

was originally settled by Lipans, Kiowa, Kickapoo and Comanche Indians. The Indians named the area "quichi" (pronounced kee-chee) after the large brown bird with white feathers on its tail and tips of its wings. Quihi was founded in 1844 by Henri Castro on the banks of what was to be called Quihi Creek.

Quihi was established in March 1846 by 10 families of German/French colonists brought to Texas by Emprario Henri Castro. Families set out from Castroville and moved 10 miles west to site at Quihi Lake. Original settlers in the area came from Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, Belgium and Mexico. This area was attacked by Indians shortly after settlement and several times thereafter. It is the site of first public free school in Medina County as well as a German-English school. The population of the community grew through the latter part of 19th century but began to dwindle after the 1900s, as young people moved to other nearby towns and cities. Today only a few families remain in this community surrounded by heavily settled farm land. Many family-owned businesses, farms and ranches are still owned by descendants of the original families.

Several of Texas' greatest Legends like Pappy Selph, Caesare Masse, and Cliff Bruner have spent many nights in Dance Halls like this. I extend my most sincere congratulations to the Quihi Gun Club on their 120th Anniversary. I am proud of their success and hope that they continue to expand their club membership as they provide their services not only to their community, but to audiences from all over for many years to come.

Early this month the town of Quihi was struck by a devastating flood of the Quihi Creek. Three businesses closed, the area was temporarily without electricity and a large section of pavement was washed away on FM 2676. According to newspaper reports the Quihi Gun Club and Dance Hall was hit with two feet of water and had a slightly damaged dance floor. Despite the damage, the public dance proceeded as scheduled that week.

The history of this beautiful, small rural community can boast of their heritage for over 160 years. It is delightful that the traditions of the Quihi Gun Club can add to this exemplary and truly American community. I am proud to represent the people of Quihi and to recognize the Quihi Gun Club and its integral role in the Quihi community and Medina County.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE
EDWARD B. DAVIS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a good man and pay tribute to a dear friend, Judge Edward B. Davis. Judge Davis passed away on May 24, 2010; he was 77.

I had the privilege of serving alongside Judge Davis in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Judge Davis and I were attorneys in 1979 when we received the distinct and humbling honor of being appointed to the bench by President Jimmy Carter. My memories of serving on the bench with Judge Davis are lasting impressions that keep with me to this day.

Ned, as we so affectionately called him, displayed all the characteristics of a brilliant judge. He had a keen intellect that allowed him to see to the heart of a matter and render a verdict that was considered fair by all parties. Ned is remembered and envied as an evenhanded and empathetic jurist. No matter who came before Judge Davis, they were assured a fair hearing under the law.

Any judge can employ the law, but it was Ned's humanistic dimension that made him great. I like to say that he had a heart as big as he was tall. He served a cause bigger than himself, never allowing his personal beliefs to obstruct the clarity of the law and the best interests of his beloved home of South Florida.

Ned made sure that he always had a life outside his chambers, a goal that gave him perspective on the bench. He would often joke that being a judge was his "second favorite job." A talented athlete, I always enjoyed hearing stories of his professional days with the Detroit Tigers. Sharing a drink after a long week to discuss family life with Ned are some of the memories that I hold most dear.

Madam Speaker, we have lost a giant of South Florida. Ned's presence will be sorely missed and is impossible to replace. He put forward a significant number of undertakings in Florida as a lawyer, judge, and citizen. Ned has passed, but he left a legacy we can all take part in. His contributions to society should serve as a reminder of our responsibility to others and our duty to leave a positive impression of our own.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife of 52 years, Pat; three children, Diana, Ned, and Traci; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren at this most difficult time. I was fortunate enough to call Ned a friend. His family can be so proud to call him a husband and father. I will miss him dearly.

IN HONOR OF T. BOONE PICKENS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of T. Boone Pickens, who has made a major impact on our world through his advocacy and philanthropic missions.

Mr. Pickens was born on May 22nd, 1928 and raised in the Great Plains of Holdenville, Oklahoma during the Great Depression. His father, Thomas Boone Pickens, and mother, Grace Molonson Pickens, both worked in the oil industry. He grew up across the street from his grandmother, Nellie Molonson, and an aunt, Ellie Reed, both of whom were extremely influential in teaching him the importance of responsibility, self-sufficiency and accountability.

