

During his time in the Liaison office, Gunnery Sergeant Leavell was able to develop and execute legislative strategy for the United States Marine Corps that was instrumental in creating a fiscal and policy landscape conducive to training and equipping the nation's most elite fighting force, ensuring their success on the battlefield. He routinely turned broad guidance into action which energized the Office of Legislative Affairs and members of Congress alike. His actions allowed the Marine Corps to engage members of Congress and their staffs, directly facilitating the increased emphasis on improving Congressional relationships.

While leading the House Liaison Office through the extraordinary challenges associated with Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and the ongoing Global War on Terror, he concurrently ensured that a myriad of daily Congressional communications, assignments and events were executed flawlessly. During Gunnery Sergeant Leavell's tour as the Legislative Affairs Staff Non-Commissioned Officer, he accomplished the full spectrum of the Marine Corps' legislative mission. He exemplified the candor and knowledge that we have come to expect from the Marine Corps and he played a key role in maintaining superb relationships between the Marine Corps and the House of Representatives.

Throughout his time here in the House, Gunnery Sergeant Leavell effectively responded to several thousand congressional inquiries, many of which gained national level attention. Gunnery Sergeant Leavell successfully planned, coordinated and escorted over 50 international and domestic Congressional and Staff Delegations. His detailed coordination with foreign government officials, U.S. State Department, and senior military officials ensured that each delegation was conducted professionally. His attention to detail and anticipation of requirements allowed Representatives to focus on fact-finding and gleaning new insights that informed critical decisions to support the people of the United States. He has made lasting contributions to the House of Representatives. I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with Gunnery Sergeant Leavell and I thank him for his devoted service to this great nation.

TRIBUTE TO DEBBI HUFFMAN
GUTHRIE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Debbi Guthrie is one of these individuals. On March 24, 2011, Debbi will be honored as the "Citizen of the Year" at the 111th Inaugural Celebration of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.

Debbi Huffman Guthrie is retired from her 27 year career as the third-generation owner

of a roofing company established by her grandfather in 1921. Since 1993, Debbi has served as a Director with Provident Bank, a publicly-traded, community bank established in Riverside in 1957. Debbi is the current and former member of numerous organizations including: member, Riverside Community College District Capital Campaign Executive Committee; Chair, Riverside Aquatics Complex Fundraising Committee; Chair, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Inaugural Ball Committee; Chair, ATHENA of the Inland Valleys Committee; Member, Board of Directors—Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce; Member, Riverside Sport Hall of Fame Induction Celebration Committee; Trustee, University of California Riverside Foundation; Chair, University of California Riverside A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management Dean's Leadership Council; Chairwoman, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce; Chair, Governmental Affairs Committee and Leadership Riverside Program, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce; President and Member, Kiwanis Club of Riverside; President, Riverside Community College District Foundation; State Director, ATHENA Foundation; March Air Force Base Military Affairs Committee (Honorary Commander's Program); Inland Empire Council Boy Scouts of America, Distinguished Citizens Committee; and Junior League of Riverside.

Debbi is the recipient of many awards including: the 2010 Riverside YWCA Irene Bonnett Volunteer of the Year; the 2010 Riverside Downtown Partnership Roy Hord "Volunteer of the Year;" the 2003 Association of Agency Executives, Spirit of the Non-Profit Award; the 2003 Gold Key Award, Soroptimist Club; the 2001 Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award; the Riverside Community College Inaugural Community Service Award; the 2001 Kiwanis International George Hixson Fellowship Award; the 2001 President's Award, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce; the 2000 Management Leader of the Year, Private Sector, UC Riverside A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management; and the 1999-2000 Volunteer of the Year, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.

In addition to her continued involvement with Provident Bank and her volunteer commitments in Riverside, Debbi now lives part-time in southern Utah where she takes pride in working with her husband to manage their 1300 acre ranch. She enjoys being with her family, horseback riding, house-boating on Lake Powell, hikes in Zion National Park and international travel with friends. Debbi is a native of Riverside and attended Ramona High School and California State University, San Bernardino. Debbi and her husband, Jim, have four adult daughters and four grandchildren.

In light of all Debbi has done for the community of Riverside, the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce named Debbi their Citizen of the Year. Debbi's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. She has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I am proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her as she receives this prestigious award.

HONORING COBORN'S INCORPORATED OF ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA, UPON BEING NAMED GROCERY HEADQUARTERS MAGAZINE INDEPENDENT RETAILER OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chief Executive Officer Chris Coborn and all the employees of Coborn's Incorporated upon being named the Independent Retailer of the Year by Grocery Headquarters magazine. Based in St. Cloud, Minnesota, Coborn's has become a fixture in communities across Minnesota and the upper Midwest.

A uniquely American story, Chris is a fourth generation Coborn in a business that always puts family first. The work ethic and drive that led Chester Coborn to open a one-man market in 1921 still influence the decisions that are made today, and innovation has made Coborn's a leader in store development, club opportunities and consumer marketing.

Though he runs a range of businesses from a grocery distribution center to the bakery for each store, Chris never sacrifices quality. His retail stores—Coborn's, Cash Wise, and Save-A-Lot—are known for their emphasis on service to the customers that are considered family. The contributions this company gives back to the communities in which they operate are marked by service and giving. In 2010, \$2.3 million dollars was donated to the Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts. Donations were also designated toward high school scholarships and higher learning at St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud Technical College, St. John's University, and the College of St. Benedict.

Additionally, matching employee contributions to the United Way and fundraising opportunities for local groups create a true sense of community among more than 6,000 employee/owners who also participate in an employee stock ownership program. These are just additional ways that Coborn's Inc. treats its employees like family.

Mr. Speaker, Coborn's Inc. is a business that emulates family principles, hard work and service at every level. I ask that this body join with me in recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of Coborn's Inc. as they are named the Independent Retailer of 2011 by Grocery Headquarters Magazine.

HONORING THE 2011 WILLINGBORO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WINTER TRACK TEAM

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Willingboro High School Boys Winter Track Team. On February 2, 2011 the Willingboro Chimeras captured the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Central Jersey Sectional