

the city, and he oversaw the development of the city's new theater. These improvements and the acquisition of the existing City Hall facility ensured the city was on sound fiscal footing.

Mr. Hayes' approach to governing the city was innovative and refreshing. He harnessed the collective wisdom of Lexington's best and brightest by establishing numerous boards and committees, such as the Transportation Board and the Marina Committee. He also maintained and strengthened relationships with Wentworth Military Academy and other local institutions. These partnerships will continue to benefit Lexington for years to come.

Mr. Hayes serves our community in many capacities outside of his role as Mayor. An active member of the First Baptist Church and a dedicated family man, he is a committed member of numerous community boards and foundations. As a man of good character with a high moral standard, he has set a wonderful example for all of Lexington's residents. He has and will continue to make the City of Lexington a wonderful place to live, do business, and raise a family.

Madam Speaker, the commitment to service that Mr. Hayes has shown throughout his life is an inspiration to me personally and to us all. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in thanking him for his unyielding service to the City and the citizens of Lexington.

HONORING MR. MAX COLLEY, JR.

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to join with students, parents, staff, and friends of the Northview Public Schools to mark the retirement of Mr. Max Colley, Jr. I have had the privilege of attending several exceptional Veteran's Day concerts directed by Max, and I am very pleased to honor him today.

Max Colley, Jr., received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and his Masters of Arts degree from Grand Valley State University. He has taught music at Northview since 1970 and served as a saxophone instructor at Grand Rapids Community College and Calvin College, and was Associate Professor of Music at Calvin where he taught the jazz band.

Throughout his career, Max has received widespread recognition for his considerable talents in directing and teaching music. In 1985, Max was the first teacher in the Northview District to be recognized by the School Board for "Exemplary Service" and has been awarded the "Outstanding Teacher Award" of Northview High School on three occasions. In 1988, he was selected Michigan's "Band Teacher of the Year" by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA), and he received the "National Impact Teacher of the Year" award given by Cedarville University. In 1989, he was selected as conductor of the first West Michigan All-Star Band. In 2006, he was awarded the "Outstanding Educator Award" by the Michigan Competing Band Association. In 2009, he was director of the MSBOA Youth Arts All-State Jazz Band. Under his direction, the

Northview marching band has placed in the top 10 bands numerous times with the 2009 Marching Band winning 2nd place this past fall. Recently, he was named the MSBOA District X Teacher of the Year.

However, as a devoted teacher, Max is most proud of his students' accomplishments. Northview students have received numerous DOWNBEAT and International Association for Jazz Education awards. His bands have performed at every Detroit Jazz Festival, and the Montreux, Switzerland Jazz Festival two times. They have performed at the Midwest Conference five times, have been on eight European Tours, and have had 48 students selected to the All-State Jazz Band in just the past 12 years. They have won several university jazz festivals in the State of Michigan and have received first-division ratings at every MSBOA Festival since 1975. They also were selected by Lincoln Center of New York to perform at the Essentially Ellington Band Directors Academy.

I sincerely wish Max the best in his upcoming retirement, and commend him for his service to our community. May his music never end!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORARY DEGREES BESTOWED UPON JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENTS WHO WERE REMOVED FROM SACRAMENTO JUNIOR COLLEGE DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Japanese American men and women who will be receiving honorary degrees from Sacramento City College. During World War II, thousands of Japanese-American students had to suspend their studies to report to gathering sites before being sent to U.S. internment camps. Because of this, many never returned or completed their studies at Sacramento Junior College. 68 years later they will receive honorary degrees.

In one of our nation's darkest hours, on February 19, 1942, through the authorization of Executive Order 9066, more than 110,000 Japanese-Americans and Japanese immigrants were relocated and interned at War Relocation Centers. Because of Executive Order 9066, thousands of Japanese-American young adults were forced to halt their studies, withdraw from school and report to assembly centers solely because of their Japanese ancestry.

With the passage of California Assembly Bill 37 on October 11, 2009, the Regents of the University of California, Trustees of the California State University, and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges were authorized by the State of California to confer an honorary degree upon each person, living or deceased, who was forced to leave his or her postsecondary studies as a result of Executive Order 9066. It is an honor long overdue.

Sacramento City College has taken the important steps toward correcting an injustice that occurred more than 68 years ago, and has embraced California Assembly Bill 37.

The California Nisei Diploma Project is a way of recognizing the many sacrifices made by Japanese-Americans in my home state of California.

On May 19, 2010, Sacramento City College will bestow 49 honorary degrees upon Japanese-Americans students, alive and deceased, who were forced to discontinue their studies at what was then known as Sacramento Junior College because of Executive Order 9066. Sacramento City College has looked forward to this moment with great anticipation, has received its former students and their families with great humility, and acknowledges their pursuit of higher education with honorary degrees.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and pride that I stand today to recognize the Japanese-American men and women who will receive honorary diplomas from Sacramento City College. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these American citizens for their sacrifice and dedication to our country. Let this ceremony stand as a stark reminder that the darkest moments in the history of our country must be remembered so that they are never repeated. Thank you for joining me in honoring these proud Americans.

HONORING MARILYN OLLER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marilyn Oller for her dedicated service to her family and community. Mrs. Oller passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2010 surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Marilyn Oller was born on October 26, 1939 to Ronald and Lois. She grew up in Palo Alto, California where she attended Notre Dame High School. Upon graduating from high school, she attended the University of California, Davis. While in college she met her future husband, Ben Oller.

