

Northwood United Kingdom. Additionally, he was the U.S. Naval Forces Europe representative from October 2005 to January 2007.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with two gold stars), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal (with three gold stars), among many others.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me today to honor Rear Admiral Michael K. Mahon in his retirement from the position of Director of Surface Warfare. It is with great pride that I congratulate Admiral Mahon on his exemplary defense career.

A TRIBUTE TO THE BOWLING GREEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce for being recognized as Chamber of the Year. This acknowledgement was made during the American Chamber of Commerce Executives' annual conference.

Through the leadership of Chairman of the Board Todd Davis, President Jim Hizer, and the teamwork of the community, the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce was recognized by their peers for their hard work and achievements.

Success in economic development efforts and community programs led to the Chamber being elevated as the top organization in its class. The region's business community has seen tremendous growth due to the leadership programs, educational initiatives, and other opportunities provided by the Chamber to its members.

The Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce has shown a strong commitment to bringing success and prosperity to the community. I commend the Board of Directors, staff, membership, and volunteers of the Chamber on receiving this prestigious honor.

RECOGNIZING THE SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM AT DELANEY PLAZA

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza for being accepted into the prestigious Museum Assessment Program. The Sixth Floor Museum is located on the sixth and seventh floors of the Texas School Book Depository, the warehouse from which Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963. The Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza opened in 1989 to commemorate the life and detail the events surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Museum Assessment Program is a highly selective program administered by the American Association of Museums through a

cooperative agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services that helps museums to improve their services through a rigorous evaluation process. Museums of all sizes and types apply for acceptance into the Management Assessment Program in hopes of becoming even stronger institutions. The program contains elements of peer review and self-study that enable museums to identify ways to allocate resources more efficiently, approach funders more successfully, and cater more directly to audiences of museum goers.

The Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza rightfully deserves its recent acceptance into the Museum Assessment Program, as it has serviced over 6 million visitors since its opening in 1989. The museum highlights the impacts of President John F. Kennedy's death on the nation and the world through films, photographs, artifacts and interpretive displays. The Sixth Floor Museum is one of only four museums in Texas to achieve this high honor in 2009.

I applaud the staff and volunteers at the Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza for their hard work and ability to operate a museum that has gained acceptance into such a widely respected assessment program. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing the Sixth Floor Museum at Delaney Plaza for having received such a high honor.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TROUT UNLIMITED

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the national Trout Unlimited on the group's Anniversary celebration. Throughout the past 50 years, members of Trout Unlimited have shown continued dedication toward conserving, protecting and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

In 1955 former auto executive and conservationist George Mason approached George Griffith about starting an organization dedicated to fly-fishing and natural trout reproduction. In September 1959, 16 fishermen and conservationists gathered in Grayling, Michigan at Griffith's Fishing Lodge, "The Barbless Hook," to hold the first Trout Unlimited meeting.

The next year, 300 people attended an organizational meeting for Trout Unlimited at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes in Grayling. Over the past 50 years, membership in Trout Unlimited has grown to 140,000 members with more than 400 chapters around the country. The organization continues to be guided by the principle if we "take care of the fish, then the fishing will take care of itself."

Today, the education and conservation efforts of Trout Unlimited span from Southern California steelhead, to sockeye salmon in Alaska's Bristol Bay, to the headwater spring chinook streams of central Idaho, then east to Maine Atlantic salmon and south to Georgia brook trout. Trout Unlimited volunteers have done everything from installing habitat improvement structures, fencing out cattle, replacing stream banks and implementing educational campaigns. This work amounts to 125,000 volunteer hours and \$1,500,000 in restoration work each year.

Trout and salmon set the standard for the overall health of an eco-system—a standard that benefits all living creatures and plants that share it, including humans. From birth to death they serve as a critical part of the food chain that sustains us and wildlife far beyond the streams and rivers in which they live. They provide food for animals such as bald eagles, bear, and other fish and their carcasses contribute rich nutrients to the water and nearby trees and plants. Because of their actions, the continual conservation efforts of Trout Unlimited have positive repercussions for critical eco-systems far beyond the salmon and trout themselves.

During its 50-year history Trout Unlimited has carried out hundreds of local stream restoration projects; updated and reformed the use of hatcheries to recover imperiled fish populations; worked with landowners, government agencies, Native American tribes, and other conservation groups to repair damaged fish habitats; protected remaining health habitats; revised harvest practices to support sustainable trout and salmon populations; and, worked through the federal licensing process and negotiated with private landowners to ensure dams cause minimal harm to fish runs.

Madam Speaker, the determined efforts of all members of Trout Unlimited have shown that restoring a river can result in stronger local communities as well as stronger aquatic environments. For their work to preserve and protect not only trout and salmon, but coldwater fisheries and watersheds across North America, I would ask, Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing Trout Unlimited on its 50th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE JANE ADDAMS RESOURCE CORPORATION

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the outstanding impact that the Jane Addams Resource Corporation has had on the lives of Chicago's residents and the strength of its communities through their groundbreaking and exemplary job training and community building programs.

First created in 1985 to stem the flow of manufacturing jobs out of the Ravenswood Industrial corridor, the work of the Jane Addams Resource Corporation has been met with enthusiasm and success. Providing a variety of Education and Human Development Programs, excellent skills training and support services to low-income and unemployed workers, and Business and Real Estate Programs, the JARC has helped to transform and revitalize Chicago's neighborhoods by strengthening the local economy and putting people back to work. The Corporation's extraordinary efforts have been recognized both regionally and nationally, and its programs have become a model for community and economic development throughout the United States.

Over the past 24 years, JARC has emerged as an invaluable benefactor of communities and neighborhoods throughout the Chicagoland area. Recognizing that strong local communities are often a product of a vibrant local economy, the JARC has employed