

with me in saluting the Scouts and alumni of Troop One.

Troop One was founded in 1916. It has a storied history and is widely known as the oldest continuously operating troop west of the Mississippi River. In the past 90 years, an estimated 1,500 young men have been members of Troop One, earning over 15,000 merit badges.

Not only is troop 1 one of the oldest troops, it is also one of the most successful troops in the United States. Historically, only five percent of Boy Scouts nationwide achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Troop One, however, far surpassed that mark with an impressive 20 percent, totaling over 300 Eagle Scouts.

Over its 90-year history, Troop One has performed many community improvement projects: they repaired and restored the Old City Cemetery, constructed park benches throughout the city and landscaped numerous elementary, middle and high schools. The troop has a historic commitment to service and received an award for selling war bonds during World War One. These are just a few of Troop One's community service efforts benefiting Sacramento and the Nation.

This troop has also produced more than its fair share of local and national leaders. One of the most prominent alumni is the former Governor of California and Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Earl Warren. Chief Justice Warren's sons were both in Troop One when he was Governor of California and his wife opened the Governor's mansion for the troop's mother's meetings. One of its most active local leaders and troop alumni, George Morrow, has had twelve family members achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, carrying on the troop's strong family tradition.

Mr. Speaker, the Boy Scouts of America, Troop One of Sacramento, clearly has become a family and community tradition. Troop One has helped young boys develop into community leaders. For 90 years, the troop's service projects have helped shape and improve the Sacramento community, and I am confident the troop will continue its work in Sacramento for many years to come. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the Boy Scouts of America, Troop One of Sacramento, a happy 90th anniversary and continued success.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANN SCHREIBER

#### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ann Schreiber for her community leadership and efforts on behalf of the State of Nevada.

Ann is a founder of the Muddy River Regional Environmental Impact Alleviation Committee (MRREIAC). Through Ann, this community based organization has contributed greatly to the Overton and Moapa Valley, Nevada communities by eradicating tamarisk plants, a non-native species to the area. I applaud Ann today for all of her hard work and dedication to removing this Western lands nemesis.

In 1994, MRREIAC was established in order to protect the Muddy River, a spring fed river

that flows from the upper part of Moapa to Lake Mead. During its inception, MRREIAC grappled with ways to remove the tamarisk plants that encased the Muddy River and left this important water source for rural Nevada a dry bank. A single tamarisk plant can consume hundreds of gallons of water daily and their abundance throughout the West is a pervasive problem.

Without being formally educated on the process of how to remove this invasive species, Ann sought the assistance of Clark County, Nevada Power, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, and other various volunteer organizations. Through trial and error Ann and MRREIAC were able to successfully remove tamarisk plants which had once before choked out the native plant species. Today, water flows freely down the Muddy River and native species live and thrive.

I applaud Ann and MRREIAC for their initiative and for successfully employing inmates from the Indian Springs Correctional Facility. Not only did these inmates receive vital work skills, but they were able to contribute to the overall success of MRREIAC's initiative.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Ann Schreiber for her relentless dedication to her water conservation efforts and to the safety of her community and the State of Nevada. She is an example to all of how one person's dedication to a cause can create lasting change. I wish Ann all the best on her future endeavors.

#### HONORING SEYMOUR SIMON

#### HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great and respected Chicagoan, Justice Seymour Simon, who recently passed away at the age of 91. Seymour was a dear friend of mine, and a passionate advocate for justice who exemplified all of the finest qualities of true public service.

Seymour was born on the 10th of August, 1915 in Chicago, IL. He attended law school at Northwestern University, graduating first in his class. He served his country in World War II and was honored with the Legion of Merit medal.

After his service in the Pacific, Seymour returned to his hometown to practice law and serve his community in elected office. He served two separate terms as alderman of the 40th Ward, from 1955 to 1961, and then from 1967 until 1974. From 1961 to 1967, Seymour represented all of Cook County on the Cook County Board of Commissioners, rising to board president in 1961. During his career Seymour also served as an attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division, as president of the Cook County Forest Preserve District and as a member of the Chicago Public Building Commission.

In 1974, he was elected to the Appellate Court, on which he served for 6 years. He was elected to the Illinois Supreme Court in 1980. As a member of the Supreme Court, Justice Simon exhibited a moral drive that led him to dissent from the court's decision in many cases, and earned him the enduring admira-

tion of his colleagues and the people of Illinois.

