

In the short span of a year, the new board selected a new Superintendent/President, Dr. N. Dallas Evans, and then proceeded to name a committee of fourteen members to select a site for the new campus. An architectural firm, Johnson, Poole, Storm, Lillis and Smith, Architects Associated, was engaged early in 1967 to draw plans for the new campus.

In mid-1967, the board approved plans for a \$12.6 million bond issue to be placed before the electorate of the county on October 17, 1967, which passed with an 84 percent yes margin. The committee recommended purchasing 192 acres on Suisun Valley Road in Fairfield. Student enrollment at the new location was over 3000 when it was dedicated in April of 1971.

By 1990, the student population had increased to 10,000, and it became clear that the District needed to expand to the residents of the South County, Vallejo/Benicia, and the North County, Vacaville/Dixon/Winters. In 1984, the District leased space at the Vallejo Library to provide South County residents with five classrooms for instruction of college courses. By 1992, the student population had grown to over 12,000. In 1996, the District leased space on North Village Parkway in Vacaville, eight classrooms.

In 2002, the College Governing Board authorized a bond issue to acquire a permanent location on 10 acres for its Vallejo Center and build a center in Vacaville as part of a master plan to eventually build a campus on 60 acres of land. The Measure G Bond was passed by voters in November 2002 for \$125 million and included renovation of the Fairfield campus. The bond measure work is scheduled to be completed by 2012.

Since becoming the Solano Community College District in 1965, the college has had 15 Superintendent/Presidents, including Interims, Acting and Administrator-in-Charge. The current Superintendent/President is Dr. Jowel Laguerre.

Today, we invite our colleagues to join us in honoring Solano Community College, its board and staff for sixty-five years of outstanding service to our students and wish it continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. ROSS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, May 13, 2011, I was not present for votes 323–329. Had I been present for rollcall 323, I would have voted “no.” Had I been present for rollcall 324, I would have voted “aye.” Had I been present for rollcall 325, I would have voted “aye.” Had I been present for rollcall 326, I would have voted “aye.” Had I been present for rollcall 327, I would have voted “aye.” Had I been present for rollcall 328, I would have voted “aye.” Had I been present for rollcall 329, I would have voted “aye.”

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 754) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for Intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes:

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Chair, I rise reluctantly to correct the record.

Mr. REED and Mr. DREIER appear to be confused. What they said about my remarks regarding my two amendments to H.R. 754 is false.

The source of my dissatisfaction was not that the Rules Committee was going to rule one or both of my amendments out of order. I was not frustrated with the Rules Committee for any reason.

My dissatisfaction stems from the refusal of the House Republican leadership to bring something like Senate Resolution 159 to the House Floor. This bipartisan resolution passed the Senate 97 to 0 and provided recognition for everyone involved in the death of Osama bin Laden. Passing something akin to Senate Resolution 159 in the House would have been the best way to mark this momentous occasion and, as such, I filed the same text as an amendment with the Rules Committee. Unfortunately, this amendment is not germane, a fact Mr. DREIER acknowledges. I withdrew that amendment before consideration by the Rules Committee.

I also filed a second, narrower amendment with the Rules Committee, based on Senate Resolution 159, that is germane to H.R. 754. That germane version is identical to the amendment offered today by Mr. REED. As I said earlier on the House Floor, I did not feel that such a narrow amendment adequately honors all of those responsible for eliminating bin Laden. I decided not to pursue my version of this amendment and thus I withdrew it from consideration by the Rules Committee. I never made any comments as to whether the Rules Committee was going to say this narrower amendment was or was not germane or was or was not in order before I withdrew it. I support Mr. REED's amendment because at least it gives the House some chance to say thank you to our intelligence services.

Additionally, Mr. DREIER submitted to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the letter I filed with the Rules Committee asking that both of my amendments be withdrawn. However, for some reason only part of my letter was incorporated. I am including with my remarks the complete text of the letter I filed with the Rules Committee.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 11, 2011.

