

Mohler Barber College. He successfully pursued careers as a barber and later as the Administrator for the Greater California Employment Program and United Health Centers.

Like his son, Cruz, who served two-terms as the California's Lieutenant Governor and as a Member of the State Assembly representing the San Joaquin Valley, Mr. Bustamante also had an appetite for public service and never shied away from the opportunity to influence change in his community. Following that passion, he served the City of San Joaquin both as a member and Mayor Pro Tem. In addition, many civic, educational and community boards and committees were the beneficiaries of Mr. Bustamante's interest in his community's welfare.

Mr. Cruz Bustamante Jr. is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Dominga and their children: Cruz M., Belinda, Dorothy, Ron, Andrew and Naomi. Also surviving him are nine siblings, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Although his passing leaves a community in mourning, his devotion to his family, loyalty to friends, and commitment to helping others will never be forgotten. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends, and reassure them that his memory will live on through the lives he so graciously touched.

FOND FAREWELL TO DEPARTING FLORIDA DELEGATION MEMBERS

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, Florida is a state like no other. Our distinct regions range from the white-sanded beaches of the panhandle to the pink-sanded, sophisticated boutique avenues of Miami, passing through the space coast, home to Kennedy Space Center, and, most exquisitely, through the beautiful, rolling horse country of Marion and Alachua counties.

Our congressional delegation is no less diverse. We have our rock-solid fiscal conservatives, our steady moderates, and our progressive liberals. I am proud to be associated with them all.

Tonight, I join my Sunshine State colleagues to bid a fond farewell to CLAY SHAW, MIKE BILIRAKIS, JIM DAVIS, and KATHERINE HARRIS. Each of them are unique seashells, sparkling on the beach that we call Florida.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. DAVIS and I have spent many years together on the Committee on Energy & Commerce. For countless hours, we have debated the Outer Continental Shelf, Medicaid, and telecommunications issues. There were never dull moments, but even as we disagreed, I think that the three of us asked a common question as we legislated: what is best for Floridians?

In Mr. BILIRAKIS, further, one could ask for no more dedicated advocate for our Nation's veterans. He has introduced the fix for the unfair offset of concurrent receipt of veteran disability pay and military retirement pay for 20 years now. Happily, he must leave here with the satisfaction that Congress has made substantial progress in ending this century-old problem.

Mr. SHAW's leadership in Medicare is peerless. Physicians around Florida and around the nation have him to thank for his tireless efforts on their reimbursement, as well as medical liability reform. I am honored that he asked me to carry the torch for his work on medical screenings for first responders. I shall not let him down.

Mrs. HARRIS has served honorably as a brilliant stateswoman, both for Florida and for the United States. As Secretary of State for Florida, she represented and advanced our interests in trade, with diplomacy and aplomb. And, she is an accomplished horsewoman and solid booster and alumna of the University of Florida, with strong family ties.

As an example of our unity, like other States with no income taxes, our delegation has lobbied hard for federal income tax fairness, via the deduction for state and local sales taxes. When I gathered the support of the Florida delegation for this deduction in the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 in a letter in the summer of 2004, I am proud to say that I collected the signatures of 100 percent of our delegation, all 25 of our House Members, and our two Senators. One of our delegation, the Honorable Porter Goss, in fact had one foot out the door, to head the Central Intelligence Agency, but he still took a moment to sign our letter. I don't think any of the other non-income tax states, including the even larger delegation of Texas, secured 100 percent support. This solidarity just exemplifies who Floridians are. Representatives BILIRAKIS, SHAW, HARRIS, and DAVIS, fare thee well.

HONORING LLOYD C. HILLARD, JR.

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to Lloyd C. Hillard, Jr., an exemplary community leader, businessman and citizen from my congressional district. Lloyd received this year's Hardin County Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America during ceremonies earlier this month.

A native of Kentucky, Lloyd grew up on a farm in Pine Grove and earned college degrees from the University of Kentucky and the University of Wisconsin. Lloyd has distinguished himself as a business leader, serving as President and CEO of First Citizens Bank, and a good neighbor, through his active involvement in many community and charitable organizations.

Though never a scout himself, Lloyd's life-long example of honesty and devotion to his family and community parallel ideals championed by the Boy Scouts. He first became involved with the Scouts as a young adult, running a school recruitment program.

Lloyd has been an especially active member of our community, having served as past president and director of the Bluegrass Council Boy Scouts of America, past chairman of the North Central Kentucky Education Foundation, and former treasurer and director of the Cavalry Armor Foundation.

Lloyd was also past chairman of the Hardin County Community Foundation, Helping Hand

of the Heartland, and the Hardin County Fund for the Arts. He remains an active member of the local United Way and the Elizabethtown Rotary Club.

It is my great privilege to recognize Lloyd C. Hillard, Jr. today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for his example of leadership and service. His unique achievements make him an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and respect.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE SHERWOOD BOEHLERT FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE SCIENCE COMMITTEE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable SHERWOOD BOEHLERT for his outstanding service as Chairman of the House Science Committee.

Chairman SHERWOOD BOEHLERT, in honor of your long-term commitment to scientific research, I congratulate you on all of your remarkable achievements as Chairman of the House Science Committee. It has been my pleasure to serve alongside you as we worked diligently on many scientific matters which affected every American across the country. While I congratulate you on your service and celebrate your retirement, I recognize without reservation that your valued insights and contributions to the Science Committee will be deeply missed.

As Chairman of the Science Committee, you spearheaded advancement in nanotechnology through the "21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act," that was signed in December 2003, by President George W. Bush. This was an important bill which allowed for a more coordinated and better funded interagency program in nanotechnology—an emerging field of science that the National Science Foundation estimates will be a \$1 trillion industry within the next decade.

You have also been an esteemed advocate for the environment having authored the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990, which for the first time established a federal response to acid rain. Furthermore, your dedication did not stop there. In 1996, you authored the Conservation Title in the Farm bill, which provided over \$9 billion for conservation programs critical to hunters and fishermen. Such crucial programs included the Wetlands Reserve Program, the Conservation Reserve Program and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program.

I can confidently say that through your distinguished 24 years of service, you have made a lasting and valuable impact on American society. Thank you for your unwavering dedication and successful efforts in drawing the necessary attention to the competitive challenges facing U.S. companies, and to the importance of math and science education in overcoming those challenges. I also thank you for your excellent efforts of ensuring that our nation remains number one in the global economy.