

other protected works should immediately cease this activity.

MGM Studios v. Grokster is much more than a legal battle involving movie studios, record labels and the technology community. Grokster is fundamentally about ensuring that the creative and copyrighted works of millions of Americans who enrich our lives—including songwriters, musicians, screen writers and other artists—are appropriately protected in this era of rapid technological advancement.

I acknowledge that artists, as well as movie studios and record labels, have been the beneficiaries of the same creative energy of the technology community that has given consumers new products, such as DVD players and portable music devices. Clearly, technological advancements have fostered the enjoyment of these creative works.

There must be a balance between protecting the copyrighted works of artists and ensuring technological innovation. However, the unbridled theft of copyrighted works must be stopped, as the Supreme Court has so clearly repudiated this activity. The Court struck the right balance in protecting copyrighted material and innovators in the technology community. It is time for those who created a business model dependent upon infringement to adjust to this new legal standard.

RECOGNIZING MISS ALYSSA WILSON

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Miss Alyssa Wilson, from Altoona Pennsylvania, as one of twenty national winners in a new award program called The Alexander Hamilton Citizenship Achievement Award. The award is sponsored by a new 501 (c)(3) non profit organization, The Alexander Hamilton Friends Association (AHFA) of Seattle, Washington. Fourteen States were represented and amongst the twenty winners, Pennsylvania had three, all whom happened to be from Altoona Area High School. Over 200 candidates were considered for the award and it is a remarkable achievement for these three students and the Altoona Area school district.

The Alexander Hamilton Friends Association is a non profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington. The AHFA's goal is to preserve Alexander Hamilton's legacy by recognizing and honoring young people who share Hamilton's strong sense of integrity, achievement, pragmatism, and service. For a student to win the award the student needs to exhibit a high degree of personal integrity and receive an outstanding rating in two of the five areas, which are: community service, school-related extracurricular activity, entrepreneurial skill, scholastic record, and personal achievement. George Cox, president of AHFA said, "The key question we asked ourselves, was this: If a young Alexander Hamilton were placed in a situation like this student, would he have responded in a similar manner? In the case of our winners, we think the answer is yes."

Miss Alyssa Wilson is a junior at Altoona High School and has organized several chari-

table events including the MS Walk, and the Heart Disease Walk. She is involved in the student council and through it she has helped organize student functions such as the spring musical dance and is involved in peer mediation. She participates in marching band, concert band, and jazz band. She is also a member of the school drama team and is active at her church where she teaches at Vacation Bible School.

Mr. Speaker, we would like to congratulate Miss Alyssa Wilson on her outstanding achievements in community service and we are proud to have her as one of our constituents.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Michigan Congressional Delegation consisting of Senators CARL LEVIN and DEBBIE STABENOW, Congresswomen CAROLYN CHEEKS KILPATRICK and CANDICE MILLER, and Congressmen DAVE CAMP, JOHN CONYERS, JOHN DINGELL, VERNON EHLERS, PETER HOEKSTRA, DALE KILDEE, JOE KNOLLENBERG, SANDER LEVIN, THADDEUS MCCOTTER, MIKE ROGERS, JOE SCHWARTZ, FRED UPTON and me. We pay tribute today to an agency in Michigan that has spent the last 100 years improving the means by which those in the far reaches of our beautiful peninsulas utilize our most well-known state product, the automobile. Today, we in the Michigan Congressional Delegation would like to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Michigan Department of Transportation also known as MDOT.

It all began with the innovative spirit of a bicycle enthusiast and entrepreneur, Horatio "Good Roads" Earle, when he became Michigan's first highway commissioner. He began a movement by aligning the professional road builders and engineers to improve road transportation throughout the state. On July 1, 1905, the voters in the State of Michigan overwhelmingly approved state spending for roads making Michigan the 18th state in the Union to establish an agency to oversee transportation. Since that day that the State Highway Department was established, Michigan has not only led the world in automotive advancements but has achieved many firsts in the state, country and world for transportation initiatives.

There were many transportation firsts in Michigan including the construction of the first international underwater railroad tunnel (Port Huron-Sarnia Tunnel) in 1891; the first international underwater automobile tunnel (Detroit-Windsor Tunnel) in 1930; and the first freeway-to-freeway interchange on Jan. 18, 1955 at I-94 (Edsel Ford) and M-10 (John Lodge) in Detroit, permitting motorists to make turns "simply by moving in the direction they wish to go." Both the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit in 1929 and the Mackinac Bridge in 1957 were the world's longest suspension bridges when they were built. The world's largest automobile tire, utilizing the Ferris wheel ride from the World's Fair in New York from 1964, can be found next to eastbound I-94

just east of the M-39 (Southfield Freeway) interchange in Allen Park. MDOT was also the World's first transportation agency to automate management and processing of construction products from the construction site through contractor payment, saving taxpayers more than \$20 million per year in 1993.

