

HONORING LEONARD REZMIERSKI

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mr. Leonard Rezmierski upon his retirement after 46 years of service with Northville Public Schools and having served the last 20 years as Superintendent.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan University in 1965, Leonard Rezmierski went on, in 1969, to earn a Master of Arts majoring in Special Education with a minor in Administration at the University of Michigan. He earned a Doctor of Philosophy, majoring in Education and Anthropology, at the University of Michigan in 1982.

Founder of the Galileo Leadership Training Program, Dr. Rezmierski served as the Tri-County Alliance President and as the Michigan Association of School Administrators Region 9 President during the 2003/2004 school year. He held the position of MASA Region 9 Vice President in the prior year and during the 2006/2007 school year he was chosen as President Elect while also being an active member and Past President of the Wayne County School Superintendents' Association. Dedicating considerable time and effort to the Council for Exceptional Children at the state, national and international levels, Leonard has also devoted himself to the Wayne County and the Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education.

Dr. Leonard Rezmierski has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Northville Parent-Teacher Organization Service Achievement Award, the Marvin E. Beekman Administrator of the Year Award, the Susan Phillips Gorin Award for Outstanding Service to University Students and the TASH (The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps) Award for Leadership in Non-Adversive Programming for Handicapped Students.

Active in his community as a member and Past President of the Northville Rotary and as a member of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Leonard has volunteered as a Boy Scout Leader, a youth hockey and Little League Baseball coach, and with Meals for the Homeless Program. Perhaps, the most poignant recognition of his devotion to educational distinction, innovation and leadership in academics, athletics, the arts and community service is the establishment of the Dr. Leonard Rezmierski Fund for Excellence. This enduring legacy will stand as confirmation of Leonard Rezmierski's idea of valuing the unique contributions of every child and adult to their school community. His perception of educational experience transcending classroom walls and reaching beyond traditional academics innovatively prepares students to work, live and succeed in our ever more global society.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Leonard Rezmierski has faithfully served the students and citizens of Northville, Michigan. As he enters the next phase of his life with his beloved wife Virginia, his daughter Sara and his son Ryan, he leaves behind a legacy of dedication, integrity, and excellence. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Leonard Rezmierski upon his retirement and recog-

nizing his years of loyal service to our community and country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. FRITZ CARL STEIN, JR.

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Fritz Carl Stein, Jr., a founding member of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida. Mr. Stein was the vice president and secretary-treasurer of the Belle Glade cooperative and a third-generation farmer in the Everglades Agricultural Area. He also owned and operated Stein Sugar Farms and a cattle ranch in Highlands County.

A talented farmer and businessman, Mr. Stein had a heart as big as the Everglades. He was a leader in many organizations, donating his time to the Boy Scouts and the Belle Glade Little League, among others. Mr. Stein served on the boards of the South Florida Conservancy District, the South Florida Water Management District, and the Palm Beach County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Demonstrating his concern for the less fortunate, Mr. Stein was chairman of the Belle Glade Housing Authority. As an example of the trust and respect he enjoyed among his fellow Belle Glade residents, he was a founding trustee of Glades Day School. He was also a longtime member of the Belle Glade Rotary Club and the Belle Glade Missionary Alliance Church.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Stein was a graduate of Belle Glade High School and the University of Florida and he served honorably in the United States Army. He made great contributions to the sugar cane growers cooperative and contributed immensely to the economic health of the Glades area. His passing will be mourned by his wife, Lois, six children, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and people throughout the community surrounding Lake Okeechobee.

HONORING REVEREND MARVIN
DOZIER

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from the Southampton School Board, I rise to commend the Reverend Marvin Dozier for a life spent in service to others.

As a board member and past president of the board, Reverend Dozier devoted eleven-and-a-half years to the children and families of our community. Never concerned with recognition or accolades, he made the students his first priority. He was the first African-American to serve as president of the school board, and he worked tirelessly, with dignity and wisdom, to encourage collaboration and forge a common understanding among those with different backgrounds.

Reverend Dozier's community activism began when he was a student at Southampton

High School during the 1960s. He worked with several teachers to organize diversity training workshops for students, advocated for the hiring of black teachers and served as a voice for the minority in student government. Although he considered himself an activist, his goal was never to be divisive, but to work to bring people together.

