

Texas Department of Health and the New Mexico Department of Health before joining the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission.

One example of Dan's positive impact was the Border Health Commission's Healthy Border Initiative 2010. The overarching goals of the campaign were to improve the quality and increase the years of healthy life and eliminate health disparities for border residents. The initiative was a success, decreasing the prevalence of diseases, and giving individuals the tools they need to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Dan also served his country proudly for over 21 years in the U.S. Army. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserve as a colonel, having served in Afghanistan as the Senior Health Action Officer and Coalition Forces Liaison to multiple national ministries including the Ministry of Health in 2003 and 2004. Dan's exemplary military career began early. Even as a cadet he was honored as a Distinguished Military Graduate, an honor only achieved by the Nation's top cadets. Throughout his career he continued to distinguish himself earning awards that included the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Bronze Star Medal and the Legion of Merit.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dan's wife and family during this difficult time as well as the staff at the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission. One thing that I will always remember about Dan is that no challenge was ever too difficult or complex to conquer, and, if everyone adopted this approach, the world would be a better place. Dan's work and impact on the border region will always serve as an inspiration for others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 333 I was delayed in leaving a meeting with a constituent group when the vote was called and was unable to reach the House floor to cast my vote before the vote was closed. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING MITCHELL CARY

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to honor the life and memory of Mr. Mitchell Cary.

Cary, 64, was a retired United States Air Force Colonel and test pilot. He worked as an Air Force Civil Servant at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Regrettably, Cary was piloting the Wright "B" Flyer's Silver Bird look-alike when a mishap occurred that led to his passing on Saturday July 30, 2011. Mitch had a passion for flying, and over the course of his military career and into retirement, he flew more than forty-five types of Air Force, Navy and Army aircraft.

Mitchell Cary grew up near Hamilton, Indiana on a farm, graduating from Purdue Uni-

versity, the Air Force Institute of Technology and the University of Dayton. At the time of his passing, Mitch was a board member, volunteer and former president of Wright "B" Flyer Inc. of Dayton. This is an organization that flies and displays look-alikes of the Wright Brothers' first production airplane. Mitch had a passion for preserving and promoting the heritage of the Wright Brothers and the Birth of Aviation. He took their story of innovation around the world.

Thus, today I ask my colleagues to join me and the constituents of the Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in honoring the life, legacy, and memory of Mr. Mitchell Cary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 413 I was delayed in leaving a meeting with a constituent group when the vote was called and was unable to reach the House floor to cast my vote before the vote was closed. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING DON RAY GUM

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to honor the life and memory of Mr. Don Ray Gum.

Gum, 73, was a Professional Engineer and was employed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Regrettably, Gum was piloting the Wright "B" Flyer's Silver Bird look-alike when a mishap occurred, resulting in his passing on Saturday, July 30, 2011.

Gum received his degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati and his Master in Science from The Ohio State University. Gum served as Branch Chief in the Simulation Techniques Branch of the Air Force Human Resources Laboratory, in the then-Flight Dynamics Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He also served his community as a member of the City of Beavercreek Planning Commission.

After retiring, Gum spent time doing what he loved most, building and flying planes and spending time with his family. He worked hard at promoting the legacy of the Wright Brothers through volunteering his time as a pilot and as an aircraft builder with the Wright "B" Flyer Inc. Don was a pilots' pilot and took the story of the Wright Brothers and the Birth of Aviation around the world.

Thus, today I ask my colleagues to join me and the constituents of the Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in honoring the life, legacy and memory of Mr. Don Ray Gum.

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF EDUCATING LAWYERS WHO LEAD AT SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the centennial celebration of Santa Clara University School of Law. The law school was founded in 1911 and has always been dedicated to educating lawyers to become leaders in our community.

