

wife Rhonda, also a graduate of Evangel, have three grown children—Sarah, Jon, and David—and six grandchildren.

Coach Jenkins' exemplary devotion to coaching is only matched by his devotion in the classroom, his love of his family, and his strength in his faith. The Springfield community is justifiably proud of Coach Jenkins and the Evangel basketball program. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on his well-deserved victory.

HONORING BORIS TRAJKOVSKI

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boris Trajkovski.

As the founder and chair of the Congressional Caucus of Macedonia and Macedonian-Americans, and having one of the largest Macedonian communities in my district, I would like to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the tragic and untimely passing of Macedonia's president Boris Trajkovski, who was a great friend to the United States and the American people.

President Trajkovski and his entourage were en route to an international investment conference when his plane crashed near Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina on February 26, 2004. President Trajkovski, aged 47, left behind a wife, Vilma, and two children, Sara and Stefan. His gravestone in Macedonia reads a Biblical verse: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God."

As a member and pastor of the Methodist Church of Macedonia, President Trajkovski was a tireless advocate for religious tolerance, religious freedom, and conflict resolution. He was a man of great faith. His great faith drove him to be a man who led reconciliation throughout his region of the world. In 2002, he was awarded the World Methodist Peace Award by the World Methodist Council for his role in promoting peace and political stability.

At his inauguration ceremony in 1999, President Trajkovski promised: "I intend to be the president of all citizens of Macedonia, regardless of their ethnic or religious background, regardless of their political standing. I shall not allow ethnic hatred and intolerance to undermine Macedonia's stability." While deputy foreign minister, he supported U.S. and NATO-led efforts against Serbia, and allowed for NATO troops to be stationed in Macedonia, during which time Macedonia took in 400,000 Kosovar refugees.

President Trajkovski demonstrated his willingness to work with all of Macedonia's ethnic groups, which helped to prevent a civil war. He worked to foster peace and integrate Macedonia into the international community.

Under President Trajkovski's leadership, Macedonia was one of the first nations to publicly support NATO-efforts in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom and send troops to both, and under his leadership, Macedonia negotiated an agreement with the United States under Article 98 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, signed the agreement on June 30, 2003, and ratified the agreement on October 16, 2003, thereby helping to ensure United States citizens will not be subject to politically motivated prosecutions.

On March 11, 2004, the House of Representatives passed H. Res. 540 expressing the deepest sympathies and solidarity of the American people to the Macedonian people.

As a tribute to President Trajkovski, then-President Bush and then-Secretary Powell recognized Macedonia under its constitutional name Republic of Macedonia, on November 4, 2004.

President Trajkovski's legacy remains today. His wife Vilma has dedicated her life to working to continue his work in bridging youth of all ethnic groups, promoting peace and dialogue, and religious freedom among all, and she is a tireless advocate for breast cancer research. His daughter, Sara, currently works at the Macedonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The American people will forever remember President Trajkovski's friendship, and I hope that one day his dream of Macedonia joining NATO and the EU will become reality.

HONORING NORM HARTY

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Norm Harty, who nearly 50 years ago pioneered the technique of using dynamite to clean the inside of a power plant boiler, in order to remove slag deposit. Power plants burning any type of fuel, except natural gas, eventually build ash that creates slag deposits on the tubes running through boilers. This build up can create inefficiency in the operation of a power plant, requiring more fuel to be used to reach the same output a clean boiler could produce, not to mention being a safety hazard as well. The advances Norm and his company helped create in boiler cleaning technology have made their mark.

In 1964 Norm started his own business, N. B. Harty, and hired his first employee. Now 50 years and more than 4,500 jobs later Harty is still running his company which is regarded as the number one explosive cleaning company in the world. Norm has done business in all 50 states in the United States and in Canada, Mexico and Korea.

In addition to his business achievements, Norm and his late wife Billie, have contributed much to their community of Dexter, Missouri.

