

young men and women who have been chosen as future leaders in our armed forces by the prestigious United States service academies. It is a privilege to send such a fine group from the third district of Texas to pursue a world-class education and serve our nation.

As we keep them and their families in our prayers, may we never forget the sacrifices they are preparing to make while defending our freedoms all across the globe. I am so proud of each one. God bless them and God bless America.

Today I salute Kevin Carringer, a United States Military Academy Appointee. Kevin is a graduate of Plano West Senior High School where he ran cross country, and track. Kevin also participated in triathlons, winning a consistent first place amongst his age group, and also achieving fifty miler awards for BSA canoeing and kayaking. Kevin worked hard at various jobs through his summers and serves as an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. He served as president of the Plano West Cycling Club and was a member of the National Honor Society. Kevin's personal ambition and motivation to protect freedom inspire him to attend a United States Military Academy. In an essay Kevin stated he aspires to become the best Ranger the Army has seen, and believes that the full four year lifestyle of military discipline and training is required as his first stepping stone to success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during rollcall votes 391, 408, and 409. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 391, "nay" on rollcall 408, and "yea" on rollcall 409.

TRIBUTE TO MR. EDWARD HARVEY HOOMES, JR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Mr. Edward Harvey Hoomes, Jr., of Brewton, Alabama, a respected public servant who passed away after an extended illness on June 9, 2011. He was 76 years old.

During his lifetime, Edward Hoomes was a much beloved member of his community, and spent many years working for the Escambia County Commission. E.H., as he was called by his friends and family, honorably served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1959, reaching the rank of Specialist 3.

Mr. Speaker, E.H. will be remembered for his character, strength, love of the outdoors and his loving heart. All who knew E.H. will surely miss him.

On behalf of the people of South Alabama, I would like to extend my condolences to his wife, Betty, their daughters, Beverly and Sandra, their son Robert, and their families for the loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

HONORING SUNG MO "STEVE" KANG

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Sung Mo "Steve" Kang, Chancellor of the University of California, Merced; and to thank him for his leadership and dedication to the academic advancement of the Central Valley.

Since March 1, 2007, Steve Kang has served as Chancellor of the University of California, Merced, the first American research university of the 20 century. Kang is an experienced educator, researcher and administrator. Previously, he was Dean of the Baskin School of Engineering at UC Santa Cruz. He now serves on the Central Valley Higher Education Consortium Board, MentorNet Advisory Board, the UC President's Advisory Council on Science and Innovation, Business-Education Alliance of Merced County, and the Board of the Great Valley Center as its Chairman. He also serves on international advisory boards for institutions in Canada, Korea, Switzerland, and Taiwan.

He brings a wealth of experience from a long and distinguished career in private industry and higher education. Kang served as a department head (1995–2000) and a professor (1985–2000) in electrical and computer engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He was a visiting professor at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne, the University of Karlsruhe and the Technical University of Munich, and a Chaired Visiting Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science of Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST). He has also taught at Rutgers University.

Prior to his career in education, Kang worked for AT&T Bell Laboratories, where he led the development of the world's first 32-bit microprocessor chips as a technical supervisor and designed satellite-based private communication networks as a member of technical staff.

His leadership in industry is evidenced by his earlier appointment to the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Nanotechnology, a joint federal-state venture to promote California as the premier center for nanotechnology research, development, and commercialization. He served as president of the Silicon Valley Engineering Council, the alliance for engineering leaders in Silicon Valley, with more than 60,000 engineers.

Kang holds 15 U.S. patents in electrical engineering and has written or co-authored 11 books and 400 technical papers and won numerous awards and fellowships for his work and publications. His current research interests include nanoelectronics, lower-power, very large-scale integrated (VLSI) circuits; modeling and simulation of semiconductor devices and circuits.

Kang is a fellow of IEEE, ACM and AAAS, Foreign Member of National Academy of Engineering of Korea, and is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Technology, Who's Who in Engineering and Who's Who in Midwest. He received the Alexander von Humboldt U.S. Senior Scientist Award (1996), IEEE Millennium Medal (2000), Chang-Lin

Tien Education Leadership Award (2007), Korean-American Leadership Award (2008), IQ Quality Award (2008), and many other accolades. Most recently (2009), Kang was inducted into the Silicon Valley Engineering Hall of Fame.

He earned his bachelor of science degree, graduating summa cum laude, from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J.; his master of science from the State University of New York at Buffalo; and his doctorate from UC Berkeley. All his academic degrees are in electrical engineering. Kang and wife, Mia, live in the chancellor's residence in Merced. They have two grown children.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Sung Mo "Steve" Kang, Chancellor of the University of California, Merced for his numerous years of selfless service to the education of our community.

HONORING JENNIFER FORSETH

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Jennifer Forseth, a teacher at Centerfield Elementary School, and her fourth grade class from Oldham County in the fourth district of Kentucky.

Ms. Forseth and her students have been recognized by the National Energy Education Development Project for their outstanding work on energy programs this year.

Ms. Forseth's class conducted a study detailing how to improve energy efficiency in their school that culminated in a presentation of their findings. Their academic initiative earned them a scholarship and recognition by the NEED Youth Awards.

It is my hope that the accomplishments of Ms. Forseth and the fourth grade students from Centerfield Elementary School serve as inspiration for others to increase their own energy efficiency. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing their accomplishments.

VALENTINA ROSENDO CANTÚ

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on February 16, 2002, 17-year-old Valentina Rosendo Cantú was almost finished doing her washing in a stream when eight soldiers suddenly appeared. They beat her until she passed out. When Valentina came to, she was raped, not once, but twice, as the rest of the soldiers stood by, watching and mocking her.

She was finally able to escape, returning home to her husband and three-month-old daughter, but she hasn't been able to escape from the memories of what happened to her.

For the last 9 years, Valentina has been begging for these bad guys to be punished. Despite her tireless pursuit of justice, the Mexican government refuses to allow her case to be tried under civilian jurisdiction while the military courts have completely dropped the