Santa Clara University, founded in 1851 as "Santa Clara College," is California's oldest operating institution of higher learning. It was established on the site of Mission Santa Clara de Asis, one of the original California missions. The Institute of Law was formed in 1911 as a small night program and, in 1914, degrees were conferred upon the first graduating class of the law school—a class consisting of just 14 young men. Women were first admitted to the law school in 1956 and in, 1963, Associate Dean Mary Emery was among a group of 3 women who were the first to graduate. Dean Emery went on to become the Director of the Heafey Law Library, a post she continues to hold today.

Santa Clara Law has a long history of dedication to underrepresented groups. In the early 1970s, law students formed organizations for Asian, Black, Latino, and female law students, and a law clinic was formed to assist low-income clients in 1971. In the early 1980s, groups were founded to support Jewish, Middle Eastern, and gay law students as well.

In the last decade, Santa Clara Law has fought injustice with the Northern California Innocence Project, The Katharine and George Alexander Law Center, and the 9th Circuit Immigration Law Clinic. The law school has stayed on the cutting edge of local and international issues through the Law Review, High Tech Law Journal, and International Law Journal.

For the last 100 years, Santa Clara Law has educated thousands of lawyers while emphasizing the University's ideals of competence, conscience and compassion. Our Santa Clara County community as well as the legal profession have benefited from the efforts of Santa Clara to produce lawyers who lead.

I am proud to be an alumna of Santa Clara University School of Law, I would like to commend them for a hundred years of exceptional work, and I wish them the best in years to come.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN CLARENCE ELLSWORTH MILLER

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to honor the life and memory of Congressman Clarence Ellsworth Miller.

Congressman Miller began his extensive and prolific public service career in 1963 when he was elected mayor of Lancaster, Ohio.

During that time, he was also very active in the National League of Cities and the Ohio Municipal League. Congressman Miller was also a member of the executive committee of the Mayors Association of Ohio.

In 1967, Congressman Miller was elected to represent Ohio's Tenth Congressional District where he served for 26 years. Congressman Miller always represented his constituents with pride and integrity. He understood his southeastern Ohio district and fought vigorously to ensure that his constituents' needs were constantly being met.

Congressman Miller was well known for being a staunch fiscal conservative. While in Congress, Congressman Miller gained respect for introducing bills that were aimed at reducing spending but still meeting the obligations of our Nation. He was awarded a Treasury watchdog award every year he was in Congress because of his great concerns with regard to the national debt and overspending at the federal level.

Throughout his time in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Miller served on several House committees including Appropriations, Agriculture, and Public Works and Transportation. Additionally, he served as vice chairman of the Office of Technical Assessment and served on a special committee who forced other countries to reimburse the United States for costs associated with the 1991 Gulf War.

Congressman Miller dedicated much of his time in Congress to the Armed Forces. The Congressman worked tirelessly to ensure that all branches of the military had the resources they needed to protect this great nation. He respected all men and women in uniform and admired their dedication and bravery.

Following his service in Congress, Representative Miller further impacted Lancaster and Fairfield County by serving on the Board of Directors for the YMCA and Red Cross, and devoting time and support to public officials and the area.

In honor of Congressman Miller's influential and selfless efforts to the community, the Lancaster Post Office was renamed after him as well as the county health department building.

Congressman Clarence Ellsworth Miller truly was a fine example of what all members of Congress and those in public service should strive to become.

After a long life of dedicated public service, Clarence Ellsworth Miller, 93, passed away on August 2, 2011. Congressman Miller was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, and left behind a son, Ron, daughter, Jackie, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

**RECOGNIZING FLORIDA TEACHER
OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT ALVIN
DAVIS FOR HIS EXEMPLARY
SERVICE AND DEDICATION**

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Alvin A. Davis, who as a teacher has shown outstanding merit and dedication to his profession and who has been a source of inspiration and

courage for hundreds of students in my hometown of Miramar, Florida. For his accomplishments as the head band and music teacher for Miramar High School, Mr. Davis has recently been awarded the 2012 Florida Department of Education's prestigious Teacher of the Year Award. Additionally, Mr. Davis has previously been recognized as the 2011 Broward County Teacher of the Year and the African-American Community Unsung Hero Award in 2010 for his dedication to his students and the community.

