

families and children. He participated in the walk from San Pablo to Sacramento with the March4Education and then fasted for 19 days with Fast4Education for more equitable school funding. Fred has been a constant anti-death penalty advocate and his work in the community on violence prevention resulted in being awarded the 2000 Peacemaker Award in Contra Costa County. Fred has also taken an active and very personal role in bettering the lives of our senior citizens. He formed critical partnerships in the community, and personally donated the land that allowed the City of Richmond to build the Trinity Plaza Housing complex for low income senior citizens.

Fred Jackson's passion for writing and poetry has led him to express his personal philosophy through the arts. As a writer, he wrote, directed and produced the play *Brother Dap* at the Richmond auditorium in 1994, wrote a novel *An Evolution in Black and White*, wrote his soon to be published reflections, *Thoughts Set Free on the Wings of Expression*, and has written and performed numerous songs, including "One Step at a Time," "Too Early Too Young," and "When the Ozone is Gone."

As an educator, Fred Jackson has worked for many years at Neighborhood House of North Richmond on lead abatement, HIV education, the (Healthy Eating Active Living HEAL) collaborative. Fred volunteered as a trainer of the Peace Empowerment Process for the World Wall for Peace at Helms Middle School, Crescent Park Multicultural Center, and Chris Adams Center and this year introduced a Health Covenant uniting the community and church in a fight against diabetes.

Therefore, it was without hesitation that because of Fred Jackson's commitment to social justice, I selected him to cast the December 2008 electoral vote for the 7th Congressional District certifying the election of Barack Obama as president. He was also nominated for the Sergeant Shriver Achievement Award in 2010 for his work on behalf of low income residents in North Richmond.

Fred Davis Jackson has spent his life making life better for others and he has called on us all to do the same. I invite my colleagues to stand with me and salute the work of a quiet man working tirelessly for justice and thank him for the change he has brought to our community.

A TRIBUTE TO THE GENEALOGY ASSOCIATION

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Genealogy Association of Humboldt for being the recipient of the Cooperation Award at the 2011 Humboldt County Spirit Awards.

The Humboldt County Spirit Awards were established to recognize and honor outstanding groups and individuals who have worked for the benefit of all citizens of Humboldt County, to celebrate the accomplishments and activities of our communities, to acknowledge the value of volunteerism in the county, and to have a positive impact on community spirit.

Annually included in the Spirit Awards, the Cooperation Award is presented to an organization or entity which led an effort or event that benefited and filled a need in the community through volunteerism.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent the members of the Humboldt Genealogy Association in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in commending them for their sincere dedication to establishing a better community and wish them continued success well into the future.

TRIBUTE TO THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE VIRGINIA BEACH SPECIAL OLYMPICS

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the participants of Virginia's Area 2 Special Olympics competition in Virginia Beach on Saturday, May 14, 2011.

These talented and hardworking individuals deserve our honor and our congratulations as they compete and use the skills they have worked hard to develop and finesse. My wife and I consider it a high honor to attend Saturday's event, and today, I want to acknowledge each competitor.

2011 VIRGINIA BEACH SPECIAL OLYMPICS—ATHLETES

Daniel Alexander, Douglas Allred, Lara Amerson, Angela Anglen, Tyler Baird, Patrick Baker, Robert "Drew" Barnum, Tony Barrett, Kelly Bateman, Wanda Beasley, Scott Bedzik, Patrick Beil, Maggie Bell, Maggie Bellamy, Robert Bentley, Eddie Beslanovits, Katie Blind, Michael Borza, Brian Boyd, Scott Boyd, Catlin Boylan, Meghan Boylan, Jessica Boyle, Malcolm Boykins, Amy Bozeman, Kelly Bradshaw, Ronnie Bray, Charles Bryant, Ashley Buffington, Jason Buky, Barry Bunch—Emeritus, Matthew Burk, Jason Burnett, Daniel Boyter, Stephen Bradby, Lucius Brown, Tim Brown, Phillip Cabral, Richard Cameron, Anne Carey, Joe Carleaf.

Dianna Cashman, Randy Christie, Catherine Clayton, Mark Clowes, Dianna Cobb, Jay Coffield, Sharon Coffield, Chad Conner, Chris Cook, Samuel Corprew, Stephen Cox, Brian Cullipher, Collin Cunningham, Michael Daniel, Norman Derreberry, Michael Dickins, Claud "CR" Divers, Chandler Doebler, Kristen Dowdy, Neal Doyle, Kunta Drake, Nicholas Driscoll, Rachel Drake, Steven Durica, David Englin, Matthew Earnest, Sherie Elling, Edward Engelman, Samantha Errico, Richard Evans, Max Everton, Christian Felder, Lori Felts, Jackie Ferebee, Donte Fleming, Lynne Foster, Lisa Garrison, David Gaynor, Ross Goldman, Adam Golt, Brandon Gonzales.

