

activated and sent on the converted Queen Mary to England. A few days after D-Day, he was deployed on a landing craft to Omaha Beach in Normandy. This allied offensive would change the tide of the war.

Following his courageous service, Captain Wilson was discharged from active duty in 1946. He continued in the Army Reserves until his retirement in 1971 when he retired as a Captain at the age of 60.

For over fifty years, Captain Wilson has continued to support the men and women of our armed services through his leadership in the American Legion, serving as the Commander for the William R. Edmondson branch as well as its adjutant. He is currently an honorary member. He has also served the nearby Lemont Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. In both of these positions, he illustrates his dedication to his fellow armed services members and his country. Following his active military service, Captain Wilson was employed as a driver for the Chicago Transit Authority until 1975.

Honesty, integrity, hard work, responsibility, and patriotism are the core principles by which Captain Wilson lives and these are the same principles he has bestowed upon his children, Nancy and Judith. He also was a loving husband to his wife Helen, who passed away in 1978. He is a man who defended our country at a time of tremendous adversity, and who continues to serve his fellow men and women in the armed services. Please join me in honoring his lifetime of service, his bravery, and his dedication to family and neighbor.

HONORING FORMER PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE PAUL J. ELDRIDGE

HON. NAN A.S. HAYWORTH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Ms. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul J. Eldridge for his service as County Executive for Putnam County.

Mr. Eldridge was appointed by the Putnam County Legislature in November 2010 to serve until a special election could be held to fill the position. Mr. Eldridge confirmed the wisdom of his selection, serving with honor and distinction during a difficult period. His service as County Executive was the culmination of 33 years as a public servant for Putnam County, during which Mr. Eldridge has received numerous awards and honors for his work.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Honorable Paul J. Eldridge. New York's Nineteenth Congressional District, and the entire Hudson Valley, is fortunate to have benefited from his service.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WALTER BEEBE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Walter Beebe, who is being honored at the New York Open Center's 2011

Gala Celebration for his extraordinary vision and service to the New York Open Center and progressive philanthropy.

After obtaining a bachelor of arts from Harvard University in 1962, Mr. Beebe earned his bachelor of laws degree in 1965 from Stanford University. Almost immediately after finishing his education, Mr. Beebe began his career with Partner, Jacobs Persinger & Parker in 1966. He was a corporate attorney with the New York law firm until his retirement in 2006.

Mr. Beebe is the founder, Board Chair and President of the New York Open Center. He has been a leader in the holistic movement through the work of the Center for nearly 30 years. The Center is a nonprofit holistic learning center that seeks to integrate the intellectual, emotional, physical, and spiritual elements of life.

In addition to his work with as an attorney and with the New York Open Center, Mr. Beebe has been an active philanthropist. He has served on the Board of Directors of several organizations and companies including Westar Institute, Interfaith Center of New York, New Jersey Steel Corporation, Von Roll of America, Inc. and subsidiaries, Bank Street College of Education, Sunbridge College, Near East Foundation and Greyston Foundation. Mr. Beebe was also the co-host for the White House Commission on Alternative Medicine.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues please join me in congratulating Mr. Walter Beebe as he is honored by the New York Open Center at their 2011 Gala Celebration on November 10, 2011.

GUS STAVROS HONORED FOR SELFLESS SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to pay tribute to Gus A. Stavros of St. Petersburg, Florida, a decorated war hero, a hugely successful small businessman, and a philanthropist who has devoted his life to educating our youth. Most importantly to me, Gus Stavros is my friend.

Gus received a Certificate of Basic Engineering at the University of Florida in 1944 in preparation for his service to our nation and the Army during World War II. He served with great distinction in General George Patton's Third Army, earning three campaign ribbons for Northern France, Ardennes and Rhineland, and the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was severely injured on January 19, 1945, and required eight months of hospital care.

Always placing the highest priority on the value of education, Gus returned from the war a hero and enrolled at Columbia University in New York, where he graduated in 1948 and went on to New York University, where he received his MBA in 1951.

It was our good fortune that upon his graduation Gus moved to Florida to start a business forms manufacturing company in Pinellas County, Florida. As the owner and CEO, he grew the company from 3 to 550 employees making it the largest business of its kind anywhere in the Southeastern United States. Having achieved success as a businessman, he

sold the company in 1989 and pursued his first love of education, cultural endeavors, and the tireless support of numerous charitable organizations.

