

was struck by the van driven by the suspects. Although his injuries were minor, this incident demonstrated that Deputy Alger was determined to prevent the escape of these criminals, who were apprehended the next day. Deputy Alger goes above and beyond what is required of his job duties.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to recognize these officers for their courage, strength and service to their local communities.

HONORING THOMAS MAHONEY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Springfield Township's 1st Ward Commissioner Thomas Mahoney who will be retiring at the conclusion of this year. His political career began on October 10, 1989, when he was appointed to that very position. For almost 25 years Thomas has been an outstanding leader in the community, as well as an advocate for the improvement of Springfield Township for the benefit of all. First elected Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners in 1994, Thomas has honorably served as President for 11 of the past 15 years. From raising a family to being involved with the Youth Club and the Athletic Association his commitment to Springfield Township has never wavered. Thank you for all of your hard work and best of luck in the future.

ANNOUNCING RECIPIENTS OF THE INAUGURAL CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT OF TEXAS—ALLEN GOEHRING, JR.

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to announce before my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives the names of eleven distinguished military veterans and community servants who call the Third District of Texas home. For their selfless service and dedication to their neighbors and nation, the following individuals have been selected as recipients of the inaugural Congressional Veteran Commendation:

United States Army Staff Sergeant Allen Goehring, Jr. has honorably served our country since 1986. During his distinguished military career, Goehring spent time with a number of Army units including the 302nd Military Police Company and Detachment 1 of the United States Pacific Command.

Most recently, Goehring deployed to Iraq as a Criminal Investigations Division Special Agent with the 1149th Military Police Detachment of the Texas Army National Guard. Back in 2002, he also deployed to Afghanistan with the 345th Psychological Operations Company in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

When home, Goehring works for the Richardson Police Department. He started in 1997

as a patrol officer, Field Training Officer, and member of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team. During that time he obtained the highest certification available to an officer—Master Peace Officer. He now serves in the Investigations Division as a Crimes Against Persons and Sector Crimes Detective. During his time with the Police Department he has received forty-two citizen and Departmental commendations. He also has been selected for assignment to the Joint Terrorism Taskforce in the Dallas area.

For his heroic military efforts, Goehring was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and National Defense Service Medal, to name a few.

It is my pleasure to name Allen Goehring a recipient of the inaugural Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

RECOGNIZING MS. SHARON UP- SHAW FOR HER COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Sharon Upshaw. Ms. Upshaw is the parent of four and grandparent of two. She has worked as a Vista volunteer, foster grandparent coordinator, and Vice President of the Parent-Teacher Organization in the Quitman County School District.

Ms. Upshaw has devoted much of her life to community service and youth engagement. She is currently working with the Carl Brown Learning Center of the Quitman County Development Organization as the Parent Advocacy Coordinator which ensures that parents and students, alike receive the necessary support and resources for education.

She has been instrumental in obtaining after-school assistance for students suffering from learning and behavioral concerns and has worked to form coalitions between parents and school personnel to increase parental involvement in student academic welfare. She has also worked to improve the communication hurdles between both the school officials and parents.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Upshaw is not only a parent and grandparent but she represents a tower of strength and is advocate of education in her community. So Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that you and my colleagues join me in recognizing Ms. Sharon Upshaw of Quitman County, Mississippi for her unwavering commitment to academia and her dedication to improving the lives of children in the Mississippi Delta.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICK CASE AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RICK CASE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Rick Case and in acknowledge-

ment of his 50th anniversary as the owner and founder of the Rick Case Automotive Group, located in Northern Ohio, South Florida and Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Case began his work with automobiles while in high school by selling cars from his parents' yard. The business has grown from a local Ohio dealership to 16 dealerships in three different states. Rick Case founded the Rick Case Automotive Group in 1962 in Northeast Ohio and expanded to South Florida and Atlanta in 1986. Today, the Rick Case Automotive Group employs more than 900 people.