Phillip Gonzales, Jada Goodson, Donna Gregory, Luke Grossman, Michael Hackforth, Eric Hardin, Vanessa Harmon, Christopher Harper, Alvin Harrell, Thomas Harrell, Jeremy Harwood, Wendi Harwood, Sherri Haunton, Daniel Haynie, Brian Heald, Patrick Hennessy, Rachel Higgins, Savannah Hinegardner, Marie Hock, Troy Hoeg, Timmy Howard, Jeffrey Hutton, Gavin Ingham, Elizabeth Jackson, Haley James, Elaine Jeffers, Kelly Jones, Kenneth Johnson, Kelli Johnson, Michael Johnson, Ronald Johnson, Hartley Jordon, Maya Jubilee, Christopher Kemp, Robert Klausmeyer,

Sonia Knight, Heather Knapton, Ryan Knapp, Anna Kopf, Robert Lang, Tamara Langill.

Paul Lapke, Al Lassiter, Darlene Laurent, Joey Layton, Michelle Levine, Kathleen Lewis, Anna Llewellyn, Michael Loeb, Peter Lorts, Peter Luke, Jamie Lynch, Jose Maisonave, Dominic Marinello, Damon Martone, Mark Masiko, Jonathan Maurici, Benjamin Meade, Reginald Mercer, Sarah Mielke, Charlton Miles, Amy Miller, Joe Milligan, Korben Mishoe, Eldric Mitchell, Meredith Monahan, Stacy Monroe, Melissa Moore, Nathaniel Morell, James Morter, Jean Marie Murphy, Darrin Moaton, Nicholas Morton, Joel Myers.

Darryl McCain, Ian McCullough, Scot MacEachen, Jillian MacGregor, Michael McKay, Kathryn McLaughlin, Blair McLaren, Kate McLig, Thomas McMahan, Kelly Nolan, Melanie Norris, Eric Nunn, Douglas Oatley, John Orr, Darwin Peele, Hannah Peelen, Celeste Perry, Monica Perry, Patricia Phillips, Patty Piggott, John Polfus, Michele Pollard, (Helen) Page Powell, Grant Prakalapakorn, Sudan Ra II, John Ramsey, Rufina Ann Recator, Jeff Regan.

Amber Richard, Alexander Ripley, Tyler Robertson, Antonio Rodriguez, Cathia Romero, Cindy Romero, Jessica Rosengrant, Melissa Rowe, Errick Ruffin, John Russell, Brian Ryland, Theresa Salvato, Jennifer Savell, Katherine Schmidt, Michael Shank, Megan Shephard, Michael Shephard, Timothy Sherman, David Simpkins, Kandie Skinner, Thomas Skinner, Andre Smith, Earl Smith, Jr., Ian Smith, Joshua Smith, Lamar Smith, Phillip Smith, Steven Smith, Hannah Spruill, Andrew Statz, John Steele, Colleen Stefanowich, Gretchen Stott.

Brooke Stowell, James Strickland, Charles Silfies, David Sutton, Brian Taylor, Donald Taylor, Raymond Taylor, James Thacker, Joshua Thacker, Travis Thereault, James Thomas, Michael Thornton, Stephen Todd, Julie Touhey, Raeleen Toupin, Harold Vanwart, William Velazquez, Timothy Voigtsberger, Alexander Ward, Stefanie Ward, Robert Webb, Todd Weeks, Melissa Weisbrodt, John Wells, Bryan Welker, Bruce Wielenbeck, Lynda Whedbee, Randolph Whitehurst.

Stephanie Whitlow, Jerri Williams, Dyshawn Williams, Jonathan Winfree, Savoyie Winstead, Vincent Woodhouse, Dylan Woodruff, Troy Green, Warren H. Lombard III, William Mason, Stephen Bradley, Reginald Turnage, Shekida Williams.

HONORING INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Industries for the Blind as it celebrates 75 years of providing employment, services, and training to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Industries for the Blind was founded in 1933. Since then, the organization has grown to be the largest advocacy agency for the visually impaired in the country, creating skilled job opportunities for one of America's greatest underused labor resources. Industries for the

Blind gives people the confidence and independence to contribute to society and fulfill personal dreams of having a job. In so doing, they transform lives.

In my Congressional District in Western North Carolina, Industries for the Blind of Asheville has served as an important resource for 20 years. They provide much needed assistance and services such as mobile low-vision eye exams, innovative outreach programs for children and families, and optical services to our veterans. I would especially like to congratulate Industries for the Blind of Asheville on its eighth consecutive win of a Sky High Growth Award from the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce for outstanding growth in sales and employment. The Asheville facility has increased its work force ten-fold since 1991, growing from just 9 employees to 100.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise today to recognize the 75 years of civic leadership that Industries for the Blind has provided the visually impaired in Asheville, North Carolina and throughout the country. Their commitment to helping others live meaningful lives is courageous and uplifting. I am honored to celebrate Industries for the Blind's inspirational role in our community.