Wednesday evening, the Pinellas County Education Foundation will celebrate Gus Stavros' 25 years of service to the students, parents, and teachers of our community through the Foundation he established with then Assistant Superintendent of Schools Howard Hinesley. Unique at the time, the Foundation's first project was the establishment of Enterprise Village in 1989, a hands on program that teaches 10,000 fifth-graders a year important life lessons of business and economics. Every one of these fifth-graders spends a day at Enterprise Village running a business. For most, with the classroom lessons that prepare them for their special day of running their own business, they have their first introduction to free enterprise. Today the most appropriately named Gus A. Stavros Institute administers not only Enterprise Village, but with a \$4 million expansion now teaches fiscal responsibility to 8,000 eighth-graders annually at its Finance Park.

Local, state, national and even international leaders of education and business have paid visits to Enterprise Village to learn how they can inspire students in the areas of business and finance just as Gus Stavros has this past quarter century.

Gus and his lovely wife of 63 years Frances have been honored many times over for the selfless work in behalf of numerous charitable organizations throughout our community. And our state's Governors and leaders of higher education have called on Gus repeatedly to serve on the board of trustees for many of our colleges and universities.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when our nation searches for solutions to reenergize our economy and create jobs, we need to look to great Americans like Gus Stavros for answers and inspiration. There are few people I know that are half of Gus' 86 years that have as much energy and as many good ideas.

Gus Stavros has served our nation in war time and in peace time. He has used his success in business to create jobs for others and to provide unique educational opportunities for hundreds of thousands of youth. Most importantly, he symbolizes the American spirit of selfless service to do what he can to improve the lives of others.

It is my hope that my colleagues will join me in saying thank you to Gus Stavros for a lifetime of achievement and in paying tribute to him for a job well done.

A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM THOMPSON

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend William Thompson of his service to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and to congratulate him on his upcoming retirement.

Mr. Thompson began his career in 1971 with the U.S. Marine Corps after his service with the Marine Corps in 1975. He returned to college and became a co-op student with the

Social Security Administration in 1977 and stayed until 1980. He worked for the State of West Virginia for 18 months before going to work for the U.S. Defense Investigative Service in 1982 and subsequently became what is known today as U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Mr. Thompson's role has been Special Agent in charge of conducting Federal Security Clearance Investigations.

For his dedication of 37 years, I offer Mr. Thompson my most sincere congratulations and best wishes for a well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR
WORKER RETRAINING SERVICES,
AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE
OPENING OF A WORKSOURCE FACILITY
IN MONROE, WASHINGTON

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to acknowledge the importance of worker retraining efforts in my state led by the workforce development councils that are helping Washingtonians get back to work. I would also like to recognize the opening of a new facility in Monroe, Washington that will help more of our neighbors who have been hit hard by this economic downturn get the training they need to successfully re-enter the job market.

Often, employers lack a workforce with appropriate skills and displaced workers lack the means to acquire these skills. That is why worker retraining programs are so important. Reversing the effects of the economic downturn is not an individual mission, but a community challenge, and an important partner helping in this effort are the Washington workforce development councils. Our workforce development councils operate 64 WorkSource centers statewide, where low-income youth and adults, displaced workers, and returning servicemembers access job training, employment counseling, and other services that help put people back to work and provide our employers with the skilled workforce they need to thrive.

Last year alone, more than 364,000 Washington residents sought help through the State's WorkSource centers. The Workforce Development Council of Snohomish County provided 39,156 people with a total of 528,005 services in 2010. Currently, the main access points for these services are the WorkSource Centers in Everett and Lynnwood, Washington. However, thanks to the generosity of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul—who offered to rent out space in their facility for only one dollar per year—on Tuesday, November 15th a new WorkSource center will open in Monroe, Washington.

This expansion of services to Monroe is important because, currently, displaced workers in the cities and towns to the east of Everett and Lynnwood face yet another barrier to employment: travelling to a WorkSource Center. Now, yet another hard-hit community can begin to rebuild and move forward because the community will now have a headquarters for worker retraining and job market resources.