Justice Simon was an adamant opponent of the death penalty and sided against the court in several decisions which were later reversed by the U.S. Supreme Court. In retirement, he continued to fight against inequities in the prosecution of Illinois death penalty cases. Former Governor George Ryan cited several letters from Justice Simon as a factor in his decision to impose a moratorium on all executions in the State of Illinois.

Seymour's life of public service was honored with numerous awards, among them an honorary doctor of laws degree from John Marshall Law School and the Northwestern University Alumni Association Award of Merit. Seymour passed away in Northwestern Memorial Hospital on September 26th after battling with cancer.

Mr. Speaker, Seymour Simon was an inspiration to all who knew him, and I am honored to have considered him a friend and mentor. I wish to express my deepest condolences to his family, and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in remembering the life and legacy of this great American.

#### HONORING DEBRA NAUMAN, CHAIR AND FOUNDER OF GIANT STEPS OF ILLINOIS

#### HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding woman whose commitment and passion for a great cause led her to accomplish a very good thing for her community and state.

The woman is Debra Nauman. The cause is educating autistic children. And the very good thing accomplished is a place called Giant Steps, Illinois.

When Debra's son Riley entered pre-school, she became concerned about the quality of education he would receive as an autistic child. But instead of becoming disheartened, Debra Nauman became inspired. She was determined to provide her son with an education that would facilitate his mental and physical progression.

Her resolve led her to Giant Steps, a school for children with autism, in Montreal, Canada. Here was a school that featured an environment that nurtured the autistic mind and provided therapeutic services. Here was what she was seeking for Riley. But here—Montreal, Canada—was a very long way away from her home and business in Illinois.

So when Debra sought such a school back home and couldn't find one, she founded her own.

Armed only with her tenacity and infectious enthusiasm, she recruited a board of directors, raised funds, rented space, hired personnel and opened the doors at Giant Steps, Inc. Illinois, an academic and therapeutic day school for children with autism spectrum disorders in Burr Ridge, Illinois.

As we celebrate the tenth anniversary of Giant Steps of Illinois, it is only appropriate that we recognize Debra Nauman. We celebrate her because, despite the challenges she faces as a single mom running her own business, she did not compromise when it came to

her autistic son and his needs. Debra recognized long ago that every child deserves an education that will help him or her progress in life. She continues to work tirelessly to improve Giant Steps of Illinois and expand its programs. In so doing, she has made a world of difference in the lives of so many autistic children and their families in Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Debra Nauman and congratulate her on Giant Steps of Illinois' tenth anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO ANNA M.  
CABALLERO

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Anna Caballero. Anna first moved to Salinas in 1982 and started a law office specifically to provide excellent legal representation for working people. She promptly became active in town, and due to her immense enthusiasm she was quickly recognized as a community leader. She served on the city council for seven years, including four years as Vice Mayor. In 1998 Anna was elected as the first female Mayor in the 126 year history of the city of Salinas, and has hence served four terms.

During her tenure as city Mayor, Anna was a driving force in improving life for the people of Salinas. Some of her most successful projects were the diversification of Salinas's economic base, improving the affordability of local housing, the redevelopment of historic downtown Salinas, and ensuring the permanent funding of the Salinas library. The key to her success was her innate ability to sit people down, get straight to the issue and have them reach a consensus. Furthermore, Anna used her talents to streamline the Mayor's office and develop partnerships with neighborhoods, parent groups, labor groups, school districts, local businesses and the greater Salinas community.

Anna's accomplishments in the community have not gone unnoticed. In 1996, Anna was honored with the "Athena" award for "entrepreneurial excellence" by the Salinas Area Chamber of Commerce, the most prestigious honor the Chamber can bestow upon a fellow businessperson. In 2000, the Monterey County Lawyers Association granted Anna the Justice Ribbon Award, the Association's highest award for members who bring distinction to the legal profession through commitment to public service.

Anna has continued to reach out to the community. She is an avid volunteer coach for local baseball and soccer teams. She works with the Mexican-American Women's National Association, "MANA", to raise scholarship money for young women continuing to higher education. Anna is also an Executive Director of the non-profit Partners for Peace, dedicated to developing multi-disciplinary partnerships, which share community resources to bring about community change.

