

Conness of California photographs and a letter asking Congress to pass a bill to protect Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Their successful effort culminated on June 30, 1864, when President Abraham Lincoln signed an Act of Congress that granted Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove to the State of California. This was the first time the national government set aside scenic lands for future generations.

The Yosemite Grant gave the State of California 36,111 acres of Yosemite Valley and 2,500 acres that contained the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. The establishment of this grant was significant in preserving Yosemite for activists like John Muir, who first visited Yosemite in 1868 and subsequently led a 20-year campaign to establish the area outside the existing park as Yosemite National Park.

Jessie Benton Fremont passed away December 27, 1902. Less than four years later, Yosemite National Park was established as it is today. One hundred and ten years after her death, Yosemite National Park remains the crown jewel of California's Sierra Nevada Mountains. Both the Park and the Mariposa Grove are visited by upwards of 4 million tourists per year, who come to enjoy the awe-inspiring vistas, waterfalls, glaciers, meadows, rock faces, and Giant Sequoia trees.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in posthumously honoring Jessie Benton Fremont for her unwavering leadership and activism to preserve the beauty and grandeur of Yosemite Valley for generations to come. Her legacy serves as an example of excellence, and her accomplishments and contributions to Yosemite National Park will never be forgotten.

MARKING 2ND ANNIVERSARY OF PASSAGE OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, on this two year "check up" of the Affordable Care Act, I'd like to share with you some real life examples of how this important legislation is helping Missourians not only stay healthier personally, but improve the health of their small businesses as well.

Last week I took part in a workshop for small businesses, to help arm them with solid information on how the Act can help their bottom line. Lew Prince is a co-owner of Vintage Vinyl, a St. Louis record store. It's a landmark. He's been in business for some 30 years and he's always provided health insurance for his employees. BUT, he said for the first time EVER, his health care costs went down, went DOWN to the tune of 25 percent. With the money he saved, he was actually able to give out a few raises, and he's hired a couple of new people.

The Act has also made a difference for the Wells Family. Sharon Wells and her husband Russell have dealt with inordinate expense for his medicine for Parkinson's disease for years. Thanks to the donut hole coverage provided in the Affordable Care Act, Sharon tells me they have more money in the household budget now for groceries and gas, maybe even a movie from time to time.

Even though these are just two small examples, they contribute to the overall ripple effect of the profound difference this law is making in real people's lives all over the country. In closing, when it comes to helping Americans be more healthy, the Affordable Care Act is precisely what Americans needed. Let's not do anything to interrupt this healthy course of action.

CONGRATULATING DR. WILLIAM EVANS ON RECEIVING THE 2012 REMINGTON HONOR MEDAL

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate William Evans, PharmD, Director and CEO of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, on receiving the Remington Honor Medal from the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). The Remington Honor Medal was established in 1918 to recognize those who have contributed long periods of distinguished service on behalf of American pharmacy. Dr. Evans was honored by APhA for his innovative research with anticancer agents and pharmacogenomics as well as his work for the advancement of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Remington Honor Medal is the highest honor bestowed by the American Pharmacists Association.

Dr. Evans received his PharmD from the University of Tennessee in 1975. While at the University of Tennessee, he established the Center for Pediatric Pharmacokinetics and Therapeutics as a Center of Excellence. This program provided training for new investigators and served as a structure to advance interdisciplinary laboratory-based clinical research that addressed questions central to children's health. Dr. Evans continues to make significant contributions to the University of Tennessee as a Professor and the Endowed Chair at the school's Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy.

Dr. Evans has an expansive career with St. Jude Hospital. He served as Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences from 1986 to 2002. From 2002 to 2004, he served as the Scientific Director and Executive Vice President before being named the hospital's fifth Director and CEO. Under his leadership, St. Jude has been ranked the #1 Children's Cancer Hospital by US News and World Report, #1 in The Scientist magazine's best places to work in academia and was listed among Fortune magazine's 100 Best Places to Work.

