

CONGRATULATING JASMINE  
BABERS FOR RECEIVING USA  
NETWORK'S CHARACTERS UNITE  
AWARD

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jasmine Babers of Rock Island, Illinois, who is one of ten individuals nationwide to receive the USA Network's Characters Unite award this year.

Jasmine Babers, at a very young age, has shown an amazing amount of dedication, hard work, and drive. She is the founder and publisher of Love, GIRLS, a magazine that strives to build confidence and self-esteem in teenage girls. Jasmine's hard work has paid off as she was able to publish the first issue in 2012. Love, GIRLS has expanded its distribution over the past two years from Illinois to include Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, as well as the District of Columbia, reaching more than 5,000 young girls. Jasmine also has led local events, in conjunction with her magazine, that help bring attention to bullying and the dangerous effects that it can have on our youth.

The Characters Unite award is presented annually to ten individuals who through extraordinary efforts are able to combat hate, intolerance, and discrimination, as well as make significant contributions towards promoting greater tolerance, respect, and acceptance in their communities.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to know that individuals like Jasmine Babers are making a difference in our communities. Once again I would like to congratulate her on her momentous achievement and wish her luck with her ongoing efforts, as well as her upcoming collegiate career.

HONORING PARK LABREA NEWS  
AND BEVERLY PRESS

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Park Labrea News and Beverly Press.

Park Labrea News and Beverly Press has been a local paper and critical presence in Miracle Mile, Hancock Park, Hollywood and West Hollywood since 1946. Park Labrea news and Beverly Press have a long and important history in our community. Residents of Park Labrea began distributing a newsletter throughout the apartment complex in 1946 and within a few months "Parklabrea News" was born.

In 1948, Joseph Duplain took over the newsletter and converted it into a newspaper. In the 1950s, Nan Dayhoff became editor and ran the paper for the next twenty years, publishing twice a month. In the 1970s veteran TV newsman Charles "Chuck" Riley acquired the paper.

In 1990, the newspaper was sold to the current publishers, Michael and Karen Villalpando. By June 1990, the Villalpandos had expanded the paper to a weekly installation that reaches more than 5,000 homes in neighborhoods in Los Angeles. In 1991, the circulation was expanded again and the name Beverly Press was added to the original Park Labrea News masthead.

Michael and Karen Villalpando have been the publishers for the last twenty-five years and have transformed the paper from a 3,000 circulation, bi-weekly newspaper, to a 13,000 paid circulation newspaper, delivered weekly with the Los Angeles Times. The Villalpando's goal has been to provide the best local news coverage to the residents of Park Labrea, Hancock Park, Miracle Mile, the Fairfax District, Hollywood and West Hollywood. They have proved extremely successful in their goal. Local community members look forward to receiving the paper every Thursday and rely on it to get global news and community happenings.

Michael and Karen Villalpando, through the Park Labrea News and Beverly Press, play a key role in sharing national, state, and local news within the community. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and recognizing Michael and Karen and the Park Labrea News and Beverly Press.

IN RECOGNITION OF RALPH  
LESLIE BUDDY COLE, JR.

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ralph Leslie Buddy Cole, Jr. for a noteworthy life dedicated to public service. Mr. Cole passed away at the age of 80, having lived a selfless life as a veteran of the Texas Air National Guard, public servant, and civic leader.

Buddy was born on August 19th, 1934 and grew up picking cotton in Krum, Texas. His commitment to public service and civic leadership started at a young age, notably when he founded the Krum Young Citizens Club and subsequently served as its first president. Buddy's public service career included serving on Pilot Point's City Council, first by election in 1981 and again by appointment in 1986. Additionally, he served as Denton County Judge for 4 years after being elected in 1982 and then served as Denton County Commissioner for Precinct 1 after winning election in 1986. Buddy is deserving of recognition not only for his continuous dedication to civic leadership and public service, but also for the example he demonstrated in his personal life and character. Buddy was regarded throughout the community as a pragmatic problem solver, something that no doubt contributed to his success in public office.

Buddy is survived by his wife, Norma, his sons Alan and Leslie, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. I join his family and the community of lives he touched in celebrating the accomplishments of Buddy Cole. It

is my privilege to represent the 26th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 DISTIN-  
GUISHED CITIZENS AWARD RE-  
CIPIENTS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I take this time to recognize the 2014 Distinguished Citizen Award recipients, presented annually by the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council. To commemorate this special occasion, the organization hosted a celebratory event on Monday, November 3, 2014, at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana.