As a young woman, Mrs. Oller was a teacher and then became a domestic engineer. She was the owner of a dress store, "Sweet Pea", and later built homes in Madera, California. Over the years, Mrs. Oller was involved with countless community organizations including the Red Cross, Les Amis Guild, House of Hope, Evangel Home and the Amici Del Poverello Guild. She was instrumental in starting the Brunch for Elvis fundraiser for the Poverello House in Fresno, California. She was dedicated to helping those in need. Mrs. Oller also volunteered during my initial campaign and continued to volunteer, on a weekly basis, in my district office answering phones and keeping the staff up-to-date on the most recent celebrity news and movie reviews.

Mrs. Oller had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to laugh. She was always the life of the party and was known for her many escapades. She loved entertainment news and gossip; she attended countless concerts, plays and weekly movies. Mrs. Oller was most known for her love and dedication to her family. She and her husband created a nurturing and loving home for their two children, and in her later years she found tremendous joy in her role as a grandmother to her three grandchildren.

Mrs. Oller is survived by her husband of forty-nine years; her daughter, Lisa and her husband Jay; her son, Marty and his wife Dianne; her sisters-in-law, Darlene and Shelly; her brother-in-law, Chuck; her grandchildren, Dyllan, Benjamin, and Mallory; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Marilyn Oller. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring her life and wishing the best for her family.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF STAN CROSBLEY, SIDNEY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to commend to the House the admirable service of R. Stanley Crosley, chief of the city of Sidney's Department of Fire and Emergency Services, as he retires after a career of more than three decades with the city.

Joining the department in 1978, Stan was tapped to serve as chief in 1992. Under his leadership, the department has continually met the challenges inherent to the lifesaving work entrusted to it. The chief is hailed by his colleagues and peers for setting up a joint city-county fire investigation unit, initiating firefighter wellness programs, and expanding Sidney's fire prevention program.

Stan was named Shelby County Firefighter of the Year in 1977. He received the county's Distinguished Service Award in 2002 and the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association's Distinguished Service Award in 2006. In addition, he served as President of the OFCA from 2002 to 2004.

His dedication to civic duty is further expressed in his work with the Shelby County United Way and Wilson Memorial Hospital.

Stan received the department's Distinguished Service Award, its highest honor, at a Sidney City Council meeting earlier this month. This Friday, the department will host an open house where the public will gather to thank him for his 32 years of service on their behalf.

I am proud to join the Chief's fellow firefighters in congratulating him on his long and distinguished career in public safety. He established a solid foundation on which his successor can continue to build to the benefit of everyone in Sidney.

We wish Stan and his wife, Carole, every success as they move to a new chapter in their lives.

TAKE COMFORT, IN HONOR OF A REAL AMERICAN HERO, CPT KYLE A. COMFORT, THE UNITED STATES ARMY 3RD BATTALION 75TH RANGER REGIMENT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor, and to mourn the death

of a brilliant American hero, from my great state of Alabama, Ranger Captain Kyle A. Comfort. On May 8, 2010, Kyle gave that last full measure for God and country in Afghanistan. Our prayers are with him, his lovely wife Brooke Catherine, and their new daughter Kinleigh Ann. May our Lord hold them in his arms, I ask that this poem penned in honor of him, by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

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 most precious 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 Lord's tears, coming down from Heaven from his heart so very deep . . .
All because of you Kyle, and your most selfless sacrifice so very sweet . . .

And all of this pain, your family must now so ever 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 of a Hero, who for us has so died this night!

Because, Freedom is not Free!

But, bought and paid for . . . by all of these, most selfless souls . . . so indeed!

By men like Kyle, our Most Brilliant of All Lights!

And the families, who now so cry . . . all in their tears of heartache, this night!

So, hush little baby Kinleigh Ann . . . don't you cry!

For one day, up in Heaven you will look into your fine Father's eyes!

And you, Brooke . . . 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 very best!

Take Comfort, all in how . . . our world they bless!

My Lord, Take Comfort . . . he's yours . . . as we lay his body down to rest!

Amen!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

For Tuesday, May 11, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 256 (on motion to suspend the rules

and agree to H. Res. 1294), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 257 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1328), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 258 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1299).

For Wednesday, May 12, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 259 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1344, providing for consideration of H.R. 5116), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 260 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5014), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 261 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 268), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 262 (on agreeing to the Gordon amendment to H.R. 5116), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 263 (on agreeing to the Hall amendment to H.R. 5116), "no" on rollcall vote No. 264 (on agreeing to the Markey amendment to H.R. 5116), "no" on rollcall vote No. 265 (on agreeing to the Miller (CA) amendment to H.R. 5116), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 266 (on agreeing to the Reyes amendment to H.R. 5116).

For Thursday, May 13, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 267 (on agreeing to the Bocchieri amendment to H.R. 5116), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 268 (on agreeing to the Halvorson amendment to H.R. 5116), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 269 (on agreeing to the Flake amendment to H.R. 5116), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 270 (on motion to recommit H.R. 5116 with instructions), "no" on rollcall vote No. 271 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1338), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 272 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1337).

DEFEND AMERICA PLAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, last night, members of the House Armed Services Committee completed the markup of the 2011 National Defense Authorization Act. I want to thank Chairman IKE SKELTON and Ranking Member BUCK MCKEON for working to ensure America's heroes and military families are recognized for their service.

I am grateful for the "Defend America Plan" comprised of several amendments that include: labeling the Fort Hood and Little Rock shootings as part of the Global War on Terrorism; preventing the transfer of detainees from Guantanamo Bay; and demanding strategies to deal with Iran's missile and nuclear threat.

I want to thank my colleagues for supporting my amendment to ensure TRICARE is protected from the health care takeover. Their support is also appreciated on my Yucca Mountain amendment to help examine the reckless decision to close the waste repository and my amendment to promote the State Guard.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.