

nearly 300 schools in the United States. The first Texas site of the Sisters of Loretto was established by Mother Praxedes in 1879 in El Paso County, and has educated thousands of El Paso and Juarez students through St. Joseph's Academy, Sacred Heart, St. Ignatius, Guardian Angel, Holy Family, Assumption, St. Mary's, St. Patrick's, Cathedral School, St. Joseph's School, and Loretto Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank all of the educators and administrators who continue this important legacy. Having reached nearly one million people, the Loretto Community of Sisters continues to educate and foster values of faith, justice, community, and respect in students at Loretto Academy, to teach adult education and GED classes, to work as chaplains at Nazareth Hall Nursing Center, and to run a homeless center for women at the Villa Maria Shelter.

MR. JOHN DELEO

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge John "Jack" DeLeo on his being named "UNICAN of the Year" by the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National.

Jack DeLeo was born in Scranton on December 8, 1947, to Angelo and Irene DeLeo. Jack graduated from West Scranton High School and entered the United States Army. He served his country in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 with the 1st Battalion, 8th Artillery, 25th Infantry Division, rising to the rank of sergeant. Jack's business career began in sales in the pressure-sensitive labeling industry. After several years, Jack was elevated to general manager of Scranton Label, Inc., until 1992, and is now the company's vice president.

An active member of St. Lucy's Church, West Scranton, Jack is a member of the Holy Name Society and has served as its vice president since 1992. Jack is also active in many community activities and events in the region. He serves the City of Scranton as a member of the Board of Directors on the Parks and Recreation Authority, where he has worked diligently to clean and enhance the beauty and the awareness of Nay Aug Park. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross, Scranton Chapter, where he chairs the Blood Services Committee and several blood drives throughout the year. Jack serves on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army in Scranton and the Tripps Park Girls Pony League, and he was an assistant coach from 2000 to 2004. Jack served as president of the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County in 2002, and is now on its Board of Directors. He was the force in the creation of the Paul Bordi Memorial Scholarship Fund, which serves high school seniors throughout Lackawanna County.

He is an active member of the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National, the largest chapter in the country. He has been extremely active in chapter causes and chaired many fund-raising events. He served as president in 2007-08 and presently serves as the chairman of the Board of Directors. Jack has al-

ways had a passion for the care and well-being of United States veterans. He helped create the UNICO Veteran's Assistance Community (UVAC) Fund. He is now chairman of this fund, which accepts donations from individuals and donates to area veterans wounded in recent years.

He and his wife, Patty, have been married for 21 years and are the proud parents of two daughters: Brittany, a sophomore at Scranton Prep, and Tia, a fifth-grade student at All Saints Academy in Scranton.

UNICO was founded on October 10, 1922, in Waterbury, Connecticut. A group of 15 men, led by Dr. Anthony P. Vastola, came together to create an Italian-American service organization to engage in charitable works, support higher education, and perform patriotic deeds. The name "UNICO" was selected as best representing the nature and the character of this fledgling organization. The name is the Italian word for "unique, one of a kind." The founders believed that UNICO would be the only one of its kind because it placed service to the community before and above fraternity. In later years, UNICO became an acronym that stands for "Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, and Opportunity."

Mr. Speaker, Jack DeLeo espouses the values of community that Dr. Vastola dreamed of when he helped found UNICO. Mr. DeLeo's steadfast dedication to his Italian-American heritage, community, and country is what makes organizations like UNICO a pillar in our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating John "Jack" DeLeo for being named "UNICAN of the Year" by the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National.

RECOGNIZING THE TENAHA TIGERS FOR WINNING THE TEXAS 1A DIVISION II FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with enormous pride that I recognize and congratulate the Tenaha Tigers on an amazing 2011 football season in which they captured the Texas State Class 1A Division II Football Championship. These ferocious Tenaha Tigers have reached the pinnacle of success in Texas football for the second time in the last 15 years, having achieved that great title back in 1998.

A series of victories in which the Tigers crushed their opponents led them into the playoffs, where they demonstrated just how powerful they were as a team, playing as one well-tuned machine. The final game saw the Tenaha Tigers ultimately defeat the Munday Moguls 52-28. Although both Munday and Tenaha showed why they were in the finals during the first half, the Tigers pulled ahead in the second half scoring 21 points with little response from the Moguls.