Mr. Pickens began his working at the age of 12 with a paper route. His route started out small, yet quickly grew from a customer base of 28 to nearly 130 customers. The business principals of expansion and acquisition, combined with his strong intellect, work ethic and unwavering drive to succeed, elevated Mr. Pickens to the stature of one of the wealthiest oil moguls in the world before he was forty.

Mr. Pickens' great financial success in the oil sector has allowed him to recommit his work toward lowering greenhouse gas pollu-

tion. Mr. Pickens' philanthropic efforts have totaled more than a billion dollars. He created the Pickens Foundation, the mission of which is to improve lives by providing funds for the creation of programs in the areas of medical research, athletics, education and the environment.

Both Mr. Pickens and his wife, Madeleine Pickens, are also lifelong animal rights activists. They have led the effort to outlaw the slaughter of horses in America, and recently, they have focused on saving and protecting the tens of thousands of wild mustang horses and their natural habitats.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of T. Boone Pickens, whose focus on innovation and public service has contributed significantly to our nation.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. RAMESH S.
GULRAJANI, MD, FCCP

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Ramesh S. Gulrajani.

Dr. Gulrajani graduated from the University of Bombay, India in 1975 close to the top of his class. Shortly thereafter he began his Internal Medicine training at the Brooklyn Cumberland Medical Center where he also completed a fellowship in pulmonary medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and pulmonary medicine and has been in private practice in those fields at the Brooklyn Hospital Center since 1981.

In 1984, Dr. Gulrajani was appointed Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) and was subsequently promoted to Chief of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine, Vice Chairman, and then Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine. Culminating his academic carrier at the Brooklyn Hospital Center, he was appointed Associate Chief Medical Officer in 2007. He is currently an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University. Over the years, he has been responsible for training numerous medical students, medical residents, and pulmonary fellows. He has also co-authored a number of articles in scientific journals, a chapter in a pulmonary medicine text, and has been a speaker at national medical meetings.

Dr. Gulrajani has received numerous awards over the years from the Brooklyn Hospital Center including the Annual Social Service Award, Nurses Recognition Award, the annual award from the professional staff of the Brooklyn Hospital Center for Dedication and Distinguished Service, as well as the Distinguished Pulmonary Medicine Award from the American Lung Association. He was inducted to the "wall of fame" by the American Lung Association and named as one of the "Top Doctors in New York" by Castle, Connolly Medical Guide and by New York Magazine, as one of America's Top Doctors by Consumer Research Council of America, and as a Premier Provider of Quality and Efficient Care by United Health Care, among other honors. In his spare time, Dr. Gulrajani is also actively involved in community service in Brooklyn and in India.

Dr. Gulrajani's daughter, Samara, works at the New York Methodist Hospital and his son

Avinash is a Fellow in Cardiology at Montefiore Medical Center. It is clear that the apple does not fall far from the tree! He likes best to spend his leisure time with his family and friends in New York and to take "crazy vacations" like rock climbing and white water rafting.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Ramesh Gulrajani for his contributions to the medical field.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ALLIANCE

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH SANDLIN—

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN. Madam Speaker, today I'd like to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance, the oldest continuous Medical Alliance in the United States. The South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance was founded on September 20, 1910, in Hot Springs, SD, during the 19th Annual South Dakota Medical Association meeting. Eighteen wives of the physicians who attended this meeting saw the need to form The Ladies Auxiliary to the South Dakota State Medical Association. In 1975, the organization became known as the South Dakota State Medical Association Auxiliary, and in 1992, it was renamed as the South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance.

As the mission of the organization sets forth, the South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance has always strived to build healthy communities and to support the family of medicine through health promotions and legislative efforts. In their endeavor to make South Dakota's communities healthier and safer places to live, the South Dakota Medical Association Alliance has partnered with programs of the South Dakota State Medical Association, promoted health education, encouraged participation of volunteers in activities that meet health needs, supported health-related charitable endeavors, and supported the medical profession. I therefore, acknowledge their contribution to promoting healthy living in South Dakota, and congratulate the South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance on reaching this important milestone.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM SWEENEY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. William Sweeney. Mr. Sweeney served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Harmony Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Sweeney served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way.

