

Pharmacists and pharmacy organizations are active participants in efforts to prevent accidental poisonings thanks to the difference one pharmacist made. There is no better time to remind the citizens of our country about the selfless service of Homer George, and I am honored to represent him and all of Missouri's Eighth Congressional District in Congress.

IN HONOR OF MRS. JO AVIS NEAL  
FREEMAN

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 8, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman of extraordinary class and remarkable grace, Mrs. Jo Avis Neal Freeman. Sadly, Mrs. Freeman passed away on March 2, 2012. Her passing leaves a tremendous void in the hearts of her family, friends and the Albany, Georgia community.

On Monday, March 12, 2012, a gathering of family members, friends, and colleagues will pay their respects to Mrs. Freeman at a memorial service that will be held on the campus of Albany State University.

Mrs. Freeman was born on July 21, 1953 in Washington, D.C. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Hampton University and a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan. Following her graduation, she worked as an administrator, manager and psychotherapist in the Detroit, Michigan metropolitan area for more than 25 years.

The community of Albany, Georgia and the Albany State University Family gained a gem when she married Albany State University President, Dr. Everette J. Freeman in 2006 and moved to Albany. While in Albany, she continued her life's work by serving as a Clinical Supervisor for the Albany Community Service Board and more recently at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

During her stint in Albany, Mrs. Freeman became actively involved in many local service and civic organizations. Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said that, "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Throughout her life, Jo paid her rent and she paid it well.

In her role as Albany State University's First Lady, she was very supportive of the student body and always represented the university with the highest level of class and grace. The student body truly believed that "she was one of them" because she connected with them in a very personal way.

Mr. Speaker, one of the things that I will always remember about Jo is her welcoming demeanor and charisma. She loved people and she never met a stranger. Her favorite song was: "I Hope You Dance." This is truly a fitting song that represents the joyful spirit and dedicated resilience with which Jo lived her life and how we should all live ours.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Jo went far in life because she treated people the

right way—with dignity, honor and respect. We are all blessed to have had her touch our lives and the world is better because she passed this way.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the almost 700,000 people in the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia, would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Dr. Freeman, Jo's daughters, grandsons and other family members during this difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

MAJOR RICHARD RUSNOK

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 8, 2012*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor United States Marine Corps Major Richard Rusnok, who has been named the Marine Corps Test Pilot of the Year by the Marine Corps Aviation Association (MCAA) John Glenn Squadron. Major Rusnok, a native of Jenkins Township, Pennsylvania, dreamed of becoming a pilot when he was younger. A graduate of Pittston Area High School, he was the second test pilot to perform a vertical landing on the flight deck of the USS *Wasp*. Currently, Major Rusnok is with the F-35 Integrated Test Force at Naval Air Station Patuxent River in Maryland.

Major Rusnok was selected test pilot of the year for his role in the successful embarkation and deployment of more than 250 people and 140,000 pounds of supplies and equipment with two F-35B test aircraft on USS *Wasp's* flight deck. Major Rusnok was the focal point for an extremely complex event, and the amount of thought and planning he demonstrated was commended by Navy Captain Erik Etz, military director of test and evaluation for F-35 naval variants.

Major Rusnok has shown his dedication to the U.S. Marine Corps in countless ways. He played a major role in making naval aviation history in the Joint Strike Fighter program, and he flew a number of combat missions in the Iraq War. In 2003, he participated in the initial invasion of Iraq and flew numerous missions over a seven-month period.

This year, he will transition to Edwards Air Force Base, California, where operational testing on the F-35B will begin. As Test Pilot of the Year, he will be considered for the National Commandant of the Marine Corps' Award for Acquisition Excellence, which will be announced in May.

Mr. Speaker, today, Major Richard Rusnok stands as a pillar in the U.S. Marine Corps. I commend him for his years of dedicated service to the Marines, the community, and the country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY  
OF GUAM

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 8, 2012*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Guam for their

60 years of providing post-secondary education to the island of Guam. UOG was established in June 1952 and has evolved into a highly recognized institution of higher education in the Western Pacific region, and is the only fully accredited, four-year university on Guam.

UOG is one of the premiere institutions for higher learning in the Western Pacific. Under the leadership of UOG President and former Guam Delegate to Congress, Dr. Robert A. Underwood, UOG has continued to prepare students for their professional careers and carry on their mission "to enlighten, to discover, and to serve."