Rick Case Automotive Group has been honored with many awards over the years. It was presented with the Honda President's Award in 2009 and in 2011, the Rick Case Automotive Group was the recipient of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Mr. and Mrs. Case have also received the title of "Business Leaders of the Year" from the Florida Sun Sentinel and "Humanitarians of the Year" by Nova Southeast University.

Beyond running a successful business, Mr. and Mrs. Case founded the Rick Case Bikes for Kids program to provide bicycles for the less fortunate children in their community.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Rick Case and the Rick Case Automotive Group's 50th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT T. SCHILLING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. SCHILLING. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, December 2, 2011, I attended the funeral of Pfc Adam E. Dobereiner in Rock Island, Illinois. Pfc Dobereiner died on November 18, 2011 in the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan while serving his country. Our nation owes Pfc Dobereiner and his family a debt of gratitude for their sacrifice. We must always remember the service of heroes both past and present.

Had I been present in Washington DC on December 2, 2011, my votes would have been as follows:

For Roll No. 882, which would clarify that an agency shall take into account whether a problem disproportionately impacts certain vulnerable subpopulations, and whether such an impact would be mitigated by new agency action—H.R. 3010 stresses smart, efficient and economical rule making. We should always be looking to maintain levels of service at the lowest cost possible. Under this bill, federal agencies already take public health or general welfare considerations into account. Therefore, I would have voted "no".

For Roll No. 883, which would clarify that the agency would retain the discretion to determine whether to provide advanced notice, not later than 90 days, of a proposed rule prior to being published in the Federal Register. For the sake of transparency, the underlying bill makes advance notice of these rules mandatory; therefore, I would have voted "No".

For Roll No. 884, which would clarify that regulations to protect public health and safety would not be blocked or repealed by H.R. 3010—Again; the underlying bill provides for the consideration of public health and general welfare. Therefore, I would have voted "No".

For Roll No. 885, which would exempt from the Act actions by the Nuclear Regulatory

Commission under the Atomic Energy Act—All federal regulations must be examined for their effect on health, public welfare, the economy and jobs. The NRC should not be carved out of this review. Therefore, I would have voted “No”.

For Roll No. 886, which would exempt all rules promulgated by the Department of Homeland Security—All federal regulations must be examined for their effect on health, public welfare, the economy and jobs. The DHS should not be carved out of this review. Therefore, I would have voted “No”.

For Roll No. 887, which Would have recommitting the bill so that it would “not apply to new regulations or the revision of existing regulations that reduce costs or increase coverage for pharmaceuticals and other health services for seniors, or efforts by the Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Veterans Administration, and Defense to negotiate lower prescription drug prices”—Because the whole point and intent of the underlying bill is to lower costs, including the costs of prescription drugs, I would have voted “No.” When it comes to vital health services for our seniors, it is vital that we keep the promise of both Medicare and Social Security. I have voted to do exactly that since coming to Congress eleven months ago. We also must continue to work to preserve these programs for our children and their children.

For Roll No. 888, the Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011, which would reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, I would have voted “Yes”.

We must ensure that the regulations put forth by the federal government—more specifically the 4,000 final rules that federal agencies issue each year—are truly needed and necessary for the public welfare. This includes public health and our economy. I truly believe that our economic recovery is being held back because of overregulation and uncertainty coming from the government. My number one priority as a representative is fostering job creation to strengthen our economy so that American families can pursue their version of the American Dream. H.R. 3010 promotes increased public participation when it comes to considering regulations, stresses that lower cost regulations should be pursued, and provides more certainty to our businesses which represent the key to growing jobs in America.

It is an honor to serve the people of the 17th Congressional District of Illinois.

IN HONOR OF JUDGE JOHN HENRY
LAND

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I come to the House Floor today to pay tribute to one of Columbus, Georgia's most renowned and respected public figures, the late Judge John Henry Land. Judge Land, who served on the Superior Court bench in the six-county Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit for nearly 25 years, died on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at the age of 93 years old. His

funeral will be on Monday, December 5, 2011 at the Striffer-Hamby Mortuary's Macon Road Chapel, followed by a committal service in Park-Hill Cemetery.