The national innovations are endless but include some of the most significant to our everyday living like the nation's first mile of concrete highway built by the Wayne County Road Commission on Woodward Avenue between 6 and 7 Mile roads in Detroit in 1909, the first painted centerline in 1911 and the first state trunkline in the nation to sport a centerline from Marquette to Negaunee Road (now US 41/M 28) in 1917. The nation's first highway materials testing lab was at the University of Michigan in 1912 and the nation's first four way red/yellow/green electric traffic light was at the corner of Woodward and Michigan Avenues in Detroit as the invention of Detroit Police Officer William Potts in 1918.

Other national firsts include the first roadside park on US-2 in Iron County, completed in 1919; the first practical highway snowplow was built in Munising in 1922; and the first "super highway" was an eight-lane divided highway with a 40-foot median built in 1923 along Woodward Avenue between Detroit and Pontiac. MDOT was the first highway department to use yellow centerlines to designate "no passing" zones in 1927. Michigan has the nation's first state operated information center which opened in 1935 near New Buffalo. Michigan was the nation's first state to complete a toll free border-to-border interstate on I-94 running 205 miles from Detroit to New Buffalo in 1960. In 1977 US-31 in Oceana County won the national "most beautiful highway" by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The nation's largest concrete segmental bridge opened up in 1988 when the Zilwaukee Bridge opened carrying I-75 over the Saginaw River. Recently, in 2003, Gloria Jeff was named the director of MDOT becoming the first female and African American State Transportation director in the nation.

Mr. Speaker these are only a few of the facts, figures and historical moments that are seemingly infinite examples that mark the significant influence this agency has had on transportation in our country and the world. In fact much of this information and a detailed outline of MDOT's history can be found through the resources of MDOT's centennial website at www.michigan.gov/mdot100. However, the greatness and innovation displayed by MDOT throughout this past 100 years is not limited to our history and evolution as a modern state. The recent state accomplishments and the goals laid out for the future show the numerous advancements this department continues to make on behalf of its residents.

Horatio "Good Roads" Earle would be proud of the efforts to make our roads, highways and bridges better each year. According to MDOT, since 1999, they have completed more than 93 percent of the road and bridge preservation programs announced in the fiveyear program making 88 percent of the vehicle miles traveled on Michigan freeways done so on good pavement. In the last three years, the capitol preventative maintenance program increased the life span of 3,710 miles of highway by up to seven years with a special treatment. Additionally, MDOT has made

significant improvements to trunkline bridges through the state due to strategic planning as well as opening almost 80 miles of widened roadways and passing relief lanes to relieve congestion, reduce delays and improve safety. Other program successes have been in overall safety, economic development projects, parking, roadside programs, and environmental quality.

Mr. Speaker, on June 30th, a special ceremony to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Michigan Department of Transportation will be held at the Mackinac Bridge in my district, one of the world's largest suspension bridges that connects the Upper and Lower Peninsulas with five miles of concrete and steel innovation. Friday, July 1st, the department's employees will also celebrate the anniversary in Lansing, Michigan. Celebrating this milestone year at the Mackinac Bridge is most appropriate because of the symbolism the Mighty Mac shares with that of this accomplished state department. MDOT has connected people from Copper Harbor to Coldwater, has set a number of firsts in national accomplishments, and continues to look ahead at ways to improve transportation for Michigan residents and visitors. Since its inception by Mr. Earle, MDOT has focused on the quality of its services and resources, the effectiveness of their work, the dedication to the needs of their travelers, the integrity to improve transportation the right way the first time, and the pride of being the best as what they do. I ask the United States House of Representatives to join the Michigan Congressional Delegation in congratulating the Michigan Department of Transportation on its first 100 years and even better success through the next century.

CONGRATULATING THE PHOENIX COMPANIES

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Phoenix Companies on its active commitment to Connecticut's capital of Hartford. Phoenix restated that commitment today with the celebration of three events significant to the city where it has operated since its founding in 1851. In that time, the Phoenix has evolved into a leading financial services company specializing in life insurance, annuities and asset management.

