

service in the U.S. military and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor.

Among his many accomplishments, he was the first member of the Crow Tribe to earn a master's degree. A celebrated writer, he also received an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Southern California and Rocky Mountain College. As a distinguished lecturer and historian, Chief Joe Medicine Crow has worked tirelessly for decades as an advocate for the Crow Tribe. I am proud to know Chief Joe Medicine Crow and thank him for his leadership and loyalty to this country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 571, I was unable to be present for the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE U18 USA POWER SOCCER TEAM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the U18 USA Power Soccer Team.

Team USA recently traveled to Paris, France to compete in the Powerchair Football World Cup. After defeating Ireland's National Team in the semifinals, 13-0, Team USA went on to win the championship with a 5-0 victory over the host French team. The Americans showed incredible strength and team-effort, not surrendering a single goal during the entire tournament.

Team USA included three Hoosiers Lexi Heer, Zackary Dickey and Michael Rodriguez. Their contributions helped the USA bring home another world cup championship. These young athletes embodied the best of American sportsmanship and competition and I was proud to have them representing our country in this tournament.

I join the entire 6th District and Americans across the Nation in congratulating the U18 USA Power Soccer Team for a fantastic and thrilling 2013 Powerchair Football World Cup championship. I look forward to seeing what each of these talented young men and women will achieve in the future.

HONORING MIKE NUSSBAUM

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and Chicago actor, Mr. Mike Nussbaum. As an actor and director, Mr. Nussbaum has certainly made an indelible mark on the city of Chicago, Hollywood and

the world. His unstoppable energy and dedication to his work keeps Mike Nussbaum on stage at age 90. His love for his family and friends, with four great-grandchildren and counting, also keeps him young.

Mike Nussbaum represents the epitome of success in the Chicago acting community. He has been nominated for the Joseph Jefferson Award ten times and awarded the prestigious award three times over the course of his long career. He has acted in movies such as *Men in Black*, *House of Games*, *Fatal Attraction* and *Field of Dreams*. He has performed in plays such as Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross*, Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice* and Beck- et's *Endgame*.

Mike's signature gift is that he is able to perform in such diverse roles not only because of his talent, but his hard work and unwillingness to quit. His major strategy is to keep his mind and body as supple as possible. For most, it is difficult to perform exemplary work at age 90—but Mike Nussbaum makes it look easy.

Nussbaum helped build Chicago into the theatre powerhouse it is today. Chicago is now widely respected for its cutting edge theater. This could not have been done without Mike Nussbaum. Happy 90th Birthday, Mike!

HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR HOWARD O. ROBINSON AS HE RETIRES FROM THE ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD

HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Command Sergeant Major Howard O. Robinson, thanking him for his service and wishing him well as he retires from the Illinois National Guard.

CSM Robinson served as my senior enlisted advisor when I was Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard. I presided at the Change of Responsibility Ceremony in 2011 and passed the sword to CSM Robinson as he became the 10th Command Sergeant Major of the Illinois National Guard. In this capacity he helps provide training for approximately 13,000 Illinois National Guardsmen.

CSM Robinson enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard in 1983 with the 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery in Chicago. In 2001 he was selected as the Senior Enlisted Adviser for the 2nd Battalion 123rd Field Artillery in Milan, Illinois. Over the next eight years, his assignments would include: Battalion Command Sergeant Major for the 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery in Chicago, Brigade Command Sergeant Major for the 404th Chemical Brigade based in Chicago and Army National Guard Land Component Senior Enlisted Adviser.

A 2006 graduate of the United States Army Sergeant Major Academy, CSM Robinson's military education also includes the Army's Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses, Tactical Information Operations Course and the Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Development Course. He served overseas in Germany, participating in a War Fighter Exercise and has participated in various training events throughout Europe.

CSM Robinson has received numerous awards and decorations during his service, including: Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), Army Commendation Medal (4th Award), Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Training Ribbon, Long and Honorable Service Medal, Military Attendance Ribbon, State Active Duty Ribbon, and Louisiana Emergency Services Ribbon.

Prior to his current position with the Illinois National Guard, CSM Robinson has enjoyed a career in healthcare administration and is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration at Governors State University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the distinguished career of Command Sergeant Major Howard O. Robinson, congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him well as he enters his next life chapter.

COMMEMORATING MELWOOD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Melwood, Maryland's second-largest non-profit agency focusing on people with differing abilities, as it marks its fiftieth anniversary.

In 1963, a small group of parents and supporters decided to teach plant care to young adults who were considered by most to be unemployable. It was then that Melwood was launched as a place where people with differing abilities learned new skills with the goal of employment. For 50 years, Melwood has been advocating on behalf of individuals with differing abilities by providing support services, helping them with critical skills, and placing them in jobs that provide independence and dignity.

Today, Melwood continues to provide job opportunities and support services to nearly 1,900 individuals with differing abilities. With 38 AbilityOne contracts at 43 locations, Melwood is the second-largest agency of its kind in Maryland and the largest AbilityOne employer in the Eastern Region. Additionally, it operates the Melwood Recreation Center for nearly 900 adults and children with and without special needs. Melwood's great work has even earned it an international reputation, and Melwood's "social entrepreneurial" model has been copied elsewhere in America and in other countries as well.

Every American who wants to contribute to building our country and strengthening our communities ought not to be held back because of a differing ability, and for a half a century Melwood has empowered people with differing abilities to transform their own lives through opportunities of employment, job training, life-skill improvement, and supportive and recreational services.

Much of Melwood's work helped lay the foundation for the enactment of the Americans

with Disabilities Act, bipartisan legislation I was proud to lead to passage in the House in 1990 and witness signed into law by President George H.W. Bush. As advocates for people with differing abilities celebrate this milestone anniversary, let us recommit ourselves to Melwood's mission to empower and inspire. I look forward to continuing to work with Melwood for many years to come, and I am confident that it will continue to carry out its mission for another fifty years and beyond.

