

During his time in the Liaison office, Gunnery Sergeant Leavell was able to develop and execute legislative strategy for the United States Marine Corps that was instrumental in creating a fiscal and policy landscape conducive to training and equipping the nation's most elite fighting force, ensuring their success on the battlefield. He routinely turned broad guidance into action which energized the Office of Legislative Affairs and members of Congress alike. His actions allowed the Marine Corps to engage members of Congress and their staffs, directly facilitating the increased emphasis on improving Congressional relationships.

While leading the House Liaison Office through the extraordinary challenges associated with Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and the ongoing Global War on Terror, he concurrently ensured that a myriad of daily Congressional communications, assignments and events were executed flawlessly. During Gunnery Sergeant Leavell's tour as the Legislative Affairs Staff Non-Commissioned Officer, he accomplished the full spectrum of the Marine Corps' legislative mission. He exemplified the candor and knowledge that we have come to expect from the Marine Corps and he played a key role in maintaining superb relationships between the Marine Corps and the House of Representatives.

Throughout his time here in the House, Gunnery Sergeant Leavell effectively responded to several thousand congressional inquiries, many of which gained national level attention. Gunnery Sergeant Leavell successfully planned, coordinated and escorted over 50 international and domestic Congressional and Staff Delegations. His detailed coordination with foreign government officials, U.S. State Department, and senior military officials ensured that each delegation was conducted professionally. His attention to detail and anticipation of requirements allowed Representatives to focus on fact-finding and glean new insights that informed critical decisions to support the people of the United States. He has made lasting contributions to the House of Representatives. I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with Gunnery Sergeant Leavell and I thank him for his devoted service to this great nation.

TRIBUTE TO DEBBI HUFFMAN
GUTHRIE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Debbi Guthrie is one of these individuals. On March 24, 2011, Debbi will be honored as the "Citizen of the Year" at the 111th Inaugural Celebration of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.

Debbi Huffman Guthrie is retired from her 27 year career as the third-generation owner

of a roofing company established by her grandfather in 1921. Since 1993, Debbi has served as a Director with Provident Bank, a publicly-traded, community bank established in Riverside in 1957. Debbi is the current and former member of numerous organizations including: member, Riverside Community College District Capital Campaign Executive Committee; Chair, Riverside Aquatics Complex Fundraising Committee; Chair, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Inaugural Ball Committee; Chair, ATHENA of the Inland Valleys Committee; Member, Board of Directors—Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce; Member, Riverside Sport Hall of Fame Induction Celebration Committee; Trustee, University of California Riverside Foundation; Chair, University of California Riverside A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management Dean's Leadership Council; Chairwoman, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce; Chair, Governmental Affairs Committee and Leadership Riverside Program, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce; President and Member, Kiwanis Club of Riverside; President, Riverside Community College District Foundation; State Director, ATHENA Foundation; March Air Force Base Military Affairs Committee (Honorary Commander's Program); Inland Empire Council Boy Scouts of America, Distinguished Citizens Committee; and Junior League of Riverside.

Debbi is the recipient of many awards including: the 2010 Riverside YWCA Irene Bonnett Volunteer of the Year; the 2010 Riverside Downtown Partnership Roy Hord "Volunteer of the Year;" the 2003 Association of Agency Executives, Spirit of the Non-Profit Award; the 2003 Gold Key Award, Soroptimist Club; the 2001 Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award; the Riverside Community College Inaugural Community Service Award; the 2001 Kiwanis International George Hixson Fellowship Award; the 2001 President's Award, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce; the 2000 Management Leader of the Year, Private Sector, UC Riverside A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management; and the 1999-2000 Volunteer of the Year, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.

In addition to her continued involvement with Provident Bank and her volunteer commitments in Riverside, Debbi now lives part-time in southern Utah where she takes pride in working with her husband to manage their 1300 acre ranch. She enjoys being with her family, horseback riding, house-boating on Lake Powell, hikes in Zion National Park and international travel with friends. Debbi is a native of Riverside and attended Ramona High School and California State University, San Bernardino. Debbi and her husband, Jim, have four adult daughters and four grandchildren.

In light of all Debbi has done for the community of Riverside, the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce named Debbi their Citizen of the Year. Debbi's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. She has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I am proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her as she receives this prestigious award.

