

percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the years.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Paul's service project included researching, designing and installing historical signs at each end of the Summerset Bike Trail in Warren County, which stretches from Carlisle to Indianola. Paul's signs recount the history of the railroad that formerly occupied the trail. The work ethic Paul has shown in this project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Paul and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

DR. VICTOR F. GRECO

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Victor F. Greco, who will receive the prestigious 2012 Marconi Science Award presented by UNICO National. Dr. Greco is a fellow native of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and a 1941 graduate of my alma mater, Hazleton High School. UNICO National, the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States, presents the Marconi Science Award to a U.S. citizen of Italian descent involved in the physical sciences who exemplifies Marconi's vast scientific and creative accomplishments through their own life's achievements.

The University of Scranton accepted Dr. Greco to college early because of his outstanding academic record. He graduated magna cum laude in 1947. He has the honor of being the only graduate of a Jesuit university to finish eight semesters of education in six semesters. After graduating, he continued his education at Jefferson Medical College and earned his degree as a medical doctor. During his time at Jefferson Medical, he was one of six students inducted to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. Dr. Greco completed his internship at the Philadelphia General Hospital in 1951–1952, and was a research fellow at Jefferson Medical College from 1952–1953. Two years later, he completed his fellowship in cancer surgical research while serving as chief surgical resident.

Dr. Greco trained as a general and thoracic surgeon. He played a crucial role in the development of the heart-lung machine that allowed surgeons to operate on the heart, specifically allowing surgeons to open the heart and replace damaged valves. While the machine keeps the patient's heart and lungs functioning, the surgeon is able to surgically cor-

rect defects that were previously impossible. This notable achievement allows for the correction of a multitude of congenital vascular defects.

The UNICO chapter in my hometown of Hazleton is proud of Dr. Greco's achievements and his nomination for the Marconi Science Award. Overall, his membership and involvement in UNICO has helped promote and enhance the image of Italian-Americans, and he encourages other members to serve our community.

Mr. Speaker, today, Dr. Victor F. Greco stands as an icon in the Hazleton, Pennsylvania, UNICO chapter. I join my fellow Italian-Americans in congratulating Dr. Greco for receiving the Marconi Science Award. I commend him for his years of dedicated service to his patients, community, and country.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM DAVIS
SNIDER

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and career of William Davis Snider, who eloquently chronicled the struggle for civil rights in North Carolina as a newsman while quietly helping to usher in a new era of race relations in his beloved home state.

A native of Salisbury and a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he served as a Lieutenant with the U.S. Army Signal Corps in the India-Burma Theater in World War Two. Returning home, he served as private secretary to Gov. R. Gregg Cherry and later as administrative assistant to Gov. W. Kerr Scott.

Bill Snider's experience in war and politics steeled him for the social upheaval of the mid-1960's, when he was associate editor and opinion writer for the Greensboro Daily News. His columns and editorials from that tumultuous era established him as a leading voice of white moderation. Simultaneously, he worked behind the scenes with civic, religious, and business leaders to prevent racial tensions from exploding into violence.

While his colleagues respected his clear and principled arguments for restraint, he was not without his critics and his work resulted in a burning cross on his lawn and broken windows on his family home. One of his eulogists remarked that Bill probably appreciated that someone was actually reading his columns, though he would have preferred they express their disapproval with a letter to the editor instead.

Later rising to Editor of the Greensboro News-Record, Bill's forthright, yet measured and helpful criticism influenced a new generation of journalists who later came to national prominence. His service as president of the National Conference of Editorial Writers and on the Pulitzer Prize Jury further attests to his stature in his profession.

He also wrote two books: Helms & Hunt, The North Carolina Senate Race published in 1984 and a history of his Alma Mater: Light on the Hill, a History of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill published in 1992. Jim Exum, the former chief justice of the N.C. Su-

preme Court, who is from Greensboro said: "Bill was a very deep and careful thinker and a clear writer and a gentle giant in his field."