That's why I am proud to stand up here today and recognize the significance of the WorkSource opening in Monroe, Washington today. I wish all the best to the dedicated staff at the Snohomish County Workforce Development Council, the kind people at St. Vincent de Paul, and the Washingtonians who are persevering through this downturn and now have a strong partner to help them get back on their feet.

TO SUCH NEW FRONTIERS, THE
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL
CEREMONY, NOVEMBER 16TH 2011,
AT THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL,
IN HONOR OF ASTRONAUTS
BUZZ ALDRIN, NEIL ARMSTRONG,
MICHAEL COLLINS, AND
JOHN GLENN

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the recipients of the New Frontier Congressional Gold Medal. I submit the following poem written in honor of these recipients:

TO SUCH NEW FRONTIERS
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

To . . .
To Such
New Frontiers . . .
As have all of you've gone so here!
Gone, so boldly forth, all out on your course
. . .
as America's most courageous pioneers!
All all out upon your most heroic ways . . .
All at speed, all in what your fine lives have
so conveyed!
As so boldly forth,
as you would not so heed . . .
All without fear,
to so sow exploration's most brilliant seeds!
All but for our Country Tis of Thee . . .
All of your fine lives,
you were so ready to concede!
All so ready to so pledge indeed!
As The Right Stuff,
came so streaking upon the scene!
As so courageously onward you all so sped
. . .
all at speed!
All out there on that very edge . . .
that edge of death!
All in what your most magnificent lives,
have so said!
As You So Reached For The Stars,
so courageously without fear . . .
so led!
Up to new worlds and dreams,
all in what your fine lives have so deemed
. . .
All in your stead!
All to so reach those most monumental of all
themes!
To Learn,
What Must So Be Learned!
To Touch . . .
What Must So Be Touched!
To See,
What Must So Be Seen!
To Hear,
What Must So Be Heard!
To Feel,
What Must So Be Felt!
To Speak,
What Must So Be Spoken!
To Dream,
What Must So Be Dreamed!

To Stretch . . .
To Ever Expand . . .
To Go So Ever So Forth . . .
To So Glean!
Right To The Very Edge,
of Exploration's Golden Sheen!
To Inspire Us All So Higher!
All So To Dare To Dream!
To Discovery,
and Beyond!
As you've so pushed that envelope,
out past its most outer limits!
As so ever forth,
as you so stayed the course . . .
moving onward and upward,
all up above the clouds!
As you were gone!
While,
streaking across the heavens all through
time so now!
As to all our souls so wed!
Speaking to our hearts and souls,
all in such awe!
To So Save Woman and Mankind,
as so surely we so saw!
As out into the future,
you've so cast your most historic shrouds!
As you so gleamed,
shining so magnificently so all throughout!
To so find the answers,
that which must now so be found!
For only up to such great new heights so
now,
can such hearts of courage full so sound!
Beating long,
and loud!
As to new worlds,
you've all so soared to now!
To places,
where only such hearts of faith so pound!
Whether, the first to walk upon the moon
. . .
or the first American to orbit in space!
As your time upon this earth,
could not so keep up with your explorer's
pace!
As all of your journeys,
have all so been filled with such amazing
grace!
To discovery and beyond,
as all of those most precious seconds past
you so raced!
As it was there . . .
you all so went so boldly forth all in place!
All out upon that path,
where only hearts can roam of faith!
Whether, upon primitive machines of man-
kind . . .
Or to the Moon and back,
while living all out on that thin line!
Riding on that very edge of death so fine!
As all of your most precious gifts of space
exploration . . .
Have so blessed our world and this our na-
tion . . .
As upon Mankind's futures past,
have so all been etched . . .
All in your explorer's quest!
As we so cry too,
all at those most precious lives so lost . . .
Of all of your Brothers and Sisters,
who so paid the price of exploration's cost!
The ones who like you so took those most
heroic paths,
to climb upward to the stars!
Ever steadfast!
To answer that most noble cause of explo-
ration as asked!
All with your journeys so unfurled . . .
The names Aldrin, Armstrong, Collins, and
Glenn . . .
will out into the future forever last!
"One step for man,
one giant leap for mankind" . . .
that which on your watch so came to pass!
As new Stars were so formed,
all by your hearts of exploration so very
warm!