UOG's humble beginnings started in the village of Mongmong as the Territorial College of Guam, a two-year teacher training school under the authority of the Guam Department of Education, with an enrollment of about 200 students. In 1960, the then-Territorial College moved to UOG's present location in Mangilao and continued to expand the academic programs for its students. In 1963, the Territorial College was granted its first accreditation as a four-year degree institution and by 1967, it had implemented three new undergraduate schools. On August 12, 1968, the Territorial College was renamed the "University of Guam" by the Guam Legislature.

In October of 1979, UOG established its Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps program to prepare future leaders in our nation's armed forces. Since then, UOG's ROTC program has become one of the most respected ROTC programs in the United States and was recognized by the Department of the Army as the Top U.S. Army ROTC program in 2002.

Over the years, UOG has continued to expand its academic programs and now includes a College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, School of Business and Public Administration, School of Education, and a School of Nursing & Health Sciences. UOG is home to the Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI), which has a long-standing history of providing high quality research that addresses the unique challenges facing Guam's water resources. WERI's expertise and research have proved invaluable in studying aquifer sustainability and the military build-up.

UOG has also recently begun efforts to expand its educational services by establishing a School of Engineering. This expansion will bring greater opportunities for students in Guam, and throughout the Micronesia region, to study the engineering field. Further, UOG has endeavored on a \$60 million capital improvement campaign, which includes three new buildings on campus, including a Student Services Center, Triton Engagement Center, and a new Fine Arts Building. Further, under Dr. Underwood's leadership, UOG has also established the Center for Island Sustainability. The Center will create an Islands-based model of renewable, sustainable and appropriate technologies focusing on indigenous energy alternatives and replicable research to meet the needs of island communities. The Center is playing a critical role in developing studies that will help inform decision-makers about the impacts of the military build-up on Guam and reasonable mitigations.

I congratulate the University of Guam on their 60th anniversary, and I commend them for their years of providing higher education

opportunities to the people of Guam and the Western Pacific region. I also commend the UOG Board of Regents, UOG President Dr. Robert Underwood, and all administrators, faculty, and staff, for their commitment to the mission of the University. I look forward to the continued growth and expansion of UOG for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING STACIE SMITH AS  
THE 2012 OKALOOSA COUNTY,  
FLORIDA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S  
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 8, 2012*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Stacie Smith as the 2012 Okaloosa County, Florida School District's Employee of the Year. I am honored to recognize her achievements and her dedication to the students and faculty of Northwest Florida.

While serving the Okaloosa County School District, Ms. Smith has worked in myriad capacities. Her career began as a secretary, and through her exemplary work ethic and business acumen she was immediately delegated additional responsibilities, such as handling clerical duties, open enrollment, and retiree benefits. Currently, Ms. Smith serves in the integral role of Insurance Ombudsman for the Okaloosa County School District, where she advocates, assists, and provides active and retired employees solutions to their claims. Never one to remain stagnant or settle for mediocrity, Ms. Smith continuously accepts new challenges. This characteristic, coupled with her superior demeanor, professionalism, and dedication, is responsible for her promotions through the ranks and the award she is receiving.

Teachers, administrators, and supporting faculty play a vital role in guiding and encouraging the positive growth of America's youth, and they deserve our utmost gratitude and appreciation. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Ms. Stacie Smith as the 2012 Okaloosa County School District Employee of the Year. Her passion for the students and faculty is laudable and her dedication to the education profession is exemplary. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Ms. Smith, and we wish her all the best for continued success.

NATIONAL MEDIA'S BIASED  
COVERAGE OF RISING GAS PRICES

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 8, 2012*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a recent study by the Business and Media Institute found that news coverage of rising gas prices are four times less likely during the Obama administration than the previous Bush administration.

The study found that news sources—such as ABC, CBS, and NBC—only covered the ris-

ing prices 21 times during the Obama administration compared to 97 times under the Bush administration.

The quantity of coverage was not the only difference. The tone of the coverage was different as well. Under the Bush administration, gas prices were "skyrocketing" as people's "wallets were running on empty." Now, "gas prices creep up."

The national media owe it to Americans to provide the facts and let the people make their own decisions. Democracy is threatened when the national media report in a biased manner.

"SHARE YOUR BREAKFAST"  
CAMPAIGN

**HON. TIM WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 8, 2012*

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, what did you have for breakfast today?

