

to the 130 Nebraska law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty since 1866. On Monday, May 11, the Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial was dedicated to our friends and neighbors who gave their lives to make our world a better place. Located in Grand Island, the names of these heroes are now etched in gold on three granite panels, a solemn reminder of the cost they—and their families—have paid.

It is fitting the pathway to the Washington D.C. Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is guarded by a statue of a lion protecting its cubs. Thousands of Americans from all walks of life owe their lives to the actions of the brave men and women in uniform who protect us. Each day, law enforcement officers ensure our laws are enforced and our communities are safe.

HONORING ORADELL POLICE DEPARTMENT D.A.R.E. PROGRAM GRADUATES

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, the Oradell Police Department will hold its D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony with the students of Oradell Elementary School. The young people participating in this important program have made a commitment to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence. They have done this with the support of Chief of Police Anthony Rhynie Emanuel and D.A.R.E. officers, Sgt. Kevin Smith, Ptl. Marc Fedorchak and Ptl. Richard Liguri.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., began as a small program in Los Angeles in 1983. Today, it is implemented in more than 75 percent of our nation's school districts and in more than 43 other nations. This program allows children to defeat the negative cultural influences that they are challenged with daily by opening the lines of communication between law enforcement and youth and empowering them with confidence and courage to say no to drugs.

I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program in Oradell, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship:

Emma Bednarski, Andrew Benda, David Chakansky, Michael Fasano, Alec Garino, Kyle Garino, Lauren Gerlin, Stephanie John, Ethan Konigsberg, Ellison Lee, Justin Longo, Nicholas Miller, Julia Mills, Caitlin Mooney, Kevin Ortega, Zachary Prager, Kayla Rosado, Christina Sim, Christian Skroce, Joseph Verrico, Tyler Yuen, Vincent Albanese, Connor Belthoff, William Bertini, Zakaria Bousada, Jung Jin Cho, Alexa Coppola, Zachary DiPirro, Kristen Friedman, Eunhyu Ham, Sakura Honda, Ariel Lam, Thomas Melvin, Thomas Montemarano, Brian Pedersen, Anthony Pestic, Danielle Reimer, Olivia Schuster, Wendy Starr, William Thorn, Chelsea Twan, Alec Wasserman, Grace Woo, David Angione, Julianna Bigami, Erin Browning, Amanda Calcetas, Savannah DiGiovanni, Nicholas Esposito, Ryan Gardner, Rachel Jacobs, Ehristopher Kallensee, Asher Konigsberg, Ylana Lopez, Christopher McMahon,

Courtenay Murphy, Sebastian Quiana, Anne Marie Quinn, Patrick Robertson, Stephen Sargentini, Victoria Scalanga, Lexi Schettino, Eric Spiniello, Amber Williams, Christopher Yee, Ethan Alpern, Connor Callahan, Kate Deeg, Jimmy Dickson, Justin Fernandez, Christian Haak, Alexandra Iaccino, Brandon John, Evan Marinelli, Nicole Muscat, Rachel Okransky, David Pettigrew, Nicole Preziosi, Audrey Reynolds, Hunter Santos, Tommy Shindnes, Emma Smith, Richie Tashjian, Gabrielle Toohey, Sophia Traphagen, Billy Wallace, Daniel Comeau, Matthew Boros, Michael Boyle, Charlie Connell, Daniel Erben, Amanda Fatovic, Anna Fletcher, Elizabeth Granger, Molly Hastings, Erin Hughes, Susan Kang, Brad Laube, Julia Lombardi, Alexander McNally, Matthew Moran, Mona Moshet, Erikson Nichols, Matthew Palathingal, Caroline Parks, Kyle Russell, Ethan Schupak, Joseph Starace, and Kirsten Wozniak.

TRIBUTE TO BERYL PRESLEY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Beryl Presley, a kindergarten teacher from Milo, Iowa.

Beryl has received the "My Favorite Teacher Award" given by WOI television station in West Des Moines, Iowa. She was nominated by her former student, Billie Jo Marsh, who is now a co-worker of Beryl's. When Billie Jo was in fifth grade, she was inspired by Beryl to become a teacher, and they have now worked together at Milo Elementary School for over 17 years.

Beryl has been a teacher for 34 years and takes an immense amount interest in all of her students. She tells her students that they will receive an engraved recess whistle if they graduate with a degree in education. Eleven years after Billie Jo had Beryl as her teacher, she received her whistle on graduation day.

I congratulate Beryl Presley on her well-deserved award, and I'm certain that she will continue to touch the lives of many youth in her community. It is a great honor to represent Beryl in the United States Congress, and I wish her continued success.