Since 1992, the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council has presented the Distinguished Citizen Award to individuals who have made a significant positive impact on the community in Northwest Indiana and across the state. This year, the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council honored Michael and Jill Schrage.

Michael Schrage, president and chief executive officer of Centier Bank, is a truly innovative business leader. Mike became the fourth generation of his family to own and operate the First Bank of Whiting, which was renamed Centier Bank years later. This family-owned bank has grown throughout the years, and today Centier includes over fifty branches in Indiana. Under Mr. Schrage's leadership, an award winning lender division was established, and the company has been named one of Indiana's best places to work for the past eight years. This is unquestionably due to Mike's value-based work ethic, and the importance he places on Centier's most important resource: its employees. Additionally, Mike gives much of his time and efforts to charitable endeavors, including the Saint Jude House, the American Red Cross, the YMCA, and the Boy Scouts of America, to name a few.

Jill Schrage is a true humanitarian in every sense of the word. She gives selflessly and passionately of her time and efforts to various organizations and civic activities throughout Northwest Indiana and beyond, including the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, TradeWinds, Speaking of Women's Health, the Girl Scouts of America, the Women's Association of the Northwest Indiana Symphony, Opportunity Enterprises, and the Valparaiso Art Advisory Committee, among others. For her truly exceptional devotion to such worthy causes, Jill serves as an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council and its 2014 Distinguished Citizen Award recipients, Michael and Jill Schrage. For their lifetime of leadership and outstanding dedication to serving those in need, Mike and Jill are worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE  
CLASS OF 1964 FROM WINTERS  
HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the twenty veterans of the Class of 1964 from Winters High School as they celebrate their 50th class reunion this year.

These twenty men embody a spirit that echoes throughout Texas, a spirit that has made America strong. Their decision to join and serve is a reflection of their love for country and the understanding that everyone has a part to play in making our nation great. Winters High School wishes to honor these proud Blizzards: Kenneth Adams, United States Army; Adolfo Arroyo, United States Air Force (ret.); Glynn Awalt, National Guard; Dickie Bellis, United States Army; Alan Benson, United States Marine Corps; Ricky Boles, United States Army; Ronald Colburn, United States Army; Lynn Cornelius, United States Navy; Earl Green, United States Air Force; William Green, United States Army (ret.); B.M. Grenwelge, Jr., National Guard; Steve Grissom, United States Army; Gary Hester, United States Army and National Guard (ret.); Mike Hill, National Guard; Johnney Hopper, United States Army; Charles Nitsch, United States Army; Mike Mitchell, United States Army; Louis Simpson, United States Marine Corps; Arnold Thormeyer, United States Air Force; Marcelo Torres, United States Army.

These veterans embody the qualities that are necessary to serve a greater good, without which, our nation could not secure life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Today, we show our debt of gratitude for these men and women and the displays of greatness that have defined us as a nation.

Colleagues, please join me in honoring these veterans and their families for their dedication and service to our great nation.

IN HONOR OF BEVERLY ANN  
NEWELL

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Beverly Ann Newell, a truly remarkable woman who enriched us all. Beverly's recent death has left her family and friends with a deep sense of grief, though the memory of her life still shines brightly.

Beverly was born in December, 1936 in Albuquerque N.M., the descendant of New Mexico and Colorado pioneers. She moved with her family to Seattle where she grew into a vibrant young woman. Beverly attended the University of Washington where she began her lifetime career in physical therapy. She quickly followed with a masters degree in physical therapy from Stanford University. Then in 1961, she found herself in Switzerland where she met a young traveling American student named Roger Newell.

In 1965, Beverly and Roger married and began a long honeymoon on the Newell family

ranch in Big Sur. After living in the San Francisco Bay Area for a few years, they returned to Big Sur to raise their children Mark, Jonathan, and Annika. At the same time, Beverly became an integral part of the Big Sur community. She took active roles with the Big Sur Volunteer Ambulance Service and the Big Sur Historical Society. And in an effort that has had tremendous long term value, Beverly helped co-found the Big Sur Land Trust, which has played a pivotal role in the intervening years in preserving Big Sur's incomparable natural landscape.

