

The TSCL Board of Trustee members visit Washington every quarter to personally meet with members of the U.S. House and Senate to consult with them about senior's issues including the Social Security Notch and cost-of-living adjustment, Medicare, drug importation, Alzheimer's research, and the Lock Box of Social Security Trust Funds.

The Senior Citizens League is a non-profit organization headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, that strives to educate millions of seniors via direct mail, e-alerts, senior faxes, and publications including a monthly newsletter *The Advisor*. On a day-to-day basis, TSCL operations are run by Executive Director Shannon Benton, with legislative activities guided by TSCL Legislative Consultants David and Betty Funderburk and Legislative Director Jamie McMillen.

Under the recent leadership of Chairman Dan O'Connell and Vice Chairman Nash Mines, TSCL has made significant progress in representing its seniors. The TSCL legislative team (with the Board of Trustee members on a quarterly basis) has met with over two-thirds of the Members of Congress and their chief staff members during the past 3½ years.

In the 110th Congress, a new Notch Resolution was introduced in the Senate by Sen. NORM COLEMAN with Sen. RICHARD BURR as an original cosponsor. This was the first such Notch resolution in almost 5 years.

Notably more Members of the House have cosponsored Representative Ralph Hall's (Social Security) Notch Fairness Act, H.R. 368, than ever before, setting a new record. It is a tribute to the continuing dedication of all of the TSCL Board members and to the leadership of its Chairman Dan O'Connell. The fact that more than 117 Members of Congress have already in this session of Congress cosponsored H.R. 368 proves the legitimacy and premise of the organization's fight for Notch victims. It reflects the fact that Chairman O'Connell has been dedicated and persistent in his desire to see TSCL have legislative success on the issues important to seniors.

In addition to support for the Social Security Trust Funds Lock Box and opposition to Social Security funds going to those who worked in the U.S. as "illegals" (via the U.S.-Mexico Totalization Agreement), TSCL has pledged to help promote Alzheimer's research.

It is a pleasure for me to pay tribute to the leadership of the Senior Citizens League, in particular its Chairman Daniel O'Connell, whose vision and determination to help the most worthy and needy of our citizens, are commendable.

I also thank each of these board members for their military service to our country. May God richly bless them for their continued contributions to seniors, to their communities and to our great Nation.

TRIBUTE TO MOINA SHAIQ, THE  
2008 WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD RECIPIENT

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Moina Shaiq, the 2008 Woman of Achievement award recipient designated by

California's Tenth Senate District. Moina is an exemplary community leader in the 13th Congressional District. She will receive her award on Saturday, April 5, 2008, from California State Senator Ellen Corbett.

Moina and her husband, Mohammed, have been residents of Fremont, CA, for the past 25 years and are the parents of four children. She has bachelor degrees in economics and psychology. Moina was a small business owner from 1991 to 1997. After the birth of her daughter, Samah, she chose to stay home and become more involved in community affairs. She has since been involved in a major way and has contributed tireless hours, making a positive difference in her community.

Numerous organizations continue to benefit from Moina's commitment, expertise and talents. She is a co-founder of the Muslim Support Network, established to improve the health and well-being of elders in the Muslim communities of Union City, Newark, and Fremont; serves as chair of the Fremont City Human Relations Commission; is a member of the Washington Hospital Foundation; and was a founder of the Muslim Spiritual Care Program for Kaiser Permanente.

Moina serves on the board of the Tri City Elder Coalition, coordinates the Community Ambassadors Program for Seniors and volunteers her service to the Palo Alto Medical Foundation's Citizens Advisory Committee, the Tri-City Interfaith Council, the Fremont Alliance for a Hate Free Community and the American Cancer Society.

I join the family, friends and admirers of Moina Shaiq who will gather on April 5 to commend her for her tireless volunteer efforts. The honor she will receive as the 2008 Woman of Achievement award is well deserved. She continues to set the standard for community service and is a model to follow.

TRIBUTE TO 127 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN  
AIR FORCE VETERANS

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize 127 Royal Australian Air Force veterans who on April 4 will be awarded the United States Air Force's Air Medal by the U.S. Embassy in Australia for their service during the Vietnam war.

These men bravely contributed to the tactical air mission of the United States Air Force in Southeast Asia between 1964 and 1972. Under dangerous conditions they displayed courage, dedication and resolve as they completed their missions.

I also wish to thank current and retired members of our military, including many who served alongside these Royal Australian Air Force veterans, for volunteering many hours to insure that they were properly recognized.

ARTHUR CONKLIN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Arthur Conklin

who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Arthur Conklin is a student at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Arthur Conklin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Arthur Conklin for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
HILARY WEAVER FOR WINNING  
THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE  
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Hilary Weaver showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Hilary Weaver was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Hilary Weaver always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Hilary Weaver on winning the Girls' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

HONORING THE AUGUSTA STATE  
UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. PAUL C. BROUN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and pay tribute to an exceptional athletic team in my Congressional District of Georgia.

The men's basketball Jaguars achieved what no team had ever accomplished before them at Augusta State University. For the first time in school history, the basketball team advanced to the NCAA Division II Championship Game.

The basketball team played its most successful season with 27 wins in 2007–08. The players gave fans a dazzling performance on Thursday, March 27, as they beat Alaska-Anchorage 56–50 in the semifinals of the Elite Eight. They gave it their all on Saturday, March 29, as the Jaguars battled it out with Winona State University but came up just short of winning the National Championship.