The company has returned all of its Connecticut operations to Hartford, and today welcomes back 450 employees who have relocated there. In February, the Phoenix's distinctive two-sided headquarters that is a signature of Hartford's skyline was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Considered a classic example of Modernist architecture, the building was designed in the early 1960s by Max Abramovitz, who is widely acclaimed for his role in designing the United Nations and Lincoln Center. The Phoenix is undertaking a major \$25 million renovation to update its landmark boatshaped building into a state-of-the-art office building while maintaining its exceptional architectural integrity.

As The Phoenix renovates its home, it has also reached out to help the citizens of Hartford become home-owners. Its philanthropic

arm, The Phoenix Foundation Inc., is providing a \$100,000 grant to The Neighborhoods of Hartford, Inc., which is responsible for implementing Mayor Eddie Perez's homeownership initiative. The Foundation's grant will reinforce and extend the initiative, providing funding for additional projects designed to tip transition neighborhoods into healthy ones. Last year, The Foundation's grants totaled \$1.36 million, almost all of which went to Hartford-area organizations.

The Phoenix's investments and active participation in the city is admirable, and its embrace of its community roots is to be applauded.

HONORING OLEE LEWIS FOR HER SERVICE TO HENRY COUNTY

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Tennessean and a dear friend of mine, Mrs. Olee Lewis of Paris, Tennessee. Olee recently completed her 38th year of serving our community at the Henry County Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council.

As a daughter of a local tobacco farmer, Olee dreamed of being a missionary or a nurse, and as an adult, she made her dreams come true. Olee received her nurse's aide certification after high school and then began training at National Baptist Missionary Training School in Nashville. She had to leave missionary school before she was finished but still jumped into a life of missionary work back home.

Olee has directed the Henry County Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council and has helped many people throughout her years there. One of Olee's greatest accomplishments is the "Sister to Sister and Brother to Brother" club, which organizes black men and women to meet the needs of the community. "Sister to Sister" has been so successful there is now a "Sister to Sister II."

She has also found the time to organize the SHARE program, serve as Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Education Ushers Department, and serve as a director of many different projects in her local church. For her extraordinary work in the community, Olee has received the Personalities of the South Award, was appointed to the important Families First Committee and was named a Kentucky Colonel. Married to the late Charles Wesley Lewis, Olee has been a wonderful mother to four foster children and also has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Throughout her life, Olee has contributed much to our community, our state and our nation. She has never shied away from work when her skills and efforts were needed and could make a difference. Mr. Speaker, please join me as I recognize Olee's many achievements and contributions, and to say thanks to her for all she has done through the years to make the city of Paris, Henry County, and the State of Tennessee a better place to live.

TRIBUTE TO IRMA VELASQUEZ

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today in recognition of the extraordinary achievements of Irma Velasquez, who was recently awarded the Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Service for her creation of a school for autistic children in my district. With her son as inspiration, Ms. Velasquez started Wings Learning Center five years ago so children with autism would have the tools to excel in the face of even the toughest disabilities.

The Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Service has been nationally administered since 1972 by the American Institute for Public Service. The award is given to those who are committed to making a difference in their community. Ms. Velasquez was given her award by the San Francisco Chronicle for her tireless pursuit in search of techniques to let autistic children flourish.

Mr. Speaker, her son Aaron was diagnosed with autism at the age of three. Having received her bachelor's degree in Economics and Business Administration from San Francisco State University and working as an accountant, she was ill-prepared for the diagnosis. Ms. Velasquez knew little about how to help her son with his disability and how to interact with him in daily life. She searched for the right education that could help her son while at the same time she educated herself about autism. Not satisfied with the special education disabled students were receiving at the schools in her district, she and her husband, Sherman Chan, started a unique school for her son.

Wings Learning Center, in San Mateo, California, maintains a team approach in the classroom and creates play groups that focus on social and motor skills. In addition to a dedicated set of teachers, the staff also consists of speech and occupational therapists. Today this primary school has 14 students enrolled from all over the Bay Area with more students starting in the fall of 2005. Ultimately Wings Learning Center hopes to find enough space to expand into a high school and provide training and support programs for educators.

Mr. Speaker, I believe Irma Velasquez deserves more recognition. What started as love for her child and a drive to understand his world quickly turned into an opportunity to help other children and offer resources for parents in a similar situation. I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Irma Velasquez, and wish her well on a promising future as a provider of special education for autistic children.

BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO ISSUE A COMPULSORY LICENSE FOR LOPINAVIR/RITONAVIR

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, Brazil's HIV/AIDS program has been recognized by the