A TRIBUTE TO DOTTIE AND
DARRELL RUSHER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dottie and Darrell Rusher for being the recipients of the Family Tradition Award at the 2011 Humboldt County Spirit Awards.

The Humboldt County Spirit Awards were established to recognize and honor outstanding groups and individuals who have worked for the benefit of all citizens of Humboldt County, to celebrate the accomplishments and activities of our communities, to acknowledge the value of volunteerism in the county, and to have a positive impact on community spirit.

Annually included in the Spirit Awards, the Family Tradition Award is presented to a family who demonstrates support and devotion to the community through volunteerism. Dottie and Darrell have truly exhibited both support and commitment to Humboldt County for many years.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Dottie and Darrell in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in commending them for their sincere dedication to establishing a better community and I wish them continued success well into the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, I was unexpectedly detained for one vote.

Had I been present I would have voted: on rollcall No. 302—"no"—Hanabusa of Hawaii

amendment No. 4, an amendment to H.R. 1229, Putting the Gulf of Mexico Back to Work Act.

CELEBRATING THE THIRD ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE INAUGURA-
TION OF TAIWANESE PRESIDENT
MA YING-JEUO

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, May 20, 2011 marks the third anniversary of the Inauguration of Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou.

Much has transpired in those three years. Wars continue to plague our society. However, in the Taiwan Strait, tensions have abated and much of the credit must be given to President Ma for the courageous efforts he has made to lessen the tensions between China and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

While protecting the interests of the people of Taiwan, President Ma has made marked progress in the dialogue between the People's Republic of China (mainland China) and the Republic of China (Taiwan), thereby advancing peace in the Pacific.

For this he is to be congratulated and commended and we wish him much continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO LEROY AND JAN
JORGENSEN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Leroy and Jan Jorgensen for being the recipients of the Neighborhood Beautification Award at the 2011 Humboldt County Spirit Awards.

The Humboldt County Spirit Awards were established to recognize and honor outstanding groups and individuals who have worked for the benefit of all citizens of Humboldt County, to celebrate the accomplishments and activities of our communities, to acknowledge the value of volunteerism in the county, and to have a positive impact on community spirit.

Annually included in the Spirit Awards, the Neighborhood Beautification Award is presented to recognize an individual or group who has set an example by improving, beautifying and restoring Humboldt neighborhoods. Mr. and Mrs. Jorgensen were nominated this year because of the enjoyment the residents of Humboldt receive from their gardens. They are often kind enough to host programs on gardening to assist others beautifying their homes and neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Leroy and Jan in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in commending them for their sincere dedication to establishing a better community and wish them continued success well into the future.

HONORING U.S. ARMY STAFF SER-
GEANT MATTHEW HERMANSON'S
SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life and sacrifice of Staff Sergeant Matthew D. Hermanson of Appleton, Wisconsin, who died on April 28, 2011, in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Staff Sgt. Hermanson was assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Mr. Speaker, Staff Sgt. Hermanson embodied the best qualities of a true American soldier. His service has made Northeast Wisconsin and his country proud. He was selfless, dedicated and brave. During his service, Matthew earned the respect of his peers and numerous medals and honors for valor including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He is remembered by his family and friends as a man of strong character, a dedicated husband and son who believed in family and community.

It is my honor to commemorate him and I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring the life of Staff Sergeant Matthew D. Hermanson for the sacrifice he has made for the United States.

A TRIBUTE TO SALLY GORDON

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Sally Gordon. At the age of 102, Sally concluded 37 years of dedicated service to the Legislature of State of Nebraska when she retired as its assistant sergeant-at-arms on April 26, 2011.

Known for colorful hats and scarves, her signature flair, Sally has a long history in Lincoln, Nebraska. She watched the Nebraska Capitol being built from 1922 to 1932 and served as secretary to three governors. But in 1984, she became an institution in the Nebraska Legislature. Sally became the state's first female sergeant-at-arms, a role she relished. She helped maintain order and deliver messages from constituents to state senators on the floor.

Sally's quick wit and sunny disposition was admired by all who met her, including myself. It was my honor to work with Sally when I served as a Nebraska State Senator because she was always friendly, helpful, and inspiring. Sally's character is best reflected when she said, "I've been working for 84 years and I've had many interesting jobs. I've met movie stars and presidents, but the people of Nebraska are the ones I love."

In 2010, Sally was named "America's Outstanding Oldest Worker" by Experience Works, and for good reason. Often called the "Energizer Bunny," Sally is a Nebraska treasure who models a productive life no matter your age.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending the career of Ms. Sally Gordon as she begins her well-deserved retirement.