

1941, 89 local, Navy-trained nurses had graduated from the school.

The Navy Nurse Corps on Guam has also proved to be a critical part of the Navy's humanitarian response efforts in the region. In 1975, Navy Nurses played an important role in "Operation New Life," which brought over 100,000 refugees from South Vietnam to Guam. In 1991, following the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines, Guam Navy Nurses supported "Operation Fiery Vigil," which conducted the largest peacetime U.S. military evacuation in history, affecting more than 20,000 military personnel and their families. Guam Navy Nurses also provided immediate, critical care as part of the medical teams that responded to Korean Airline Flight 801, which crashed in Nimitz Hill on Guam in 1997.

Today, with more than 100 Navy Nurses on Guam, the Navy Nurse Corps continues to serve our local community by caring for our active duty service members, retirees, veterans, and their families at the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, the Branch Clinic, and the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic. They remain active in the civilian community, serving on various committees and projects, including the Guam Nurses Association, Guam Association of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, the Guam Diabetes Association, the Guam Lions Club, the American Cancer Society, and the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I express a sincere un danguko na si Yu'os ma'ase to the men and women of the Navy Nurse Corps for 100 years of exceptional service to our island and community.

IN RECOGNITION OF GAINESVILLE
MAYOR GLENN LOCH'S RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mayor Glenn Loch of Gainesville, Texas. Mayor Loch has served at different times as both a beneficiary and champion of the American dream. In the 1960's, he came to Gainesville for the first time with his wife Helen and their new baby. They had nothing to their name but a mattress, yet with some help from the community and a willingness to work hard, Loch became first councilman and eventually Mayor all in the course of ten years. He is now the longest tenured mayor in Gainesville history, and in his work, endeavors to repay the kindness the community bestowed when he was still a stranger to them.

From the time of his first term in 1974, Gainesville has undergone fantastic transformations. The downtown area, dilapidated after the oil bust of the 1980's, is now, according to Mr. Loch, "second to none." He also kicked off the "Take Pride in Gainesville" campaign. This campaign seeks to clean up Gainesville both "trash-wise" and "crime-wise." Initiatives in this campaign include redesigned frontage roads along both sides of Interstate Highway 35, improving access and traffic flow. Loch has continually sought to help Gainesville remain a place where people

are proud to live, with thriving businesses, jobs that pay well, and an involved community of citizens.

It is this ingenuity that prompted me to partner with Mayor Loch on the Pecan Creek Project. I had noticed the flooding problem in that area for years, and when Mayor Loch asked me to help him by communicating with Congress to appropriate funds for the project, I knew it was important that I take part. Since then, construction for the drainage project is underway. Additionally, Loch oversaw the acquisition of 10,800 acre feet of water rights from Lake Texoma, providing Gainesville with enough water for the next fifty years.

On the threshold of Mayor Loch's retirement, I am pleased to have had the chance to speak for a moment about this inspirational man. His story, as effectively as anyone's, celebrates the true meaning of the American Dream. The American Dream is about taking opportunity by the horns. The American Dream is about working tirelessly to make the most of that opportunity. Most importantly, however, the American Dream is about paying it forward, ensuring that those down the line have the chance to do the same. It's about bringing the dream full circle. On behalf of the 26th District of Texas, I thank Mayor Loch for his service to Gainesville and the citizens of America.

HONORING DOS PUEBLOS HIGH
SCHOOL SCIENCE BOWL

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Dos Pueblos High School Science Bowl Team. Michael Feldman, Daniel Gay, Ilan Goodman, Andy Granatelli, Daniel Richman and their coach Chris Jones made the South and Central Coast proud this month as representatives from California at the 2011 National Science Bowl, sponsored by the US Department of Energy in DC.

The U.S. Department of Energy National Science Bowl is a nationwide academic competition that tests students' knowledge in all areas of science. High school and middle school students are quizzed in a fast paced question-and-answer format similar to Jeopardy. Competing teams from diverse backgrounds are comprised of four students, one alternate, and a teacher who serves as an advisor and coach. The National Science Bowl's high school competition involves more than 13,000 students and is the only science competition in the United States sponsored by a federal agency.

In addition to their academic expertise, these students and their coach proved to be a popular and supportive team in DC. Honored by their peers, the DP team won the Civility Award, which recognizes excellent sportsmanship. In honor of winning this award, the team earned a nine-day trip to Alaska to study the region's glacial, biological and geological treasures.

Mr. Speaker, we speak often in DC of "winning the future." I'm so proud to represent this remarkable group of students, and their coach, who are working tirelessly towards this goal. Today I mark their accomplishment and en-

courage all young people across the country to follow their example, and push themselves in math and science fields. Our competitiveness as a nation depends on it.

HONORING MICHAEL MCKENNA
HOPPENRATH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael McKenna Hoppenrath. Michael is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Michael has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Michael McKenna Hoppenrath for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CAPTAIN GREG L.
GARNER

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Fresno Police Department Captain Greg L. Garner; and to thank him for his 32 years of selfless service to his community.

Captain Garner was born on February 4, 1959 in Madera, California. After graduating from Madera High School, Captain Garner went on to earn a Bachelors of Science in Criminology and a Master's of Science in Law Enforcement Administration from California State University, Fresno. He started his career with the Fresno Police Department in 1979 as a cadet, and worked his way through the ranks to become Police Officer, Police Sergeant, Police Lieutenant, and Police Captain in 2001.