The Tigers strong offensive and defensive lines dominated other teams exhibiting the result of grueling strength and endurance programs that showed how driven the Tigers were individually to excel. Clearly a team does

not get to such a level of excellence without a coaching staff that knows its players, what they can accomplish and just how far they can be pushed.

The proof of their preparation and drive to be the best can be found in a number of statistics including the fact that the Tigers consistently maintained a 37.6 point lead over their opponents. Additionally, the defensive line often refused to allow its opposition to score a single touchdown.

There is no doubt that each of the individual players, coaches, and supporting personnel involved with the success of the Tigers will benefit from having witnessed the level of success that is achieved when each individual gives all they have while working together with such dedication and passion.

This tribute goes out to all of the athletic staff including Athletic Director/Head Football Coach Terry Ward and his Assistant Coaches Ian White, Mike Barber, Kevin Cates, Scott Tyner, Todd Bodden and Antonio Holmes.

The team members achieving this memorable accomplishment included T.J. Thomas, Reginald Davis, Demon Horton, Vincent Walton, Edgar Flores, Jacoby Ivy, Shaquille Mitchell, J.R. Hill, Octavius Griffith, Chavis Gregory, Keontas Davis, Damarcus Perry, Jaquarius Williams, Cobe Carraway, Seth Wyatt, Brady Tovar, Assuntay Cleaver, Jose Campos, Marquavius Reed, Alex Horton, JaKelvin Cooper, Izikel Flores, Damien Reese, DeAaron Roland, Derek Jones, LaDarren Cooks, Edgar Pineda, Cody Richardson, Aaron Harris, Leon Aguilar, Donald Smith, Dustin Davis, and Tim Hafford.

No football team ever becomes a champion without unwavering support, and that is exactly what the Tigers had from the Tenaha Independent School District staff and the entire community. That is why congratulations go to all who contributed in any way to the success of the Tigers in for the 2011 season. May God continue to bless all of their efforts both in school and as they one day finish high school and use that same drive and determination to make this country even stronger. Congratulations go to the State Champion Tenaha Tigers, as their legacy is now recorded in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Talon M. Falconer for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Talon has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

IN HONOR OF LISA MANTARRO
MOORE

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lisa Mantarro Moore for being honored by the Ceres Chamber of Commerce with its Citizen of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award. Lisa, also a valued member of my staff, has long been a tireless advocate for the city of Ceres, California, and its surrounding communities, and I am honored to pay tribute to her achievement today.

A lifelong resident of Ceres, Lisa's public service career began when she was elected as a student body officer at Ceres High School. After graduating from the California State University, Stanislaus, Lisa started her career with the U.S. House of Representatives as an aide to Congressman Gary Condit. For the past twenty years, she has served the constituents of California's 18th Congressional District as a Field Representative and a District Director, and currently, as my Deputy Chief of Staff. Lisa's leadership and skill have truly made a difference in the lives of those she has helped.

Lisa has long been a leader in the Ceres community. From 2001 to 2005, Lisa served the city as a councilmember as well as Vice Mayor. She has also served as an officer on the Ceres Street Faire Committee for the past ten years. In addition, she worked to form the Ceres Youth Commission, helped lead campaigns for passage of school bonds in Measures J and U as well as the Measure H half-cent sales tax for public safety. Further, she serves on the board at the Ceres Whitmore Mansion and on the Sam Vaughn and Mae Hensley Junior High School Site Councils.

In addition to her leadership in Ceres, Lisa is also a strong advocate for women. She is a longtime member of Soroptimist International of Ceres, which serves to better the lives of women and girls both locally and around the world. She was also instrumental in the development of the Stanislaus County Family Justice Center and serves on its Board of Directors.

It is my great privilege to honor Lisa Mantarro Moore on being recognized as the Ceres Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. She is certainly most deserving of this high acknowledgement. Her dedication to the city of Ceres and her passion for public service has truly made a difference in bettering her community. It is a true pleasure to have her on my staff and as my personal friend. Please join me in recognizing her work and her lifelong achievements.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE OF GENERAL PETER
CHIARELLI

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor General Peter W. Chiarelli, who is retiring

today as Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, a position he has held with distinction since 2008. General Chiarelli's retirement is hard-earned and well-deserved, coming after 40 years of brave service to his country. He enlisted in 1972 as a 2nd lieutenant of armor, served two combat tours in Iraq, and eventually became the second-highest-ranking general at the Pentagon. We are indebted to the service of General Chiarelli, and I am proud to say that he is a native Washingtonian.

