

help discover the ideas, practices or products that fuel our country's progress. During these challenging economic times, it is all the more important to recognize their influence in affirming the limitless potential of our great country; therefore, I am happy to recognize one such individual: Mr. Chad Bouton, who was recently honored by Central Ohio's own Battelle Memorial Institute as the Battelle Inventor of the Year.

Since 1997, Chad Bouton has marked himself as a stand-out talent at Battelle. He worked as the primary innovator, inventor and principal investigator for dozens of medical device projects, from enabling paraplegics to control wheelchairs with their thoughts to providing surgeons with tools to enable minimally invasive surgical procedures. His passion for his work has led Chad to be honored with two R&D Magazine "Top 100" awards, several Battelle Outstanding Technical Achievement Awards, as well as, having nine of his works published in numerous scholarly journals.

Through the ingenuity of his thinking and tenacity of his work, Chad stands as an example to many across our country. Therefore, I am very pleased to thank him for all he has done for our country, and on behalf of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, congratulate him on his most recent award.

**CONGRATULATING EDDIE REYES,
WINNER OF THE 2010 MINORITY
SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF
THE YEAR AWARD**

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Eddie Reyes, who has been named the 2010 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year by the United States Small Business Administration.

Reyes, coordinator of the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) program at the University of North Texas (UNT) in Denton, Texas, will be honored at the Small Business Administration's National Small Business Week celebration in Washington, DC, May 23–25, 2010. Joining award winners from across the country, Reyes will be recognized for his personal successes as a small business owner, the contributions he has made to small businesses and the economic well-being of the country, and the special impact made by outstanding entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Reyes works with UNT and state programs to reveal opportunities to bid on goods or services and helps small business owners navigate the procurement process. He also informs them on how to obtain certification as a HUB vendor. Reyes deserves many thanks for his outstanding achievements and continuing dedication to UNT and to small business.

Reyes has received many notable honors, including being the first-ever International Business Achievement Award Recipient by the Greater Dallas Chamber, the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce's H.U.B. Coordinator of the Year Award, the Pillar of the Community Award from the D/FW Association of Hispanic Contractors, and Small Business Advocate of the Year by Alliance Texas, among others.

Reyes was born and raised in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and continues to live in the area with his wife. He hosts "Diversity in Action with Eddie Reyes," a business radio program that offers information about being a successful minority or woman-owned business.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today and congratulate Eddie Reyes, winner of the 2010 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year award. It is an honor to represent Reyes and many small businesses across North Texas in the United States Congress.

**IN HONOR OF RANCOCAS VALLEY
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL'S
NJROTC PROGRAM**

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today for the purpose of honoring the Rancocas Valley Regional High School's NJROTC program, which has been honored as a distinguished unit by the United States Navy. The program, which was established at the school in 1975, has been recognized for the seventh straight year for its academic, leadership and professional development.

The Rancocas Valley Regional High School's Navy Junior ROTC program, led by Bert DeJong, a retired lieutenant commander from the Coast Guard, and Dave Aupperle, a retired Navy chief petty officer, includes more than 100 students. The cadets learn about various naval topics and participate in such activities as drill competitions, community service and physical fitness training. Throughout their history, the Rancocas Valley unit has won many awards, including a state championship in drills and a first-runner up in the Northeast regional drills competition.

Additionally, the unit performs a great deal of community service, including parades, a walk to benefit children with Down syndrome, a cleanup day in Eastampton, NJ, veterans and senior citizens dinners, recycling efforts, work with the local Elks lodge, and assisting families of military personnel serving abroad.

I am extremely proud of the unit for their continuous example of leadership and community service. Madam Speaker, I hope that you will join me in commending the Rancocas Valley Regional High School's Navy Junior ROTC program.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF LENA
HORNE**

SPEECH OF

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1362, which celebrates the life and achievements of Lena Mary Calhoun Horne, and honors her for her triumphs against racial discrimination and her steadfast commitment to the civil rights of all people.

Lena Horne was a trail-blazing performing artist whose life exemplified her commitment

to social justice, peace, and civil rights. During World War II, she paid her own way to travel and entertain the troops at Army camps for the USO, and became an outspoken critic of the treatment of African-American servicemen, many of whom had to sit behind German Prisoners of War during her performances.

