

on a single coal stove for heating. The old wooden structure was condemned as a fire trap and demolished, with plans for a new structure in place.

Everyone knew “separate but equal” was a failure. Not just a failure, but a fundamentally dishonest proposition—a dereliction of the duty we have towards our children to provide them with a brighter future than our own. But for sixty years this was the reality of *Plessy v. Ferguson* that educators all over the country had to face. Despite these struggles, principals and teachers like A. Tolliver, Luke B. Norris, Mrs. Louella Patterson and Professor M. J. Woods worked hard to make the Lemon Street school a success. Professor Woods was also the principal of the neighboring Lemon Street High School, which went on to gain accreditation and distinction for its academics, its athletic program and its marching band.

I commend the Lemon Street Heritage Group for their efforts to acknowledge and celebrate this history, and I am extremely proud of the principals and teachers of the Lemon Street School who devoted their lives to furthering the education of African Americans. I hope this school will serve as both an inspiration and a reminder to all of us—of the battles we have won and those still to come.

ISAAC GARB

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Judge Isaac Garb who passed away late yesterday at the age of 83.

As Bucks County, Pennsylvania's longest-serving judge, he remained a dedicated public servant throughout his career, still hearing cases until the week before Thanksgiving.

Judge Garb was a true advocate for juvenile justice, recognizing the importance of the protection the court system could afford to young offenders.

He always believed that most children who appeared before him in court had simply made a mistake and still had a life full of true potential in front of them.

A truly brilliant legal mind, Judge Garb presided over more than five decades of cases in my home of Bucks County, completely re-vamping the criminal court division. Judge Garb served several terms as President Judge of our esteemed Court.

In a ritual still practiced to this day, each morning the criminal court is in session in the County Seat of Doylestown, Judge Garb took it upon himself one day to call out defendant's names and assign them to their courtroom, tired of waiting for assignments by the District Attorney's office.

Judge Garb's reforms transformed Bucks County criminal court into the most efficiently run system in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Judge Garb has left a lasting impression on the careers of so many in Bucks County, and he has earned the respect and admiration of those around him. His reputation as Bucks County's most admired jurist is well-deserved and his passing represents a true loss to our community.

I am honored to have called Judge Garb a friend, as we discussed and negotiated many issues of mutual concern between the Office of Commissioners and the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family in these difficult times.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE
OF EDWARD PATRICK MCGOVERN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary man, Edward Patrick McGovern, who was born in San Francisco on December 26, 1927, and died on November 6, 2012.

A proud American who was also proud of his Irish heritage, Ed served his country during World War II. He and his beloved wife of 56 years, Maggie, founded Knight's Restaurant and Catering, a business which they loved and fostered for more than forty years. Ed was a devoted member of many organizations to which he gave generously of his time and resources, including San Francisco's Irish Cultural Center, the Pearse and Connelly Fife and Drum Band, the St. Vincent De Paul Society, Catholic Charities, and the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher.

Ed and Maggie loved to travel, and visited six continents, but their favorite trips were “home” to Ireland. In 2005 they moved from San Francisco to Sonoma, and became active members of their new community.

Ed and his beloved wife Maggie, who survives him, raised a large and loving family. He leaves eight children: Moira McGovern; Deirdre and Doug Muller; Eileen and Andrew Patania; Kevin and Lori McGovern; Brian and Theresa McGovern; Maureen Kelly; Margaret and Frank van Beuningen; and Ed and Tina McGovern. He was beloved Poppi to Katie, Claire, Meagan and Jack; Molly, Danny, and Grace; Brian, Christopher, Thomas, Stephen and Elizabeth; Rosie; and Devin and Ryan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to the immediate and extended family and many friends of Edward Patrick McGovern. He will be remembered and missed by all who had the honor and privilege to know him. I feel blessed to have had the honor to know him and call him my friend.

CONGRATULATING MARTIN AND
RHODA ELLNER ON THEIR 60TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and congratulate Martin and Rhoda Ellner, the parents of one of my constituents, on reaching a true marital milestone today: their 60th wedding anniversary.

An anniversary such as this shows us all the power of love, but also serves as a reminder that a marriage takes patience, re-

spect, and understanding. Each day that Martin and Rhoda go forward they remind us of the commitment they have made to one another, and also serve as an inspiration to those who know them with their remarkable dedication to each other.

