

Chief Borchardt exemplifies the role of Fire Chief for the city of Frisco, Texas. His career began in 1973 as a volunteer firefighter in his hometown of Frisco. He has continued with a passion to serve and protect others every day and every year for nearly 40 years. Acknowledgement of his leadership abilities followed steadily. After eight years of service in a nearby community, he became the City Administrator in Frisco and Fire Chief of the Volunteer Frisco Fire Department. In 1987, Chief Borchardt earned his current title as Fire Chief for the Frisco Fire Department. Under his direction, the Frisco Fire Department expanded from all volunteers to 150 full time professional firefighters. Many lives have been saved as the community has grown. In addition, the City of Frisco has seen a growth from one fire station to six, with a seventh station on the way.

Chief Borchardt also initiated the highly popular and innovative Frisco Fire Safety Town, a facility dedicated to educating children of all ages in fire safety and prevention. His contribution to the City of Frisco through the unique S.A.F.E.R. program (Situational Awareness For Emergency Response) has bolstered the firefighter, EMT, and police divisions of the city with the ability to quickly access critical information during an emergency.

Chief Borchardt's loyalty and sense of duty is constant. He has sought to cooperate and collaborate with fellow fire chiefs, firefighters, and public officials to improve the safety and well-being of not only Frisco residents but the larger North Texas community as well. His career accomplishments highlight his well-honed leadership and mentoring skills and underscore the importance of his service as Frisco Fire Chief. I am proud to recognize Chief Mack Borchardt as a committed public servant for North Texas.

CONGRATULATING BENTON HARBOR'S DESTINY WILLIAMS OF THE LADY BEARS OF BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Benton Harbor's Destiny Williams of the Lady Bears of Baylor University on her team's victory in the NCAA women's basketball championship. She is an outstanding young woman who helped lead her team to a perfect season, a rare and timeless accomplishment. Our entire community could not be more proud of Destiny and the remarkable basketball career she has made for herself. This is only the second time her team has won the championship and is a testament to her great success.

Winning a national championship is something that will last a lifetime. It is a remarkable achievement that few athletes ever experience, and is a legacy that will live with Destiny and the Lady Bears forever. Destiny knows that hard work, discipline, and teamwork helped her team win this championship. These same qualities brought a big 2008 victory to the Benton Harbor Lady Tigers in the state championship game. Nobody outworked the Lady Bears and nobody could beat them in the tournament or the regular season. Ending

their perfect season with an NCAA championship speaks to Destiny's abilities as a leader and team player.

Destiny's 12 points and 6 rebounds in the championship game helped her team to victory. She is such an inspiration for young women back home and we are all so eager to see what the future holds in store for our Lady Tiger, now Lady Bear.

On behalf of all the residents of southwest Michigan, congratulations again to Destiny Williams. You make all of us here in Michigan very proud.

HONORING BERNARD RAPOPORT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Bernard Rapoport, a successful entrepreneur and philanthropist. Mr. Rapoport was 94 years old when he passed away in his hometown of Waco, Texas.

Bernard Rapoport was born into humble beginnings. As the son of Russian immigrants, Mr. Rapoport began working at an early age to help his family survive the most trying times of the Great Depression. Out of this experience, Mr. Rapoport developed a tremendous value for education and hard work, and would promote this universally throughout his life.

After moving to San Antonio, Mr. Rapoport began a career selling insurance, where he quickly realized his true talents and passion for the work. Mr. Rapoport opened his own insurance agency in Waco, and launched a long and successful career. Mr. Rapoport ultimately founded the American Income Life Company and expanded it to become one of the Nation's largest providers of supplemental life insurance.

Mr. Rapoport understood well the values of social responsibility, and used his success to help others in need. Using \$46 million of his own money, Mr. Rapoport established the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation in 1987. Consistent with his values, the Foundation focuses on promoting educational, healthcare, and cultural programs for the community in Waco and elsewhere. For his widespread generosity, Mr. Rapoport was named as one of America's "40 most generous philanthropists" by Fortune magazine.

