

and control of invasive species. As an expert in the field of pest prevention, Greg's efforts helped lead to the development of the California High Risk Pest Exclusion Program and the Pest and Disease Management Section of the 2007 Farm Bill.

Greg has also led Santa Clara County's efforts to advocate for and protect its residents through his position as the County's Sealer of Weights and Measures, where Greg has enforced the laws which ensure that consumers are treated honestly and businesses are held accountable.

Finally, Greg has accepted any challenge presented to him. In addition to his other duties, Greg oversaw such diverse divisions of County government as Animal Control, Vector Control, Integrated Waste Management, Environmental Health, Fire Marshall and Weed Abatement.

It is with great respect for, and in admiration of, Greg Van Wassenhove that I stand in honor today. His many years of service to the residents of Santa Clara County, the agricultural community, and the State of California are greatly appreciated and his legacy will benefit us for many years to come.

HONORING JIM TAYLOR

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor the life of Jim "Trooper" Taylor. Mr. Taylor passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at the age of seventy-seven surrounded by family at his home in Fresno, California.

Mr. Jim Taylor was born in 1932 in the Ozark Mountains near Mt. Vernon, Missouri to Tom and Anne Taylor. As a young man, his family moved to Sanger, California where he attended Sanger High School. Upon graduating from high school, he attended Reedley College and later joined the United States Navy. Mr. Taylor served four years in the Navy and was Honorably Discharged. After his service to the Navy, he settled in the San Francisco Bay Area. While in San Francisco, Mr. Taylor met and married his life-long companion, Mary Jane.

In 1958, Mr. Taylor began a career in law enforcement. His first assignment was to the Stanislaus County Sheriffs Department as a Deputy Sheriff. After two and a half years, he joined the California Highway Patrol and was assigned as a resident officer to the High Desert Country at Ridgecrest. In 1962, he was transferred to Fresno, California. He was assigned to the twelve officer motorcycle squad for approximately four years. After serving many years on the road, Mr. Taylor became the Public Affairs Officer for the Fresno area. As the Public Affairs Officer, he initiated the "Trooper Taylor Report," a daily news report of the areas activities along with road and inclement weather conditions, which was picked up by many local radio channels.

Mr. Taylor was an avid World War II history buff, and read countless books on the subject. He loved the California State University, Fresno Bulldogs and attended football, basketball and softball games each season. He enjoyed traveling around the state following the Bull-

dogs along side his family and friends. He spent the majority of his time with his family and always looked forward to cooking for family events and Bulldog tailgates.

Mr. Taylor is preceded in death by his mother, father, brother, Leroy Tracy; sisters Lone Gass and Joyce Alfors; and grandson Scott Page. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Jane; sons and daughter-in-laws, Tracy, Greg and Jeannie, Kevin and Renee, and Patrick; grandchildren, Teri, Darren, Daniel and his wife Alisa, Christopher, Jacob, Kelsi, Debbie and her husband Paul Gress and Dustin Johnson; great-grandchildren, Hayden, Danielle, Austin, Kristen and Seth; brother, Bryan; sisters, Christine and Jennifer and numerous nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Jim "Trooper" Taylor and wishing the best for his family.

HONORING MR. EDWARD WRIGHT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Edward Wright. Mr. Wright served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as the Mina Town Attorney.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Wright served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Wright was dedicated to this goal and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of him today.

HONORING GEORGE HAEUBER,
MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP MAN-
AGER, UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Mr. George Haeuber with recognition of his outstanding contributions in government service.

Mr. Haeuber's devotion to public service began in March 1974 as Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager in the Township of Teaneck, New Jersey. From there he continued his public service as Borough Administrator of the Borough of Leonia, New Jersey. Mr. Haeuber became Township Manager of the Township of Maple Shade, Maple Shade, New Jersey in July 1984. As Township Manager, Mr. Haeuber served as chief administrative and executive officer of the Township, responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Township, and the preparation, presentation and administration of the Township budget.

Mr. Haeuber supervised all aspects of municipal operations and provided for the effective and efficient fulfillment of Township Council policy.

Mr. Haeuber also pioneered the formulation of local self-insurance pools. He served from 1987 to 1992 as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Professional Municipal Management Joint Insurance Fund. He served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Statewide Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MELJIF) from 1988 to 1992 and from 1996. He chaired the committee from 1997 to 1999. In addition, Mr. Haeuber was Fund Commissioner, Municipal Excess Liability Residual Claims Fund, and Chairman of MELJIF Audit Committee.

Mr. Haeuber's commitment to Maple Shade is also evidenced through his civic/community service affiliations. Mr. Haeuber is an active member of the Maple Shade Rotary Club, serving as its chairman in 1990-91, and Youth Chairman since 1986. Furthermore, Mr. Haeuber has been deeply involved in Boy Scouts of America Burlington County Council—Young Adults Division, as a member of the Council Exploring Committee from 1993 to 1998 and as chairman of the Service Team from 1993 to 1998.

Madam Speaker, the work of Mr. Haeuber is truly praiseworthy. I wish Mr. Haeuber the best of luck upon retirement and I thank him for his commitment to his community.

HONORING REVEREND DR.
RONALD L. OWENS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. Ronald L. Owens and to congratulate him on his 20th Pastoral Anniversary with the New Hope Baptist Church in Metuchen, New Jersey. His presence in the church has uplifted his assembly and caused membership to grow tremendously. Its growth has been so large that the church now has a full time staff of five to six associate ministers, and more than thirty active ministries devoted to serving the community.

In his twenty years with the New Hope Baptist church, Dr. Owens has dedicated his life to service and leadership. As the first ever Chaplain of the Metuchen Police and Fire Departments, Pastor Owens counsels those who have experienced crisis and loss. He is also the President and CEO of the House Of Hope Community Development Corporation of New Jersey, a non-profit organization that provides permanent housing to families in need. Dr. Owens has held numerous positions with Baptist groups, including a period as the General Secretary for the General Baptist State Convention of New Jersey, an association of over 400 member churches.

Pastor Owens has been commended by several organizations for his efforts in the community. He was given the NAACP Merv Alexander Political Award for his leadership in Middlesex County. The YMCA of New Jersey also decorated Dr. Owens with the Minority Achievers Award. Alpha Phi Alpha, of which Dr. Owens is a life time member, presented