

gone to work for Chugach, along with Dusty Kaser (Chugach's President and CEO from mid to late 1999), recruited him again. His early work with Chugach Development Corporation (CDC) took him to Valdez for six months, and then to King Salmon for a year, and then to Adak, Alaska.

Barney recently recalled, "During that time, the Chugach management team started marketing the Wake Island contract and we took it away from PMC in 1996. So you can see that Wake has been in my blood for a while, then we received a contract for the Army Housing and Maintenance at Fort Richardson/Fort Wainwright in 1995."

By 1996, Barney became the Ops Manager for CDC and would often travel to the contract locations and oversee the start-ups. When he left to oversee the start-up of Wake for CAC, he returned full circle to the site from where he started 16 years earlier.

Barney later explained, "By then I had become the BOS Ops Manager for CAC working for Dusty Kaser and the team started getting more and more contracts. Then I was promoted to Vice-President of Ops for CAC, and when I came back from starting up MacDill in late 1999, I was offered the job as president of CAC." In May 2000, the Board of Directors of Chugach promoted Barney to the position of President/CEO and he served as both until 2009 when the position was split to select a qualified Chugach shareholder to lead as CEO.

Mr. Speaker, Chugach has become a shining example of an Alaskan Native Corporation that has succeeded and thrived, and one that has provided tremendous benefits to its Native Shareholders and employees. Barney deserves his full share of credit for this success.

There can be no clearer expression of the excellence that Barney, and Chugach, have achieved over the years, than the words of Barney himself. And so Mr. Speaker, I close with an additional quote from Barney Uhart, a leader, a friend, and a champion of doing the right thing, and of doing things right. He will be deeply missed and his memory will stay with us forever.

"How have we gotten to where we are today? The reason is simple—the people. All the people associated with Chugach are responsible for this success. From the wisdom and direction of the Board of Directors; the patience of the shareholders; the vision and perseverance of management; and the dedication and drive of all the employees, this is what has allowed us to succeed."

Mr. Speaker, May God bless and hold Barney Uhart and may He bless his family.

IN HONOR OF DIXON SAULS

**HON. WALTER B. JONES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2012*

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, in small towns across America, many special events are happening all the time, including high school football. On August 25, 2012, a special event happened in my small town of Farmville, North Carolina. The "R. Dixon Sauls Athletic Field"

at Farmville Central High School was dedicated to Coach Dixon Sauls. Coach Sauls, a Farmville native, coached football at the school from 1984 to 2007. Honor, integrity and class are the three words Athletic Director Larry Williford used to describe Coach Sauls, and in his usual humble way he accepted the honor and then began talking about everyone else who meant something to the Jaguar program.

I have known Dixon Sauls since his youth. I have followed his journey of life and sports. He graduated Valedictorian from Farmville High School in 1966 where he was an outstanding Red Devil football player who played quarterback and safety under Coach Elbert Moye. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1970. He was the first of two sons, born in 1948 to Meta King Moore Sauls of Farmville, and Roland Dixon Sauls, a World War II veteran from Wayne County. His father died suddenly in 1956 when Dixon was just 8 years old and his brother, Fred, was just 5 years old. Dixon and Fred have been my close friends for many years, and I am grateful for their friendship. Today Coach Sauls is the devoted husband to Kathryn Finklea Sauls and father to beautiful daughters, Lindsay and Robyn.

In 1984, Coach Sauls came back home to coach. The Jaguars won 11 football conference championships during his tenure, and the 2003 squad was a state runner-up. He was the track coach for 19 years and the athletic director for eight years. He touched many lives during that time with his strong Christian faith, his stellar character and his faithfulness to his team and school. He instilled courage, compassion, respect and a hard work ethic in the young men he coached. Coach Sauls was a major father figure for many of the players. There is no question he left his mark on his players and his hometown for a lifetime.

It is teachers and coaches across our Nation like Dixon Sauls who are helping to build a better America because of their hard work and dedication. I remember one statement I read many years ago—"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock; if you want to touch the present, touch a flower; if you want to touch the future, touch a child." Dixon Sauls, because of your commitment to young people, you have earned this recognition. Your community, your family and friends join in celebration of a job well done. Congratulations.