While Mr. Davis teaches music, many see him as more than just a 'music teacher.' For the past ten years he has taken the initiative to go above and beyond his duties as a teacher and makes the focus of his class on three things: academics, discipline, and music. He requires his students to receive one-on-one counseling with a member of the band staff and he personally reviews students' report cards and interim reports, even though it may not be part of his job description. Every school band rehearsal includes a one-hour study hall where students are tutored, even though his school may not have the budget for it.

But what is most outstanding is how Mr. Davis has made it his personal mission to ensure that his students make it on to college and move on to a brighter future, one that some students could never dream of. The Broward County school district confirms that for the past three years, every student who was a regular participating member of the Miramar High band program has gone on to college. Mr. Davis personally counsels his students on their future decisions and requires that seniors be only able to perform if they have registered for the ACT or SAT and if they can prove that they have applied to a college or university. Through his vision and steadfast dedication, Mr. Davis has single-handedly transformed the lives and futures of hundreds of students and their families.

Education is the back-bone of our country. It is what has made America prosperous, what has made the quality of life in this country the envy of the world, and what has safeguarded our democracy. Yet today we live in a time where the American education system, once ranked as top in the world, has slipped and tumbled to the point of not even making top twenty in some categories. Unfortunately, there are some voices who now decry the public education system as hopeless and worthy of scrapping. To those who have lost faith, I say that they should hear of the vision and successes of Mr. Alvin Davis who is dedicated, selfless, and capable, and works tirelessly every single day to transform the future of Florida's education system.

Mr. Speaker, as we recognize and honor Mr. Alvin A. Davis today for his accomplishments and his dedication, may we also recognize the hope and light educators like Mr. Davis bring to the future of this country.

**HONORING JOHN PATRICK CARR,
JR.**

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of John Patrick Carr, Jr. of York, Maine.

John Carr, Jr. was a truly dedicated family man, a strong community advocate and a friend. John began his career working with the New England Telephone Company and moved on to become the International Representative for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He remained a longtime member of the IBEW Local 2222.

Following his retirement, John and his wife, Joan, relocated to York, Maine in order to live closer to family and enjoy time with their children and many grandchildren, of which they now have 12. Never one to stay on the sidelines, John became very active as an advocate for senior citizens throughout the State of Maine.

He served as the President of the Maine Council of Senior Citizens for upwards of 10 years, during which time he made a tremendous impact on his community and his state. He fought hard for affordable healthcare for senior citizens and to educate lawmakers on the full impact of numerous pieces of legislation on his community. He also served as a dedicated and active member of the York County Democratic Committee.

I always enjoyed my opportunities to work with John; he had a passion for his work and for the people on whose behalf he advocated. John will be missed by many, but I know that his contributions to the state of Maine are a lasting legacy.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring John Patrick Carr, Jr. for his life of dedication and service to his community, his family and to the State of Maine.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK
OF THOM RUMBERGER**

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 5, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thom Rumberger, who dedicated much of his life to preserving and restoring the unique, national treasure that is the Everglades. Thom's dedication and perseverance, in fact, earned him the nickname "Defender of the Everglades."

The importance of the Everglades to both Florida and our country cannot be understated, and so neither can the accomplishments of a man who spent a significant amount of his career working to protect this one-of-a-kind national treasure. As an instrumental part in the passage of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and the securing of several billion dollars in funding to execute this overarching plan to restore the Everglades, we owe him a great debt of gratitude both as Americans and as Everglades supporters.

Thom's noteworthy accomplishments are not just limited to the Everglades, he was also involved in the implementation of two constitutional amendments as well as some of the first manatee protection laws.

Thom's success extends to his career in private practice, as a founding partner of the Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell law firm. Under his leadership, the firm's modest beginnings quickly expanded to the forefront of global business litigation, representing such multi-national corporations as American Airlines, Inc.,