Ms. Horne went on to participate in numerous civil rights rallies and demonstrations, and used her poise, grace, and courage to pave the way for generations of women and African-Americans. Our nation is better because of Lena Horne and those like her, and it is right and fitting that we honor her on the House floor today.

**HONORING DIETER HEINZ
DUBBERKE**

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dieter Heinz Dubberke upon being awarded with the Americanism Medal from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Dubberke will be recognized and honored by the Merced River Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on Saturday, April 24, 2010.

Mr. Dieter Dubberke grew up in Natzlaff, Germany in the late 1930s. As a young child, his mother and brother moved around Germany, attempting to flee from the Russians as they swept through parts of Germany. The three were finally able to reach Reinbek, a city in the Western Sector, where they were reunited with his maternal grandmother. At the age of 13, Mr. Dubberke's mother passed away, leaving him and his brother to care for their elderly grandmother. It was decided that the brothers would travel to the United States, where they would be adopted by their uncle Max Dubberke.

Arriving in the United States, Mr. Dubberke settled in with his uncle and attended high school in Culver City, California. Upon graduating from high school, he joined the United States Army. He served in the Army for 3 years, and then returned to California to marry his high school sweetheart, Diane, and began working for the Safeway Corporation.

Mr. Dubberke eventually moved to Mariposa, California. With his strong entrepreneurial spirit and grocery experience, he opened a small mini-mart. Later, he established Pioneer Market in Mariposa, and Dubberke and Dubberke Investments. Today, he serves as Chief Executive Officer of Dubberke and Dubberke Investments, which has five entities and eighty employees.

Mr. Dubberke is an instrumental part of the Mariposa community. He values and displays hard work, common sense, determination, honor and integrity. He is a champion of small business owners' rights and in his own business he hires local people, especially high school students, and provides generous benefits to his employees. Mr. Dubberke sponsors the annual Grizzly Family Hoedown, an event that has raised more than \$20,000 in funds for transportation to non-league athletic events. He also sponsors the annual Mariposa High School Golf Tournament, in support of the

school's athletic programs. He initiated the Sports Challenge program, whereby he contributes one percent of collected receipts to school sports and exercise programs to Mariposa Elementary School. Mr. Dubberke often supplies ice to booths, concessions and exhibitors during the annual Mariposa County Fair, Homecoming and other community events.

Mr. Dubberke has held numerous leadership positions. He was appointed by the Governor to the Mariposa County Fair, Board of Directors. He has also served on the Mariposa County Water Agency Advisory Board and is past president of the Sierra Edelweiss German Club. For his tremendous service to his community, Mr. Dubberke has been honored with the Western Fairs Association's Blue Ribbon Award, Central California Excellence in Business Award in 2005, California Outstanding Retailer of the Month and was named Businessman of the Year in 2000 by the Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce.

The Americanism Medal is awarded to a person that has demonstrated extraordinary qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service and patriotism. Mr. Dubberke has certainly met those qualifications; he understands the responsibility as an American citizen to respect the flag, teach others to support our Constitution, participate in government and to give back to our country. Mr. Dubberke recently published a book, "Three Times Blessed," in which he teaches valuable lessons on what it takes to find true happiness and success.

Mr. Dubberke and his wife have been married for over 50 years; they have four children and eight grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dieter Dubberke upon being honored with the Americanism Medal. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Dubberke many years of continued success.

HONORING DONALD OETMAN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Donald Oetman of Allegan as he retires from the International Union UAW after 45 years of loyal and dedicated service as a member and officer of the United Auto Workers. Since 2002, Don has served as director of UAW Region 1D, a vast district covering 62 counties that spans western, central and northern regions of Michigan, including the Upper Peninsula. During his service he has been a committed and enthusiastic voice for the working men and women and retirees of UAW Region 1D.

In 1963, shortly after graduating high school, Don went to work at Micromatic Textron in Holland, Michigan. Two years later, Don served as a member on the committee of plant workers that came together to form their own UAW local union—UAW Local 1502. Not only did these union supporters win the organizing drive, they also successfully negotiated the first contract with management.