Mr. Rapoport's civic involvement continued well beyond his philanthropy, and he was well-known for his dedicated political involvement at all levels of leadership. Mr. Rapoport built strong relationships with presidents, senators, and representatives, and was frequently praised for his fierce advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, it takes a special person to become as successful in business and political activism as Mr. Rapoport. It takes an extraordinary person to use that success to contribute so selflessly to the community. It has come as a great loss to many people to hear of Mr. Rapoport's passing. I am pleased to honor Mr. Rapoport for his contributions, and his legacy will be preserved in the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Foundation and the American Income Life Company.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARGYLE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the boys' basketball team of Argyle High School for their Texas 3A state championship title this year. The title "Champion" is earned through the determination to succeed as individual athletes, working together as a team. Additional accolades to Coach John King and his staff for their outstanding leadership. Clarke Overlander was named the Class 3A state championship game Most Valuable Player.

In these young men's perseverance and vision to succeed, they are held to rigorous standards of performance on the field as well as academics in the classroom. Winning many games on the way to the state championship, their road to victory is testament to a team always reaching for new heights. This milestone achievement speaks highly of each young man's motivation, teamwork, and willingness to face a challenge; they can be expected to prove themselves as champions in many ways throughout their lives.

I am pleased to join the classmates, teachers, friends, family and Argyle community in honoring the athletic achievement of the Argyle Eagles boys' basketball team winning their first Texas 3A state championship. It is my privilege to represent you in the U.S. House of Representatives.

IN HONOR OF JOHN NOLEN BAILEY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and remarkable public service of John Nolen Bailey. Mr. Bailey passed away on March 22nd. He will be remembered for his volunteerism, vision and leadership in Monterey County as well as his leadership in the national field of association management.

Mr. Bailey was born on July 12, 1935 in San Francisco. He began his service to the Monterey Peninsula in 1988, with his wife Mary Adams.

Highlights among John's more than 50 years experience as a leader in the professional association world include his serving as chief elected officer of the 25,000-member American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), President and CEO of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC), as well as executive director of Trial Lawyers Care, a New York City-based organization that provided pro bono legal representation to more than 1,700 victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

John served on the National Steinbeck Center Board of Trustees, Forest Foundation, Del Monte Forest Property Owners Association, Clark Foundation, Dorothy's Place, and was the executive director of the Monterey History and Art Association from 2005 to 2007. He later returned to the Museum to assist it during a period of organizational transition. The

museum had been closed and would not have reopened had it not been for the expertise and community trust belonging to John Bailey.

Awards honoring his years of service include being voted by peers as the US Association Executive of the Year, and recipient of the Key Award, the highest honor presented to individuals in the association management profession. He was also a recipient of the prestigious Points of Light Award, which was presented to him by then President George H. W. Bush.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House as I commend John Bailey for all he has accomplished and contributed to our community. I would like to express my gratitude for his selfless service to the people of Monterey County, and indeed to our nation. I would also like to extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends and all those whose lives he touched and whose careers he encouraged during this time of grieving. The world has lost a truly good man.

A TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Ignatowicz, Arnie Bevins, and the entire staff of the Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Facility on their outstanding work on wastewater treatment.

Covering Vernon, Ellington, Tolland, and parts of South Windsor and Manchester, the Connecticut facility is the first of its kind with a full-scale powdered activated carbon treatment and wet-air carbon regeneration system. The unique wastewater utility has maintained an outstanding performance and customer satisfaction record for over 30 years, processing wastewater from over 122 miles of sewers and seven pump stations. With 20 dedicated individuals serving 66,000 Connecticut residents, the Vernon plant team has made certain that the water discharged from this facility is excellent in quality.

Recognizing the outstanding work of the Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Facility, the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) named the facility the Wastewater Utility of the Year for 2010. Given annually, the NEWEA's Wastewater Utility of the Year award recognizes a regional utility for exceptional management, maintenance, and performance. The award, given to a facility located within six Northeastern States, is based on marks in 18 different areas to highlight overall excellence in utility operations. Having received top marks in each of these 18 areas, the Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Facility proved to be more than deserving of this prestigious award.