HONORING TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2012*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan as their day of National Celebration, October 10, 2012, approaches. This special day recognizes the founding of the country.

I would also like to highlight the economic success of the Republic of China on Taiwan over the last century. Beginning with very little economic activity just a few decades ago, the Republic of China on Taiwan has seen a pro-

found increase and now has a dynamic economy which is quickly becoming the envy of Asia.

Moreover, Taiwan has been a fair trading partner. Total trade with the United States reached an all-time high in 2011, and Taiwan is now our 10th largest goods-trading partner. Our relationship with Taiwan is a model for fair trade between countries which benefits both sides, a model we should highlight here today.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan on their economic success and thanking them for their continued efforts to work with the United States to foster economic growth in our country. On the day of National Celebration the people of both the United States and the Republic of China on Taiwan have much to celebrate. We look forward to our continued relationship with Taiwan, and wish them the very best.

NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2012*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of women's health and in recognition of September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. This year, it is estimated that 22,280 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and that 15,500 women, including 620 from Illinois, will die from it. If ovarian cancer is diagnosed and treated before the cancer spreads outside of the ovary, the five-year survival rate is 93 percent. Unfortunately, only 15 percent of ovarian cancers are found at that stage.

Too many women are losing their lives to ovarian cancer, the deadliest of the gynecologic cancers. Because no screening or early detection tests exist today, many women are unaware that they are living with this disease until it is too late. We need to increase public education about the early warning signs because, as organizations such as the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance stress, "until there's a test, awareness is best." Treating this disease before it has spread beyond the ovary significantly increases the survival rate. At the same time, we need more than awareness—we need to continue the medical research required to develop the screening tests that will save women's lives.

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month helps increase awareness of ovarian cancer and focus attention on the continued need for innovative research efforts to identify screening and early detection tests for ovarian cancer.

I commend the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, including their Partner Member groups CCare Lynch Syndrome, Bright Pink, and FORCE of Chicago, for their steadfast commitment to making women aware of the risk factors, signs, and symptoms of ovarian cancer and for their advocacy on behalf of women and families touched by this devastating disease. I urge my colleagues to help make women aware of the potential warning signs of this disease and to continue to support ovarian cancer research efforts.

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE  
JUDGE DONNA CONGENI FITZ-  
SIMMONS

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Honorable Judge Donna Congeni Fitzsimmons, who is the recipient of Recovery Resources' Community Challenge 2012 Exemplar Award.

Recovery Resources is a community-based nonprofit organization with a mission of helping people triumph over mental illness, alcoholism, drug and other addictions. The Exemplar Award, established in 2006, celebrates members of the local community who have demonstrated a long and distinguished record of exemplary service and support for Recovery Resources' Community Challenge program.

Judge Fitzsimmons graduated with a bachelor's degree from Boston College and earned her law degree from George Washington University in 1976. She began her career in public service in 1977 as an Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor. In 1980, she became the first woman to be appointed as Special Attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice, Organized Crime Strike Force in Cleveland. During her tenure as Special Attorney, Judge Fitzsimmons served as the lead prosecutor in the U.S. v. Lonardo, Gallo, et al case, in which she successfully convicted the former Cleveland Mafia boss, Angelo Lonardo in 1983. In 1984, she was appointed Deputy Counsel to President Reagan's commission on Organized Crime in Washington, DC and served in this position until 1985 when she entered private practice at the law firm of Atter & Hadden.

On January 1, 1994, Judge Fitzsimmons assumed the role of Judge of the Rocky River Municipal Court and has been serving on the bench since. In 1997, she was appointed Chair of the Cuyahoga County Violence Against Women Act Committee and as the Municipal Court representative to the Cuyahoga County Criminal Justice Supervisory Services Board. As her career continued, Judge Fitzsimmons would be appointed to the Ohio Supreme Court's Court Security Committee, Criminal Procedure Committee and Jury Service Committee.

