

250,000. He was born and raised in Oakland, California and received a B.S. degree in Agricultural Science and Management from the University of California at Davis.

After completing his education, he sought a career in the fire service working first for the Dublin San Ramon Services District Fire Department where he spent two years before moving to the San Leandro, California Fire Department. During his fourteen years in San Leandro, he held the ranks of Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief, and Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal prior to becoming the Fire Chief.

When Alameda County consolidated its incorporated fire protection responsibilities into the Alameda County Fire Department, McCammon became the first Fire Chief of the newly formed department in 1993. The Department has doubled in size since 1993 with the addition of contracts for service with several local cities and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

Chief McCammon has introduced and implemented programs that include retrofitting and expansion of the public buildings and fire stations as well as new construction of several fire stations. He also implemented a water rescue, heavy rescue and HazMat Response Team that provides mutual aid to the entire County of Alameda and served as a key negotiator representing Alameda County for an ambulance contract for citywide services.

An advocate of regionalization, Chief McCammon fostered and promoted the idea of creating a regional fire dispatch center within the County. Since its creation in 1999, six jurisdictions receive dispatch services from the center at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, with countywide fire and emergency medical services mutual aid coordinated through the center.

Chief McCammon's list of involvement addressing fire and emergency medical services issues at the local, state and national levels is impressive. He has served on numerous boards, commissions and associations, and has been appointed by several governors for leadership positions to address incident management, homeland security, fire service and other issues relevant to his expertise.

On January 5, 2007, Fire Chief Bill McCammon's friends and family will gather at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton, California to honor his achievements in his profession, to thank him for his years of dedicated service and to wish him well on his retirement. I am honored to recognize him on his special occasion.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ED GUTHRIE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ed Guthrie for his exemplary work with Opportunity Village, a laudable organization that provides vocational training and advocacy for the disabled.

Under Ed's leadership, Opportunity Village has improved the lives of hundreds of people with severe disabilities and their families. Opportunity Village has grown to become one of the top 5 custodial firms in southern Nevada.

Opportunity Village serves 500,000 meals each year to the servicemen at Nellis AFB and owns the 2nd largest document destruction firm in Las Vegas. Ed has also developed a number of leading edge rehabilitation programs during the last 10 years, including the Job Discovery program, the P.R.I.D.E. program and a down payment assistance program to assist people with disabilities to purchase their own homes.

In addition to his work with Opportunity Village, Ed also serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the National Industries for the Severely Handicapped (NISH). Prior to joining NISH, Ed was the Western Region representative of the National Council of Work Centers and represented the 100+ community rehabilitation programs in Nevada, California, Hawaii, Arizona, and Utah for 6 years. Ed has also served the State of Nevada on the Nevada Governor's Council for Rehabilitation and Employment of People with Disabilities and served as Chair of the Nevada Rates Task Force.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Ed Guthrie. His hard work on behalf of Nevada's disabled population and their families is commendable. I applaud his efforts and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF LOREE SOGGS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the contributions of Mr. Loree Soggs to both Cleveland and Ohio. Mr. Soggs has been a member of and advocate for unions since he entered the workforce over 40 years ago. He has also serves the community diligently through his extensive civic participation.

Mr. Soggs entered his union as an operating engineer, and he has served his IUOE Local 18 as a business agent, apprenticeship coordinator, steward director, officer and fringe benefit fund trustee. In 1994, Mr. Soggs was elected to the office of executive secretary for Cleveland's Building and Construction Trades Council, being the first operating engineer to hold this office in the council's history. He has successfully negotiated numerous contracts fighting for the betterment of working men and women within the community. He further supports the realm of labor by serving as president of the North Shore Federation of Labor, vice president of the Ohio State Building and Construction Trades Council, executive director of the Northern Ohio Building Trades Real Estate Investment Program, trustee of the Union Construction Industry Partnership, and serves as a board member on four other labor related organizations.

The civic realm has benefited equally from Mr. Soggs' years of dedicated work. As an advocate for senior citizens, he strives to improve the quality of life of the elderly, specifically focusing on housing efforts. He is very politically involved, serving on the executive committee of the Cuyahoga Democratic Party and as a board member of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. Due to his civic dedication, Mr. Soggs is being honored by the State of Israel Bonds for his values and ideals

rooted in democracy, and the inalienable rights of working men and women.