According to their son, Andrew, Martin is a “concentration camp survivor who's proud to be an American” and Rhoda is a “Brooklyn born superhero who's proud to have survived raising Martin and her 4 sons.” These are two truly remarkable people who have demonstrated to the world what a loving partnership looks like.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Martin and Rhoda Ellner on 60 years of wedded bliss, and wish them many more happy years together.

CONGRESS SALUTES CHARLES
GREENE, A TRUE PUBLIC SERV-
ANT

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and service of Colonel Charles H. Greene, U.S. Army (Ret) for his distinguished service to the United States Army and his nation. Colonel Greene honorably served his country in Korea and Vietnam.

Colonel Greene served as the Unit Commander with the 467th Military Intelligence Detachment from October 1982 through April 1985 and retired from the United States Army on September 23, 1990.

After retiring from the Army, Charles held the position of Engineer for Lockheed Martin and was co-owner of a lapidary shop in Melbourne, Florida. He was an active member of the Crossroads Community Church UCC and the Melbourne Elks Lodge #1744.

Beginning in 1975, Charles served as the 15th District of Florida General Chairman for nominations to our nation's military service academies until his death on November 30, 2012. I applaud his commitment to our community, military and the future of our Armed Services. Charles embodied the true meaning of public service.

“Charlie loved his job as Chairman of the nominating committees. He enjoyed talking with prospective candidates and he had a gift for making them feel comfortable before their interviews. Although he was from a different generation, he understood today's teens and the changing Academy and military environment. His goal was always to select the most qualified individuals and to encourage students who were interested in attending our nation's service academies and serving in the military. I will have big shoes to fill as I assume the position of Chair, District 15 Academy Nominating Committee,” said Angelika Evangelist, Captain, United States Navy Reserve (Ret).

Charles is survived by his wife Jackie; son Stephen (Pat); daughters Diane (Tim) Benson; Karen (Craig) Schenck; Leslie Hodgkins; Susan (Greg) Reeves; 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Charles took up the flag and served this great nation selflessly. He is a great credit to our community, the United States Army and

our nation. He will be deeply missed by his family, his community and his nation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends that knew and loved him.

I am honored to rise today to draw the attention of the U.S. House of Representatives upon Colonel Charles Greene so that a grateful nation can honor him for his service to our nation. We are proud of his commitment to the cause of liberty, freedom and public service.

HONORING JUDGES THOMAS AND LINDA TEODOSIO FOR RECEIVING THE 2012 BISHOP COSGROVE JUSTICE AWARD

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate two outstanding public servants who have dedicated their lives to serving others and working for social justice in our community. Judges Thomas and Linda Teodosio will receive the 2012 Bishop Cosgrove Justice Award, which will be presented by the Catholic Commission of Summit County. This award is bestowed upon exemplary individuals and organizations that demonstrate a strong commitment to social justice in accordance with biblical values.

I have known the Teodosio family for many years and I am honored to call them my friends. Over the years, they have so generously given of their time, talent, and resources to numerous organizations in our community. What strikes me the most in this moment is how the Teodosios have chosen to use tragedy to make a positive impact. I will never forget where I was the day I learned of that terrible accident that took Andrea's life back in February 2011. Andrea Rose Teodosio was a beautiful woman whose kindness enveloped you like a warm ray of light. Her smile always beamed brightly.

Andrea lived her life with compassion and selflessness. She always looked for opportunities to help others, and would do so in a manner that preserved their dignity. Her mother, Linda, recounted a story of how Andrea at age 16 asked if she could give their pizza to a homeless man. Andrea tapped the man on the shoulder and said, "My mom and I have all these packages and can't carry this pizza. Do you mind taking it?"

Andrea helped others, but never elevated herself in the process. She treated people with dignity.

Today, Andrea's memory and legacy lives on through the Andrea Rose Teodosio Foundation, which was established by Judges Thomas and Linda Teodosio and is administered by their son Christopher. Now, the Andrea Rose Foundation has already made a significant impact on the lives of so many. This organization works to demonstrate the values that Andrea held so dear—assisting the underprivileged and the elderly, actively addressing environmental issues, and promoting community service and education.