General Chiarelli was born in Seattle, Washington and graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from Seattle University, where he was a Distinguished Military Graduate of Seattle University's Army ROTC program. He received his masters from the University of Washington, and also led several different units at Fort Lewis, in Washington state. In addition to his service at Fort Lewis, General Chiarelli served as commander of the First Calvary Division at Fort Hood, Texas, as Director of Operations, Readiness and Mobilization at U.S. Army Headquarters, and led the Multi-National Corps in Iraq.

Beyond simply acknowledging his service and expressing the gratitude of myself and my constituents, I would also like to acknowledge the General's longstanding advocacy on behalf of behavioral health issues in the Army. At a time when many of our young men and women are returning from service abroad suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and other issues related to their service, General Chiarelli has called attention to the obligation we have to provide these heroes with the care they need and deserve.

General Chiarelli, even in your retirement, myself, my colleagues, and my constituents remain inspired by your unwavering commitment to this nation, which will long serve as a shining example of the spirit of service and sacrifice that future generations will aspire to equal.

IN MEMORY OF LYMAN L.
HUBBARD, SR.

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an American hero from Springfield, Illinois.

Lyman L. Hubbard, Sr. passed away on January 12, 2012 at the age of 85. One of the Tuskegee Airmen, Mr. Hubbard graduated as a command pilot from Tuskegee Army Air Base during World War II, and he dedicated his life to serving our great nation. Known as a strong leader, Mr. Hubbard flew in multiple combat tours in Southeast Asia and earned numerous U.S. and foreign military decorations. Upon retiring in 1970, Mr. Hubbard had flown nearly 7000 hours over a more than 20 year career in the Air Force.

Mr. Hubbard was also dedicated to the history of his community and his nation, as shown in 2005, when he saved from potential destruction one of the first African-American orphanages in the nation, the Lincoln Colored Home in Springfield.

I want to extend my condolences, and those of my colleagues in this House, to the family

and friends of Lyman Hubbard, Sr., a patriot and true hero who will be missed by all who knew him.

IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN
GLENN THOMPSON IN RECOGNITION
OF HIS DISTINGUISHED
EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, last night, Congressman GLENN "GT" THOMPSON was honored by the Boy Scouts of America with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. This award is the highest honor the Boy Scouts bestow, and is awarded to a deserving Eagle Scout for distinguished service in his profession and to his community for a period of at least 25 years after attaining the level of Eagle Scout.

A lifelong resident of North Central Pennsylvania, Congressman THOMPSON earned his Eagle Scout in May of 1977 from Boy Scout Troop 52 in Walker Township, Pennsylvania. Since then, Congressman THOMPSON has served his community as a volunteer fireman, member of the Bald Eagle Area School District Board of Education, and in 2008 was elected to serve his constituents as their voice in the U.S. House of Representatives.

I was proud to be with GLENN last night to help those closest to him honor his achievements. GLENN embodies the virtues of public service, duty to country and moral integrity that serve as the pillars of Scouting.

Therefore, today I wish to recognize Congressman GLENN THOMPSON and thank him for his service to his community and our country.

A TRIBUTE TO RAUF RAIF
DENKTAŞ

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rauf Raif Denктаş, the Turkish Cypriot leader who formerly served as the Vice President of the Republic of Cyprus and President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Mr. Denктаş passed away on January 13, 2012.

Mr. Denктаş had a career of service to Turkish Cypriots that spanned six decades. As far back as 1958, he attended the United Nations General Assembly as a representative of Turkish Cypriots. In 1960, Cyprus won independence from Britain and an impassioned debate and conflict over the future of that island has continued to this day. Cyprus has been divided since 1974. Mr. Denктаş was elected President of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus in 1976 and was reelected in 1981. He was subsequently elected President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus on four separate occasions between 1985 and 2000, and served through April 25, 2005. He was also a prolific writer and photographer, and his works have been publicly displayed.

Mr. Denктаş was a colorful, effective leader and spokesman for Turkish Cypriots. Despite