Water Pollution Control Facilities like the Town of Vernon's are vital to the health of our communities and our ecosystems. Their innovative processes, forward thinking, and hardworking staff have helped to ensure that the discharged water is of the best possible quality. Mr. Ignatowicz, Mr. Bevins, and the entire Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Facility

team are a true asset to our state and our region, and I congratulate them on their exceptional work and well deserved recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF EMILY SCAMMELL, WINNER OF AU- BURN'S POLITICAL SCIENCE LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend an outstanding young woman who attends Auburn University, which is located in my district in east-central Alabama. Auburn's Political Science Department recently started a new award that recognizes a student leader who excels in both the classroom and the community. It's my privilege to announce the first winner of Auburn's Political Science Leadership Award, Ms. Emily Scammell. A faculty committee selected her in recognition of her superb credentials.

Hailing from Daphne, Alabama, Emily is a junior political science major. She's minoring in hunger studies, which is part of the Universities Fighting World Hunger Initiative between the World Food Programme and Auburn University. Emily has a 3.9 Cumulative Grade Point Average and has made the dean's list for six consecutive semesters. She is a student in the Honors College at Auburn, won the Phi Kappa Phi First Year Award and is a recipient of the Spirit of Auburn Founder's Scholarship and the Academic Enrichment Scholarship.

Emily is active in student government, having served as director of honors activities and assistant director of organization programs. She is co-founder and vice president of the Campus Kitchen/Hunger Studies Group and an officer in her sorority. Emily volunteers at the East Alabama Food Bank and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Auburn. She has also worked at the Bay Area Food Bank in Theodore, Alabama, and the World Food Programme in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to Emily and thank Auburn University for producing such outstanding students and citizens.

IN HONOR OF JOHN MYERS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize John Myers. Mr. Myers passed away on March 23rd. Mr. Myers was a lifelong volunteer and champion of community outreach and development in Monterey County.

John attended college at Purdue University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering in 1951. He then joined Union Carbide Corporation where he worked for the next 42 years in research and production of enriched uranium used in nuclear energy and in asbestos research.

Following his retirement in 1993 John remained busy. John served on the Board of

Trustees, and as Chairman and Office Manager at Mee Memorial Hospital from 1982 to 2012. His time on the board saw upgraded services in radiology, new and remodeled clinics, a new dialysis center and many other services expanded.

Among John's many other notable positions held was as member of the King City Planning Commission and the King City Council. John served as Mayor of King City from 1992 to 2004, the longest-running mayor in the city's history. As Mayor, he also served as vice chair of the Monterey County Mayor's Association and on the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District Board. He was also a member of the Bay Area chapter of the League of California Cities.

John and his wife of 35 years served on the Hospice Trees of Life committee as well as for the first Valley Heritage Days in King City. He was also an active member and director of Monterey County Agricultural and Rural Life Museum.

Mr. Speaker, I have no doubt that John Myers' life and legacy will continue to thrive because of his longstanding work for his community. I would like to extend my sympathy to his family and friends in this their time of mourning.

CELEBRATING THE INAUGURATION OF DR. ROBERT K. MCMAHAN AS THE SEVENTH PRESIDENT OF KETTERING UNIVERSITY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Robert K. McMahan on the occasion of his inauguration on April 20 as Kettering University's seventh President.

Since its founding in 1919, Kettering University in my hometown of Flint, Michigan has been pioneering technology and preparing students to become innovators and leaders. It is the country's premier engineering, science and business university dedicated to co-op education. It is a national leader in preparing entrepreneurs and is ranked among the nation's finest specialty schools.

Dr. McMahan is the ideal person to be leading Kettering as it charts a path from its storied legacy of technical leadership to its entrepreneurial spirit today. As Kettering University celebrates its history and marches confidently toward an exciting future, it will do so with an enormously gifted new President who is an innovative thinker with a broad range of academic, business, management and government experiences. Robert K. McMahan has explored the foundations of the universe as a groundbreaking researcher. He has been a leader in academics, an advisor to high government officials and as a private sector entrepreneur has created initiatives that have driven innovation and technology.

Prior to his arrival at Kettering, Dr. McMahan was the Founding Dean of the Kimmel School and Professor of Engineering at Western Carolina University; the Kimmel School is Western's College of Engineering and Technology. Before his tenure at the Kimmel School, Dr. McMahan was the Senior Advisor to the Governor of North Carolina for