Mr. Speaker, I rise once more to applaud Anna Caballero's many accomplishments. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to congratulate her on her successful ca-

reer, and express my sincere gratitude for her commitment to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, this week, due to a death in the family, I have requested and received a leave of absence. Since Monday, September 25, I have missed the following rollcall votes. I have noted how I would have voted had I been present:

Roll No. 471, September 25, H.R. 5059, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, "nay"; 472, September 25, H.R. 5062, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, "nay"; 473, September 25, H.R. 6102, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, "yea"; 474, September 26, H. Res. 1038, on agreeing to the resolution, "nay"; 475, September 26, H. Res. 1039, on agreeing to the resolution, "nay"; 476, September 26, H.R. 5092, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, "nay"; 477, September 26, H.R. 4772, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, "nay"; 478, September 26, motion, motion to resolve into secret session, "yea"; 479, September 26, S. 403, on passage, "nay"; 480, September 26, H.R. 2679, on passage, "nay"; 481, September 26, H. Res. 723, on motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended, "yea"; 482, September 26, H. Res. 992, on motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended, "yea"; 483, September 26, H. Res. 989, on motion to suspend the rules and agree, as amended, "yea"; 484, September 26, H. Res. 1017, on motion to suspend the rules and agree, "yea"; 485, September 26, H.R. 6164, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, "yea"; 486, September 26, H.R. 5631, on agreeing to the conference report, "yea"; 487, September 27, H. Con. Res. 483, on agreeing to the resolution, "nay"; 488, September 27, H. Res. 1042, on ordering the previous question, "nay"; 489, September 27, H. Res. 1042, on agreeing to the resolution, "nay"; 490, September 27, H.R. 6166, on motion to recommit with instructions, "yea"; 491, September 27, H.R. 6166, on passage, "nay"; 492, September 27, H.R. 5637, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, "yea"; 493, September 27, H.R. 6115, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, "yea"; 494, September 27, S. 2856, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, "yea"; 495, September 28, H. Res. 1045, on ordering the previous question, "nay"; 496, September 28, H. Res. 1046, on ordering the previous question, "nay"; 497, September 28, H. Res. 1046, on agreeing to the resolution, "nay"; 498, September 28, H. Res. 1052, on ordering the previous question, "nay"; 499, September 28, H. Res. 1052, on agreeing to the resolution, "nay"; 500, September 28, H.R. 4954, on motion to instruct conferees, "yea"; 501, September 28, H.R. 5825, on motion to recommit with instructions, "yea"; 502, September 28, H.R. 5825, on passage, "nay"; 503, September 28, H.R. 6143, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, "yea"; 504, September 29, H. Res. 1054, on ordering the previous question, "nay"; 505, September 29, H. Res. 1054, on agreeing to

the resolution, "nay"; 506, September 29, H. Res. 1053, on ordering the previous question, "nay"; 507, September 29, H. Res. 1053, on agreeing to the resolution, "nay"; 508, September 29, S. 8930, on passage, "nay."

URGING THE PRESIDENT TO APPOINT A PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ENVOY FOR SUDAN

SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 25, 2006*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the decisive actions taken this week by the U.S. Congress to address the ongoing genocide and worsening humanitarian crisis in Darfur.

I am pleased that the House of Representatives has again passed H.R. 3127, The Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2006. The House originally considered this bill on April 5, 2006, but it took the Senate more than five months to pass it, finally doing so on September 21st. This important bill would block the assets and deny visas and entry to any individual (or family member) responsible for acts of genocide, war crimes, or crimes against humanity in Sudan. H.R. 3127 authorizes support for the African Union peacekeeping mission in Darfur. It prohibits U.S. assistance to a country in violation of U.N. Security Council embargo on military assistance to Sudan. It also urges a Security Council resolution supporting expanding the African Union peacekeeping mission. I look forward to the President signing this important measure into law.

The House has also considered and agreed to H. Res. 723 and H. Res. 992, both of which I am proud to cosponsor. These resolutions call on President Bush to take decisive action to respond to the ongoing crisis in the Sudan. In June, I joined with many of my colleagues to call on President Bush to appoint a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan. Appointing a Special Envoy would demonstrate to the international community that the United States remains engaged and committed at the highest level to bring peace to Darfur. In his address to the United Nations last week, President Bush announced his appointment of former United States Agency for International Development Administrator Andrew Natsios as Special Envoy. I welcome and applaud this move and remain hopeful that this high-level official will be able to bring the resources and focus of the U.S. Government to bear on this crisis.

As I have said before, for too long the world community turned its back to the ongoing genocide in the Sudan. But the actions of students, religious leaders, and concerned citizens in the United States and around the globe raised awareness about the horrors occurring in Darfur. I want to thank all who shared with me their concern about Darfur in town hall meetings, letters, phone calls, and e-mails over the last three years.

Today, the Congress is answering their calls for action. Passing these bills is an important step to ending the genocide and beginning to hold those who are guilty accountable—but it cannot be our only step. Our commitment to end this conflict and to the people of the region must not begin and end today. We must