

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of this great community and church leader.

HONORING LORRAINE BROWN

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lorraine Brown of Leeds, Maine for her years of work in the shoe industry.

Born in 1933, Lorraine grew up with her three siblings between Auburn and Lewiston. Her father had passed away when she was still very young, and as a result Lorraine was primarily raised by her mother, her grandmother and her aunts. At the age of 15, she and her girlfriends started working in the shoe industry to pay for a set of roller skates. Lorraine met her future husband on those roller skates at the Beacon Roller Rink on Park Street.

Lorraine has spent over 50 years in the shoe industry, stitching for Koss, Hammon, Eastland, LL Bean, Knapp, and most recently, Falcon shoes. In a 2010 interview for the Shoe Industry Oral History Project, Lorraine tells the story of what it was like to work for these companies with a particular focus on the people in her life. Whether it was a childhood friend who never missed a birthday card, a boss who lent her his car because they used to skate together, or the new friendships she forged with her coworkers, it is clear that Lorraine has been a special person to a great many individuals.

Before he passed away, Lorraine's husband told her to keep working so she wouldn't go "downhill". Today, she is still stitching fire boots for Falcon Shoes, a company she has been with since the birth of her great granddaughter. Through good times and bad, Lorraine's kindness and energy have been an inspiration to the whole community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in recognizing Lorraine Brown for her years of work in the shoe industry.

HONORING THOMAS L. HARVEY

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise during Black History Month to remember the important contributions that African Americans have made to our nation—and to honor the extraordinary people who continue to help shape my community of Omaha. Today, I would like to pay special tribute to Thomas L. Harvey, one of the thousands of successful and talented African Americans in the Second Congressional District of Nebraska.

Thomas Harvey always wanted to be a positive influence in children's lives. He first did so as a fifth grade elementary school teacher in Monroe, Louisiana; later, in addition to teaching, he took on school football and basketball coaching duties. An Omaha Public

Schools Recruiter was encouraged by Teacher Corp's positive evaluation of Thomas, to convince Thomas that his work could be continued in Omaha, where an underserved youth community could truly benefit from his presence.

Mr. Harvey moved to Omaha, and the rest is history. He went on to become the principal of Omaha North High's magnet school. After his time at the magnet school, Mr. Harvey served as a principal at the Omaha area's first magnet middle school, McMillan, and he later returned to North High to serve as the principal of its general student body. Under his guidance and direction, the magnet school programs at these schools quickly went from initial planning stages to implementation and success. These days, Harvey is well known for being a motivational educator who has contributed greatly to his schools' rise to excellence, as well as an inspirational leader in the community.

During Mr. Harvey's tenure as principal of North High School, the school was cited for its excellent academic programs—in both Newsweek and Redbook magazines—and was featured as a premiere high school on numerous television shows, including NBC's Nightly News. Under Mr. Harvey's management, North High was deemed a Magnet School of Excellence in 1997, by the Magnet Schools of America. Mr. Harvey continues to promote excellence in education—currently serving as the Assistant Superintendent of Student and Community Services for Omaha Public Schools.

In addition to his service to students, Mr. Harvey is active in several local, state, and national organizations. He is a board member of Magnet Schools of America, and Communities in Schools of Omaha. He also serves as a member of the Site Visitation Team for the U.S. Department of Secondary Education, and is a member of the Metropolitan Community College Advisory Committee.

I am proud to recognize and honor this highly esteemed and dedicated educator for his four and a half decades of selfless service to the Omaha Community.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT—JACK EHRHARDT, JR.

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Jack Ehrhardt, Jr., for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. For his Eagle Scout Project Jack labeled over 400 storm drains to educate the community about the potential hazards of pollution to local waterways and wetlands. By applying these concepts to daily life, Jack has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

MR. MIKE DOLAN

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Mike Dolan as the Elk of the Year for 2011–2012 at Hazleton BPO Elks Lodge #200. The Elks Lodge was founded in 1868 and is one of the leading fraternal orders in the United States, with almost 1 million members. Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, through projects that address unmet needs, and through honoring the service and sacrifice of our veterans.

Mr. Dolan has been a member of Hazleton BPO Elks Lodge #200 for 23 years, and he was its exalted ruler in 2008. He graduated in the last class of St. Gabriel's High School and studied electrical engineering at Temple University where he worked on ENIAC—the world's first computer. After joining the Dryfoos Insurance Agency in 1975, he received the coveted Insurance Designation of Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter from the CPCU Society in San Antonio, Texas, in 1987, and he was named the agency's vice president in 1988.

Mr. Dolan has also served as Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, and Leading Knight. The Veteran's and Fallen Heroes Monument at the Hazleton lodge originated during Mike's term as exalted ruler. Mike has chaired the Elks Basketball Hoop Shoot Committee for the past 10 years and serves on the Youth, Veterans, Soccer Shoot, Community Activities, Orientation, DARE, House, and Breakfast committees.

Today, Mr. Dolan is very active with community service groups such as the Hazleton Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a charter member of the Quinn Foundation, and serves as an usher at Holy Annunciation Parish at St. Gabriel's Church. He is also highly involved in coaching youth sports including Hazle Township Little League for five years, the Greater Hazleton Youth Soccer Association for six years, and the junior high boys' basketball team at Holy Family Academy for 13 years.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Mike Dolan stands as a pillar of the community in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. I commend him for his years of dedicated service to the Elks Lodge #200, the community, and the country.

HONORING WILT CHAMBERLAIN FOR HIS 100-POINT GAME 50 YEARS AGO

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 27, 2012

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I call to the attention of my colleagues—and not just those who are basketball fans—that on March 2 in Philadelphia we will celebrate a once-in-the-universe athletic feat that occurred precisely 50 years ago.

On March 2, 1962, in a game between the Philadelphia Warriors and the New York Knicks on a neutral court in Hershey, Pennsylvania, Wilt Chamberlain—perhaps the greatest