Hon. DAVID DREIER,
Chairman, House of Representatives, Committee on Rules,
Washington, DC.
Hon. LOUISE M. SLAUGHTER,
Ranking Member, House of Representatives,
Committee on Rules,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN DREIER AND RANKING MEMBER SLAUGHTER: Yesterday I submitted two amendments to H.R. 754, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. I am writing to withdraw from consideration both amendments, Nadler-Bishop-Slaughter-Owens Amendment No. 2, NADLER_025.XML, and Nadler-Bishop-Slaughter-Owens Amendment No. 1, NADLER_024.XML.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

JERROLD NADLER,
Member of Congress.

RECOGNIZING DARREL BOWMAN,
THE 2011 SBA NATIONAL VET-
ERAN SMALL BUSINESS CHAM-
PION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Darrel Bowman, an entrepreneur, an advocate, a disabled veteran, and 2011 U.S. Small Business Administration's National Veteran Small Business Champion.

The U.S. Small Business Administration recognizes Small Business Champions in a variety of categories, celebrating the important contributions made by these men and women as entrepreneurs, advocates, and community leaders. The National Veteran Small Business Champion is an individual both successful in helping to grow business, and mindful in working towards a stronger community.

As the owner of Mynetworkcompany.com, Darrel has been a local leader in his field. Darrel's work providing technology solutions to the public and private sectors has earned him respect in the business world and has helped him build a reputation as a sharp and forward-thinking entrepreneur.

Having served in the Coast Guard, Darrel brings a military perspective into his business activities and daily life. As a service disabled veteran, Darrel is both an advocate for and an example to those who serve our country in the Armed Services. His work supporting legislation to encourage the hiring of veterans is just one example of his efforts on behalf of active duty military, veterans, and their families.

As the home to Joint Base Lewis-McChord and countless small businesses and technology innovators, our region is fortunate to count Darrel as one of our own. Individuals who are successful in business while remaining committed to giving back make our communities stronger, and serve as an example to others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in

honoring Darrel Bowman, recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration as the National Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MR. PAUL GRAU

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mr. Paul Grau, who served as Brecksville's and Oakwood Village's law director for the past thirty years.

Paul was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. He attended the State University of New York at Oswego. Upon graduation, Mr. Grau married his high school sweetheart, Linda Mruk, and moved to Cleveland. Paul then enrolled in the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and earned his juris doctor degree.

Mr. Grau was a dedicated to public servant. He began working with the City of Garfield Heights' law department in 1976 and was later appointed as the city's law director. During his tenure, in 1978, Paul began working as a managing partner with the law firm of Reddy, Grau and Meek. As he continued to build a successful and meaningful career in both the public and private sector, in 1981 Paul took on the role of law director for the City of Brecksville. Along the way, he left the City of Garfield Heights and in 1992 became the law director for Oakwood Village. Mr. Grau served as the law director for Brecksville and Oakwood Village for thirty and nineteen years respectively.

In addition to his contributions as a law director to three Northeastern Ohio communities, Mr. Grau was dedicated to other community needs. He served on the board, and at one time was the chairman of the Jennings Center for Older Adults for ten years.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Mr. Paul Grau. I offer my condolences to his wife of 37 years, Linda; son, Andy; and sister, Mary.

HONORING THE NEW HAVEN PRESERVATION TRUST AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the New Haven Preservation Trust on their 50th anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this outstanding organization. Charged to honor and preserve New Haven's architectural heritage—historic buildings and neighborhoods—through advocacy, education, and collaboration, the New Haven Preservation Trust played an integral role in the preservation and restoration of the unique character of the New Haven community.

The New Haven Preservation Trust was founded in an effort to save the James Dwight Dana House, a historic 19th century Italianate

house designed by New Haven architect Henry Austin for one of the century's leading geologists, from demolition. At the time Yale University planned to tear down the home to make way for a new mathematics building. A small group of concerned citizens quickly incorporated the Trust and planned to bid on the house. In the end, the Trust came to an agreement with the University to preserve the Dana House and, through the efforts of the Trust, in 1962, it was designated a National Historic Landmark. Since that time the Trust has been involved with countless efforts to save historic buildings throughout the city including the New Haven Free Public Library, the New Haven Post Office and Federal Building, New Haven City Hall, the John Davies Mansion, and Union Station.

