

Roger maintains an inclusive relationship with his employees and each Milliken associate is encouraged to share their thoughts on how quality and excellence can be achieved. As a matter of fact, much of Milliken & Company's success can be attributed to its network of faithful employees who tirelessly strive for nothing less than perfection.

Mr. Speaker, President Ronald Reagan once said, "My goal is to keep America the premier job-creating nation on Earth and we must unleash the full power of entrepreneurship. We can make our land that of the future, offering unlimited opportunity to all Americans who dare to live for their dreams." We are fortunate to have individuals like Roger Milliken, who never relent in their quest to foster and protect American industry, and believe the industrial climate envisioned by President Reagan is achievable.

Roger is recognized as someone who takes pride in the craftsmanship of the American workforce and fights for the preservation of those jobs. In an interview with the Wall Street Journal in 1995, Roger said, "I'm going to keep on doing what I'm doing. I'm going to die in the saddle, fighting for American manufacturing supremacy." While this statement is certainly indicative of Roger's tenacity and entrepreneurial ambition, it more importantly demonstrates the elements of selflessness and confidence that need to be revived within our industrial community. Roger's desire for American manufacturing supremacy is not unrealistic and one in which I believe we can achieve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Roger Milliken's contribution and commitment to American industry and manufacturing. In celebration of his 90th birthday, I wish him many more years of good health and happiness.

JERRY AND SHIRLEY MCCORMICK—SALUTE 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 family, their company and their donation. Jerry and Shirley McCormick, from Texas Manhole Company donated a refrigerator and dinner for 100 volunteers during hurricane Katrina.

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

TRIBUTE TO LANCE CORPORAL BRIAN PARRELLO

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Lance Corporal Brian Parrello, a heroic young man from my district who died while bravely serving his country in Iraq. I am proud that this week we will name the United States Post Office in his hometown of West Milford, New Jersey after Brian, the very post office where his father has spent many years working for the Postal Service.

On January 1 of this year, Lance Cpl. Brian P. Parrella, 19, of West Milford, N.J. was killed in Al Anbar Province, Iraq as a result of hostile fire. Lance Cpl. Parrello was assigned to Small Craft Company, Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Parrella was attached to a Marine Swift Boat unit that patrolled the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

A resident of West Milford, New Jersey, Parrello attended West Milford High School where he was a member of both the football and hockey teams. Following high school, he was so deeply affected by the attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon that he proudly enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. His teachers, coaches and peers have called him a real leader and a role model, someone who always gave 150 percent, and a person who led by example with a big heart.

This loss causes us to reflect on the bravery demonstrated by our men and women in uniform as they carry out their obligations in the face of danger. When their Nation called them to duty to preserve freedom and the security of our neighbors, they answered without hesitation.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere privilege to recognize the life of a proud soldier and heroic representative of the State of New Jersey. Lance Cpl. Brian P. Parrella was an honorable defender of liberty and he deserves our gratitude and respect.

I am pleased that we could recognize Brian's sacrifice in this manner and I hope that years from now the citizens of West Milford can remember the courage and sacrifice of this brave young man. We will continue to keep Brian's family and the families of all our men and women serving around the world in our thoughts and prayers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on vote No. 535 regarding a Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2744—the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006—my vote was recorded in a manner inconsistent with my intent. Let the RECORD show that my vote should have been recorded as "nay" not "yea."

REMEMBERING DON F. GILBERT

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to enter into the RECORD my comments on the life of a great Floridian from my district who passed away recently.

Born on December 26, 1930, in Peekskill, New York, Don F. Gilbert gave tirelessly of himself to his family and community. A veteran of the Korean Conflict, Don served in the United States Marine Corps from 1951–1952.

Following his tour in the Corps, Don attended Texas Western College, now the University of Texas at El Paso. During that time, he worked for the FBI and later began a career in court reporting.

Throughout his professional career, Don had many interests and was active in the Masonic Order, Job's Daughters and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. After his service in Korea, Don joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary, where he helped organize Flotilla 12 and served as its commander.

Don passed away at his home in Tallahassee, Florida, on August 28, 2005, and is survived by his children and wife, Gwen, whom he shared 49 years of marriage.

TRIBUTE TO ROSA PARKS

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ms. Rosa Parks who died on October 24, 2005 at the age of 92.

In 1955, Rosa Parks was a seamstress, housekeeper and volunteer at the local NAACP chapter in Montgomery, Alabama. One winter evening, the 42-year-old was riding a city bus home after a long day of work. Rather than give up her seat to a white person, she chose to be arrested, setting off a 381-day boycott of the bus system organized by a young Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Her simple act of defiance was an important catalyst in the Civil Rights Movement. She was arrested and later found guilty by a local court of violating segregation, but her case eventually went to the U.S. Supreme Court which overturned the Jim Crow-era laws.

Many civil rights pioneers would fight against injustice, helping advance genuine equality among citizens. Yet Rosa Parks was unique; a true American icon who embodied the notion that one person can make a difference, that a snowball can turn into an avalanche. She was the anonymous victim of discrimination whose fame quickly spread; a woman of profound inner-strength and deep conviction who selflessly volunteered herself for the greater cause of liberty. Her bravery galvanized thousands to use non-violent means to move Congress to pass landmark civil rights and voting rights legislation.

Two years ago, I joined a civil rights pilgrimage to Selma, Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama. Led by Representative JOHN LEWIS and the Faith in Politics Institute, the pilgrimage took Members of the House and Senate