

the Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA, in 1990. He was a lead witness in support of the ADA during a joint session of Congress and delivered significant testimony in Congress and across the country during the deliberations of this bill.

Before coming to Gallaudet Dr. Jordan's life was filled with many other accomplishments. A native of Glen Riddle, PA, a small town near Philadelphia, Dr. Jordan earned a B.A. in psychology from Gallaudet University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Psychology from the University of Tennessee.

Upon receiving his doctorate, Dr. Jordan joined the faculty of Gallaudet's Department of Psychology. Before his appointment as President, Dr. Jordan served as Chair of Gallaudet's Psychology Department and as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He has been a research fellow at Donaldson's School for the Deaf in Edinburgh, Scotland, and an exchange scholar at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland.

Dr. Jordan holds 11 honorary degrees and is the recipient of numerous awards, among them: the Presidential Citizen's Medal, presented by Bill Clinton in 2001; the Washingtonian of the Year Award; the James L. Fisher Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, CASE; the Larry Stewart Award from the American Psychological Association and the Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association for Community Leadership. President George H.W. Bush appointed Dr. Jordan vice chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, PCEPD, in 1990, and President Clinton reappointed Dr. Jordan to that role in 1993. In the summer of 2005, Dr. Jordan was presented the George Bush Medal for the Empowerment of People with Disabilities from President George H.W. Bush.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Dr. Jordan much happiness in his retirement as he looks forward to traveling with his wife Lynda and spending more time with his family. His compassion and service will be greatly missed. I am proud to have had a chance to work with him these past years.

#### SALUTE TO HURRICANE VOLUNTEERS

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 26, 2005*

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Today, I want to specifically thank one woman, her organization and her donation. Bonnie Gardner, from Friends of the Library in Fort Worth, donated various books for all ages to Hurricane Katrina victims.

Friends of the Fort Worth Library is a non-profit membership organization which exists to improve the quality of life in the community by providing advocacy, funding, and volunteer

services to the Library. The organization also serves as a conduit for organizations and corporations which are restricted from making donations directly to government entities.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Bonnie Gardner for her donation. It is people like her that I am proud to call a fellow Texan. Through her contribution, she not only stands as a devoted and giving American citizen, but she serves as an inspiration to others.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JEANETTE CANTRELL RUDY

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 26, 2005*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, Tennesseans have long been known for giving back more to their community than they take. Jeannette Cantrell Rudy exemplifies our State's proud tradition of contributing to the betterment of both community and country.

This year as Jeanette celebrates her 78th birthday, we should take a moment to recognize her good works and thank her for enriching our lives.

In 1985, Jeanette helped create and fund the Dan Rudy Cancer Center at Saint Thomas Hospital in honor of her husband. With her sisters' help, she honored her parents by founding the Felix A. and Edna L. Cantrell Endowment Fund. The fund has given nurses the opportunity to continue their education at Saint Thomas Hospital. As a former nurse, Jeanette knows just how important nurses are to our quality of life.

It's clear that Jeanette's work has had a tremendous impact on the lives of people across our State. Her life is a testament to the power each of us have to help others.

The list of Jeanette's achievements and interests is a long one. She's a sportswoman, a member of several boards including those serving the Nashville Zoo and Cumberland University. She's even written a book, *A Bend in the Cumberland*, chronicling the history of her longtime home community in the Pennington Bend area.

It's impossible to capture the many friendships and contributions Jeanette has been responsible for over the years, but we owe her a debt of gratitude for choosing to live in and serve our community. All our best to Jeannette and her family on her 78th birthday.

#### REGARDING THE INTRODUCTION OF LEAD LABELING ACT LEGIS- LATION

#### HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 26, 2005*

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. I rise today to introduce an important piece of legislation designed to strengthen our existing laws regarding lead in consumer products.

Currently, we have laws that pertain to lead-containing paint and its many applications. The laws are explicit and focus mainly on the paint used in public housing around the United States. In the last three decades we have

seen the rate of lead poisoning plummet and than plateau. These laws, though effective, are specific only to paint. We must do more to protect our consumers.

That is why I am introducing the Lead Labeling Act of 2005 today, to direct the Consumer Products Safety Commission to establish regulations to require the labeling of dishware products sold in the United States that may contain hazardous amount of lead within them. Labeling these products will help consumers identify products that are potentially hazardous to their children through a simple labeling process.

Mr. Speaker, there are many products imported every year and these imports are a vital part of our economy, but because they are manufactured outside the United States, they are not subject to the same stringent regulations that our products must meet. This is a concern, because many of the products that we eat out of, drink out of, and cook with are made of materials that contain levels of lead that we do not normally ingest. These products can release these leads into our foods and our water and the affects can be very damaging, especially to the development of our children.

According to the National Institute of Health, lead, even in very low levels, can have damaging effects on our children. The Center for Disease Control states that approximately 310,000 U.S. children aged 1–5 years have blood lead levels greater than the CDC recommended level of 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood. Also, lead can affect every system in our bodies. It has been linked to learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and, when our bodies are exposed to very high levels, lead causes seizures, coma, and even death.

Lead in our products is a concern in our households. Labeling products containing lead will help ease these concerns and allow consumers to make more informed decisions. I urge my colleagues in the House to support this legislation for the health of American consumers.

#### TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

#### HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 26, 2005*

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to pay tribute to the veterans of this country. November 11, 2005 is Veteran's Day. On this day, there will be ceremonies across our Nation honoring the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have served in our armed forces. In honor of these heroes, there will be a ceremony at the VA Medical Center on Leestown Road in Lexington, KY.

