

wedding anniversary, which they will celebrate with their loved ones on June 15. Mr. and Mrs. Bromell have led incredible lives, truly worthy of this distinction.

Terry and Rosy are the parents of four wonderful children: Alicia Lowther, Teena Doxley, Ty Bromell, and Rose Marie Dillon. They are also blessed with seven grandchildren: Ric Lowther, Jonah Doxey, Sarah Doxey, Erin Dillon, Ruth Dillon, Vivian Dillon, and Ellie Bromell.

Both graduates of Louisiana Tech University, Terry and Rosy are well-known and appreciated in the North Louisiana area. In 1983, the couple opened their family-owned and independently operated insurance agency, Bromell Agency, Inc. For the past 30 years, the Bromells have benefitted both Ruston and Shreveport families and businesses with their commitment to service, as well as their active involvement and leadership in the Chamber of Commerce, local bureaus, boards, and 4H programs, and various charitable organizations in the community.

As the Bromell family and friends prepare to join together to honor Terry and Rosy Bromell, this couple continues to exemplify admirable dedication to serving our region. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Terry and Rosy Bromell on this very special 50th anniversary.

CONGRATULATING THE PENSACOLA ICE FLYERS AS CHAMPIONS OF THE SOUTHERN PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE'S PRESIDENT'S CUP

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pensacola Ice Flyers for their recent victory in the Southern Professional Hockey League's President's Cup Championship series and offer my congratulations to the team members, owners, coaching staff, and front office staff:

Team members, Steve Bergin; Dan Buccella; Jordan Chong; Joe Caveney; Brent Clarke; Brad Cooper; Ron Cramer; John Dunbar; Nick Dupuis; Gerry Festa; Jeremy Gates; Mitchell Good; Patrick Knowlton; Kevin Kozlowski; Justin MacDonald; Mike MacIntyre; Ross MacKinnon; Ryan Salvis; Tyler Soehner; and Brandon Vossberg; Owners, Greg Harris; and Tim Kerr; Coach, Gary Graham; Equipment Manager, Mark "Bonez" Bradtmueller; Athletic Trainer, Jen Lorenzo; and front office staff, Tina Burnham; Patrick Casey; Kayleigh Kerr; Josh Kersh; Willa Licata; Chuck McCartney; and Brittany Tindell.

The Pensacola Ice Flyers were founded in 2009 and named to honor Pensacola's long and proud history as the "Cradle of Naval Aviation." From the beginning, the Ice Flyers have been strong competitors in the Southern Professional Hockey League, SPHL, making it to playoffs in each year of their existence. Last season, the Ice Flyers made it all the way to the championship series, before narrowly losing in the final game.

After coming agonizingly close to victory last season, the Ice Flyers entered into the 2012–13 season with only one goal: to win it all. The

Ice Flyers enjoyed a successful regular season, finishing with the third best record in the league. The team also enjoyed tremendous support from the Pensacola community, drawing more than 100,000 fans to their home games this season.

The President's Cup series between the Ice Flyers and the Huntsville Havoc was a closely contested affair. In the first game, the Ice Flyers prevailed at home in overtime 2–1; however, the Havoc fought back just three days later to claim a series tying 2–1 victory, sending the series back to Pensacola for a third and final game.

A passionate crowd of nearly 4,700 fans showed up at the Pensacola Bay Center to watch as the Ice Flyers faced the Havoc in the third and final game of the President's Cup series on April 14, 2013. The Ice Flyers took an early lead after just two minutes and seven seconds of play, and they never looked back en route to a 2–0 shutout victory to claim the crown and bring the President's Cup to Pensacola. With their victory, the Ice Flyers became just the third professional hockey team from Florida to capture a championship, and they became the first team from Pensacola to bring a professional sports trophy to the area.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize the players, coaches, staff, and fans of the Pensacola Ice Flyers for their championship winning season. The entire Northwest Florida area looks forward to many more winning seasons to come.

LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES CENTURY GROUP INC. AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2013 LANTERN AWARDS

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Century Group Inc. as the Southwest Louisiana Region recipient of the 2013 Lantern Awards.

The Lantern Award provides an opportunity to salute manufacturers for their outstanding contributions to the Louisiana economy and to their communities. Recipients are selected on the basis of their contributions over a period of time to the betterment of their communities, growth in the number of employees, and expansion of their facilities.

The Century Group Inc. started out as one man, Alma Como, who built a wooden cast to create concrete steps in 1942. Today, Century Group is the leading manufacturer of precast concrete steps, concrete railroad grade crossings, railroad spill collection systems and other precise concrete products in North America.