We all know that a great breakfast can lead to a great day.

That's why it is so important that our children receive a healthy, nutritious breakfast to prepare them for a productive school day.

It is hard to believe that today, one in five children live in a home where food is not always available and don't have access to this important meal.

This week is National Breakfast Week—a time for Americans to join together to give more children the opportunity to start their day with the nourishment they need to reach their potential.

To celebrate National Breakfast Week, I am participating in the "Share Your Breakfast" campaign—an initiative by Kellogg's and Action for Healthy Kids to help ensure more children have access to breakfast.

The "Share Your Breakfast" campaign seeks to provide one million breakfasts to kids by increasing participation in school breakfast programs across the country.

Now in its second year, the program has assisted nearly 100 schools in 26 states—including 7 in my congressional district—and is setting its sights much higher for the future.

I salute the "Share Your Breakfast" campaign as one of the many initiatives now underway to address the issue of childhood hunger in America.

Through the power of breakfast, we can make a difference in the lives of children in need.

HARRY C. MCPHERSON JR.

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 8, 2012*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Harry C. McPherson, Jr., a fellow Texan. For many years, he worked for President Lyndon B. Johnson while he was in the White House and previously on his Senate staff. Mr. McPherson passed away on February 15th and The New York Times printed his obituary, written by Robert D. McFadden. In honor of Mr. McPherson, I would like to submit the text into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Harry C. McPherson, Jr., an influential White House counsel and speechwriter for President Lyndon B. Johnson from 1965 to 1969 and the author of a classic insider's memoir on Washington-style politics, died on Thursday in Bethesda, MD. He was 82.

His death was from complications of cancer, his wife, Mary Patricia McPherson, said. A liberal from Texas who read literature and history for pleasure, Mr. McPherson went to Washington in 1956 "to do good," by his own account, a naive, idealistic young lawyer who, like many Americans, thought political integrity meant making decisions based on sound principles and standing up for your convictions.

Then he went to work for Lyndon Johnson. Thirteen years later—after a realpolitik education as Johnson's aide in the Senate, as a Pentagon and State Department official and as a presidential confidant and wordsmith—he looked back on the battles for civil rights, the crises of American cities and the corrosive war in Vietnam with a keener appreciation for the arts of horse-trading and compromise, and for Johnson's Machiavellian ways of getting things done.

Mr. McPherson helped draft bills that became the Civil Rights Act of 1957. Later, with Joseph A. Califano, the president's special assistant for domestic affairs, he helped shape Johnson's Great Society programs, the most sweeping social legislation since the Roosevelt era, including antipoverty and equal opportunity laws covering employment and housing, Medicare, Head Start and scores of other innovations.

For years, he supported the military policies in Vietnam, but by 1968, Mr. McPherson had come to believe that the war was unwinnable. And as antiwar demonstrations swept the country, he and Defense Secretary Clark M. Clifford helped persuade the president to scale back the bombing of North Vietnam.

It was Mr. McPherson who drafted Johnson's landmark address to the nation that spring, announcing the cutbacks of United States bombing, although the stunning conclusion of that speech—disclosing the president's decision not to seek re-election that fall—was drafted by another Johnson aide, Horace Busby.

After leaving the White House in early 1969, Mr. McPherson became a partner in Verner, Liipfert & Bernhard, a prominent Washington law firm and one of the capital's most successful at lobbying. His clients included businesses, foreign governments and nonprofit organizations.

Among other cases, Mr. McPherson helped to negotiate the 1998 master settlement in which major tobacco companies and 46 states agreed on advertising limitations, partial immunity from lawsuits and payments of hundreds of billions of dollars to the states to cover the costs of treating smoking-related illnesses.

Mr. McPherson also served on presidential commissions, including the 1979 panel named by Jimmy Carter to investigate the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania, and another named by Bill Clinton to recommend the closing of military installations to streamline the Defense Department.

Mr. McPherson wrote numerous articles on foreign and domestic policies for The New York Times, The Washington Post and other publications.

His memoir, "A Political Education" (1972), was well received and has become a perennial favorite of students of Washington's crafty, duplicitous political merry-go-round and of Johnson's years in the Senate and the White House.

Reviewing it for The Times, Anatole Broyard called it "a lesson not only for Harry McPherson, but also for most of us,"