2014 CONGRESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinctive service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect

Three years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments, or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community.

Detective Jake Barlow of the Venice Police

Detective Jake Barlow of the Venice Police Department will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Corporal David Brunner of the Florida Highway Patrol will receive the Career Service Award.

Corporal Edward Kish of Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority Police Department will receive the Preservation of Life Award.

Sergeant Michael Laden of the North Port Police Department will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Investigator John Morningstar of the Bradenton Police Department will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Detective Joseph Rogers of the Palmetto Police Department will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Deputy Joseph Scott of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office will receive the Preservation of Life Award.

Task Force Officer Michael J. Skoumal of the Bradenton Police Department, assigned to U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration Tampa Office, will receive the Career Service Award.

Sergeant Randy Thompson of the Longboat Key Police Department will receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Investigator Lynn Thomson of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Detective Miguel Torres of the Sarasota County Sheriffs Office will receive the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Lieutenant Tom Ware of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will receive the Career Service Award.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF JUDGE HUEY RONALD HAM

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the late Judge Huey Ronald

Ham. Judge Ham was a dedicated public servant, a loving husband, and a wonderful father. He devoted his life to serving the greater good of our community. He was a high school teacher for Vocational Agriculture for thirty years at Brantley County High School. He was also the Chief Magistrate Judge from 1984 to 2000.

Judge Ham was born in Lulaton, Georgia, on October 2, 1937. After graduating from Nahunta High School, he attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, GA. Following Junior College, he attended the University of Georgia before joining the U.S. Army, Judge Ham returned to the University of Georgia and earned his degree in Vocational Education in Agriculture.

In additional to his professional success, Judge Ham was also considered a local history expert. He was the driving force behind the Geortner Mumford Library and the Confederate Wall in Waynesville. He helped locate a Confederate Army cemetery where forty soldiers are buried. Judge Ham also served on the 6th Senatorial District for the Democratic Party, the Airport Advisory Board, and a volunteer EMT. He was also appointed by Governor Zell Miller in 1994 to the Coastal Zone Advisory Board.

Judge Huey Ronald Ham passed away on April 7, 2014, at his residence following an extended illness. Judge Ham will be remembered as not only a great family man, but also as an outstanding public servant. I am truly honored to be able to call Judge Huey Ronald Ham a friend. He was a straight shooter who was always looking out for his community. He will be deeply missed by his community, family, and friends.

IRENE WRIGHT TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Irene Wright from Pueblo, Colorado. After 35 years of service to Pueblo Bank & Trust, Ms. Wright is retiring to spend time with her husband, two sons and three grandsons.

Ms. Wright followed in her mother's footsteps and began working at Pueblo Bank & Trust 35 years ago. Through hard work and dedication, Ms. Wright moved her way up in the organization, starting out on their cleaning crew, moving to the kitchen staff, and becoming a teller in the mid-1980s. Since then, she has been promoted to a supervisor, and has helped the bank open many Colorado branches. For sixty years, someone from the Wright family has been a part of PB&T.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Wright's hard work and dedication serve as an example to us all. I know I speak for every customer and employee at PB&T when I say we will miss seeing her cheerful face, but I wish her all the best as she moves into a well-deserved retirement.

Ham. Judge Ham was a dedicated public IN RECOGNITION OF U.S. DISTRICT servant, a loving husband, and a wonderful father. He devoted his life to serving the greater ROLL.

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, on April 24, 2014, I was honored to speak at the dedication of the new John M. Roll United States Courthouse in Yuma, Arizona. I joined former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Senators McCAIN and FLAKE, Mayor Nicholls of Yuma and others at the ceremony.

I was able to take a tour of this new court-house and it is remarkable. It is filled with natural light and the carpets look like an aerial view of Yuma County's agricultural fields. It's fitting that this impressive U.S. Courthouse is named after an impressive man, one who dedicated his life to justice and to upholding the rule of law.

U.S. District of Arizona Chief Judge John Roll, who was killed by a gunman at Congresswoman Giffords's event outside Tucson in 2011, served Arizona and our nation honorably for four decades. He was a wise and gracious man, who not only talked the talk but walked the walk. I hope that all those who work in the courthouse in the years to come will honor the legacy of Chief Judge Roll by executing the law with Lady Justice in mind: impartially, fairly and objectively—just as Chief Judge Roll did.

RECOGNIZING SCORE ORLANDO

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize SCORE Orlando on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Since 1964, SCORE has helped more than 10 million Americans on their path to entrepreneurship.

SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. Thanks to dedicated volunteers, the Small Business Administration, and other partners, SCORE Orlando is able to offer its services at little to no cost to their customers.

In 2013 alone, SCORE volunteers donated over one million hours nationwide. These volunteers helped start up more than 38,500 companies, create over 67,300 jobs, increase revenue for 40,000 clients and mentor and train more than 124,600 business owners and entrepreneurs.

I am pleased to recognize SCORE Orlando for its dedication to equipping entrepreneurs with tools for fulfilling and successful careers, and I thank the SCORE Orlando volunteers for continuing to bolster the economy as well as the passions of people who are driven by new ideas, hard work and the desire to succeed.