

inclusion through customized services provided by highly qualified staff personnel.

Mrs. Fitzmaurice died in 1978 but the organization she founded has grown over the years under the leadership and vision of her daughter, Mrs. Koster.

Mrs. Koster graduated from East Stroudsburg University after which she began her career as a teacher and then as an associate at her mother's company, rising to president and CEO following her mother's death.

Today, her company assists hundreds of persons with special needs so they can lead meaningful and productive lives by providing housing, education, recreation and medical services.

Mrs. Koster serves on the boards of directors of the Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Eastern Monroe Public Library, Leadership Pocono and the ESU Rehabilitation Services Advisory Council. She is a member of the Kiwanis Club of the Stroudsburgs, advisor for the Kiwanis AKTION Club of Stroudsburg and is past president of the Northeast Providers Association, the Pocono Providers Association and past vice chair of the Mental Retardation Committee for Pennsylvania Community providers Association.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mrs. Koster on this occasion. Athena award winners are chosen on the basis of their professional excellence and service to community. Clearly, Mrs. Koster demonstrates those qualities.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
MAYNARD W. "DOC" UNGER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Maynard W. "Doc" Unger of Lakewood, OH, upon his induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, Class of 2005.

Mr. Unger is 1 of 20 inductees selected by a 13-member executive committee comprised of veteran leaders from throughout Ohio. Mr. Unger's distinguished service during World War II reflected courage and spirit, and his inner strength and faith guided him through the darkest of times when he was held as a prisoner of war.

Mr. Unger's service to others has continued throughout his life. For 45 years, he volunteered his time to assist and support the youth of our community with the Boy Scouts of America organization. To show their gratitude for his outstanding service, the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America honored him with the International Scouter's Award. Mr. Unger also committed his time as a teacher with the public school program "Growing Healthy Together." For 13 years, he taught students basic health and safety facts, including the significance and long-term impact of healthy eating habits. His lifelong involvement in many civic and veteran organizations includes his tenure as the former State commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War. He was re-elected to the position of State commander in 2005.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Maynard W. "Doc"

Unger, upon his induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Mr. Unger's lifelong service to his country, community and family enhances the lives of all of us and underscores the true meaning of the words United States citizen.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART SUPPORTS COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS EXPOSED TO TRAUMATIC STRESSORS ACT OF 2005, H.R. 1588

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, whose membership is comprised entirely of combat wounded veterans, fully supports H.R. 1588, which is a comprehensive approach to addressing the mental health needs of service members exposed to combat, including those members of our Armed Forces now serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A recent Army survey found that about 28 percent of Iraq veterans—about 50,000 servicemembers in this year alone—returned home with problems from lingering battle wounds to toothaches, from suicidal thoughts to strained marriages. Almost 1,700 servicemembers returning from the battlefield this year had thoughts of hurting themselves or that they would be better off dead. If left undiagnosed and untreated, post-traumatic stress disorder, PTSD, can lead to suicide.

Last year, the New England Journal of Medicine published research that found 15 to 17 percent of front-line troops suffered depression, anxiety or PTSD.

As the MOPH letter states, "We have learned from past wars that the injuries to military members do not stop on the battlefield but may manifest themselves months or years afterward. America must be there to help the healing process. H.R. 1588 would accomplish this goal."

I ask that the letter from the Military Order of the Purple Heart be included in the RECORD.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE
PURPLE HEART,

Springfield, VA, November 1, 2005.

HON. LANE EVANS,
*Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN EVANS: On behalf of the membership of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), whose membership is comprised entirely of combat wounded veterans, I write to pledge our unequivocal support of H.R. 1588 the "Comprehensive Assistance for Veterans Exposed to Traumatic Stressors Act of 2005".

At a time when our military men and women are engaged in the war on terrorism this act is most appropriate. We have learned from past wars that the injuries to military members do not stop on the battlefield but may manifest themselves months or years afterward. America must be there to help the healing process. H.R. 1588 would help accomplish this goal.

You may count on the MOPH in anyway possible to ensure that this legislation becomes law.

Respectfully,

JAMES D. RANDES,
National Commander.

RECOGNIZING BURL AND JURLINE BARKER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize two outstanding citizens of Missouri. Burl and Jurline Barker of Mount Vernon, MO celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 10, 2005.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Barker. Burl and Jurline have set an outstanding example for all of us to follow. Their marriage of 60 years truly exemplifies the qualities of commitment and dedication.

CONGRATULATING JOHANNA WEAVER AS SHE IS NAMED "HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR" BY THE POCONO MOUNTAINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Johanna Weaver, of Monroe County, PA, on the occasion of her being named "Humanitarian of the Year" by the Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Weaver served as executive director of Pocono Services for Families and Children for more than 33 years before her retirement last August.

Over the years, she has distinguished herself as a community leader, volunteer and mentor to children.

She has served the Monroe County Children and Youth Advisory Board, Habitat for Humanity Advisory Board, Drug and Alcohol Prevention Juvenile Task Force, Monroe County Job Center Task Force, League of Women Voters, United Way, Monroe County Association for the Education of Young Children, Welfare Reform Task Force, WNEP-TV Advisory Board, Kiwanis Clubs of the Stroudsburgs, Chamber of Commerce Executive Women's Council and the East Stroudsburg University Women's Center Advisory Board.

On a State and national level, she has served the Head Start program, the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Pennsylvania Association of Child Care Administrators.

She has also served the East Stroudsburg School District's reading program and was a member of the district's Band, Football and Wrestling Parents Associations.

Mrs. Weaver is married to Michael Weaver, a retired professor from East Stroudsburg University. The couple has two children and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mrs. Weaver on the occasion of this honor. Her selfless commitment to family and community and, especially, to the welfare of children has enriched the greater Pocono Mountain region. Mrs. Weaver deserves our gratitude and appreciation.