For the advances Norm and his company helped create in boiler cleaning technology, and his many other contributions to the community, it is my pleasure to recognize his efforts and achievements before the House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING WILLIAM HOMALON

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate William Homalon, a senior at Morton Ranch High School in Katy, TX, on bringing home a gold medal from the University Interscholastic League State Wrestling Championship. William is one of the 28 tal-

ented wrestlers from Katy to qualify for the state tournament.

William is a repeat state champion, finishing his senior year with an impressive record of 51-3. He went undefeated at this year's state tournament, pinning all four of his opponents to capture the gold in the 126 lb. division.

Texas is home to many outstanding athletes, and becoming a state champion is not an easy feat. Becoming one twice is extraordinary. On behalf of all residents of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I am honored to recognize William's accomplishment! Our community is proud of William Homalon.

HONORING CLAYTON SHRUGA

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Clayton Shrug. Clayton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Clayton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Clayton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Clayton has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Clayton Shrug for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CAPTAIN CHARLES R. BURROWS FOR HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present the Navy Commendation Medal to Captain Charles R. Burrows for heroic achievement while serving as an F Division Junior Officer, Secondary Battery Officer, 5th Division Officer, and Senior Officer of the Deck Underway from December 1942 until September 1945.

During his service, Captain Burrows participated in fourteen major operations against the enemy while stationed aboard the USS *Tennessee* in the South Pacific.

As stated by Captain Burrow's commanding officer, John B. Heffernan, Captain Burrows, "by his initiative, perseverance, outstanding ability, and the foresight with which he anticipated developments, he planned, trained, directed, and maintained a secondary battery organization which met the most exacting requirements of the operations in which the USS *Tennessee* participated."

Captain Burrows demonstrated immeasurable heroism during the Saipan and Okinawa campaigns when the USS *Tennessee*

was under continuous heavy attack from opposition battleships as well as kamikaze air attacks.

By his exceptional ability, personal initiative and unwavering dedication to duty, Captain Charles Burrows upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Captain Burrows and thanking him for his courage and his service to our country.

HONORING MR. JIM BRICKER ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Bricker, who has retired after over fifty years of service in Washington state. Throughout his career, Mr. Bricker has shown a passion for education policy, including serving on the Council for Higher Education, the Office of Financial Management, and the State Senate, where he worked as staff director of Committee Services. His interest in education reached into the classroom, where he spent 38 years teaching as an adjunct professor at the University of Puget Sound and at Pacific Lutheran University.

Serving his country as a colonel in the Marine Corps for 33 years, Mr. Bricker had the distinguished honor of being the Senior Officer in the Northwest for the past five years. His fervor for the integrity of the legislative process helped him play a critical role in major pieces of education legislation, including the founding of Evergreen State College in 1967. He later served in the executive offices of four governors, ending as Governor Gardner's Special Assistant for National Affairs.

For the past 22 years he worked as the Director of Government Affairs at PEMCO Financial Services, where he improved insurance policy. At age 50, Mr. Bricker ran his very first marathon, and continues to cultivate a passion for the outdoors and for physical exercise.

Even in retirement, Mr. Bricker remains dedicated to improving education and will continue to serve as a member of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. A man of integrity and high principle, his humility and his impact on the state of Washington and on his country will long be remembered.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Bricker for a lifetime of dedicated service.

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION—JEFFERSON COUNTY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Colorado State University Extension—Jefferson County for achieving 25 years of outstanding membership in the West Chamber serving Jefferson County.

Membership in a Chamber of Commerce comes with commitment, dedication and contribution to community. Chamber members are leaders in the community mentoring other businesses, creating positive environments for business to thrive. The West Chamber serving Jefferson County is a strong and vibrant organization today due to members like Colorado State University Extension—Jefferson County.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Colorado State University Extension—Jefferson County for 25 years of leadership and inspiration you provide in our community. I look forward to many more years of your service.

HONORING MR. JERRY L. SMITH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a hardworking and self motivated man, Mr. Jerry L. Smith.

Mr. Jerry Smith was born in Hollandale, Mississippi on July 27, 1953 to Rev. C. B. and Hattie Smith. He was reared on a farm. He graduated from Anguilla High School in 1971 and in May 1975 from Mississippi Valley State University with a B. S. Degree in Industrial Technology.