During the tenure of his service, Captain Garner has received multiple awards and accolades. In 2008 the Fresno Police Department Traffic Unit under his command received the 2008 National Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award. That same unit was recognized as the number one Child Safety Program in the nation by the Office of Traffic Safety, and appeared on the cover of USA Today Magazine in recognition of the unit's efforts to improve traffic safety.

When off-duty, Captain Garner is actively involved in community causes, such as the Downtown Revitalization Committee, Bring Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life Program,

and the Men of Promise organization. He has also received the Gideon Community Service and Citizens of the Community Awards, volunteered in March of Dimes Jail & Bail Fund-raisers, and is currently volunteering part-time at the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Captain Greg L. Garner on his 32 years of service and dedication to improving the safety and welfare his community, the City of Fresno.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, on May 11th, my vote on Rollcall vote No. 309 was incorrectly recorded as "aye", when I intended to vote "nay". I did not see the error until it was too late. I ask that the record reflect my strong opposition to H.R. 1229 and my intention to vote no on this legislation.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Asian and Pacific Islander American community in commemoration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

As representative of the 47th congressional district of California, I feel privileged to be here to speak of the history and accomplishments of the Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge extraordinary community leaders who have contributed so much to the development of the APIA community.

I have in my district a compassionate, humanitarian organization: Saint Anselm's Cross-Cultural Community Center. This year, they celebrate 35 years of assisting tens of thousands of refugees in their resettlement and integration, and empowering underserved communities.

I recognize the Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance—the largest API organization in Orange County. Their health outreach programs, after-school programs, and policy advocacy programs make a real difference in the lives of Orange County residents.

Small businesses such as DTNtech Marketing Solutions and Holiday Inn Express of Garden Grove that have demonstrated the spirit of giving with their generous supply of donations and ongoing support for community beneficiary projects.

I would like to recognize several individuals for their extraordinary commitment to enhancing the vitality of the API community:

Ms. Ysa Le for her involvement with art activism for the Vietnamese American Arts & Letters Association to promote, preserve and enrich arts and culture by, for, and about the Vietnamese communities.

Mr. Do-Young Kim who has for over 10 years understood and conveyed the precious privileges and duties of being a United States citizen to the countless Korean immigrants whom he's assisted in realizing American citizenship.

And lastly, Dr. Ding Jo Currie, chancellor of the Coast Community College District, whose brilliance and passion for education has been demonstrated for over 30 years in building a superior educational system for Orange County's students in higher education.

Through their hard work and dedication, the Asian and Pacific Islander American community continues to become an integral part of the Orange County family—as entrepreneurs, community leaders and activists for worthy causes. On behalf of all my colleagues in the House, I offer them our praise and our gratitude.

HONORING SEAN KINCAID DALDRUP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sean Kincaid Daldrop. Sean is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Sean has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Sean has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Sean has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Sean Kincaid Daldrop for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING GAIL PARKER

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Gail Parker, the President and C.E.O. of the Central Fort Bend Chamber Alliance in Fort Bend County, TX. Mrs. Parker is retiring after nearly 8 years at the helm of the Chamber.

Gail has certainly left her mark on the Chamber. Under her leadership, Gail led the charge to double the Chamber's membership from roughly 400 members in late 2003 to just over 800 members currently, representing businesses from all sectors and industries across Fort Bend County. She also helped to create the Hispanic Business and Young Professionals Divisions, which have been critical to bringing new members of the Fort Bend business community to the Chamber.

Gail is a consummate professional who cares deeply about the community she serves.

The Central Fort Bend Chamber Alliance has been well served by her leadership and commitment to excellence. Throughout her tenure as CEO, Gail demonstrated the dedication and leadership necessary to advance the Chamber's mission and enlarge the scope of the organization.

I'm honored to call her a friend and I wish Gail and her husband Randy all my best. She is in my prayers as she leaves the Chamber to fight her next battle and, as she says, become a cancer "survivor." On behalf of Fort Bend County, I thank you for your hard work and service to the Fort Bend business community.

HONORING D. ERIC HULTMAN

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor D. Eric Hultman who is retiring from my office as Chief of Staff after eight years of service to the constituents of the Second District of Nebraska and a career of service to all Americans.

Eric, a graduate of Brown University and University of Nebraska College of Law, has served the public for over 20 years on Capitol Hill. He has been in senior positions with the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, a U.S. Senator, and a Member of U.S. House of Representatives.

His long and respected career also included the position of Managing Editor for the Legislative Digest for the House Republican Conference and an attorney at several private law firms.

He has worked tirelessly to make our country safer, to make our government more efficient, and to bring a sense of responsibility to Washington, DC. Even though Eric is a committed conservative, he knows the value of working with members from all political stripes. This philosophy has served my office well through the years.

He is a devoted father and husband who somehow always managed to balance both family and professional commitments—a difficult task even for the best of us. But Eric always managed to find that balance through his positive attitude and hard work.

I am proud of Eric's years of public service and am very appreciative of his hard work and friendship. I have also learned to be appreciative of his sense of humor, which during stressful times, has come as welcome relief.

I, along, with all the other members of my staff will miss Eric for not only his patience, but his ability to have an answer for every question. His retirement is well deserved and we wish him the best as he starts the next chapter of his life.

HONORING VAN GUARD HOSE COMPANY NO. 1

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, Suffolk County is home to many fire department