Dr. William Evans is an active member of the medical community and has amassed an impressive list of awards over the course of his profession. He is an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, the American college of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He serves on the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and has served as President of the ACCP, Chair of AAAS's Pharmaceutical Sciences Section and President of APhA-

Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science.

Dr. Evans has received three consecutive NCI MERIT Awards from the National Institutes of Health, several national and international awards including the Rawls Palmer Progress in Medicine Award, the Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture Award, the Volwiler Research Award, and the APhA's Research Achievement Award and Tyler Prize. In addition to his many awards, Dr. Evans is widely published in the field of medical research dating back to 1986. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in congratulating Dr. William Evans on receiving the 2012 Remington Honor Medal.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD E. MOORE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB, ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard E. Moore, following his retirement on February 1, 2012 from Robert W. Baird & Company, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois. A hardworking and successful financial advisor for the company since 1971, he has fostered loyal partnerships with many colleagues and clients throughout his forty year career. Among his professional peers he has earned industry-wide recognition while acting as the president of the Bond Club of Chicago and chairman of the Securities Industry Association Central States District.

Born on September 8, 1943, Mr. Moore grew up in the Chicago area. He earned his bachelor's degree from Loyola University and honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1964 to 1970. His dedication to service continued with his extensive involvement in community organizations throughout Chicagoland. In 1974, he joined the Union League Club of Chicago, a social club that helps sustain many of the city's most important cultural organizations, and has since served on several of the club's committees. His dedication to civic responsibility earned him election as president of the Union League Club in June 2005. In addition to these roles, he has advocated for children's education and empowerment in Chicago by serving as a trustee of both the Marine Math and Science Academy and Union League Boys & Girls Club.

Mr. Moore married his beloved wife, Patricia, in 1994. He plans to spend his well-earned days of retirement with his wife, three sons, and six grandchildren.

On behalf of all the Chicagoland residents who have benefited from his dedication to philanthropy, I am proud to congratulate Mr. Moore on his retirement from Robert W. Baird & Company. His commitment to improving his community makes him a model citizen in his community. I am thankful for his extensive volunteer and military service contributions, and I wish him the best in this next chapter in his life.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
WILLIAM J. PIENTA

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable career of William J. Pienta, the United Steelworkers District 4 Director.

Bill began his forty-one year career as a labor leader in my Western New York Community working at the former Allegheny Ludlum steel mill in Dunkirk, NY as an electrician. He became a union activist in 1970 and eventually was elected President of Local 2693.

Throughout Bill's career he tirelessly represented the working families in the public and private sectors of organized labor. He joined the USW International staff as an organizer in 1990 and was appointed Director in 2004.

As Director of USW District 4, Bill was responsible for all USW activities in New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and the island of Puerto Rico.

In addition to his duties as director of USW District 4 Bill held elected positions in multiple labor organizations. He served as a Vice President of the Buffalo, NY Central Labor Council and as Secretary to the Western New York Area Labor Federation. Additionally he represented the USW as a Vice President of the New York State AFL-CIO. He was also a director of the New York State Workforce Development Institute, Inc and was a member of the Univera Advisory Board.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I am able to honor Bill Pienta on an exemplary career and celebrate his retirement. I thank him for his service to our community and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF R. STEVEN BAILEY ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 60th birthday of a very dear friend of mine, Chief R. Steven Bailey, the Chief of the Miami Township Police Department.

To call Chief Bailey a public servant would be an understatement. His biography reads like a to-do list for an entire police department, but let me point out a few of the many significant accomplishments Chief Bailey has achieved throughout his career.

Since May of 1995, R. Steven Bailey has been the Chief of the Miami Township Police Department where under his watch, the Miami Township Police Department has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies an astounding five times. Additionally, the Miami Township Police Department achieved CALEA's flagship status in 2007 and 2010—something less than 1% of police departments do.

In 1999, after 27 years, Chief Bailey retired from the Ohio Army National Guard where he

held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Defense Logistics Executive Development Program, the National Defense University National Security Program, and the U.S. Army War College Defense Strategy Studies program.