As their children entered high school, Beverly and Roger moved up the coast to the Monterey Peninsula. Beverly became active with her church, Mayflower Presbyterian, where her deep faith helped her serve many years as a deacon. As her children grew and moved away, Beverly returned to her professional life as a physical therapist working with elderly patients in local nursing homes as well as people suffering from cerebral palsy. She also devoted herself to the lives of her grandchildren: Kyler, Micaela, Ohanapecosh, and Tole.

Beverly was the sort of person who had a tremendous influence on the lives of the people around her. She was invariably kind and loving. People's lives were enriched from the simple joy of being with her. She was also inexhaustibly creative. She was a phenomenal pianist who could play just about anything from ear. She also loved creating beauty with her hands whether through weaving, sewing, ceramics, gardening, or many other ways.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in offering our condolences to Beverly's family and friends. While we mourn her death, we celebrate the gift that her life was to all of us. The world is a far better place because Beverly lived her life with her own particular style of love and joy.

HONORING DR. FRANCIS X. VAN  
LIESHOUT

**HON. REID J. RIBBLE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Francis X. Van Lieshout on his 87th birthday, which he celebrated on October 11, 2014. Dr. Van Lieshout has been an integral member of the Fox Valley community and I am proud to recognize his dedicated service to the people of Wisconsin.

Dr. Van Lieshout was born in Kimberly, Wisconsin on October 11, 1927. After graduating from Kimberly High School in 1945, Dr. Van Lieshout served for three years overseas in the U.S. Navy. Upon returning to the United States, he received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Marquette University.

Dr. Van Lieshout returned to Little Chute with his wife Josephine after graduating from medical school. There, he and his wife raised seven children. He practiced family medicine in Little Chute for 42 years, working long hours at the hospital and making house calls following work. After retiring from medicine, he dedicated his time to volunteering in the community, working at St. Vincent de Paul and St. Bernadette's parish in Appleton, WI.

He has received multiple awards for his service to the community, dedication to Catho-

lic education, and service to the poor. In 1999, Van Lieshout Park was named in his honor in Little Chute.

Today, Dr. Van Lieshout and his wife live in Appleton, where he enjoys volunteering, spending time with his family and friends, and fishing. It is truly an honor to represent an extraordinary citizen who has dedicated his life to serving the people of the Fox River Valley in Northeastern Wisconsin.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 8th district of Wisconsin, I congratulate Dr. Van Lieshout on his 87th birthday and sincerely thank him for his service to Wisconsin.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND  
RETIREMENT OF JUDGE JEAN  
BOYD

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2014*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and accomplishments of Judge Jean Boyd, who has been a proven leader in Fort Worth, Texas.

Judge Jean Boyd is the presiding judge of the 323rd Family District Court, which serves Tarrant County as its Juvenile Court. Judge Boyd has presided in this Court since 1995, having previously served as its Associate Judge since 1987. She is retiring from the bench in December 2014 after 27 years of judicial service.

Throughout her career, Judge Boyd has worked to serve her community and her profession as a whole. She is the Chair of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas, and she has previously served as Chair of the Juvenile Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. She served on the Board of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission from 2005 to 2011. In January 2014, she was appointed by Governor Perry to the Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families.

Judge Boyd is a past board member of the Tarrant County Bar Association and a past president of the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court, the Tarrant County Young Lawyers' Association and the Tarrant County Women Lawyers' Association. Judge Boyd was honored as the Outstanding Young Lawyer of Tarrant County in 1988 and received The Professionalism Award from the Tarrant County Bar Association in 2001. In 2011, Judge Boyd became the first woman to receive the Tarrant County Bar Association's prestigious Silver Gavel Award, which is given to jurists who have made a substantial contribution to the bench by exemplifying ability, integrity and courage.

In 2000, Judge Boyd spearheaded the implementation of National Adoption Day in Tarrant County and has participated in every National Adoption Day event since then. She was selected as Judge of the Year by Texas CASA in 1999. In 2002, Judge Boyd received the Judge Scott Moore Award from Child Advocates of Tarrant County. In 2003, she was the recipient of the Angel in Adoption Award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute. She served on the founding boards of CASA of Tarrant County and the Alliance for Children and is currently a member of the board of Gill Children's Services.