

are needed for homeless veteran families and women veterans. The Department of Labor's Veteran Employment and Training Service would administer the program within their successful Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP).

The bill also requires that the current biennial reports to Congress include data that shows results and outcomes of the services provided to the homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with dependent children. The bill authorizes appropriations of \$10,000,000 for each fiscal year for the program.

If this bill is enacted, it would provide valuable services to this vulnerable population of veterans and help stem the tide of chronic homelessness. I urge my colleagues to support and co-sponsor the measure.

HONORING DAVID "NICK" LYNCH

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 8, 2009*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Suitland High School head football coach David "Nick" Lynch, who was killed in a car accident last week, at the age of 43. Nick Lynch was one of the most respected football coaches in Maryland, leading the Suitland High team for 12 years and taking it to two state championships.

More than his coaching success, though, Coach Lynch was set apart by his devotion to his players and outsized role in the Prince George's County community. As Suitland Principal Mark Fossett said, "He's had an impact on so many people's lives—not only football players, but students in general. It wasn't like Nick was just the head coach of football. This is a devastating loss to our community, to our family." Many of his current and former players echoed that thought, speaking of Coach Lynch's commitment to shaping the lives of his players off the field, inviting them to church and meals, and acting as the caring authority figure that many of them had lacked. Keith Brown, one of Suitland's players, put it simply after Coach Lynch's memorial service: "That's my father."

At a service in which some mourners squeezed into stairways or sat in aisles, nearly 3,000 members of the Prince George's community gathered to honor Nick Lynch's impact on the lives of so many young men. Though Coach Lynch is gone, his influence will no doubt endure in all the lives he touched.

HONORING LEROY RADANOVICH

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 8, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Leroy Radanovich. Mr. Radanovich was recognized by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on December 9, 2008.

Leroy Radanovich was born and raised in Mariposa County, CA. As a child, Yosemite National Park was his playground. He grew up

learning to appreciate his surroundings and his community. Through his love of nature, Mr. Radanovich began photographing areas of Mariposa and Yosemite Valley. Because of his talented eye for beauty today many of his photographs can be found in numerous books and museums. Although his photography has spread his name around the world, it is his community activities that have made him a leader in Mariposa.

Mr. Radanovich is a local business owner. Though retired from the pharmacy business, he currently operates a photography business. He has served his community as a volunteer firefighter, past president of the Lions Club, and past president of the Mariposa County Water Agency. He served as president of the Mariposa Chamber of Commerce and assisted in establishing multiple tourism and economic development programs. From 1985 through 1988, Mr. Radanovich was elected as the supervisor of District 4 in Mariposa County. During his role as supervisor he served as the chairman of the board in 1987 and the president of the San Joaquin Valley Supervisors Association in 1988. In 1987 he was instrumental in obtaining the designation of the Kern and Merced Rivers as "National Wild and Scenic River" by the Federal Government. From 1996 until 2003 he was a member of the Mariposa Planning Commission and assisted in developing the comprehensive update of the General Plan. Mr. Radanovich is a member of the Historical Sites and Records Preservation Commission, the Cemetery Advisory Committee, and was influential in the restoration of the Mariposa County Courthouse. Since 2006, he has served as the director of the Yosemite/Mariposa County Tourism Bureau. Mr. Radanovich has been involved with nearly every significant project in Mariposa County since the 1960s.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Leroy Radanovich. Although he is going to move away from the public role, I am certain that his influences will still be noticed. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his accomplishments and wishing him the best in future endeavors.

HONORING JAMES ALBON MATTOX

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 8, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the late James Mattox.

Jim Mattox was a lifelong Dallasite. A graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, he also worked his way through the Baylor School of Business and earned a law degree from SMU. He served as an assistant district attorney in Dallas County before beginning his long political career in 1973 when he took office as a State representative from East Dallas. From there he was elected to Congress for three terms and ended his political service in 1991 when he stepped down from his post as Texas attorney general.

Jim Mattox will be remembered as a man who fought for average, working Texans, and who left an unforgettable mark on Texas government in politics. He took on airlines and the insurance industry—among many other cor-

porations—on behalf of Texas consumers. He was one of the greatest attorney generals in the State's history.

After his political career Jim Mattox became known as the "People's Lawyer" and built a truly modern law practice. He and his staff handled more than 2 million cases, won judgments totaling more than \$2.5 billion for the State, and opened up the diversity of the office by hiring more women and minority lawyers than the top 10 Texas law firms of that era combined.

Madam Speaker, Jim Mattox is survived by his wife Marta and their two children, Jim and Janet, as well as his sister, Janice, and brother, Jerry, both of Dallas. I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring the memory of Jim Mattox. Although he has departed from us in body, his memory will live on in each of us.

HORSE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY  
ACT OF 2009

**HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 8, 2009*

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, today Representative STEVE COHEN and I introduced the Horse Transportation Safety Act of 2009.

In Wadsworth, IL, on Saturday, October 27, 2007, a double decker cattle truck carrying 59 Belgian draft horses overturned when the driver ran a red light and hit another vehicle.

Residents at the scene could hear the animals kicking and screaming, panicked by their inability to escape. Eight horses died on the scene while another ten had to be euthanized. After the crash, Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of The Humane Society of the United States said, "What a gory mess we saw recently in Illinois. It must never happen again . . ."

It is time that we heed these words by putting an end to using double decker trucks to transport horses. This legislation, endorsed by the Humane Society, Animal Welfare Institute, Hooved Animal Rescue and Protection Society, and the Communication Alliance to Network Thoroughbred Ex-Racehorses would take steps toward preventing this disaster from occurring again.

This bill prohibits the interstate transport of horses in a motor vehicle containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another as well as creates civil penalties between \$100 and \$500 for each horse involved.

In my own State of Illinois, the State General Assembly has already moved forward and passed similar legislation. I urge my colleagues to become a cosponsor of this bipartisan commonsense legislation.

STEVE AND SHARON RUSNAK TO  
RETIRE: 70 YEARS OF COMBINED  
SERVICE

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 8, 2009*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to acknowledge the support staff that keeps the House up and running year-