I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Sweeney is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to him today.

IN HONOR OF SISTER JULIE HYER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Julie Hyer, O.P., whose faith, benevolence and business savvy has served the County of Santa Cruz since 1985. As President and Chief Executive Officer she was instrumental in guiding Dominican Hospital for 22 years and Salud Para La Gente for the past two years, resulting in exceptional service and growth for both of these health care agencies.

At Dominican Hospital, Sister Julie sat at the helm of Santa Cruz County's largest health care facility when it implemented numerous programs such as their Infant Hearing Assessment program, Occupational Rehabilitation, and the ShareCare Health Plan for Older Adults, ensuring that patients are cared for through every stage of their lives. Other services, such as Dominican's Tattoo Removal Program which gives former gang members a chance to start a new phase of their lives, reflect Sister Julie's all-embracing approach to the health of our community.

Under Sister Julie's leadership, Salud Para La Gente, which translates in English as 'Health For The People,' has grown into the county's leading provider of health care services to the low-income families of Santa Cruz County. Salud has won awards for its many programs, including well-child visits, adolescent well-care, monitoring of patients on persistent ACE inhibitors, breast and cervical cancer screening, appropriate use of asthma medications, and diabetes screening. Salud won many grants, including federal stimulus funding this year, used to create new space that will house pediatrics, general medical practices, dental and vision facilities, as well as hire two more physicians.

The laurels of her tenure are as numerous as they are invaluable. They are the realization of Sister Julie's faith in action and a testament to the power of earnest and solemn goodwill.

Madam Speaker, for all that she has done and all that she will undoubtedly continue to do, I extend my most sincere thanks and warmest wishes to Sister Julie as she goes to her next assignment.

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL 44TH REUNION

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, I would like to call attention to the gathering in Baltimore,

Maryland of alumni from Jefferson High School over the weekend of June 5th, 2010 in honor of the class of 1966's 44th reunion.

Although the school officially closed in 1970, Jefferson High School got its start in a frame schoolhouse built for African-American students in York, South Carolina. From there, Jefferson became a Rosenwald school and the town's African-American public school in a racially segregated system. Although the system was called "separate but equal," Jefferson never had facilities or teaching materials equal to its counterparts, the white schools that I attended. The school district built a new high school for white students in 1950, but left black students to make the best of their old one. The students, teachers and administrators at Jefferson did just that and made the most of their circumstances.

Instead of gathering to dwell on what was lacking at Jefferson, the class of 1966 comes together to remember the teachers and fellow students who so impacted Reunion made clear that Jefferson lives on in the lives it made better. Hundreds of the alumni attending attested to better, more productive lives because of what they learned at Jefferson under teachers who cared, encouraged, and challenged.

IN APPRECIATION OF CRAIG M. RUSHING

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, it is with mixed emotions that I announce the departure of a valued member of my staff, Craig M. Rushing.

For the past three years, Craig has professionally and enthusiastically served the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Colorado, first as Legislative Director, and then as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director. He successfully handled his duties with a wealth of knowledge of the legislative and procedural processes. His dedication and work ethic will be very difficult to replace.

Beginning his career on the Hill as a staff assistant for Rep. Marilyn Musgrave (CO-04), Craig has served constituents of Colorado for nearly eight years. It was during this time he met and married his wife, Ginger, in August of 2007.

Craig worked his way through college with several jobs and internships, including with the Colorado Right to Work and the Leadership Institute. Craig graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in Economics.

Craig is the son of Dennis and Kathy Rushing of Greensboro, North Carolina, and is brother to Amy Bregman and Betsy Bardi.

Craig is leaving Washington to take a position as Manager of Government Affairs at Lowe's Headquarters in Mooresville, North Carolina.

He has worked hard for the people of Colorado. His conservative and Christian values are needed today more than ever. I know God will bless him and his wife in their future endeavors.