In addition to her career, Judge Fitzsimmons is an active member of the Northeast Ohio community. She has served on Fairview Hospital's Community Advisory Board, as a trustee for Community Challenge, charter member of the Fairview High School Alumni Hall of Fame and an honorary chair for the Center for Prevention of Domestic Violence's Annual Break the Silence Luncheon. She also established the Stalking Victim Support Group and was a member of the Board of Trustees for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Throughout her career, Judge Fitzsimmons has been recognized numerous times. She has been named Cleveland's Italian Heritage Committee Public Service Honoree 2011, "Gem of Cleveland" by the Junior League of Cleveland, and has received the Columbian Award from the Federation of Italian-American Societies of Northern Ohio. She has also been recognized by the Women's Center of Greater Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Recovery Resources' Com-

munity Challenge 2012 Exemplar Award winner, the Honorable Judge Donna Congeni Fitzsimmons.

RECOGNIZING MIKE FLYNN, RE-  
CIPIENT OF THE WASHING-  
TONIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2012*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mike Flynn on being honored with the Washingtonian of the Year award from the Association of Washington Generals. This annual award is given to a citizen of Washington State for outstanding community service.

Mr. Flynn worked for 24 years as the editor and publisher of the Puget Sound Business Journal. In that position, he was widely recognized throughout the region's business community. He led the newspaper with a vision of not only reporting on the business sector, but using the print medium to foster valuable relationships throughout the community.

In 2006, Mr. Flynn retired from the Puget Sound Business Journal and turned his focus to community and non-profit causes. In that time, he has served on the boards of various community organizations. He continues to be dedicated to building relationships, helping start-up entrepreneurs, and expanding opportunities in rural areas.

Each year, the Association of Washington Generals awards the Washingtonian of the Year award to someone who has shown special dedication to serving Washington State. The Association is proud of the unique characteristics of Washington State—ranging from our State's outstanding physical beauty to the people who strive to make Washington a better place to call home. The Washingtonian of the Year embodies the Association's devotion to improving our State's communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Mike Flynn. His dedication to serving our community is an inspiration to others.

CONGRATULATING ANNETTE  
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### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2012*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Annette Stassi for being selected Queen Evangeline of the International Acadian Festival in Iberville Parish. Annette is a 17-year-old senior at St. John High School in Plaquemine, La.

The International Acadian Festival is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council #970 of Plaquemine, which is the third oldest Council in Louisiana.

It is always outstanding to see the diligence with which the young students of Louisiana work to give back and better their communities. I have the highest confidence that Annette will succeed in whatever endeavors she pursues.

I ask my colleagues to join me in passing good wishes to Annette Stassi, her family, and the entire International Acadian Festival. Annette is truly deserving of this recognition.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2012*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 585, I was unavoidably detained and could not be present for last night's rollcall vote on H.R. 5044, the Andrew P. Carpenter Tax Act. I am a cosponsor and strong supporter of this legislation, which would provide tax relief from any amounts of private educational loans forgiven for service members who lost their lives in the line of duty since the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom in October of 2001. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN SUPPORT OF WORKERS AND  
THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE  
TO MEDICARE PATIENTS

### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend America's home healthcare workers who provide services to millions of patients, including many Medicare beneficiaries, who are homebound and require skilled care. These skilled and dedicated workers are among the unsung heroes in the effort to contain the cost of healthcare without sacrificing the quality of service provided to patients. Today, there are more than 40 million seniors in the United States, 12 percent of the population. In 20 years, that number will increase to 70 million, or 20 percent of the population. More than 27 million of these individuals are over age 70, and more than 1 million are over the age of 80. Further, more than 43 million people in the United States, 19 percent of the population, provide care for an elderly family member or friend.

Mr. Speaker, many healthcare treatments that were once offered only in a hospital or a physician's office can now be safely, effectively, and efficiently provided in patients' homes by skilled clinicians. Home healthcare is generally less expensive, more convenient, and as effective as care provided in a hospital or skilled nursing facility. Home healthcare can serve as an intermediate level of care for patients who have difficulty accessing outpatient care or who need intensive assistance with an acute or chronic health problem.

Skilled home healthcare services funded under Medicare Part A and B are safe, effective, affordable, clinically advanced, and patient preferred.

A case study conducted by the Veterans' Administration (VA) illustrates the benefits of home healthcare. The VA has provided comprehensive primary care services to veterans in their homes since 1972 in an effort to keep patients in their homes and reduce inpatient hospital days. The program was specifically