HONORING COBORN'S INCORPORATED OF ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA, UPON BEING NAMED GROCERY HEADQUARTERS MAGAZINE INDEPENDENT RETAILER OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chief Executive Officer Chris Coborn and all the employees of Coborn's Incorporated upon being named the Independent Retailer of the Year by Grocery Headquarters magazine. Based in St. Cloud, Minnesota, Coborn's has become a fixture in communities across Minnesota and the upper Midwest.

A uniquely American story, Chris is a fourth generation Coborn in a business that always puts family first. The work ethic and drive that led Chester Coborn to open a one-man market in 1921 still influence the decisions that are made today, and innovation has made Coborn's a leader in store development, club opportunities and consumer marketing.

Though he runs a range of businesses from a grocery distribution center to the bakery for each store, Chris never sacrifices quality. His retail stores—Coborn's, Cash Wise, and Save-A-Lot—are known for their emphasis on service to the customers that are considered family. The contributions this company gives back to the communities in which they operate are marked by service and giving. In 2010, \$2.3 million dollars was donated to the Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts. Donations were also designated toward high school scholarships and higher learning at St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud Technical College, St. John's University, and the College of St. Benedict.

Additionally, matching employee contributions to the United Way and fundraising opportunities for local groups create a true sense of community among more than 6,000 employee/owners who also participate in an employee stock ownership program. These are just additional ways that Coborn's Inc. treats its employees like family.

Mr. Speaker, Coborn's Inc. is a business that emulates family principles, hard work and service at every level. I ask that this body join with me in recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of Coborn's Inc. as they are named the Independent Retailer of 2011 by Grocery Headquarters Magazine.

HONORING THE 2011 WILLINGBORO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WINTER TRACK TEAM

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Willingboro High School Boys Winter Track Team. On February 2, 2011 the Willingboro Chimeras captured the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Central Jersey Sectional

Group II Championship Title. After winning the Sectional Group II Championship with 61 points, the Willingboro Chimeras went on to place third in the New Jersey State Group II Championship Meet.

During the 2011 Sectional Championship Meet, Chimeras' runner, Darius Holmes, won both the 55 Meter Hurdles and 400 Meter Races. Holmes also anchored the 1,600 Meter Relay Race alongside teammates Matt Dash, Daquan Watson and Isaac Williams. Rounding out the first place finishes for the Willingboro Chimeras was Isaac Williams in the high jump competition and Traven Mable in the shot put competition.

I would also like to congratulate Darius Holmes. He won the NJSIAA State Group II 400 Meter Race during Willingboro's impressive third place finish at the state championship meet. This is Willingboro's first state championship title since 2004.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the achievement of the Willingboro High School Boys Winter Track Team in seizing the 2011 NJSIAA Central Jersey Sectional Group II Championship Title.

I ask you to join me in thanking the coaches, teachers and student body of Willingboro High School, as well as the parents and local community, who all made this victory a reality. I wish the Willingboro Chimeras continued success in next year's winter track season.

REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this legislation. Pesticide pollution in our waterways impairs fish habitats, threatens drinking water, and creates dead zones in our oceans. In its most recent "National Water Quality Inventory; Report to Congress," the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determined that pesticides are the sixth leading cause of water quality impairment in estuaries. In Oregon, according to the EPA, 19 of our water bodies are considered pesticide-impaired. If ingested in drinking water at high levels, pesticides can cause a range of health problems from cancer to birth defects to kidney and liver damage to nervous system effects.

This legislation would overturn a recent court decision requiring EPA to issue Clean Water Act permits for certain pesticide discharges. It doesn't make sense to take away these tools from the EPA without replacing them with something better. The EPA has struggled to address agricultural run-off and other non-point source pollution under the Clean Water Act, and these sources will continue to be exempt from permitting requirements. But point source discharges of pesticides that leave a residue in waterways, which is the subject of this legislation, is something that the EPA can address and has now been compelled to address by a Federal appeals court. While the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) requires registration of pesticides and evaluation of their impact on human health and the envi-

ronment, it does not involve a performance standard for specific bodies of water. In areas where pesticides have impaired water quality, I believe it makes sense to provide the EPA with tools to address that impairment.