Mr. Soggs' work is rooted in his bachelor of arts degree from Defiance College, as well as the support from his wife, Barbara, and their five children.

Mr. Speaker and my fellow colleagues, please join me in celebration of the efforts of Mr. Loree Soggs to the labor and civic communities in Ohio. His contributions have not gone unnoticed, and will surely multiply and reach new levels of excellence in the upcoming years.

HONORING MR. TIMOTHY NECKERS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Timothy Neckers for his years of service as the French Creek Town Supervisor. Mr. Neckers served his community well during his tenure in office.

Public service is a difficult path to take. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Neckers traveled that path with his head held high and a smile on his face throughout his tenure. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the constituents of French Creek.

Chautauqua County is blessed to have such strong and dedicated public servants with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Neckers is one of those people and that is why, Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor him today.

MINERAL WELLS VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and commend an innovative partnership between the Mineral Wells, Texas Independent School District and several veterans' organizations in that community. For each of the past 24 years, citizens of Mineral Wells have come together on Veterans Day to honor those who have served our Nation in the military with a special "Day of Remembrance" program.

Every year, the program draws over 3,700 youth, community leaders, and area residents to pay tribute to those who embody the American spirit. Working together as a community has helped promote pride and patriotism among students while honoring veterans. Members of the American Legion Post 75, the Sons of the Legion Squadron 75, and Farris Anderson Unit 75 of American Legion Auxiliary, Mineral Wells, along with school leaders and students help plan and participate in an event that features a parade, music, displays of military power, and much camaraderie among generations.

Throughout our history, men and women have answered the call of a Nation in need, and on Veterans Day, we are especially mindful of their service, sacrifice, and that of their

families. I appreciate what the city of Mineral Wells does to honor those most responsible for our freedom, and I am hopeful they will continue to serve as an example for years to come.

HONORING JOHN CASE, CHAIRMAN
OF THE PACE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank John Case for his 8 years of service as Chairman of the Pace Board of Directors. Under John's leadership, numerous improvements were instituted to North America's 6th largest bus system, resulting in better service for millions of Americans living in the Chicagoland area.

It is no surprise that John was chosen to serve as Chairman of the Board—he has a long history of serving his community and nation. As a retired United States Air Force Major with 20 years of service, including the third bomber wing during the Korean War, he brought many valuable skills to his role as Chairman. His experience is evident in the many improvements he instituted. These include developing Board Committees to handle specific decision areas, implementing use of biodiesel in the Pace bus fleet, doubling the size of Pace's vanpool program, ensuring that retirement funds are being adequately funded, and implementation of the Intelligent Bus System, which provides real-time information on bus locations, ridership and on-time performance.

John is a dedicated public servant. For more than 40 years, he has served his community in many public roles. He began his public career in Lisle Township—located in the 13th District of Illinois, which I represent—and, since then, has held the position of Township Trustee and Supervisor for Lisle Township. In DuPage County, in which Lisle Township resides, he has served as a DuPage County Board Member, County Board Chairman, and Forest Preserve President.

Once again, I would like to congratulate and thank John Case on his eight successful years as Chairman of the Pace Board of Directors and for all he has done for his community.

RECOGNIZING THE GENEROUS ACTIONS OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICAL AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generous actions of National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NASA, following the damaging affects of Hurricane Katrina on our nation's liquid hydrogen infrastructure.

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the Gulf Coast Region of the United States. In addition to the devastating

impact that Hurricane Katrina levied on the residents and municipalities of the Gulf Coast Region, the storm also severely damaged numerous business and manufacturing establishments, including the world's largest liquid hydrogen manufacturing facility located in New Orleans, LA.

For 40 years, NASA has been a major user of liquid hydrogen for many of its programs, including its Space Shuttle program. Today, NASA remains a significant and preferential customer of the New Orleans liquid hydrogen facility and, as such, is entitled to preferential supply due to its Defense Priority rating.

Liquid hydrogen is essential in many commercial manufacturing applications including the production of metals, float glass and electronics products that are, in turn, critical resources for other major American manufactures.

In anticipation of the Space Shuttle launch scheduled for March 2006, NASA had accumulated a considerable amount of liquid hydrogen in its spheres at the Kennedy Space Center, and had also planned significant testing of the Space Shuttle engines at Stennis Space Center prior to the March launch.