Kentuckians have always been willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Currently, there are more than 370,000 veterans who call Kentucky home. These men and women have inspired our citizens for generations. As our men and women continue to return home from battle in Iraq and Afghanistan, we must honor their service and pay tribute to those who served before them.

Armistice Day, the original name of Veteran's Day, was established on the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, which

ended the first World War. The men and women who sacrificed and served during WWI were honored and remembered, in hopes that their service would be the last time American soldiers were called upon for such duties. Regrettably, our men and women continue to answer the call. Fortunately, our VA Medical Centers continue to provide the care that our veterans so desperately need.

It is the spirit of those who work at these centers, the spirit of the American people and the will of the American armed forces that keep this country strong. Veteran's Day should serve as a reminder to every American that our armed forces, both of past and present, are made up of individuals of great courage, character and honor.

It is our duty to ensure that our children and grandchildren never forget our country's finest heroes and always know their sacrifice. We must take the time to pay tribute to our fallen heroes, not just on Veteran's Day, but every day. Their sacrifices and those of our military families are freedom's foundation. Without the brave efforts of all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines and their families, our country would not stand so boldly, shine so brightly and live so freely.

The United States has attained its position of strength and prosperity thanks to the dedication of our veterans and our armed forces. No other group of Americans has stood stronger and braver for our democracy than our troops and veterans. We must always celebrate, honor and remember these courageous and faithful men and women.

#### SALUTE TO HURRICANE VOLUNTEERS AT JPS HEALTH NETWORK

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Today, I want to specifically thank one company and their donation. JPS Health Network registered 1011 Hurricane Katrina evacuees and admitted 230 to the hospital for radiology, lab work, or other services.

Committed to improving the health of families and individuals in Tarrant County, JPS Health Network includes John Peter Smith Hospital, the JPS Institute for Health Career Development, a network of community-based health centers, home care and psychiatric services at Trinity Springs Pavilion.

I stand here today to sincerely thank JPS for their help and donation. It is people like them that I am proud to call fellow Texans. Through their contribution, they not only stand as devoted and giving American citizens, but they serve as an inspiration to others.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes on that day.

Had I been present I would have voted the following: "yea" on rollcall vote number 536, the American Spirit Fraud Prevention Act, and "yea" on rollcall vote number 537, Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the White House Fellows Program.

#### HONORING SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH OF WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS, AS THEY CELEBRATE THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

#### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Catholic Community of Saint John of the Cross of Western Springs, Illinois on celebrating their 45th Anniversary of the parish.

St. John of the Cross was created in May 1960 with the appointment of Rev. William J. Bennett. In September of 1961 the one million dollar building was completed, which included the living quarters for the parish priests, the worship space, and the classroom space for 600 students. The parish was built on 5.5 acres of land but over the years through fundraising, the parish doubled to the present size of 11 acres.

In 1980, Father Bennett retired, and Rev. Joseph McDonnell became the second pastor of the parish. The parish began to expand through various programs such as religious education, liturgical ministries, and other social organizations. Additional space was then needed to accommodate for the growing number of organizations within the parish, so in 1988, Father McDonnell and the Parish Council agreed to construct a Parish Center. This Parish Center included space for daily worship, private prayer, the day school, religious education, parish meetings, staff offices, choir rehearsal and many more activities.

After 16 years as pastor, Father McDonnell retired in August of 1996 from the parish. Reverend Richard Hynes, the current pastor, was appointed by Cardinal Bernardin to succeed Father McDonnell. Father Hynes has been committed to spreading the awareness of the Catholic tradition to the parish community.

It is quite obvious that over the 45 years of Saint John of the Cross, the parish community has grown stronger through their worship, formation, and charity.

It is my honor to recognize Saint John of the Cross of Western Springs, Illinois on celebrating 45 years of service to spreading the Catholic faith throughout the community.

#### H.R. 3824, THE THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY ACT

#### HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support for Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act, TESRA. This legislation is needed to make important changes to the Endangered Species Act, ESA, which, after 30 years of implementation, has been unable to return endangered species to healthy and sustainable populations and has caused turmoil for landowners and local communities across the country, especially in my district in California.

As you know, recent U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, FWS, studies indicate that ESA has successfully recovered less than 1 percent of species listed in the original law. Frankly, this is far from being an exemplary model of effective legislation.

TESRA offers a new emphasis on recovery, which will require the identification of lands important to the conservation and resurgence of species. The bill provides numerous tools to promote preservation on private lands without further increasing the size of the federal estate.

TESRA also lists specific difference to distinguish between endangered and threatened species. TESRA requires rules, which will regulate that threatened species be disseminated on a case by case basis rather than by some overarching rule for all threatened species. By these requirements, TESRA provides a flexibility that can be central to effectively promoting conservation.

I would like to commend Chairman POMBO for his efforts in this legislation and would like to express my full support for the underlying bill.

#### HONORING MR. CHARLES O. WRIGHT FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE OAKLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, the duty of promoting, developing and preserving the economic environment and quality of life of a community is a personal contribution to the democracy that has made America the great country it is today. Leaders are looked upon for advice, ideas and stability to sustain the growth and security of our communities.

In recognition of the outstanding dedication and personal leadership to a community, I am pleased to extend my warmest commendation to Mr. Charles O. Wright for his services to the Oakland Chamber of Commerce in Oakland, New Jersey.

For the last 25 years, businesses as well as prospective college students in Oakland, NJ have flourished on his behalf. In 1981, Mr. Wright was selected to join the Chamber's Board of Directors. Soon after, he served as