The Teodosio Family's service to our community is truly commendable and their exam-

ple will continue to inspire others to give of their time, talent, and resources to those who are in need. Judges Tom and Linda Teodosio deserve our recognition and appreciation for their diligent work to bring the Andrea Rose Teodosio Foundation to fruition. I congratulate them both for receiving the 2012 Bishop Cosgrove Justice Award and thank them for all that they do to make our community stronger.

HONORING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT PAUL PORT AUTHORITY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 80th anniversary of the Saint Paul Port Authority. For decades, the Port Authority has successfully managed the Port of Saint Paul, Minnesota, at the head of navigation on America's greatest river. Additionally, this regional industrial redevelopment organization has redeveloped major tracts of polluted industrial land in Saint Paul, Minnesota, resulting in more than \$150 million of private investment, new job creation and tax revenue for the metropolitan area.

The Saint Paul Port Authority was created by the Minnesota Legislature in the early 1930s as a direct result of Congress' decision to dredge a nine-foot channel in the Mississippi River from Saint Paul to New Orleans. As the manager of the Saint Paul Harbor, the Port Authority continues to foster a thriving commodities transportation network that has created thousands of jobs, increased the city's population, and has made St. Paul a major hub for agricultural and commodity shipping.

Over time, the Saint Paul Port Authority's role was expanded to include revitalization. Today, the Saint Paul Port Authority specializes in restoring polluted and vacant properties, remediating Brownfields, and financing small and large business ventures. Through their knowledge, expertise, and ability to partner with key players, the Port Authority has become a major economic development force in our city, creating 22 business centers, and generating more than \$33 million a year in real estate and property tax revenue.

As noted in the June 26, 2012, New York Times article titled, "Reconciling History and Hope at 3M's Old Home," the Saint Paul Port Authority's most recent development of the 61-acre abandoned 3M manufacturing site is a redevelopment success story and a testimony to their expertise. Because of the Port Authority's work, the old 3M home has been reborn into a private commercial development, committed to employing local residents with good-paying jobs and an eye towards preserving the local history that complements the city's unique and diverse East side neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit this statement for the RECORD commemorating the Saint Paul Port Authority's 80th anniversary, and commending its vital role in promoting economic development and fostering growth in

the Saint Paul areas for the past eight decades.

CONGRATULATING THE KING OF THAILAND ON HIS 85TH BIRTHDAY

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 7, 2012

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, on December 5, 2012, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand celebrated his 85th birthday. I would like to take this opportunity to express my well wishes to him and join the people of Thailand in commemorating this important occasion.

King Bhumibol acceded to the throne in Thailand on June 9, 1946. During his reign, Thailand has transformed into a prosperous, modern state, with a strong and growing economy. Thailand today boasts a robust agricultural sector, modernized manufacturing and services industries, and is increasingly becoming an influential participant in the global marketplace. King Bhumibol has played an instrumental leadership role in moving Thailand in this modernizing direction.

King Bhumibol has used his position to advocate for causes such as sustainable, human-centered development. Since the early 1950s, he has helped Thailand modernize by working hard to address critical development issues facing people, particularly those living in remote, rural areas. He travelled to virtually all corners of the country to meet and learn about people's problems and work with them on solutions. In addition to key projects in areas, such as public health, education, environmental preservation, and reforestation, King Bhumibol has specifically been focused on improving agricultural development, applying scientific knowledge to initiate development projects that have helped improve Thailand's agricultural output, and increase the food security and welfare of the Thai people, thereby contributing to the strength of the country's agricultural exports.

His hard work on behalf of the Thai people has not only earned him their love and respect, but the respect of leaders throughout the region and the world.

The end of this year brings much to celebrate. As we celebrate the King's birthday, we look forward to next year's marking the 180th anniversary of the U.S.-Thailand Treaty Alliance. Thailand was the United States first friend in the region and has remained a loyal ally for almost 200 years. President Obama recognized the importance of this partnership in his visit to Thailand in November. After his audience with King Bhumibol, he stated that the King is "a leader of wisdom and dignity who embodies the identity and unity of this nation."

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we are pleased to congratulate our great friend His Majesty King Bhumibol of Thailand, and on behalf of the people of the United States of America wish him the happiest of 85th birthdays.