IN TRIBUTE TO MOORPARK HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to the Moorpark High School Academic Decathlon Team, who recently returned from Memphis, Tennessee, as the 2009 National Academic Decathlon Champions.

It is the second consecutive national championship for the Moorpark High School team and the fourth national championship for the school in the past 10 years.

Team members Kris Sankaran, Marlena Sampson, Danielle Hagglund, Sarah Thiele, Zyed Ismailjee, Neil Paik, Sol Moon, Scott Bu-

chanan and Michael Fantauzzo are now recognized as the best and the brightest in the country. They are the pride of their school, their community and their country.

Kris Sankaran, a Moorpark High School senior, is the only holdover from last year's team. And, for the second consecutive year, he walked away from the competition with the country's highest individual score.

Every team member medaled in at least one event. Kris took home seven individual medals. Danielle Hagglund took home six.

These youngsters won by literally dedicating their lives to the challenge. The team gave up weekends, vacations, part-time jobs, and time with their families in their pursuit of excellence.

Their coach, Larry Jones, worked as hard, if not harder, than his students and is as deserving of high praise. Coach Jones, who is now the spry age of 60, has coached all four U.S. Championship teams. He is a man of outstanding strength, patience, and perseverance.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in applauding nine outstanding students who made history while achieving a very prestigious goal—Kris Sankaran, Marlena Sampson, Danielle Hagglund, Sarah Thiele, Zyed Ismailjee, Neil Paik, Sol Moon, Scott Buchanan and Michael Fantauzzo—the 2009 U.S. Champion Moorpark High School Academic Decathlon Team.

HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS AT CAMP ASHRAF

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, as we endeavor to end the war in Iraq, and to prevent any further military action in that region, I want to call attention to a resolution adopted by the European parliament on April 24, 2009. This resolution addresses Camp Ashraf which is located in Iraq about 50 miles from the Iranian border. Approximately 3,000 Iranian exiles are now residing at the Camp; these individuals have not been involved in the war and signed agreements with the U.S.-led Multi-National Force regarding their status in accordance with International Humanitarian Law. Unfortunately, Iraqi officials have allowed the Iranian clerical regime to pressure those residing at Camp Ashraf and human rights organizations, such as Amnesty International, have expressed concern for their safety and well being.

The European Parliament resolution urges the Iraqi government to uphold the human rights of those living at Camp Ashraf. I share this sentiment and urge my colleagues to review the full text of the resolution enacted by the European Parliament.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OF CAMP ASHRAF RESIDENTS

European Parliament resolution pursuant to Rule 115 of the Rules of Procedure on the humanitarian situation of Camp Ashraf residents The European Parliament,

having regard to the Geneva Conventions and notably Article 27 of the Fourth Geneva Convention on the legal status of Protected Persons,

having regard to the Geneva Convention of 1951 relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Additional Protocol,

having regard to the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) signed between the US and Iraqi Governments in November 2008,

having regard to its resolutions of 12 July 2007 and of 4 September 2008 including references to Camp Ashraf residents having legal status as Protected Persons under the Fourth Geneva Convention,

having regard to Rule 115 of its Rules of Procedure, A. whereas Camp Ashraf in Northern Iraq was established during the 1980s for members of the Iranian opposition group People's Mujahedin Organisation of Iran (PMOI), 8. whereas in 2003 US forces in Iraq disarmed Camp Ashraf's residents and provided them with protection, having been designated 'protected persons' under the Geneva Conventions, C. whereas the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in a letter dated 15 October 2008 urged the Iraqi Government to protect Ashraf residents from forcible deportation, expulsion or repatriation in violation of the non-refoulement principle, and to refrain from any action that would endanger their life or security, D. whereas after the US/Iraqi Status of Forces Agreement Camp Ashraf has been returned to the control of Iraqi security forces as of 1 January 2009, E. whereas according to recent statements reportedly made by the Iraqi National Security Advisor the authorities intend gradually to make the continued presence of the Camp Ashraf residents 'intolerable' and whereas he reportedly also referred to their expulsion/extradition and/or their forcible displacement inside Iraq, 1. Urges the Iraqi Prime Minister to ensure that no action is taken by the Iraqi authorities which violates the human rights of the Camp Ashraf residents and to clarify the government's intentions towards them; calls on the Iraqi authorities to protect the lives, and the physical and moral integrity of the Camp Ashraf residents and to treat them in accordance with the obligations under the Geneva Conventions, notably not to forcibly displace, deport, expel or repatriate them in violation of the principle of non-refoulement; 2. Respecting the individual wishes of anyone living in Camp Ashraf as regards to their future; considers that those living in Camp Ashraf and other Iranian nationals who currently reside in Iraq having left Iran for political reasons could be at risk of serious human rights violations if they were to be returned involuntarily to Iran, and insists that no person should be returned, either directly or via a third country, to a situation where they would be at risk of torture or other serious human rights abuses; 3. Calls on the Iraqi government to end its blockade of the camp and respect the legal status of the Camp Ashraf residents as 'protected persons' under the Geneva Conventions, and to refrain from any action that would endanger their life or security, namely full access to food, water, medical care and supplies, fuel, family members and international humanitarian organizations; 4. Calls on the Council, the Commission and the Member States together with the Iraqi and US Governments and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Committee for the Red Cross to work towards finding a satisfactory long-term legal status for Camp Ashraf residents; 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Committee for the Red Cross, the Government of the United States and the Governments and Parliaments of Iraq.