Don quickly rose within the UAW when he was asked to serve as vice president of the

newly formed UAW Local 1502, becoming president in 1967. Don was also chosen as bargaining chairperson of his local, in addition to his duties as president. He served in these capacities until 1984 when he was appointed by UAW President Owen Bieber and Director Robert Flearman to the International Union UAW staff as a service representative of the Region 1D staff. Don went on to serve as assistant director to the 1D region from 1995–2002 and was elected director of Region 1D in 2002, and re-elected in 2006.

From the beginning, Don has understood the importance of community and has been active throughout the labor community and his community in West Michigan. He has served on the board of directors for several community organizations, including the Michigan Association of United Ways, the Red Cross, and the Michigan State University Labor Studies program. He also serves on the Muskegon and Kalamazoo Labor/Management Joint Participation Committees, the Workforce Development Board for Allegan and Kent Counties, the Coalition for Labor Union Women, and was a Local Union Discussion Leader for the Stewards/Committeemen training and for high school labor studies classes.

It is indicative of Don's big heart and giving nature that when he looks back over the past 45 years, he considers his greatest accomplishment as having served so many UAW members, retirees and their families. He was especially fond of telling the stories of the UAW in days past to the young staff he worked with, and in sharing this history Don has helped to pass his knowledge and enthusiasm onto the next generation of UAW leaders. For Don, it truly is the people within the UAW family that have made his many years with the UAW so rewarding.

While he is closing one chapter in his life, Don is looking forward to another that includes being at home with his wife Corlyn and helping with the yard work, spending more time with his three children and his grandchildren, enjoying a few more rounds of golf, and doing some fishing. He will also stay active in his church and the Allegan Democratic Party.

Madam Speaker, Don has made a lifetime of contributions to organized labor and his community, looking out for the best interests of workers across Michigan. He has exceeded the call to service in his professional and personal life, demonstrating leadership by example for generations of UAW members. Therefore Madam Speaker, I ask that you, and all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, join me in honoring UAW Region 1D Director Donald Oetman and congratulating him on his retirement from International Union UAW.

TRIBUTE TO THE MORRISTOWN JEWISH CENTER BEIT ISRAEL

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morristown Jewish Center Beit Israel, of Morristown, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 80th Anniversary in 2010.

The Morristown Jewish community was first incorporated as a formal religious body on

January 5, 1899 as the House of Israel. Their first meeting place was at 4 Race Street, where Hebrew School classes were held and services were conducted. As the congregation grew, it moved several times to accommodate the expanding membership. In 1918, the religious body purchased a three-story Victorian home at 177 Speedwell Avenue in Morristown. The building was remodeled to accommodate religious services and religious school classes.

Between 1921 and 1924, the idea of creating a multi-purpose community center arose. During this time period, a demand for wider use of the facility for religious, cultural and social purposes developed. The desire for a building suited to these multiple purposes gained momentum. Maurice Epstein, founder of the M. Epstein Department Store, led a campaign to raise \$34,000 toward this goal. Shortly thereafter, plans were presented to the membership and the cornerstone of the new building was laid on March 3, 1929.

From the 1930's through the 1950's, Jewish community life revolved around the center. In the 1960's additional classrooms and a new social hall were built and in the 1980's the former gymnasium was converted into a ballroom. In 1987, the building, listed on the National Register, received a Heritage Commission marker. A nursery school was added in 1992.

Culturally, socially and spiritually, the Morristown Jewish Center Beit Israel has been a positive force in people's lives, and its members continue to enrich the well-being of Morristown and the surrounding area through its presence.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Morristown Jewish Center Beit Israel as it celebrates its 80th Anniversary.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL TEACHER WEEK

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1312, a resolution commemorating National Teacher Week. This week in May recognizes the millions of educators who play an integral role in shaping the lives of children across the country.

Teachers are charged with the essential responsibility of preparing the youngest generation of Americans to compete and excel in our global economy. Every day, they sacrifice for the sake of their students. They are relentless and admirable in performing a difficult and sometimes thankless job. They walk into their classrooms and face a daunting task—ensuring each student learns and succeeds.

That is why I'm working for our students, teachers and schools, especially during these economic hard times. Without federal aid to protect education jobs, budget crises at the State and local level will result in increased class sizes and massive layoffs. As a Member of Congress, it is my job to do what I can to make sure classroom doors stay open so students can learn. Last year, I voted for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (P.L. 111–5), which saved or created over 400,000 teaching jobs nationally, and nearly 7,000 in Minnesota.