

codified their commercial and cultural relations and a great number of my constituents have benefited greatly from this action. I also recently had the pleasure of participating in the Committee of 100 19th Annual Conference—a forum to address issues regarding U.S.-China relations and issues of importance to the Chinese American community.

Americans of Asian descent are one of the fastest growing minority groups in the nation. I am positive that in the years to come, we will be adding many more names to the growing list of civic leaders and many more distinctions to their list of accomplishments. I am truly honored to represent the many extraordinary men and women in my district and commend their selfless dedication and service to the community.

COMMEMORATING SEABISCUIT AT
RIDGEWOOD RANCH

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the legendary racehorse Seabiscuit, who lived his final days at Ridgewood Ranch in my congressional district. Today Seabiscuit is being honored by the release of a United States Postal Service commemorative stamped envelope.

This thoroughbred race horse is noteworthy for uplifting the spirit of the nation, for tenacity in the face of adversity and for the beautiful and benevolent ranch where he spent his last years. Described as a “smallish horse with an ungainly stride” Seabiscuit grew to be a champion. His owners Marcela and Charles Howard purchased the 16,000 acre Ridgewood Ranch just south of the town of Willits along Highway 101 in Mendocino County in 1919.

During the Great Depression in the 1930s Seabiscuit became a national favorite and a symbol of hope. The American public cheered him and themselves as he beat the odds winning 33 of his 89 career races. He has been the subject of books, movies and countless articles. His crowning achievement happened in 1938 when Seabiscuit beat the Triple Crown winner War Admiral. This victory is commemorated on the new stamped envelope.

Over the years Seabiscuit recovered from injuries and recuperated at Ridgewood Ranch, drawing up to 50,000 visitors, who made their way to this rural northern California retreat until his death in 1947. Upon his retirement from racing Seabiscuit was horse racing's all-time leading money winner. He sired 109 foals and his stud barn has been carefully restored by the local Rotary Club with help from the Willits Chamber of Commerce and the Mendocino County Museum. He was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in 1958.

The Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation protects and preserves the historic buildings and extraordinary natural resources of the surviving 5,000 acres of Ridgewood Ranch. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has identified the habitat as one of America's most endangered historic places. The Ranch hosts a therapeutic horseback riding program for the developmentally disabled. Christ's Church of the Golden Rule has owned the ranch since 1962. It generously hosts visitors to

Seabiscuit's barn, walking tours of the ranch and fundraising benefits for such causes as rescue and aid for injured and retired thoroughbred race horses.

Madam Chair and colleagues, I am pleased to enter these remarks into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD honoring the legendary racehorse Seabiscuit, the Heritage Foundation and Ridgewood Ranch. Let us salute their continuing legacy of historic preservation, environmental conservation and public education.

HONORING TIMOTHY J. DEWITT

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and acknowledge Timothy J. DeWitt, upon his induction into the Recreational Vehicle and Manufactured Homes Hall of Fame.

As the Executive Director of the Michigan Manufactured Housing Association for over thirty years, Timothy has worked tirelessly to educate consumers, the government, and the media about the quality, affordability, and innovative design aspects of mobile homes. A significant leader in both the Housing and RV industries, he has received much acclaim for his direct involvement in their growth and expansion, including receipt of the Stiner Award for Executive of the Year and the MSAE Key Award.

Mr. DeWitt began his career in 1977 as the Housing Director for MMH as well as for the Recreational Vehicle Campground Association. His hard work, commitment to the industry, and dynamic leadership advanced him to the role of Executive Director in 1984. He is currently a key member of the Michigan Bureau of Construction Codes, the Michigan State Advisory Council, and the RV Committee on Excellence. The Recreational Vehicle and Manufactured Home Hall of Fame was founded in 1977, and honors Timothy this year for his outstanding contributions as an exceptional spokesperson for the industries.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Timothy DeWitt is an active volunteer and proud leader in his community. He is coaching Varsity Soccer at St. Michael School for the twelfth season, and is also responsible for establishing the Harvest Foundation, a non-profit organization geared at educating and providing scholarships for students who are interested in pursuing careers in the recreational vehicle and campground industries.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending sincere congratulations to this year's Recreational Vehicle and Manufactured Homes Hall of Fame Honoree, Timothy J. DeWitt, for his dedication to professional excellence and passionate loyalty to our community and country.

IN HONOR OF CYNTHIA
DETTLEBACH, ROB CERTNER
AND ALICE FINGERHUT OF THE
CLEVELAND JEWISH NEWS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Cynthia Dettelbach, Rob Certner and Alice Fingerhut as they retire from the Cleveland Jewish News (CJN) this year following a combined 80 years of service to the Cleveland Jewish community. I stand in recognition of their dedication to their community and their work as they celebrate the upcoming 45th anniversary of the Cleveland Jewish News on June 18, 2009.

Cynthia Dettelbach retires after an illustrious 31-year career at CJN, 29 of which she served as the newspaper's editor. In her capacity as a journalist, she traveled to Lebanon in 1982 to cover the Israeli-Lebanese war; visited refuseniks in the Soviet Union in 1985 and again in Israel and the United States after the fall of the Iron Curtain. During her time in Israel, she attended numerous international press conferences, met with members of the Ethiopian Jewish community and visited Palestinian refugee camps prior to the first Intifada in 1987. Cynthia was recognized countless times for her columns and articles from the Society of Professional Journalists, American Jewish Press Association and Women in Communications, among others. During her time at CJN, she expanded their coverage to include the arts, politics and controversial opinions which were formerly marginalized or omitted. In 2006, she was inducted into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame.

Rob Certner worked at CJN for 11 years, many of which he served as its Chief Executive Officer, overseeing the expansion of CNJ to include the Source, JStyle, CJN's first website and its move to its current location in Beachwood. Rob served as treasurer of the American Jewish Press Association for 3 years, and served as its president for 1 year. He also served on the executive committee as Treasurer of the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce. During his tenure as CEO, Rob nearly doubled CJN's revenue.

Alice Fingerhut began her career at CJN in 1971, writing each subscriber's name by hand in a ledger and stamping each mail label. As the Executive Assistant for the paper, she was the public's first point of contact with the CJN offices and stayed with the paper as its offices moved around Cleveland and as the operations changed to include faxes, copiers and computers. For the last 38 years, Alice provided compassion, understanding, and empathy to the Cleveland Jewish community as they would deliver obituaries and news of happier occasions for the paper through CJN's front door. While working at CJN, Alice raised her 2 daughters, Ruth and Lisa, and her son Eric, who served the Cleveland community as a Member of the House of Representatives in the 1990s.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Cynthia Dettelbach, Rob Certner and Alice Fingerhut upon their retirement from the Cleveland Jewish News and in celebration of CJN's upcoming 45th anniversary on June 18, 2009.