During the first 30 years, Century Group Inc. set up seven manufacturing locations servicing home building material dealers in 27 states. In the mid 1960's the Century Group Inc. entered the railroad market providing services to industry along the Louisiana-Texas Gulf Coast. By the late 1970's, it had established a precast division which served state Department of Transportations, municipalities, military facilities, heavy industry, harbors, and general contractors.

With over 59 years of experience in the precast concrete manufacturing railroad and industrial construction industry, Century Group Inc. continues its legacy of innovation and superior service. It is due to the efforts of businesses and individuals like the Century Group Inc. that Louisiana continues to grow and prosper economically.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF
SENATOR FRANK LAUTENBERG

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I thank my friends and colleagues in the New Jersey delegation for organizing this tribute to the late Senator Frank Lautenberg.

This is a personal loss as well as a loss for New Jersey and for this Nation. I don't think there has been, nor do I think there will ever be, anybody quite like Frank Lautenberg in the United States Senate.

What stands out to so many about Frank is that he never forgot his humble beginnings. He was the son of immigrants who was born and raised among the silk mills of Paterson. His father died while he was serving in the Second World War—and "serve" is the right word. He saw service as his duty, as his life—serving other people, never forgetting the common person and the common good. The GI Bill sent him to Columbia University, and he always felt grateful for that and felt a need to pay back.

Much has been said in recent days about Frank's successful business career. And it certainly was a success. The qualities that drove Frank to be a successful businessman also made him an exemplary legislator. Frank was dogged; he was persistent. His colleagues in the Senate would sometimes laugh or smile about that—"Here comes Frank again to try to twist our arms." Frank did his homework; he knew what he was talking about, and he just kept fighting for equality of opportunity, for fairness, for safety, for ever-expanding access to the American Dream.

Frank's legislative legacy will remain relevant for generations to come. He fought tirelessly to keep trains and buses safe, to promote public health, to safeguard chemical plants, to keep cigarettes out of airplanes, and so much more. But what stands out in my mind is what Frank did to prevent drunk driving. As part of his transportation work, Frank established limits on blood alcohol levels and raised the drinking age. Today, you could fill several football stadiums with people who are alive only because of Frank Lautenberg—and not one of them knows who they are.

Throughout his time in the Senate, Frank was always thinking about the ordinary person. He never forgot that they were the people who had sent him to serve, he never stopped fighting, and the people of New Jersey knew that. They knew they had somebody in the Senate who was looking out for them.

Frank and I worked on a number of important issues together. From strengthening and securing our rail system to combating bullying with the Tyler Clementi bill, I always relished the opportunity to work with such a premier

legislator as Frank was. I feel this loss very personally.

I again send my most heartfelt condolences to Bonnie and to Frank's children and grandchildren. I hope they find comfort in knowing that his ideas and his legacy will live on through the many lives he saved and touched.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY OF LINDA AND
RICHARD KERR

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Linda and Richard Kerr on their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Richard Kerr and Linda Fleming were married in Morgantown, West Virginia on June 4, 1964. They proudly raised two daughters with love and a wonderful sense of humor. They are committed to continuous learning and have a natural curiosity that they share with their four grandchildren.

Dr. Richard Kerr practiced medicine in West Virginia for over 35 years, while Mrs. Kerr served as a teacher at Morgantown High School. Dr. and Mrs. Kerr are two incredibly patriotic people who have tirelessly worked towards the improvement of our country, and our home State of West Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 1st Congressional District of West Virginia, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating my friends, Linda and Richard Kerr, on their fiftieth wedding anniversary and wish them fifty more.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD GAINES

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor Richard Gaines, an accomplished journalist and great friend of the fishing industry who passed away unexpectedly on June 9, 2013.

I began working with Mr. Gaines when he was employed at the Gloucester Daily Times in Massachusetts as a staff writer with a reputation for thorough, effective reporting.

Through his passionate coverage of the fishing industry, he became an advocate for fishermen across the country. Elected officials, peers, and readers alike admired Mr. Gaines' ability to clearly and accurately communicate the issues facing the industry.

Mr. Gaines began his career in the 1960's as a reporter for United Press International. He went on to become editor-in-chief at the Boston Phoenix, where he was well-known as an investigative journalist and garnered national attention when the paper was named as a runner up for a Pulitzer Prize. He authored a book and worked as a political consultant before joining the Gloucester Daily Times.