TRIBUTE TO ALBERT HABHAB

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the storied career and public service of Albert Habhab from Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Albert began his career of public service as a soldier during World War II. Albert rarely speaks of his time at war, but he occasionally shares some of his experiences including rescuing a badly injured soldier while in the Army in Europe.

He later became the mayor of Fort Dodge in 1959, and served for a record setting 14 years. While mayor, the city expanded by over eleven miles. In 1975, after serving as mayor, Albert was appointed to the bench in the 2nd Judicial District. In 1987 he was appointed to the Iowa Court of Appeals where he was elected chief judge.

Now at the age of 83, Albert continues to show his selflessness and gives credit to many other people in his life who he believes helped him during his career.

I commend Albert Habhab for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation and his community. I know my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in thanking Albert Habhab for his life of public service. It is an immense honor to represent Albert in Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately yesterday, May 13, 2009, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Res. 427, H. Con. Res. 84 and H.R. 2162.

Had I been present for Rollcall No. 246, on agreeing to the Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2187, the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for Rollcall No. 247, on suspending the Rules and passing H. Con. Res. 84, Supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for Rollcall No. 248, on suspending the Rules and passing H.R. 2162, the Herbert A. Littleton Postal Station, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING HENRY "HANK" NORDHOFF ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM GEN-PROBE

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the service of Henry "Hank" Nordhoff to both the biotechnology and life sciences communities of San Diego, as well as to Gen-

Probe, from which he is retiring after serving fifteen years as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Hank is nearly peerless when it comes to the contributions he has made to the life sciences community of San Diego and I wish him well in his retirement.

The state of California is far and away the leader when it comes to the life sciences industry. With over 2,000 companies employing 271,000 people and generating \$20.3 billion in salaries and wages, California is the gold standard for science and biotechnology that the rest of the country tries to emulate. San Diego is the crown jewel in the California crown with 36,600 employees in the life science community in San Diego County at more than 500 companies, including traditional biotech, medical device, diagnostic and technology companies. Atop that mountain stands Gen-Probe, led by Mr. Hank Nordhoff.

Hank joined Gen-Probe Incorporated in July 1994 as president and CEO. Following the spin-off from Chugai Pharmaceuticals in September 2002, he was also appointed chairman of Gen-Probe's board of directors. Hank contributed greatly to the innovation that defines Gen-Probe, and that is embodied in more than 480 patents the company has been issued around the world. Gen-Probe's business is devoted to nucleic acid testing (NAT). NAT is the science of identifying diseases accurately and rapidly by detecting genetic fingerprints that are unique to an infectious microorganism or a cancerous tumor. Gen-Probe's pioneering and innovative role in NAT has been broadly recognized—culminating in the company receiving the 2004 National Medal of Technology, America's highest honor for technological innovation, for developing molecular tests that protect America's supply of donated blood from HIV, hepatitis and West Nile virus.

On a personal note, I have had the privilege of working closely with Hank on a number of life sciences issues since coming back to Congress in June 2006. Hank has been a trusted advisor as part of my science and technology advisory group and I have come to rely on his wise counsel on everything from patent reform to personalized medicine. It is no surprise to me to know that he has been named as one of San Diego's most admired CEOs. Hank is a true visionary and his work will continue to shape the landscape of San Diego's biotechnology community long into the future.

In short, Hank is a successful business executive, employer, statesman and philanthropist, and I wish him well in his future retirement endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO SCOTT BLACKSTOCK

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Scott Blackstock, one of my constituents from Thomaston, Ga. This has been a fine spring for Scott. First, he won the Small Business Administration's Georgia Small Business Person of the Year award based on the success of his chain of car washes. Second, there was a lot of pollen. Only car wash owners, I'd think, anxiously anticipate the season when a thick yellow film coats our vehicles.