In 1980, Reverend Dozier was ordained a minister by the First Baptist Church of Southampton and is now pastor of the Unity Baptist Church of Mattituck. He also served as chair of the Southold Town Anti-Bias Task Force. Among many other contributions, Reverend Dozier is Director of the Southampton Youth Association, an organization that coordinates sports programs and summer camps for the school district and seeks to build character through sports. He has insisted that SYA remain true to its mission to give every child an opportunity whether or not the family has money or resources to pay for it.

Furthermore, Reverend Dozier serves as the voice for those who cannot stand up for themselves, making sure they have a chance to participate and become involved. A man who always seems to have a smile and a warm welcome for everyone he encounters, Reverend Dozier makes sure his work is guided by his desire to put the children of the community first—not himself, not his own children, but all the children.

Additionally, Reverend Dozier has held positions of leadership with great responsibility and dedication, always striving to raise social consciousness and create awareness. His purpose has never been to blame, but to hold people accountable for their actions.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure on behalf of New York's first congressional district to thank Reverend Martin Dozier for making our community a better place and to wish him well as he continues a life of service and contribution.

CONGRATULATING THE 2011 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONS, THE DALLAS MAVERICKS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dallas Mavericks, on winning the 2011 National Basketball Association Championship. This is the organization's first NBA World Championship title.

I congratulate team owner Mark Cuban, Coach Rick Carlisle, his staff, and the entire Maverick organization for their accomplishment in winning basketball's coveted Larry O'Brien championship trophy.

I also congratulate the team's captain, Dirk Nowitzki, on being named the recipient of the Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award.

The Maverick's success is a result of contributions by the entire team, including players Jose Barea, Rodrigue Beaubois, Corey Brewer, Caron Butler, Brian Cardinal, Tyson Chandler, Brendan Haywood, Dominique Jones, Jason Kidd, Ian Mahinmi, Shawn Marion, DeShawn Stevenson, Peja Stojakovic, and

Jason Terry; head coach Rick Carlisle, and assistant coaches Terry Stotts, Dwane Casey, Darrell Armstrong, Monte Mathis and Robert Hackett, head athletic trainer Casey Smith, and assistant trainer Dionne Calhoun, led the Mavericks to their first NBA championship by stressing teamwork and determination.

The Mavericks have such a loyal following not only because they are champions on the court, but because they are champions in the community as well. The Dallas Mavericks possess a strong sense of social responsibility, acknowledging that a community is only as strong as its weakest link. The team displays a strong commitment to the community through its foundation. The Dallas Mavericks Foundation is dedicated to inspiring and motivating youth to take their education seriously, strive for healthy bodies and minds, become involved in community service activities, set personal goals, visualize their dreams and take responsibility for their own lives and neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating each member of the 2011 NBA Champion Dallas Mavericks for their many victories on the court and in the community. They are champions to their sports fans, to beneficiaries of their Foundation, and to the entire Dallas community. We thank them for bringing the NBA championship trophy where it belongs—the American Airlines Center located in the heart of the 30th Congressional District of Texas.

HONORING SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is a renowned spiritual leader and multi-faceted humanitarian whose mission of uplifting human values and creating a stress-free, violence-free world has inspired millions of people around the world over the past 30 years; and

In 1981, Sri Sri established the Art of Living Foundation, an international nonprofit educational and humanitarian organization, with a presence in 151 countries, which offers educational and self-development programs designed to eliminate stress and foster well-being, including programs which are helping inner city youth turn away from gang violence and programs which are helping transform the lives of veterans, prison inmates, terrorists and victims of trauma around the world; and

Through Sri Sri's message of religious harmony, non-violence, equality, tolerance and peace transcends class; race, religion and nationality and promotes ecumenical and universal human values; and

In 1997, Sri Sri founded the International Association for Human Values, a humanitarian nonprofit organization that advances and strengthens society by strengthening the individual.