He was also a devoted family man who celebrated 63 marriage anniversaries with his beloved wife, Florence. Bill and Flo were blessed with four accomplished and loving daughters, one of whom is a valued member of my staff and a dear friend. Their golden years together were enriched with the gift of 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Those who had the good fortune to know Bill Snider personally say he epitomized the ideal of the Southern gentleman. Throughout his long life, he retained a twinkling sense of humor and a love of learning, especially about the history, politics, and natural beauty of North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, we are all fortunate that in a time of uncertainty and ugliness in America's history, Bill Snider and other progressive Southerners persuaded their neighbors to abandon the prejudices of the past and embrace the spirit of our founding declaration that All Men are Created Equal. His life and work stands as an enduring testament to the difference one person can make in the lives of others, and of our great nation.

HONORING HOMER GEORGE AND
NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION
WEEK

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Homer George and National Poison Prevention Week, observed March 18 through 24, 2012. Mr. George was instrumental in the establishment of National Poison Prevention Week, and this year marks its 50th anniversary.

After treating many cases of accidental poisoning, Mr. George, a St. Louis College of Pharmacy graduate and Cape Girardeau pharmacist, realized that the most effective way to treat poisonings was by prevention. Mr. George brought this issue to the mayor of Cape Girardeau in hopes of establishing a poison prevention week. Cape Girardeau Mayor Walter Ford proclaimed October 12 through 18, 1958, as the first Poison Prevention Week. He cited the total number of poisonings as almost 1,000,000 annually, mostly due to careless handling and storage of common household items, including lye, pharmaceuticals, insect poisons, coal oil, and cosmetics.

Missouri Governor James T. Blair immediately expanded the declaration to a statewide Poison Prevention Week. Mr. George followed up on this success by enlisting Congressman Paul Jones to introduce legislation establishing a national Poison Prevention Week. A joint resolution was introduced in Congress on February 1, 1960, and President John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on September 26, 1961. Congressman Jones presented the signing pen to Homer George in recognition of his public service in preventing childhood poisonings and the creation of National Poison Prevention Week.

Today, more than two million poisonings are reported each year to the 57 poison control centers across the country. More than 90 percent of these poisonings occur in the home.

Pharmacists and pharmacy organizations are active participants in efforts to prevent accidental poisonings thanks to the difference one pharmacist made. There is no better time to remind the citizens of our country about the selfless service of Homer George, and I am honored to represent him and all of Missouri's Eighth Congressional District in Congress.

IN HONOR OF MRS. JO AVIS NEAL
FREEMAN

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman of extraordinary class and remarkable grace, Mrs. Jo Avis Neal Freeman. Sadly, Mrs. Freeman passed away on March 2, 2012. Her passing leaves a tremendous void in the hearts of her family, friends and the Albany, Georgia community.

On Monday, March 12, 2012, a gathering of family members, friends, and colleagues will pay their respects to Mrs. Freeman at a memorial service that will be held on the campus of Albany State University.

Mrs. Freeman was born on July 21, 1953 in Washington, D.C. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Hampton University and a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan. Following her graduation, she worked as an administrator, manager and psychotherapist in the Detroit, Michigan metropolitan area for more than 25 years.

The community of Albany, Georgia and the Albany State University Family gained a gem when she married Albany State University President, Dr. Everette J. Freeman in 2006 and moved to Albany. While in Albany, she continued her life's work by serving as a Clinical Supervisor for the Albany Community Service Board and more recently at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

During her stint in Albany, Mrs. Freeman became actively involved in many local service and civic organizations. Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said that, "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Throughout her life, Jo paid her rent and she paid it well.

In her role as Albany State University's First Lady, she was very supportive of the student body and always represented the university with the highest level of class and grace. The student body truly believed that "she was one of them" because she connected with them in a very personal way.