His many years of dedicated public service and steadfast commitment to mentoring young lawyers, District Attorneys, and Judges are just two of the many reasons as to why Judge Land was such an influential and respected pillar in Georgia legal circles.

A Columbus native, Judge Land was born on June 1, 1918, the son of Aaron Brewster and Mattie Miller Land. He is a graduate of Columbus High School and the University of Georgia. As a student at the University of Georgia, he epitomized the true meaning of a young and inspiring legal scholar by finishing a five-year law degree program in four years.

Following his exemplary collegiate career, Judge Land was engaged in the private practice of law before being drafted into the Army in 1941, eventually rising to the rank of Major before being honorably discharged after World War II.

After the war, Judge Land resumed his legal career and was subsequently elected to public office. He served in the Georgia State Senate from 1949 to 1950 and in 1955 he was appointed by Governor Marvin Griffin to serve as District Attorney.

Following his service as State Senator and District Attorney, Judge Land was elected in 1964 to the Muscogee County Superior Court, a position in which he served until his retirement in 1988. As a Superior Court judge, he was lauded and respected for his high legal acumen, disciplined adherence to the rule of law and his stern, no-nonsense judicial temperament.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Land possessed the intellect, courage, and fortitude necessary to grow as a lawyer and jurist and become one of our state's most renowned judges and pre-eminent judicial scholars. And, I will always respect him for his many outstanding professional achievements, substantive contributions to our community and his sage advice and counsel to me as I entered the Georgia political arena. But what I will remember most about Judge Land is his strength of character, his integrity, and his fidelity.

My wife Vivian and I would like to extend our prayers and condolences to Judge Land's wife, Mary, and his four surviving children, John H. Land III, Martha Christensen, Jeffrey Land, and Jere Land.

Though he will be greatly missed by his loving family and his many diverse friends of long standing, we can all be grateful that we had the opportunity to know, love, and have our lives touched by this exceptional human being!

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the life of a great American and Georgia public figure of giant proportions—the late Judge John Henry Land of Muscogee County, Georgia.

HONORING JOHN J. DINTINO

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Collingdale Borough Councilman John

J. Dintino. After 37 years of honorable service, he will retire on December 5, 2011. Having served continuously since joining the Borough Council on January 5, 1975, John's service has left immeasurable contributions on the community. For many years he was the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee and is the current Chairman of the Highway and Sanitation Committee. Through hard work and tremendous commitment, John has helped make the Borough of Collingdale a great place to work, live, and raise a family.

ANNOUNCING RECIPIENTS OF THE
INAUGURAL CONGRESSIONAL
VETERAN COMMENDATION FOR
THE THIRD DISTRICT OF
TEXAS—SCOTT BRADLEY

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 2, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to announce before my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives the names of eleven distinguished military veterans and community servants who call the Third District of Texas home. For their selfless service and dedication to their neighbors and nation, the following individuals have been selected as recipients of the inaugural Congressional Veteran Commendation:

United States Army Sergeant First Class (ret.) Scott Bradley served our country from 1984–2007. During his distinguished military career, Bradley spent one year in Seoul, Korea as part of the Customs Inspection Team and participated in multiple deployments to Central America to assist with aid efforts after devastating natural disasters swept the region.

In June of 2004, Bradley was transferred to the 228th Combat Support Hospital (CSH) in San Antonio. When his unit deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Bradley's task was to secure and detain all insurgents coming through the hospital. He also ran general security for the facility.

For these and other heroic efforts, Bradley has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, and two Army Achievement Medals. He also received the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, two Overseas Service Ribbons, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with “M” Device, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Iraq Campaign Medal.

After leaving the Army Reserve in 2007, Bradley was elected to the City Council in Murphy, Texas. In his role on the Council, Bradley is an active community leader and public servant.

It is my pleasure to name Scott Bradley a recipient of the inaugural Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.