and peace, those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who stand in harm's way.

HONORING MRS. NANCY EGBERT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding educator, Mrs. Nancy Egbert.