

CONGRATULATING MARK PHILLIPS ON HIS PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mark Phillips, recipient of the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. This award recognizes Mark's outstanding leadership achievements and his contributions to improving the quality of life for special-needs children in Arizona.

Mark founded the Red Nose Club, a community service organization devoted to raising awareness and opportunities for children with serious illnesses. Through his efforts, Mark has helped raise over \$21,000 for local food banks and hospitals to provide care for sick children.

His passion for helping others began at an early age. His brother was born with a serious heart ailment and Mark has been a champion for children with similar illnesses. His enthusiasm and excitement has spread throughout the state with creative projects that have made it possible for sick children to receive the necessary care and help that they require.

A community's quality of life is determined by many factors, such as the policies set by city government and the programs available to its citizens. However, I believe that a community rises and falls on the shoulders of its citizens, and the contributions they make to that community. Mark exemplifies this commitment and raises the bar for everyone around him.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mark Phillips' continued work and advocacy for children with serious illnesses in Arizona.

HONORING ASSISTANT CHIEF GREGORY A. BULANOW OF THE NORTH CHARLESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one my constituents in South Carolina, Assistant Chief Gregory A. Bulanow of the North Charleston Fire Department, for successfully completing the Executive Fire Officer Program, or EFOP, on February 27th of this year.

The EFOP is an intensive program designed to give senior fire officers a broad perspective on various aspects of fire administration by providing them with knowledge that they can to apply during emergency situations that occur in their own communities.

It is no small feat to complete such a program, as it is made up of four extensive courses, stretching over a span of years.

As an ardent supporter of all of our nation's fire fighters and emergency personnel, I speak for the people of Charleston and the surrounding areas in saying that we are lucky to have well trained and skilled individuals like Assistant Chief Bulanow looking out for us every day.

I commend Assistant Chief Bulanow on his achievements and thank him for his devotion to the protection of the people of South Carolina.

HONORING WOMEN IN SERVICE AND ENTERPRISE AWARD WINNERS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, for the past seven years, the greater Mesquite area has embraced the opportunity to honor many exceptional women in the community through the Women in Service and Enterprise (WISE) Award Luncheon and Style Show. Today I would like to honor this year's award recipient, Mrs. Jana Hunter-Kovar, who is a shining example of a committed community advocate and servant. I would also like to recognize honorees Barbara Dunn, Lois Buford and Adrianna Harris for their valuable service and commitment to their community.

Jana Hunter-Kovar has dedicated her life and energy to the Mesquite community for many years. She began her work as a home sales advisor before retiring to care for her family and volunteer full time. Through her participation in the Leadership Mesquite Class of 1996, the Mesquite Citizen's Police Academy Class of 1998, as well as her service on the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce Board, Parks & Recreation Board, Mesquite Services League Board, Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Association Board, Mesquite Symphony Guild Board, and the Mesquite Social Services Board, Jana has truly had an integral hand in shaping Mesquite into the successful city it is today.

In recognition of her many hours of service and sacrifice, Jana has been honored with the 2004 Mesquite Social Services' Outstanding Commitment & Achievement Award, the 2003 and 2006 Mesquite Social Services' Star Board Member Award and the 2005-2006 Mesquite Independent School Board's Volunteer of the Year award. In addition to her many civic activities, Jana has been married to her husband, Mike, for 21 and 1/2 years and they are the proud parents of two daughters, Kyleigh and Kaitlyn.

Past WISE Award winners have served in a variety of ways, but they are united by the long-lasting impact they have made on their community. Their service, community involvement and dedication to enterprise continue to inspire younger generations.

Today, I would like to recognize all of the WISE honorees for their outstanding service and congratulate them on their awards. Thank you, ladies, for helping make our community, state and country a better place.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. PATRICK REED

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Superintendent Patrick Reed, the su-

perintendent of Mammoth Cave National Park, for winning the Superintendent of the Year for Natural Resource Stewardship award from the National Park Service.

Mr. Reed established a collaborative framework for science-informed decisionmaking. This includes disseminating scientific research to park staff, other areas overseen by the National Park Service, local citizens, academic and government partners, and people around the world.

Mr. Reed's effort to develop local, national, and international partners exemplifies how creating a consortium can be a productive method to share information, techniques, and research to aid cave and karst areas around the world. His efforts have initiated sister-park relationships with cave and karst areas in China, Slovenia, and Spain.

Mr. Reed's passion for Mammoth Cave National Park and commitment to better managing the park's world-class natural resources is an example for all to follow. I thank Mr. Reed for his commitment to the people of the Second District and one of our nation's greatest treasures.

TRIBUTE TO "THE GREATEST GENERATION" OF LOUISIANA

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with distinct honor that I pay tribute today to the living veterans of World War II—"The Greatest Generation." On behalf of all the residents of the 5th District of Louisiana, I offer our deepest appreciation.

World War II was a defining moment for our country. Over six decades ago, 16 million selflessly fought to protect and preserve our country's liberty, leaving school, jobs, friends and families behind. We must always remember the sacrifices made by these brave men and women.

At the time when I was growing up, my generation would often hear World War II stories from our fathers or uncles. Today, these stories are becoming more and more precious to hear firsthand.

I would like to thank the American Legion Post 53 of West Carroll Parish for providing an opportunity to reflect on the gallantry of those who served and those who died to protect our freedom in World War II.

Our World War II veterans exemplify the strength and spirit of our country's "Greatest Generation." The men and women who served in uniform during that war dedicated their lives to guiding our nation through some of its most trying hours.

I remain committed to ensuring that all our veterans receive the benefits and honor that they greatly deserve. They have touched every life in some way.

Madam Speaker, please join with me and all Louisianians in paying tribute to the living veterans of World War II. There will be a special place in our hearts for each one of these brave soldiers.