

Ph.D. in Mathematics from Harvard University as well as two honorary doctorate degrees. He was a Fulbright Fellow, and is currently a member of the National Academy of Engineering as well as a Fellow at both the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and the American Association of the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He has received numerous awards and medals for his work including the USC Presidential Medallion and the Shannon Award of the Information Theory Society of the IEEE.

Dr. Golomb started his career at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where he played a key role in formulating the design of deep-space communications for subsequent lunar and planetary explorations. After joining USC as a professor in 1963, he became one of the "Magnificent Seven" founders of the USC Communications Sciences Institute, which has made profound contributions to mathematics and engineering, particularly in interplanetary communications. His efforts have helped to make USC a center for communications research.

Dr. Golomb's contributions have touched our lives in numerous ways. His pioneering work in shift register sequences has extensive military, industrial and consumer applications. Today, millions of cell phones utilize technology based on Golomb's contributions to the field. His mathematical coding schemes made it possible for us to see clear video images from the Mars Rover Curiosity. And he has been referred to as "the godfather of Tetris" for creating polyominoes that inspired the invention of the tile-matching puzzle video game.

USC has long been a center for scientific innovation and I am proud to have such an incredible leader like Dr. Golomb working in California's 37th Congressional District.

IN MEMORY OF NANCY FLAKE, A
JOURNALIST'S JOURNALIST

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember a journalist's journalist and a dear friend.

This week, Montgomery County was saddened to read the news about the loss of Nancy Flake, a journalist who cared deeply about our community.

A short, but valiant battle with cancer took Nancy away from us too soon, but I wanted the nation to know more about this amazing woman because I will always appreciate her diligence, her fairness and her obvious love for all things education-related.

William Gordon and Julia Ann Roberts welcomed their daughter, Nancy to this world in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on May 10, 1956. Nancy would continue to love all things 'Sooner' long after becoming a Texan.

She taught herself to read at age 4 and never stopped reading everything she could get her hands on. She loved music and was a self-taught guitar player. Nancy earned her journalism degree at the University of Central

Oklahoma and got to pursue her love of reporting here in Montgomery County where her reporting and columns, earned the respect of public officials like me, our community, Courier readers, and her peers who showered her with numerous awards.

But this passionate reporter was so much more than words on a page, she was a dedicated mother and friend. Mason and Marty can attest to both their mother's protective nature and her intense pride in their accomplishments in high school and now in college. Her friends have too many stories to recount here today of her willingness to listen to any problem, her wise counsel towards solutions and her ability to make them laugh even in the toughest of times.

Just last month, Nancy learned she had cancer and she fought it with the same strength, courage and humor she brought to journalism and has passed down to her sons, who were with her when she left this world to become Heaven's intrepid reporter.

Today, her sons, her father, brother, Bill Roberts Jr., his wife Jayne; her sister, Carol Starrett and husband David; numerous nieces and nephews and a myriad of friends, co-workers and members of the community she touched with her gifts, are saying goodbye at a special memorial service at The Woodlands United Methodist Church.

Booker T. Washington once said "Success in life is founded upon attention to the small things rather than the large things; to the every day things nearest to us rather than to the things that are remote and uncommon." Nancy helped us all understand and appreciate the every day things nearest to us in ways we might not have appreciated without her insight. She cherished the small things with her precious sons and now they will cherish wonderful memories knowing she is in our Lord's loving embrace.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DONALD MCKINNEY TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE RESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA'S 49TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the exceptional work of Donald McKinney over the course of his 11 year service as a District Representative in my Vista, California office. In that role, Don was my principal representative to the communities of Oceanside, Fallbrook, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and military and veterans throughout the greater San Diego area.

Don's work was exceptional throughout his tenure, and he distinguished himself as a dedicated advocate for the Marines and their family members aboard Camp Pendleton. From housing and medical care, to transportation and infrastructure, Don took up any cause he believed would improve the quality of life for our Marines and dependents.

Shortly after I took office in 2001, we became aware of appalling conditions many Ma-

rine families were living in on base. The housing stock at Pendleton was worn out, some of it dated back as far as World War II, and many dwellings had mold contamination and other unsafe conditions. Don met repeatedly with base officials and over the course of many visits, carefully documented the housing conditions and assembled a binder of facts and photos. He walked miles and miles in the Pentagon halls meeting with any military or civilian leader who had a role in building or maintaining Marine housing. Don made sure that decision makers 2,000 miles away saw the pictures and understood the urgency so that it wouldn't get lost as just another line on a spreadsheet or item in a report. Marines and their families were living in these conditions, and that was unacceptable.

Today, Camp Pendleton provides some of the finest housing available to servicemembers and their dependents. Much of the older family housing has been torn down and replaced and the rest fully renovated. The base now has 29 new Bachelor Enlisted Quarters buildings. Don's advocacy raised awareness within the chain of command and contributed significantly to the improvement of housing quality aboard Camp Pendleton.

Don's work earned him the good-will of the Marine Commanders at Pendleton and he worked to ensure they had strong relationships with local leaders in adjacent communities. This paid dividends most recently when local, state and base officials work collaboratively to improve the flow of traffic at the Fallbrook Gate, reducing wait times to enter the base from 30 minutes to less than one minute. This small project provides a notable improvement in the quality of life for civilian and military personnel who commute to jobs on base each day.

Don facilitated more than 500 hours of negotiations between the Fallbrook Public Utilities District and Camp Pendleton to bring the sides to agreement to settle water rights litigation that has been pending for more than 50 years. A final draft settlement is now awaiting final approval at Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, DC.

Finally, Don was an advocate for improved medical care for autistic military children, working to make sure they have access to the most effective treatments and to raise awareness so they can gain access to the care they need and deserve.