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating co-founder, President, and CEO emeritus, Earl Copus, Jr., current President and CEO, Cari DeSantis, and the rest of the outstanding Melwood staff, who will continue carrying this outstanding organization into the future.

TRIBUTE TO COACH ROY ATMER HUTCHINS

HON. STEVE STOCKMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. STOCKMAN. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Coach Roy Hutchins was a proud veteran of World War II; and

Whereas, Coach Hutchins earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas Southern University in 1947, and a Master of Science Degree from the same University in 1952; and

Whereas, Coach Hutchins joined the faculty of George Washington Carver High School of Baytown, Texas in 1948 and remained there until 1967, as assistant football coach, Coach Hutchins played a major role in Baytown Carver High School winning seven district football championships and three state football championships; and

Whereas, As Head Track and Field Coach, Roy Carver saw his track teams win five state championships; and

Whereas, Coach Hutchins is known for molding numerous Carver athletes into PVILCA Hall of Fame or Hall of Honor members; and

Whereas, Coach Hutchins was also known and very much admired as a science teacher, motivator of youth, and father-like figure who knew how to mold honorable and successful men out of young boys; and

Whereas, Coach Hutchins also exhibited an exemplary family life, and provided a wonderful role model for his student athletes; Be therefore

Resolved: That I, Congressman STEVE STOCKMAN of the 36th District of Texas, proudly salute the life and career of this Carver High School hero and fellow Texan; and do strongly urge that he be inducted into the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association (PVILCA) Hall of Honor.

HONORING ETHAN JAMES FENSKE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ethan James Fenske. Ethan is a very special young man

who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ethan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ethan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ethan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ethan James Fenske for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO MASTER SERGEANT JON JENSEN

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Master Sergeant Jon Jensen for his extraordinary service to the nation while serving in the United States Army for the past 25 years. His record of distinguished service includes tours in Kuwait, Korea, and a competitive selection assignment as a Congressional Legislative Liaison to the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve.

As the 295th Ordinance Company First Sergeant while deployed to Kuwait in 2004 and 2005, he superbly integrated 110 cross-leveled Army Reserve Soldiers and 44 active duty Soldiers into one cohesive company. First Sergeant Jensen utilized his superb leadership abilities to provide command and control and health and welfare of his unit, despite their dispersal throughout the Kuwait area of responsibility. First Sergeant Jensen also assumed operational duties during this deployment and successfully established three ammunition holding areas and a theater amnesty program resulting in the company's ability to maintain and provide more than 74,000 short tons of ammunition in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom.

During his tenure as the 303rd Ordinance Group Operations Senior Non-Commissioned Officer, MSG Jensen successfully ensured full munitions support for all U.S. and coalition forces on the Korean Peninsula during the Ulchi Focus Lens Korea 06 exercise. While serving as the 1st Brigade, 104th Training Division Operations NCO, MSG Jensen was hand selected by the Ordinance Corps Advisory Group to present a proposal to the U.S. Army Chief of Ordinance on recommended upgrades to the 89B (Ammunition Specialist) Military Occupational Specialty. While in this role, he also led the Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Command from last to first place in Division operational readiness in a span of only four months.

MSG Jensen's military career culminated in his competitive selection as the Army Reserve's only senior enlisted Legislative Liaison. At this strategic level, MSG Jensen heavily engaged with key congressional leaders and key senior leaders of governmental and non-gov-

ernmental entities. MSG Jensen supported numerous congressional hearings, frequent office calls, and countless Hill engagements with members of Congress and Army Reserve Senior Leaders. He spearheaded, organized, planned and executed the Army Reserve Congressional Staff Delegation to Fort McCoy, Wisconsin to showcase the capabilities of an Operational United States Army Reserve.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Master Sergeant Jon Jensen for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Army.

A TIMELY CALL TO ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit Cardinal Timothy Dolan's remarks at the annual U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gathering in which he gave an impassioned plea for the church in the West to focus on the increasingly dire plight of the persecuted church around the globe.

I venture that the Catholic bishop under house arrest in China, the imperiled believer in Iraq still reeling from the devastating attack on Our Lady of Salvation Church and the unjustly imprisoned Christian in Pakistan will undoubtedly be heartened by his words and buoyed by his call to action.

CARDINAL TIMOTHY M. DOLAN, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK, PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (USCCB)

ADDRESS TO THE USCCB GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NOVEMBER 11, 2013

Just last August, I had the honor of concelebrating the Mass of Dedication for the Cathedral of the Resurrection in Kiev. A particularly moving moment came when Metropolitan Shevchuk asked the Lord's protective hand upon believers suffering persecution for their faith anywhere in the world. That such a heartfelt plea came from a people who had themselves been oppressed for so long made it all the more poignant.

This morning I want to invite us to broaden our horizons, to "think Catholic" about our brothers and sisters in the faith now suffering simply because they sign themselves with the cross, bow their heads at the Holy Name of Jesus, and happily profess the Apostles' Creed.

Brother bishops, our legitimate and ongoing struggles to protect our "first and most cherished freedom" in the United States pale in comparison to the Via Crucis currently being walked by so many of our Christian brothers and sisters in other parts of the world, who are experiencing lethal persecution on a scale that defies belief. If our common membership in the mystical body of Christ is to mean anything, then their suffering must be ours as well. The new Archbishop of Canterbury has rightly referred to victims of Christian persecution as "martyrs." We are living in what must be recognized as, in the words of Blessed John Paul II, "a new age of martyrs." One expert calculates that half of all Christian martyrs were killed in the twentieth century alone. The twenty-first century has already seen in its first 13 years one million people killed