

RECOGNIZING THE HURLBURT AFA
CHAPTER 398 TEACHER OF THE
YEAR SELECTIONS FOR 2007–2008

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Teachers of the Year.

First, I would like to congratulate, Mr. Leo F. Murphy, who received the High School and Overall Teacher of the Year award. A teacher at Choctawhatchee High School, Mr. Murphy is deeply passionate about aviation and aerospace education. He began the first aviation and aerospace education program in the Okaloosa County School District and is the driving force behind its success. A retired U.S. naval officer, Mr. Murphy has over 4,000 hours flying time earned in his 30-year career. He instructs at both Choctawhatchee and Crestview High Schools, and Hurlburt AFA Chapter 398 is proud to recognize him.

Second, I would like to honor Ms. Shannon E. Farrell, the AFA Chapter's selection for the Middle School Teacher of the Year. Ms. Farrell teaches eighth-grade Physical Science at Woodlawn Beach Middle School. She incorporates engineering, science and technology into her classroom. Ms. Farrell also sponsors the school's Boosting Engineering Science and Technology, BEST, Robotics Club. The 60 students in her club have competed at local and regional events, and are now preparing to compete in the Physics Olympics at the University of West Florida.

It is also with great honor for me to recognize the co-winners of the Hurlburt AFA Chapter 398 selections for the Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Ms. Megan L. Tucker teaches fourth-grade students at Kenwood Elementary School and was named her school's teacher of the year for 2006–2007. She augments the discussion of aviation in the classroom with guest speakers. Ms. Tucker has teamed with the USAF Armament Museum to assist in the development of the "Engineers for America" initiative, which incorporates science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, STEM, into various activities. She has also coordinated with the Choctawhatchee Aviation Institute, Bob Skies Airport, and the Experimental Aircraft Association to introduce her students to the thrill of flight.

Lastly, it is with honor for me to recognize another outstanding teacher, Mr. Scott Erickson. He is a fourth-grade teacher at the W.H. Rhodes Elementary School. Since 2005, he has taught math, reading, writing, science and social studies. To engage his students in learning he has incorporated a variety of aviation related items into all facets of his teaching. He integrated items gleaned from a Hurlburt Chapter Teacher Workshops to improve reading skills and institute a rocket building program for his students. His latest endeavor is integrating reading, math, technology, geometry, and engineering procedures into a dynamic lesson involving simulated flight from point to point using sectional charts, videos, and written instruction. During this lesson, students measure angles, figure area of a triangle and circle, compute speed, figure

averages, record data, and work as a team to achieve a final answer. Mr. Erickson is using the science, technology, engineering and mathematics aspects of aerospace and aviation to motivate his students to learn, explore, and discover.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize the Hurlburt Field AFA Chapter 398 Teacher of the Year selections.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ER-
NEST L. TODD AND LENA M.
TODD ON THEIR 75TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, March 11, 2008, marks the day Ernest and Lena Todd have been lovingly married for 75 years; and

Whereas, their marriage represents the true spirit of love, compromise and support; and

Whereas, their life together from humble beginnings as a coal mining family in Tennessee have prospered into a loving extended family in Ohio consisting of 260 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Ernest and Lena Todd represent the belief that love is eternal and will overcome all obstacles, for richer, for poorer, for better, for worse—forever; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I wish Ernest and Lena Todd a happy and healthy 75th wedding anniversary. We recognize the amazing commitment of love, friendship, and support these two people have made to each other and their family and the brightness and hope they have brought to those they have touched.

HONORING CALIFORNIA STATE
UNIVERSITY

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize my alma mater, California State University, Fullerton, as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

In 1957, California State University, Fullerton, was founded by an act of the California Legislature. The enrollment consisted of 452 students when the first classes were offered in leased quarters at Sunny Hills High School, prior to the College moving to temporary buildings on a permanent site in 1960.

Half a century after its founding, more than 185,000 graduates have successfully developed careers in hundreds of industries.

Each year, more than 36,000 students attend classes at Cal State Fullerton, choosing from among 105 different degree programs including 55 undergraduate, 49 graduate and a doctorate in education, at eight distinct colleges: arts, business and economics, commu-

nications, education, engineering and computer science, health and human development, humanities and social sciences, and natural sciences and mathematics, all of which provide an outstanding education to the students.

Its studies have led students to careers in teaching, nursing, business, the arts, communications, health care, engineering, sports, the sciences and more. Cal State Fullerton graduates have gone on to successful careers and community-building, and their impact is felt not only in the State of California and the Nation, but throughout the world. Among these graduates are Academy Award-winning actors and screenwriters, television news reporters, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists, successful novelists, doctors, lawyers, judges, teachers, professional athletes, entrepreneurs, legislators, scientists and business leaders and even a NASA astronaut who served on the crew of the Space Shuttle Endeavor that launched into space in August 2007.

Cal State Fullerton's student body also reflects the diversity of the State of California. As one of the most diverse campuses in the State, the university welcomes students of different ethnic groups, cultures and religions. In fact, many of these students are the first in their families to earn a university diploma.

The university received full accreditation from the Western College Association, later known as Western Association of Schools and Colleges, in 1961 and Cal State Fullerton now holds 14 national accreditations and associations.

In addition, "Titan Pride" has been the rallying cry for 12 national team championships in seven different sports.

Finally, Cal State Fullerton is known for its distinguished faculty, many of whom have garnered international and national reputations in their respective fields.

It is with great pride that I recognize Cal State Fullerton for 50 wonderful years.

RECOGNITION OF ANNA ROSE
LIVINGSTON

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generous spirit of third grader Anna Rose Livingston, a resident of my hometown of Syracuse, New York.

Approximately 2 months ago, Anna Rose viewed a film on the life of Mother Teresa during her Sunday school class at Bellevue Heights United Methodist Church. Moved by the work of the Catholic missionary to combat poverty and suffering in India and around the world, Miss Livingston developed a plan with the encouragement of her mother Sharon to gather and collect outdoor winter clothing for needy families in central New York.

The following week during the announcement portion of Sunday services at Bellevue Heights, 8-year-old Anna Rose stood to address the congregation and ask for their assistance in her developing effort. Later that week, she petitioned her teacher and principal at the Bishop's Academy at Most Holy Rosary to have the school's third graders join in her service project.