In a last email to his colleagues, Don shared the experiences that were most meaningful over the years. Helping an injured Marine navigate a civilian bureaucracy to get a contractors license and a single mother clear an error by the Justice Department that allowed her to run a daycare center meant the most throughout his years.

Along with these notable achievements, Don did all of the things our aides do on our behalf when Congress is in session and we are away from our districts—countless meetings, appearances at the local Rotary or Chamber of Commerce luncheon, awards presentations and other public appearances.

I extend heartfelt thanks to Donald McKinney for his good work and exceptional service on behalf of the House of Representatives and the constituents of the 49th District.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
RETIREMENT OF RUTH SARRO

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House's attention today to recognize Ruth Sarro who is retiring on March 31st.

Mrs. Sarro began her career as a 4-H agent over 30 years ago. Working with the 4-H of Alabama was the fulfillment of her childhood dreams. As a child, Mrs. Sarro enjoyed participating in her local chapter. She competed in local, county, district and even state 4-H contests. Her fond memories led her to pursue opportunities within the 4-H system.

In 1980, she graduated from the University of Montevallo in Alabama and began working in the Bullock County extension office as a 4-H agent. In 1982, Mrs. Sarro transferred to the Calhoun County Extension office in Anniston, Alabama. During her years as a 4-H agent she worked extensively with schools and teachers in Alabama. In fact, she worked with over 22,000 students between 1980 and 2004.

In 2004, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System was restructured, and she became a Regional 4-H agent. She works with 97 volunteers in Calhoun, Cleburne and Randolph counties.

Mrs. Sarro will be remembered for her dedication to the 4-H systems of Alabama. She is a true success story of what dedication to a cause can bring about. Countless students, teachers, volunteers and members of the community have been inspired by her.

Mr. Speaker, we join her family and friends in celebrating Mrs. Sarro's retirement.

HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF WARNER ROBINS, GA

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing the city of Warner Robins, Georgia a very happy 70th birthday. It is appropriate at this milestone to reflect and celebrate their rich history and heritage.

From the days when the community was known as York. Growing to the tiny hamlet of Wellston, Warner Robins was born in 1943 with a population of no more than 75 residents. Little more than a train stop, the city became a boom town. From those early slow growing days, none foresaw nor heard the echoes of winged giants which would rever-

berate through their skies with the birth of Robins Air Force Base. Together the city and military community formed a renowned partnership unlike any in our great country.

From World War II to today's global conflicts, the men and women of Robins AFB have been an essential ingredient in our U.S. Air Force's ability to provide airpower for freedom around the world. That spirit of patriotism is reflected in the Warner Robins city motto "Every day in middle Georgia is Armed Forces Appreciation Day"—not just words, but a creed spoken and lived every day in Warner Robins by its government and citizens.

That constant theme throughout the years has been a mainstay of Team Robins. Staying ready when our nation was least ready has been the challenge of Robins to play a critical role in repair and supply, and the city to be work force ready. Warner Robins is proud to be home to a world class U.S. air force installation like Robins Air Force Base.

Likewise, the city's award winning education system and college presence, outstanding athletics and sports facility, renowned museum of aviation, and unique southern hospitality make Warner Robins—known as Georgia's international city—a great place to live, work, play and retire. We extend wishes to all the citizens of Warner Robins for seventy more years of excellence.

HONORING LIBERTY IN BAHRAIN

HON. TED S. YOHO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, two years ago this month the people of Bahrain began a movement to seek constitutional reforms where power was shared with the people. They took to the streets impassioned by a desire to make sure that government serves the people, not the other way around. They yearned for the fundamental human right of freedom and aspired to have reforms that would grant them constitutional rights and self-governance.

Earlier this week, I met with three human rights defenders from Bahrain and they told me about some of the terrible atrocities that have occurred in their country as a response to the protests. They spoke of repression, harassment, and imprisonment. I fear that these responses not only threaten stability in the region but send a signal of oppressed liberty throughout the world. I was struck by the bravery of these young people and applaud their quest for liberty.

Our Constitution is critically important to us. The Bahraini people do not have that all important safeguard to their freedoms and they understandably want it. As Americans, we should welcome the Bahraini people's self-desire to have constitutional reforms and not take action to hinder it.

While I respect our history with Bahrain and our mutual foreign policy interests in the region, their government's actions over the last two years trouble me. It is my hope that the government of Bahrain takes the steps that they have promised their citizens and move towards the constitutional reforms that are so desperately desired by the people.

TRIBUTE TO DYLAN DECLERCK

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Dylan DeClerck, a 17-year-old senior of Valley High School in West Des Moines, Iowa, who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in his community from the 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is our country's largest youth recognition program based entirely on volunteer community service. The program was created in conjunction with Prudential and the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor middle and high school students for outstanding service to benefit others at the local, state, and national level. Since 1995, more than 345,000 American youths have participated in this excellent program.

Dylan was recently selected as one of Iowa's four distinguished finalists for creating and organizing a baseball league for young children who could not otherwise afford to play our national pastime. Dylan promoted his league, "Opportunity on Deck", by meeting with local ball club officials for support and sponsorships. Throughout the summer, Mr. DeClerck organized clinic activities and promoted the league through local media. There is no doubt Dylan's selfless efforts brought immeasurable joy and lasting benefits to the young people that participated in Opportunity on Deck.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. DeClerck for his sincere dedication to positively impacting the lives of others in his community. Dylan's commitment to a cause greater than himself is a testament to the high-quality character and unwavering work ethic instilled in Iowans both young and old. Our future is bright with young people like Dylan, and it is an honor to represent him and his family in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Dylan, thanking his supportive family, and thanking all of those involved in this wonderful project for their life-changing efforts.