Mr. Speaker, one of the things that I will always remember about Jo is her welcoming demeanor and charisma. She loved people and she never met a stranger. Her favorite song was: "I Hope You Dance." This is truly a fitting song that represents the joyful spirit and dedicated resilience with which Jo lived her life and how we should all live ours.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Jo went far in life because she treated people the

right way—with dignity, honor and respect. We are all blessed to have had her touch our lives and the world is better because she passed this way.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the almost 700,000 people in the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia, would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Dr. Freeman, Jo's daughters, grandsons and other family members during this difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

MAJOR RICHARD RUSNOK

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor United States Marine Corps Major Richard Rusnok, who has been named the Marine Corps Test Pilot of the Year by the Marine Corps Aviation Association (MCAA) John Glenn Squadron. Major Rusnok, a native of Jenkins Township, Pennsylvania, dreamed of becoming a pilot when he was younger. A graduate of Pittston Area High School, he was the second test pilot to perform a vertical landing on the flight deck of the USS *Wasp*. Currently, Major Rusnok is with the F-35 Integrated Test Force at Naval Air Station Patuxent River in Maryland.

Major Rusnok was selected test pilot of the year for his role in the successful embarkation and deployment of more than 250 people and 140,000 pounds of supplies and equipment with two F-35B test aircraft on USS *Wasp's* flight deck. Major Rusnok was the focal point for an extremely complex event, and the amount of thought and planning he demonstrated was commended by Navy Captain Erik Etz, military director of test and evaluation for F-35 naval variants.

Major Rusnok has shown his dedication to the U.S. Marine Corps in countless ways. He played a major role in making naval aviation history in the Joint Strike Fighter program, and he flew a number of combat missions in the Iraq War. In 2003, he participated in the initial invasion of Iraq and flew numerous missions over a seven-month period.

This year, he will transition to Edwards Air Force Base, California, where operational testing on the F-35B will begin. As Test Pilot of the Year, he will be considered for the National Commandant of the Marine Corps' Award for Acquisition Excellence, which will be announced in May.

Mr. Speaker, today, Major Richard Rusnok stands as a pillar in the U.S. Marine Corps. I commend him for his years of dedicated service to the Marines, the community, and the country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Guam for their

60 years of providing post-secondary education to the island of Guam. UOG was established in June 1952 and has evolved into a highly recognized institution of higher education in the Western Pacific region, and is the only fully accredited, four-year university on Guam.

UOG is one of the premiere institutions for higher learning in the Western Pacific. Under the leadership of UOG President and former Guam Delegate to Congress, Dr. Robert A. Underwood, UOG has continued to prepare students for their professional careers and carry on their mission "to enlighten, to discover, and to serve."

UOG's humble beginnings started in the village of Mongmong as the Territorial College of Guam, a two-year teacher training school under the authority of the Guam Department of Education, with an enrollment of about 200 students. In 1960, the then-Territorial College moved to UOG's present location in Mangilao and continued to expand the academic programs for its students. In 1963, the Territorial College was granted its first accreditation as a four-year degree institution and by 1967, it had implemented three new undergraduate schools. On August 12, 1968, the Territorial College was renamed the "University of Guam" by the Guam Legislature.

In October of 1979, UOG established its Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps program to prepare future leaders in our nation's armed forces. Since then, UOG's ROTC program has become one of the most respected ROTC programs in the United States and was recognized by the Department of the Army as the Top U.S. Army ROTC program in 2002.

Over the years, UOG has continued to expand its academic programs and now includes a College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, College of Natural and Applied Sciences, School of Business and Public Administration, School of Education, and a School of Nursing & Health Sciences. UOG is home to the Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI), which has a long-standing history of providing high quality research that addresses the unique challenges facing Guam's water resources. WERI's expertise and research have proved invaluable in studying aquifer sustainability and the military build-up.

UOG has also recently begun efforts to expand its educational services by establishing a School of Engineering. This expansion will bring greater opportunities for students in Guam, and throughout the Micronesia region, to study the engineering field. Further, UOG has endeavored on a \$60 million capital improvement campaign, which includes three new buildings on campus, including a Student Services Center, Triton Engagement Center, and a new Fine Arts Building. Further, under Dr. Underwood's leadership, UOG has also established the Center for Island Sustainability. The Center will create an Islands-based model of renewable, sustainable and appropriate technologies focusing on indigenous energy alternatives and replicable research to meet the needs of island communities. The Center is playing a critical role in developing studies that will help inform decision-makers about the impacts of the military build-up on Guam and reasonable mitigations.

I congratulate the University of Guam on their 60th anniversary, and I commend them for their years of providing higher education