The Art of Living Foundation and the International Association for Human Values collaborate on humanitarian initiatives that include some of the following: trauma relief at the site of the world's most horrific natural disasters and conflicts, including helping such traumatized populations as survivors, refu-

gees, veterans, Katrina and 9/11 survivors, earthquake and tsunami survivors in Japan, and others; and prison settings, where more than 350,000 staff and inmates in 32 countries have participated in stress relief and life-skills programs, including both adult and juvenile offenders; and corporate, military, and government settings, bringing stress relief, team building, and a competitive edge to the World Bank, IBM, Shell Oil, Intel, the Third Circuit Court, the Army National Guard, and many other organizations in the U.S. and around the world; and addressing corruption and ethics, including hosting the World Forum for Ethics and Business each year at the European Parliament and speaking out against corruption in India; and the Youth Leadership Training Program, which has trained 100,000 at-risk youth and others to become leaders, who in turn have brought transformation to more than 36,000 rural villages; and the environment, with numerous environmental initiatives, including clean-up and awareness programs, sustainable agriculture and the planting of 10 million trees around the world; and U.S. school initiatives, with more than 12,000 U.S. students participating in school stress relief and life-skills programs in the last year alone; and

The Foundation's self-development programs have benefitted over 30 million people around the world over the past 30 years.

GINA CALABRESE

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great woman and constituent, Gina Calabrese. Ms. Calabrese is the principal of the Rotella Interdistrict Magnet School in Waterbury, Connecticut, and was recently honored as the National Principal of the Year by the Magnet Schools of America. This award is presented annually to an exemplary school leader who has created and fostered innovative academic and extracurricular programs in magnet schools.

The students of the Rotella Magnet School and the community of Waterbury as a whole are fortunate to have a leader like Gina Calabrese, and I am proud that the Rotella School is in my district. Her dedication to education and her students is remarkable. In fact, largely because of Ms. Calabrese's leadership, the Rotella Interdistrict Magnet School was also honored in 2008 with the Magnet Schools of America's Dr. Ronald P. Simpson Distinguished Magnet Schools of Excellence.

Ms. Calabrese has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to innovation and education, and her efforts have raised the bar for magnet schools and educational institutions in Connecticut and across the country. Gina's achievements represent the highest dedication to success, and I am proud to recognize her contributions here today.

Although the Rotella School only opened in 2000, it has quickly distinguished itself as one of the best Magnet Schools in the country. It embodies a dedication to a holistic education that incorporates a strong academic program and an emphasis on the performing and visual arts. This approach combines the most valu-

able aspects of the arts—self-expression, creativity and practice—with academics, leading to a unique and valuable student experience.

On behalf of the people of Waterbury, I want to congratulate Ms. Calabrese for this award and thank her for her tireless efforts to educate the future leaders of Connecticut.

STANLEY K. SHEINBAUM

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 91st birthday of Stanley Sheinbaum, one of our country's most unique civic leaders. In his early years, Stanley served as a cartographer in World War II and was a student at Stanford, where he received top honors. He went on to become a Fulbright scholar and a professor of economics—first at Stanford, then at Michigan State. In 1964 he married Betty Warner and together they moved to Santa Barbara, where Stanley became one of the most vocal opponents of the war in Viet Nam. He twice ran for Congress on an aggressive anti-war platform and helped raise money for the legal defense fund of Daniel Ellsberg, the Defense Department analyst who leaked the "Pentagon Papers" to the New York Times.

After the war, Stanley remained deeply involved in the causes that were dear to him. His many interests, accomplishments, and important relationships are too numerous to recount. A few of the highlights include the nine years he served as chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California, where his leadership led to a ten-fold increase in contributions. In 1988, he was the leader of a Jewish-American delegation that convinced Yasser Arafat to recognize Israel and disavow terrorism. From 1991–93 he served as president of the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners in the wake of the Rodney King beating, during which time he led the fight for justice and accountability, during that explosive period in the city's history.

His many achievements are in a delightful documentary, *Citizen Stanley*, which pays tribute to his many years of service and activism. Today, here in Congress, we have the opportunity to wish "Citizen Stanley" a happy birthday as we celebrate his extraordinary life and many contributions, especially to American justice and foreign affairs. At 91 years of age, Stanley Sheinbaum continues to inspire the best of the American progressive tradition.

REPUBLICAN POLICY PROPOSALS
HARM SENIORS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss how the proposed Republican policies will harm our seniors. Republicans are attacking our seniors' most vital support systems.

The Republican budget would replace Medicare with an underfunded voucher system that