Mr. Gaines regularly reported on issues directly affecting the Third District of North Carolina, and his insight into the fishing industry will be greatly missed. We have lost not only

a talented journalist, but a man of honesty and integrity and a true friend to America's fishermen. I am grateful for Mr. Gaines' service and pleased to have him recognized by the United States Congress, an honor which he truly deserves.

HONORING THE PINE BROOK VOL-
UNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pine Brook Volunteer Fire Department, located in Montville Township, New Jersey, which is celebrating its Centennial Anniversary.

In 1913, the citizens of Pine Brook, an area within Montville Township, decided to organize a Fire Department to protect their community. Using land donated by Abram A. Van Wert, the people of Pine Brook built their own firehouse, which is still in use; the only changes being the addition of overhead doors and a rear meeting room. The people also provided the funds needed to start the fire company through donations. With the location and funds in place, the Pine Brook Fire Department was able to designate bell codes and zones, and purchase their first pieces of equipment; two hand-pulled chemical fire extinguishers. Over the following eight months, the Fire Department held a number of fundraising raffles, giving away pigs, ponies, clocks, and watches. With these funds, they were able to purchase a chassis from Republic Truck with two chemical tanks, a 150-foot reel of hose, and a small chemical holder and acid receptacle. Two years later, the headlights and bumper were purchased. This served the town until 1924, when the truck was sold to Hanover, and an American-LaFrance truck was purchased in its place. Throughout these early years the Pine Brook Volunteer Fire Department provided protection to the towns of Hanover, Parsippany, and to the Township of Caldwell.

Over the coming years, the department struggled to maintain operation due to insufficient funds. The citizens were informed that, because of their lack of interest and support, the fire department would have to be turned over to the Township of Montville. This prompted the people to pledge greater support in the future, and the Fire Department has since thrived. In later years, the department successfully petitioned for a Fire Commission Board, and held elections in February 1937. By this time, demand for aid had grown, and a 750 gallon Mack pumper truck was acquired. In 1954, the department joined the North Jersey Volunteer Firemen's Association, and in the following year joined the Montville Firemen's Relief Organization. Around the same time, the population had increased to a problematic number; the water supply was unable to cope with the fires in the area, and feasible solutions were difficult to find. However, in 1955, the department was able to build a special 1,500 gallon tank truck, the only one of its kind in this area. In 1965, the department purchased a Mack Diesel Pumper, the second diesel fire truck to be delivered in the State of New Jersey. Later, in 1969 a

Hahn Pumper was purchased, and in 1972 a Telesquirt Pumper was added to the fleet.

Since 1963, the substantial growth has transformed Pine Brook from a rural community to an area diverse with industrial, commercial, and residential properties, all of which are served by the Pine Brook Volunteer Fire Department. This increase caused the department to build another fire station on Konner Avenue, which was dedicated and placed into service in June 1969. The Township of Montville, recognizing the growth, expanded the water system with the installation of water mains and hydrants throughout the township in 1970. Later in 1975, plans for a new, larger headquarters on Bloomfield Avenue next to the existing firehouse began. Two years later, the department was able to operate out of the new station. With the increases in demand over the coming years, they added a Rescue and Salvage truck, a ladder truck, as well as other pumper trucks to their fleet. With the enactment of the Uniform Fire Code in 1986 by the State of New Jersey, Montville Township established three separate Local Enforcing Agencies, with the Pine Brook Fire Prevention Bureau serving under District #3 LEA. To meet the new inspection and code requirements, the Pine Brook LEA hired a part time Fire Official and Fire Inspector.

Today, the Pine Brook Volunteer Fire Department has remained an important part of community, and adapted to its ever-changing needs. The department has kept up to date with its rigs, equipment, and radio devices, as well as with volunteer training in fire safety and techniques. Due to the efforts of the Pine Brook Volunteer Fire Department, a Fire Prevention Bureau ordinance was introduced to the Township. Additionally, during Fire Prevention Week, firefighters have visited schools and educated children on fire safety for the past 29 years. After one hundred years, the Pine Brook Volunteer Fire Department continues its proud tradition of service, while maintaining a high level of professionalism and readiness for any emergencies that may arise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Pine Brook Fire Department as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, June 1st marked the beginning of the 2013 Atlantic hurricane season. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has once again predicted an "active or extremely active" hurricane season this year, with the potential for 13 to 20 named storms, of which 7 to 11 could become hurricanes. In fact, less than two weeks into hurricane season, we've already seen our first named storm, Tropical Storm Andrea. As the Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security's Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, I rise today to urge citizens in hurricane prone areas to take steps to prepare themselves and their families.

This is also a good time for citizens not in areas susceptible to hurricanes to consider the