Chief Bailey is also a Certified Law Enforcement Executive—one of just 100 in the State of Ohio. In December of 2000, he graduated from the FBI National Academy, is a graduate of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute School of Police Staff and Command, and is also a graduate of the Ohio Police Executive Leadership College.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Bailey's accomplishments don't stop there. Since 1986, he has been a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Middletown where he currently holds the rank of Reserve Captain. He was President of the Clermont County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Association for eight years, and has been President of the Ohio Law Enforcement Foundation as well as President of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.

If that wasn't enough, Chief Bailey has somehow found time to be an Adjunct Instructor in the Criminal Justice Program at the University of Cincinnati and for Northwestern University in the School of Business, and has been a Visiting Instructor of Political Science at Miami University.

I could go on and on about Chief Bailey's awards from the Boy Scouts of America, his extensive experience with local government, or the numerous and well deserved accolades he has received throughout his career.

It was a privilege to call Chief Bailey a colleague when I was a Miami Township Trustee. It is an even higher honor to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Chief Bailey for his years of service to our community. Additionally, I want to send my gratitude to his wife of over 30 years, Sharon, to his two children, Caryl and Matthew, and to his grandson, Logan, for the sacrifices they've made.

Chief Bailey is the epitome of a true public servant. His career and commitment to our community is something every public official should strive for, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chief R. Steven Bailey on his 60th birthday.

COMMENDING ROSCOE BOLTON,
WORLD'S LONGEST-SERVING ROTARIAN

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I have the opportunity to recognize deep-rooted Alexandria businessman, Roscoe Bolton, who was recently named the world's longest-serving Rotarian.

On March 7, Mr. Bolton celebrated his 99th birthday, and is currently serving his 77th year as a Rotarian. To celebrate the occasion, the local club dubbed him the longest-serving among the world's 1.2 million members.

Bolton is a true product of the Alexandria community, having being born here as well as attending Bolton High School and Louisiana College before graduating from the University

of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance. In 1933, he began work for the insurance agency Alexander & Bolton, where he continued to work into his 90s. During his tenure at the agency, Mr. Bolton served as chairman of the board and only took leave to serve his country in World War II.

A bona fide member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Bolton has earned the respect and regard of everyone he's met along the way. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Roscoe Bolton. His dedication and contributions to the Rotary Club and to the citizens of Alexandria warrant this laudable recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF LANCE CORPORAL JONATHAN LEE BEDWELL

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Tennessee's heroic Marines, 22-year-old Lance Corporal Jonathan Lee Bedwell of Morristown.

Lance Corporal Bedwell was nearly killed in an IED explosion while on patrol in Afghanistan, protecting a position on a mission that he volunteered for. After losing his leg and sustaining multiple other injuries in the explosion, he is well on his way to a full and healthy recovery. It is because of the heroic actions such as this one that our brave service members make every day that we are able to enjoy the freedoms this great nation has to offer.

I salute Lance Corporal Bedwell as he not only exemplifies the best of America, but also the best of the United States Marine Corps. For this reason I ask you to join me in commemorating the valor of this extraordinary Marine. Also, I ask that a poem by Albert Caswell, written in honor of Lance Corporal Bedwell, be entered into the RECORD.

BECAUSE OF THESE

Because of these . . .
Because of all of these this night . . .
Our nation's future looks very bright!
And as you lay your head down to sleep, all
in your prayers so to keep . . .
All in this golden peace, all because of their
heroism that which does so speak . . .
All in your hearts of love so very deep, but
remember . . . remember all of these

Magnificent men, who all in such shades of
green who carry on that fight . . .
Southern Sons, who so defend . . . and live
and die, all in honor's light!
Men of honor, and such faith . . .
Whose most magnificent hearts shall never
so wave!

And oh what a most brilliant sight they so
cast!
The United States Marines,
One of the greatest things in our nation that
which has come to pass!
And your support is all they ask!
So sleep well this very night, while far
across our shores such fine men of
might . . .

All for us carry on that fight!
Men like Jonathan, who so live and die . . .
And so give up their strong arms and legs,
and yet do not ask why!
Men who so rest in peace this very night,
All in such soft quiet cold graves this sad
sight!