Upon learning of the severe shortage of liquid hydrogen supply in North America due to the effects of Hurricane Katrina on the facility located in New Orleans, NASA voluntarily agreed to transfer back to the facility a total of 391,220 pounds of liquid hydrogen and agreed to "stand down" its engine testing requirements at Stennis Space Center until liquid hydrogen production was resumed in November 2005.

NASA's generous actions allowed for the continued, albeit reduced, supply of liquid hydrogen to most commercial customers across the United States and prevented the shutdown of numerous manufacturing facilities and commensurate job losses throughout the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing NASA for its exceptional response and efforts in support of the U.S. manufacturing base by unselfishly committing its liquid hydrogen resources immediately following Hurricane Katrina's devastation of the Gulf Coast liquid hydrogen production capacity on August 29, 2005.

CAPITOL HILL MOURNS THE
PASSING OF THE COSTUME LADY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lola Beaver, a longtime Capitol Hill resident who owned and operated The Costume Shop for 34 years after an equally long and successful career as a dancer, choreographer and dance instructor. She died at home in her sleep on Tuesday, November 28. When she died at 96, Lola's sharp wit, sparkling intelligence and high-spirited spunk had not deserted the woman whose loyalty and love were treasured by countless friends, customers and neighbors.

Born Luola (Lola) Murchison Hurkamp in Fredricksburg, Virginia, on July 5, 1910, she moved to the Washington area after her mother committed suicide when Lola was four years old. After five long years as a boarding

student at the National Cathedral School, she graduated in 1929, came into her inheritance and promptly hopped on a Holland American liner headed for Europe. At summer's end, she returned to the States and arrived in New York City in a Chevrolet roadster that boasted a rumble seat and an item she had picked up in a Paris flea market and screwed onto the outside of her car: a French horn.

The 1929 stock market crash forced Lola, a student at NYC's Grand Central Art School, to earn a living as a dime-a-dance girl. She met and married a struggling actor, Andy Beaver, who was sharing an apartment with Henry Fonda and Burgess Meredith. When her husband joined the Marine Corps, the couple moved to Washington, DC. After twin boys died within two months of their birth, Lola opened the Lola Beaver Dance School in downtown Washington.

While her husband was fighting overseas, she performed for the troops at Washington's Stage Door Canteen and with the USO, traveling from the Caribbean to the Arctic with dancers from her school. A White House request that Lola create handmade bow ties to match President Lyndon Johnson's navy blue tuxedo marked her career move into costume design and rental. She moved to Capitol Hill in 1972 and converted a dry cleaning shop at the corner of 8th and A streets NE into The Costume Shop. "I liked Capitol Hill," she told an oral historian. "It had a nice small-town atmosphere. The people on the Hill are people you wouldn't mind knowing." Donna Brazile, my former chief of staff, moved across the street from Lola about 10 years ago. They became fast friends, and Lola knew that Donna was a friend to have. Donna virtually adopted Lola, cooking for her and nurturing Lola with friendship until the end.

Along with the city's most prestigious live theaters and Halloween revelers of all ages, members of Congress and burlesque queens, Lola's customers included every president from Johnson to Bill Clinton. During the height of the Watergate scandal, the lifelong Democrat took particular glee in outfitting then Indiana Sen. Birch Bayh as a burglar and his wife as a bug for Halloween. The ever-slim beauty with a thick mane of white hair never hesitated to render her opinion on a customer's choice of costume or actual weight. "You're too fat for that dress" or "You should be a pirate/princess/clown—you look like one" were the price of rental at The Costume Shop. Regarding the elegant turn-of-the-century cutaway Bill Clinton rented, Lola recalled, "He was bigger than I thought he was. He must've worn a corset when he had his picture taken."

It was considered a high honor to be invited to join Lola, a grandmother figure for countless Hill residents, children and adults alike, for a bourbon-soaked "teatime" that lasted until the wee hours of the morning. Many a glass of Jim Beam will be raised in her honor at a luncheon that will immediately follow a memorial service to be held December 9 at Christ Church, noon, 620 G St., SE.

In lieu of flowers, Lola, a lifelong animal lover, asked that contributions be made in her name to the Washington Humane Society (washhumane.org) and The Elephant Sanctuary (elephants.com).