Mr. Smith was enlisted in the U. S. Air Force as a Second Lieutenant from July, 1975 to August, 1978. In 1979, he started working for Asmco as a plant manager for 10 years. He started farming around 1994 and has been farming ever since. His motto is, "In order to make your life better you have to get up each day and strive for that".

Mr. Smith is married to Patsy Smith and to that union they have one child, Nicholas. He is an active member of St. Paul M. B. Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Jerry L. Smith.

IN RECOGNITION OF BETH
HUNKAPILLER

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Beth Hunkapiller who has been named San Carlos Citizen of the Year for her outstanding and numerous contributions to San Carlos schools and the community at large. Beth is a 20-year veteran of the San Carlos School Board, and has worked tirelessly to ensure that our children have access to a quality education and to outstanding facilities.

Beth was instrumental in creating the San Carlos Charter Learning Center, the first charter school in California. She served as a founding member and chair of the State Board of Education's Advisory Commission on Charter Schools. She also served as the Department of Education's Charter School Division Director. She currently is the chair of the board of directors of Aspire Public Schools, the largest charter school organization in California.

It was Beth's experience as a parent that got her deeply involved in education. She was

a volunteer teacher in her son's co-op nursery school and a Girl Scout Daisy troop coordinator. She later served as Heather PTA president, Heather Fun Day Chair, a member of an Ad Hoc Superintendent Selection Citizen Committee, and a campaign chair for the Committee to Defeat the Voucher.

After her election to the school board in 1993, Beth continued volunteering her time and expertise to the Healthy Cities Tutoring program which strives to help children who struggle to succeed in school. Beth was routinely re-elected by wide margins since 1993.

When it comes to supporting public schools, Beth Hunkapiller is at the head of her class. The San Carlos Education Foundation has been a success in large part because of its amazing volunteer parents, but also in part to one forever parent: Beth Hunkapiller. Year after year, Beth and her husband Mike have been generous donors and have set the standard for philanthropy within any community. But Beth doesn't just write checks. She volunteers for the largest annual fundraiser, Spring Fling, and she lent her credibility as a school board member to volunteer efforts to raise funds from residents and businesses in and around San Carlos. She and her amazing husband, Mike, started "Fund-A-Need" ten years ago, an effort that is emblematic of their vision and generosity. The Hunkapillers have matched donations raised for specific needs such as science equipment, LCD projectors, smart boards, computers, iPads, PE needs, counseling and wellness programs, literacy specialists, calculators, musical instruments, art supplies and teacher development training.

I must also note, Mr. Speaker, that Mike Hunkapiller is an outstanding business leader and that his expertise contributed to modern science being able to efficiently sequence the human genome. It could be said of Beth and Mike that they are a real team. Mike figures out what makes us tick and Beth figures out how to make us tick better, through education.

No mention of Beth's record in education would be complete without mentioning her ceaseless efforts to support bond measures and parcel taxes. Beth is an advocate for fiscal responsibility, and in her role as a trustee, Beth was noted for asking important questions to ensure accountability by the administration for the funds that were raised. Beth realizes that education is the foundation of democracy, and a well-funded education is the foundation of every classroom. In public forums large and small, and literally across decades, Beth has lent tier voice and credibility to the effort to grow the capacity of the district to support new waves of children as they entered the schools.

Mr. Speaker, the schools in San Carlos are bursting at the seams, so much so that many new classrooms will soon be built. Young couples routinely mention the schools as their primary reason for moving into San Carlos. Beth is being named as the Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce, but the local realtors should name her salesperson of the century. The schools of San Carlos are beloved. Beth would be the first to note that it takes a remarkable team of parents and staff and administrators to create outstanding schools, but make no mistake, Beth deserves a fair share of the credit.

The Hunkapillers have raised their two children in San Carlos and their children graduated from Heather, Central, Menlo High School and Stanford. Their grandson now attends the Charter Learning Center. Beth is