

Michael Cap's generation fought to end the threat of totalitarianism and came home to build the American Dream in peace. Their example set the tone for future generations of soldiers, including the men and women now serving in uniform in the United States armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Let us not forget Michael Cap and those like him who stood up in the face of evil and totalitarianism and defeated it. America owes him and all our veterans a great debt.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
THE LIFE OF DEACON MAURICE
JOSEPH WALSH

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing and honor the life of Deacon Maurice Joseph Walsh of Niantic, Connecticut. Deacon Walsh passed away on April 21, 2011 surrounded by his family at his home.

Maurice, or Moe as he was known to friends, lived a life replete with service to his country, church, and community. Ordained in the first Permanent Diaconate class in New England by Archbishop John F. Whealon, he served several parishes including the St. Agnes Parish in Niantic. He was a member of the 745th AAA Gun Battalion of West Hartford's U.S. Army Reserves, where he achieved the rank of Sergeant.

A student of banking at The University of Chicago and Williams College, Maurice worked at the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company for 35 years and eventually went on to start a family businesses with his sons—Maurice J. Walsh and Sons Real Estate Appraisals. Successful and industrious in his profession, he always found time to give back to a variety of causes. He was an active member of the Tinker Turner American Legion Post 128, Catholic Inter-Racial Council, and was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus.

When he finally retired from the family business, Maurice saw it as an opportunity to give more. He took on a larger role as a Permanent Deacon and continued his tradition of broad, community-oriented service. He was well known for regular trips to Niantic's Bridebrook Rehabilitation Center where he and a group of volunteers he assembled would spend time with and provide spiritual guidance to its residents.

People like Deacon Walsh lived in the service of others. From a relatively young age, he went to great lengths to provide comfort and guidance to people in need of personal, civic, and spiritual help and continued this service through the age of 80. His impact in eastern Connecticut is unquantifiable. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Walsh family. He leaves behind his three sons Damien, Jeffrey, and Daniel as well as his loving wife Claire. Maurice will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and the countless people he served throughout his life.

HONORING NORMA ADELAIDE
CARTER MURPHY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Norma Carter Murphy, a constituent and family friend. On Saturday, May 7, 2011, family, friends, neighbors, students, classmates and co-workers will join together to honor Norma at the Cherry Point Marine Base in Havelock, North Carolina.

The middle child of Luke Eight Carter and Eunice Godette Carter, Norma Adelaide Carter was born on January 16, 1931. She attended Ole Godette Elementary School and the Palmer Memorial Institute in Sedalia, North Carolina, and graduated from Charles H. Darden High School in Wilson, North Carolina. Norma went on to earn a degree in Education from historic Howard University, and later earned her Masters Degree in Education from North Carolina Central University.

Norma began her long and distinguished teaching career at Queen Street High School in Beaufort, North Carolina and went on to teach in a variety of positions in North Carolina and Michigan for a period of 45 years.

Mrs. Murphy was always greatly loved by students and fellow teachers because of her passion, grace, energy, compassion and tireless focus on helping students succeed by achieving greatness.

Beyond the classroom, Norma has been extremely dedicated to her community. Along with eight other women, she chartered the New Bern Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. in order to promote academic excellence, provide scholarships and support to the underserved, and to highlight and resolve social and political problems in the local community.

While residing in Michigan, Norma was appointed to the state Board of Marriage and Family Counseling and served in that position for many years. She has also been active with the League of Women Voters and many parent-teacher associations.

Nine years ago, Norma moved back to North Harlowe, North Carolina to the dwelling where she was born. She is now close to many members of her immediate family and enjoying life to the fullest.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Norma Carter Murphy. She is truly a remarkable person deserving of our deepest well wishes for the enormous contributions she has made to her community and to the many young people she has taught and mentored over the years.

ROBERT LUCAS BEERS TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Lucas Beers of Mancos, Colorado. Mr. Beers led a particularly vibrant life in southern Colorado as a prominent businessman, volunteer and veteran. His years of

service in both private and public offices contributed to that prominence.

Mr. Beers was born in raised in Mancos, Colorado. After graduating from high school, he worked briefly in the Civilian Conservation Corps before attending Fort Lewis College. He later joined the executive board of the college and was one of the members responsible for its move to Durango.

In 1944, during the height of World War II, Mr. Beers joined the Army as a cryptologist. His work decoding intercepted messages was a major contribution to our victory in China, Burma and India. Before enlisting, he was already an accomplished pilot, serving in the Civil Air Patrol, and was a civil defense volunteer for many years.

After the war, Mr. Beers returned to Durango to begin his various business ventures and public service. He worked for a number of years in the oil and gas industry and was one of the founders of Basin Petroleum, a company that owned and operated several service stations in Colorado. He also served on the Durango City Council and was elected mayor of the city for a term, where he supported a number of initiatives including paving the city's streets.

Mr. Beers also volunteered on several boards during his career. Most notably he sat for two terms on the State Agriculture Board, Mercy Hospital and the Chamber of Commerce. His love of skiing was also a driving force behind the formation of the original San Juan Development Corp., which helped create Purgatory at Durango Mountain Resort.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Robert Beers today. The community he spent a lifetime working for owes him a great deal. There is no doubt his legacy will continue to impact Colorado.

A TRIBUTE TO THE MECHDYNE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Marshalltown's high-tech, home-grown business Mechdyne for winning the Entrepreneur of the Month Award from the Iowa Farm Bureau.

Mechdyne Corporation is based in Marshalltown, but has offices all over the world including, Houston, Washington, D.C., Canada, the United Kingdom, and even the Middle East. Despite being able to customize solutions for clients all over the globe, Mechdyne hasn't neglected Iowa and recently provided East Marshall High School with top of the line technology to facilitate a more immersive learning experience, and stimulate student interest in high tech careers.