I have heard a number of concerns from the agricultural community in my district about the specific standards being applied here as well as the increased burden of filling out paperwork. I look forward to working with stakeholders in my district to ensure the new requirements are not unreasonably burdensome. I would also support additional resources from the Federal Government to help counties, municipalities, public utilities, water districts, farmers, ranchers, and forest managers deal with any additional costs associated with the permit requirements.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT OTIS "BOB" PRICE

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Otis "Bob" Price, a dedicated community leader and friend who passed away on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at the age of 79. Bob was a family man committed to public service who always looked to give back to our community, our State, and our Nation.

Bob was born in Abilene, Kansas on January 4, 1932 and moved with his family to San Luis Obispo in 1937. The Price family eventually moved to Bakersfield in 1947 where he graduated from Kern County Union High School (now Bakersfield High School) in 1949. In 1952, Bob was drafted by the U.S. Army and became a Mess Sergeant in the 5th Army.

After being honorably discharged from active duty, Bob returned to Bakersfield. His career at the Bakersfield Police Department soon began after a police sergeant from church suggested that he apply. This recommendation set up his successful 32-year career with the Department. Bob spent his first 30 days in "rookie school," as it was called, and was quickly promoted to "motor cop." According to his family, Bob loved being a motorcycle cop and according to him he "had a motor in (his) garage when (he) made Chief of Police." Bob rose through the ranks having made Sergeant in 1964, Lieutenant in 1966, Captain in 1970, and eventually Chief of Police in 1973. He retired in 1988 after 15 years as chief.

He was elected Mayor of the City of Bakersfield in 1992 and he spent eight successful years in office before his second term ended in 2001. Bob worked to help Bakersfield continue to prosper during this time by working on projects like the Centennial Garden arena, the downtown streetscape, and the restoration of the Fox Theatre.

During the final years of his life, Bob still worked to help his community. Bob helped me by serving as district coordinator in my California State Assembly office when I was first elected. Then in 2009, Bob saw that the Bakersfield Police Department was overcrowded because the department was understaffed and, as was always his way, Bob found a so-

lution. He started a program to bring in retired police department staff to help with all of the paperwork.

Bob loyally served his community in a distinguished career. He was a strong, genuine, straight talking leader and he will be dearly missed. Additionally, he will always be remembered as a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. Bob and his first wife Dorothy, who had a long battle with cancer, had two sons Fred and Donald.

Bob is survived by his wife, Sandi and his son, Fred, his grandchildren, Erin and Robert, and Sandi's daughter Kim and her husband Jim, and their children Audrey, Robert, and Lauren. His life was devoted to serving his community. He will be remembered as a man of deep faith, a strong leader, and a role model who remains respected by many.

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR AIRMAN MICHAEL J. HINKLE II

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, we rise to pay tribute to a hero from my congressional district, Senior Airman Michael J. Hinkle II. Today we ask that the House of Representatives honor and remember this incredible young man who died while serving our country.

Hinkle grew up in my hometown, Corona, California, with his father Michael Hinkle Senior and stepmother Cynna Hinkle. He spent summers in Michigan with his mother and stepfather, Robert Jakowinicz.

Senior Airman Hinkle followed in his father's footsteps joined the Air Force in December of 2005 and his first overseas post was in Okinawa. In 2008, Hinkle reenlisted with the Air Force and was stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD, in November of 2008. Airman Hinkle deployed to the 386th ECS from the 28th Communications Squadron at Ellsworth in November. At a memorial service held by the members of the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing for a fallen Marauder on March 19, Hinkle's fellow service members paid tribute to his constant smile and easy going attitude. Major James Hewitt, 386th ECS commander, stated:

"Even though Mike's life was short, it was full of accomplishments and honor. Mike joined (the Air Force) and immediately headed off to become a cyber transport systems journeyman. There could not have been a better career field for Mike to join. Mike loved computers, networking and gaming. He loved being a COMM geek."

Airman Hinkle's fellow Airmen fondly remembered him for his positive attitude; Hinkle was known for stepping up to the plate and helping out whenever he was needed. Airman Hinkle accomplished so much during his short time and he will be dearly missed by his unit and all who knew him. He was buried in Michigan earlier this week. Airman Hinkle was 24 years old. He is survived by his father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, five stepsiblings and a brother.

As we look at the incredibly rich military history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men, just like Senior Airman Hinkle, who bravely chose an honorable life of