The Tenth Ranked Jaguars have proven the team is among the best in the nation. Under

the leadership of Coach Dip Metress, the Blue Crew played an incredible season that bodes well for the future of the program. Their athleticism and determination put Augusta State in the national spotlight, establishing its team as a national contender. As Augusta State University's representative in Congress, I couldn't be more proud of what these young men have accomplished.

HONORING GALE "WHITEY"  
FLOCKERZIE OF BELLVILLE, OHIO

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today with deep respect to honor the life and service of Mr. Gale "Whitey" Flockerzie of Bellville, Ohio.

Like many in his generation, Whitey thinks of himself as an ordinary guy. He served the nation with honor in the United States Army. He was wounded in combat in Vietnam, fighting as a member of Battery A of the 6th Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, 4th infantry Division.

Whitey was honorably discharged as a Specialist Fourth Class and returned stateside. In 1973, he opened Whitey's Barbershop on a quiet street in the quiet town of Bellville. Things haven't been the same since!

Over time, customers became friends, and friends have become what is known throughout the area as the "Barbershop Crew." More than a quarter-million haircuts later, the crew still gathers every Saturday morning at Whitey's for a town hall meeting to share opinions on the issues of the day. More importantly, they wait to hear Whitey's verdict—which, of course, is final.

Madam Speaker, I submit to you that if Congress followed some of the common sense and Midwestern logic employed by Whitey and the Barbershop Crew, the country would be in far better shape.

Is Whitey Flockerzie an ordinary guy? I would say he is extraordinary. The only thing ordinary about Whitey is that he represents a profound yet humble greatness about America that has helped us become the greatest nation in history: service before self, giving back to the country that gave so much to you, and living by example the sacrifice that allows each generation of Americans to reach higher than the last.

Whitey returned from Vietnam without officially receiving his Vietnam Service Ribbon. Out of respect and admiration, his friends recently obtained this ribbon for him and have graciously asked me to present it to him this weekend.

Throughout his lifetime of service, Whitey Flockerzie has affected countless lives in his part of Ohio. I am honored to recognize him on behalf of the House for all he has done.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION  
TO INCLUDE ALBANIA, CROATIA  
AND MACEDONIA INTO NATO  
MEMBERSHIP

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure today to introduce a bipartisan resolution expressing the strong support of the House of Representatives for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, NATO, to extend invitations for membership to Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia at this week's Heads of State and Government summit in Bucharest, Romania. Representatives MARK SOUDER, ELIOT ENGEL, EARL POMEROY, and CANDICE MILLER have joined me in this effort.

Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia have been preparing for NATO membership for more than 8 years, and are undergoing a historic process of democratic and free market transformation after emerging from decades of occupation. They have made important improvements in the areas of ethnic diversity, human rights, free market economic principles, and the promotion of good neighborly relations.

They can also play important roles in NATO activities in southeastern Europe, through their unique geostrategic position. Lasting stability and security in southeastern Europe requires the military, economic, and political integration of emerging democracies into existing European structures.

In addition, Macedonia, Albania, and Croatia have been steadfast partners in the war on terror and the war in Iraq, sending troops to serve in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is also important to note that Macedonia was the only former Yugoslav republic to win independence from Yugoslavia in the 1990s without bloodshed.

Madam Speaker, I proudly support the efforts of Macedonia, Croatia, and Albania to join NATO, and urge my colleagues in the House to support their efforts as well.

TRIBUTE TO HELLIER HIGH  
SCHOOL

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize some individuals in my district who are committed to maintaining ties to their community. In Pike County, the Hellier High School shut down a long time ago and many of its graduates scattered to all parts of the country. While it is true that many young people leave their hometowns, it is especially true in our region, dependent as it was on industries that rely on limited natural resources.

So it takes a special effort to remember those from high school. As young people reach that turning point where childhood is left behind and the tough choices about what career to choose, how to start a family and where to live come all at once, it is all too

easy to leave those memories behind as we become adults.

The Hellier High School "Hellcats" have developed a strong alumni network to ensure that the past is more than something found in pages of an old year book. Rather, they make this part of Pike County stronger today by meeting every Memorial Day weekend and posting photos and comments on their alumni website.

They meet every May 24 and a growing number of re-connected alumni rightfully consider this "Hellier High School Day." This year, eight more alumni were inducted into their alumni hall of fame, going back to the 1930's. They are starting an annual award for their 1941 basketball captain, Victor Ratliff, who lost his life defending our country in World War II.

We are working very hard to make our region of Kentucky one where people want to stay and raise their own families, and we are succeeding. We succeed because people remember the rich traditions and the values that guide the way during challenges that inevitably come later in life.

I am proud of the Hellier High School graduates who make the effort to embrace their past. In doing so, they remind us of what really counts in life—the people you meet along the way, fellow students, coaches, teachers, who play a critical role in making us productive citizens later on.

Every town needs people committed to making their communities better by actively participating in it. Communities are built by one high school, one church or one civic group at a time. They do not have to dry up and go away if we chose not to let them. We are fortunate to have that in Pike County, at the Hellier High School.

The people connected to Hellier High School made it more than an old school building. It is a symbol for many who wish never to forget the place they came from.

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