Mechdyne began its existence by specializing in virtual reality systems but now consults for and develops advanced 3D visualization solutions for a global array of customers. Their success is a testament to the "can-do" spirit of Iowans and an example of the unlimited potential we believe each person has.

Mr. Speaker, I could not be more honored to represent Mechdyne and its employees in the United States House of Representatives and I know that all of my colleagues in the

United States Congress will join me in congratulating them.

CONGRATULATING NAPSEC

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the National Association of Private Special Education Centers (NAPSEC) for their 40 years of excellent service and academic dedication to our country's individuals with disabilities. NAPSEC's educational therapeutic services, combined with four decades of experience are invaluable to the education community across the United States and to the dozens of partners in my home state of New Jersey.

Established in 1971, NAPSEC represents private specialized education programs including early intervention services, school programs, residential therapeutic centers, and college experience and adult living programs for individuals with disabilities and their families. NAPSEC's hundreds of affiliates offer much needed services to publically and privately placed individuals who are otherwise unable to receive an appropriate public education. Member programs also serve the needs of individuals who have graduated from high school including adults over 21 years of age.

I am inspired by the quality of care and expertise NAPSEC's partners provide to America's students with disabilities, including those with autism. Again, I offer NAPSEC my sincerest congratulations on 40 years of service to the disabilities community and look forward to NAPSEC's continued progress in the future.

HONORING LESLIE (LES) HAROLD HAYES

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life and legacy of Leslie (Les) Harold Hayes—publisher emeritus of The Madera Tribune.

Les was born in 1928 in Emporia, Kansas. After working his way through school, Les enrolled in Emporia College where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Business with a minor in English and Journalism. In 1955 he received an offer from the Merced Sun Star, moved to California, and spent the next few decades climbing from typesetter to publisher while working at a series of papers around the Valley. In 1995 Les retired only to be asked to return in 1998.

When not busy reporting the news, Les actively engaged himself in the community: he was a member of the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, and the Madera County Historical Society. In 2006, Les received the Madera Chamber of Commerce "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his contributions to life in the county.

On April 6, 2011, at the age of 82, Les passed away. He leaves behind his wife, Chris, and five children.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Les Hayes and his many contributions. May we keep him and those he left behind in our hearts and prayers.

HONORING WILLIAM A. COOK

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute an exceptional Hoosier, William A. Cook. Sadly, we lost Bill on April 15. I wish to express my condolences to his family who knew him as husband, father, and grandfather.

To Indiana, Bill's leadership was a shining example of the type of leadership everyone should strive to achieve. Marked by common sense, his leadership embodied the qualities emblazoned in the Hoosier spirit. Bill's focus on service above self; both in building great businesses and in improving our community has left us all a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

As a man of faith, I believe we were put on this earth to love one another and to make the best of the gifts our Lord has provided. We are all blessed to live in a country that allows us to experience freedom and the opportunity to succeed. When I look at the life story of a man who built a business empire that began in a spare bedroom in an apartment, employed thousands around the globe, and provided life saving, and life-altering technology to millions more, all I can say is Amen. Well done.

Bill Cook exemplified the American dream in every way. The amazing narrative of his life will live on, not only through the Cook Group and the many companies that Bill created, but through his family and through the incalculable number of Hoosiers he helped through the years. I would like to thank his family for sharing Bill with us. We are a community that will not soon forget him.

KEEP TEACHERS TEACHING ACT

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution provides Congress with the authority to "make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper" to provide for the "general Welfare" of Americans. In the Department of Education Organization Act (P.L. 96-88), Congress declared that "the establishment of a Department of Education is in the public interest, will promote the general welfare of the United States, will help ensure that education issues receive proper treatment at the Federal level, and will enable the Federal Government to coordinate its education activities more effectively." The Department of Education's mission is to "promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access."

A TRIBUTE TO CHRISTENSEN CONSTRUCTION

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Christensen Construction in Estherville, Iowa. This company was presented the Midwest Region Builder of the Year for 2010 by Butler Manufacturing at a convention held in Atlanta, Georgia.

Butler Manufacturing is a BlueScope Steel company that is based in Kansas City. The world's oldest steel building manufacturer, Butler Manufacturing has six regional manufacturing locations and over 1,200 Butler Builders nationwide. The Midwest Region consists of 13 states and 320 builders. The Builder of the Year Award is given annually to one builder in each region who has demonstrated excellence in selling Butler building and roof systems and has superior marketing skills.

Christensen Construction first became a Butler Builder in 1985. Since then, Christensen Construction has sold over \$25 million in Butler products. The company was nominated for the award by Keith Huls of West Des Moines, this area's Butler manager. Huls said Christensen Construction received this award "because of its history for outstanding sales along with its reputation for delivering the best value in products and services to their customers."

I know my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in congratulating Christensen Construction and its employees for receipt of this award. It is an honor to represent this company, its owner, and its employees in Congress, and I wish it the best of luck and success in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHICAGO ALDERMAN HELEN SHILLER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Chicago Alderman Helen Shiller, who has been the Alderman of the 46th Ward since 1987. Alderman Shiller is retiring after 24 years of dedicated service to the residents of the 46th Ward and the City of Chicago. She is a tireless, passionate advocate for her constituents and for the community. She has been an especially powerful champion for those whose voices too often go unheard—the poor, immigrants, those who need affordable housing or shelter, the hungry.

Alderman Shiller is the Chair of the Chicago City Council's Committee on Human Relations, where she has a long and outstanding record of achievement. She played a key role in the passage of the human rights ordinance, recycling programs and city responsibility for public health and safety in the Chicago Public Schools. She initiated and passed a tough anti-apartheid ordinance in 1990. Her budget amendment tripled the city's AIDS budget in