In addition to their efforts to preserve and restore New Haven's historic buildings, the Trust has worked to collaborate with the city government and other organizations to strike a balance between protecting the city's history and allowing for its modernization. In its earliest years, the Trust worked with the city of New Haven on the Wooster Square Project—an effort to restore this architectural and historical treasure. Though the Trust's efforts, the entire neighborhood was designated a historic district and the New Haven Historic District Commission, a permanent city authority responsible for reviewing exterior architectural changes in all local historic districts, was established. In New Haven's downtown district known as the Ninth Square, the Trust worked with local property owners to plan its preservation. The Trust published guidelines and contributed architectural drawings to help owners rehabilitate their facades. Most recently the Trust was brought into discussions regarding the School Construction Program, where it prepared recommendations for moving some buildings threatened by the project to empty lots in the neighborhood. That partnership continued until the Program's work was completed last year.

The New Haven Public Trust has also developed educational programs designed to teach the New Haven public about the community and its history. Plaques have been awarded to numerous buildings which are designed to draw the public's attention to their historical significance and to ensure that future generations know of their value. The Trust also sponsors New Haven Heritage Workshops which teach residents about the architectural styles and histories of the city's neighborhood. Recognizing that one of the best ways to learn about historic architecture is to visit the buildings and neighborhoods, the Trust has designed both walking tours led by local historians as well as pamphlets for self-guided tours.

Through advocacy, distribution of information, historic research, tours, and private consultations, the Trust continues to be New Haven's advocate for the centuries-old architectural heritage. I am proud to join the New Haven community in thanking the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers who work so hard to ensure that our city's rich history is not only preserved but celebrated and appreciated by new generations. Congratulations on your 50th anniversary and best wishes for many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING RETIREMENT OF MR. AMADEO SAENZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Mr. Amadeo Saenz, executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

He has served his agency with great dedication since 1978, and it is indeed fitting to recognize his contributions.

Mr. Saenz, a native of Hebbronville, Texas, earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering with honors from the University of Texas at Austin and initially began working as an engineering laboratory assistant in the Pharr district.

In October of 1993, he was appointed district engineer in the Pharr district; he was named assistant executive director for engineering operations in Austin eight years later, whereupon, he implemented and managed policies, programs, and operating strategies according to federal and state laws and Texas Transportation Commission regulations and directives. Since 2007 he has acted as the executive director of the agency, managing, directing, and implementing policies, programs, and operating strategies.

A notable Texan, Mr. Saenz served his profession as a member of the Civil Engineering External Advisory Committee for UT—Austin, and has been active in his community as a member of the Rotary Clubs of Laredo and Pharr and by giving generously of his time and talents to the Boy Scouts in the McAllen area.

In all his endeavors, Mr. Saenz enjoys the support and encouragement of his wife, Geraldine, and their children, Priscilla and David. He owns and operates a small ranch in south Texas and takes pleasure in horseback riding and hunting.

He has worked to benefit the citizens of Texas throughout a tenure in public service spanning three decades, and he may reflect with pride on his achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the commitment to service exhibited by the executive director of the Department of Transportation, Amadeo Saenz, Jr.

POST-9/11 TROOPS TO TEACHERS ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Post-9/11 Troops to Teachers Enhancement Act to improve opportunities for veterans to transition into second careers in teaching. I am pleased to once again be joined in this effort by Representatives DORIS MATSUI and JOE COURTNEY. I have been a supporter of the Troops to Teachers program since its inception in 1994, and I am proud of the fact that since this program was created in 1994, over 12,000 veterans have been placed in our nation's classrooms.

Troops to Teachers is a unique program that provides retiring military with a \$5,000 stipend to help cover the costs of teaching certification in exchange for three years service in