

buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

In attendance for the November 11th ceremony will be General Potts's wife, Peggy; his sons, Colonel Gary Potts, who is currently serving in Afghanistan, Neil Potts, a former Army Captain, Airborne Ranger, Special Forces, now a restaurateur in Dallas, and their respective families. The General's only surviving sibling, Irene Morris of Columbia, will also be in attendance.

The ceremony will include color guards from the Vanderbilt University Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Tennessee State Guard, Spring Hill Junior Army ROTC and the Columbia Central Junior Navy ROTC.

TRINITY RAILWAY EXPRESS— TRIBUTE TO HURRICANE VOLUNTEERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the states along the Gulf Coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one company and their donation. Trinity Railway Express helped senior citizens and other residents of the Houston-Galveston area flee from Hurricane Rita. They donated their time and equipment when it was most needed.

TRE is a service provided jointly by Dallas Area Rapid Transit and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority and it links downtown Fort Worth, downtown Dallas and DFW Airport.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Trinity Railway Express 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.

HONORING THE MONASTERY OF THE GLORIOUS CROSS AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to join the Benedictines of Jesus Crucified of the Monastery of the Glorious Cross as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary—a milestone for this community of nineteen.

Seventy-five years ago, Father Maurice Gaucheron, a priest on the staff of the Basilica of Montmatre in Paris and Suzanne Wrotnowska, the future Mother Marie des Deouleurs, began plans to open the doors of monastic life to women who, though interested

in pursuing this path, were unable to do so due to their fragile health. From the very beginning, the Monastery of the Holy Cross formed on the Rule of Saint Benedictine which emphasizes a listening heart, obedience, silence, and humility. In 1930, during a Mass celebrated in the crypt of Montmatre, Mother Marie des Douleurs and the first sisters were consecrated and their journey began.

The Monastery of the Glorious Cross in Branford, Connecticut was established just fifty years ago and is the only order of the Benedictines of Jesus Crucified in the United States. Houses of worship play a critical role in all of our communities. It is to these walls that so many turn in times of their greatest need. The Congregation at the Monastery of the Glorious Cross has always opened its doors to those in need of spiritual guidance and comfort. The public is welcomed to celebrate their daily Mass, the community sponsors a monthly day of recollection, and they also provide Mass cards and spiritual bouquets. It has been through their generosity and compassion that the Monastery of the Glorious Cross has become a local treasure. Every community should be so fortunate.

Today, as they celebrate their Golden Jubilee, the Sisters of the Monastery of the Glorious Cross will reflect on their own history as well as all that they have given to our community. It is my great pleasure to join Sister Mary Agatha, the Superior of the community, and all of the sisters of the Monastery of the Glorious Cross as they celebrate this very special occasion. I am honored to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to them for all of their good work.

HONORING MR. FRANK D. LINN, SR ON HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AS SANTA CLAUS

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank D. Linn, Sr. of Lower Swatara Township, Middletown, Pennsylvania as he celebrates fifty years of selfless and heartfelt service to the children and families of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania as Santa Claus.

Mr. Linn has given of his time and effort making thousands of children happy as "The Jolly Old Man with the Beard" since 1955. Acting as Santa in a shopping center and at private home parties, he also spreads the spirit of the holidays making visits and toy deliveries to around seventy-five homes at Christmastime.

A graduate of Central Dauphin High School, Mr. Linn has been employed with the House of Representatives, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the past forty-three years serving as Specialist in Intergovernmental Affairs to the Speaker of the House for Speaker Matthew J. Ryan and currently Speaker John M. Perzel. He has also devoted his time to the Lower Swatara Lions Club and the Middletown Area Red Cross as well as multiple local athletic teams, boy scouts troops, and fire companies.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to recognize a man who has been committed to bringing joy to the people of my district for fifty

years. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Frank D. Linn, Sr. on fifty years of devoted service as our local Santa Claus and thank him for the many contributions he has made toward the well being of the citizens of Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOMMY CARTER

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD), CRAMER JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Alabama State Representative Tommy Carter. Representative Carter has represented Limestone County in the Alabama State Legislature for thirty-six years. He plans to retire from public service at the conclusion of his current legislative term in 2006.

I consider it a privilege to have worked with Representative Carter on a wide variety of issues facing Limestone County. He has done a great deal to help further the quality of life for all individuals in our community.

During his many years of service in the State Legislature, Representative Carter was elected by his peers to numerous legislative leadership positions. Most notably, he served as the Chairman of the House Rules Committee for over twelve years. Representative Carter currently serves on the Education Finance and Appropriations Committee and the Agriculture and Forestry Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Carter is well respected throughout our local community and the entire State of Alabama. He is a past recipient of the Athens Limestone County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award and was the Conservationist of the Year Award winner in 1978. Representative Carter is also a former Scout Master and member of the Alabama National Guard.

After he steps down from the Alabama State Legislature, he will continue to serve on the Board of Directors for Community Bank and Athens State University Foundation Board.

Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, October 27th, the North Alabama community gathered to honor and celebrate all of Representative Carter's achievements. I rise today, to join in their celebration and to thank Representative Carter for his many years of dedicated service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JEANETTE CANTRELL RUDY—HEALTHCARE PHILANTHROPIST

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the birthday of a dear friend and a distinguished member of the Nashville community, Mrs. Jeanette Cantrell Rudy. Mrs. Rudy is a generous philanthropist, an accomplished sportswoman and a true friend to many in Tennessee and across the nation. She celebrates her 78th birthday on October 27th, 2005.