

bright, and dedicated students, and I wish them all the success in their future endeavors.

HONORING CHARLES P. "CHUCK"
DOYLE ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 1996

Mr. COX of California. Mr. Speaker, 80 years ago, on May 26, 1916, barnstorming daredevil Charles P. "Chuck" Doyle was born in Minneapolis, MN. Eighty years later, Chuck is still creating aviation history.

He bought his first airplane while still a Washburn High School student. It was an OX-5 powered Travel Air biplane. With this—and his motorcycle—he started on his path as an unofficial daredevil and official aviation pioneer.

In 1935, Chuck Doyle made his first parachute jump as part of the Thrill Day Air Show at the Minnesota State Fair. Two years later, he began performing regularly at shows and fairs around the country. Whether on wings or wheels, he loved to excite his audiences. He ramp-jumped his Harley over lines of cars, magically survived carefully planned head-on auto collisions and boardwall crashes, piloted his motorcycle through tunnels of flame—and memorably, during a thrill show in Mississippi in 1937, even crashed a plane into a clapboard house.

He worked as a civilian pilot for Northwest Airlines during the Second World War—honoring their requirement that he quit the thrill shows, even in his spare time. It was during this time, however, that Chuck first began skywriting and towing aerial banners—a pursuit he maintained until recently.

The great airplanes that the U.S. military retired after World War II provided Chuck Doyle with a new opportunity: acquiring surplus warbird aircraft, refurbishing and restoring them, displaying them in museums, and even giving them a new life in the air. Three of his masterpieces have been placed on display in the U.S. Air Force Museum at Dayton, OH.

His talent for restoration was never more in evidence than when he reconstructed a replica of the vintage Curtis Pusher—one of the earliest American planes, originally designed and built in 1910. Chuck's handiwork wasn't just historically authentic and interesting to look at. In 1985, he took his exact replica of this 75-year-old vintage aircraft to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, where the authorities agreed to close down one of the main runways for his exclusive use. He then proceeded successfully to pilot the only truly authentic Curtis Pusher replica ever to fly. The plane now hangs on exhibit in the main terminal of that airport.

Most mortals can only marvel at the way Chuck Doyle so often succeeded in his relentless pursuit of the nearly impossible. But even Chuck couldn't beat city hall, when it came to preserving his cherished private airstrip. Still, his much-publicized—if ultimately losing—battle with the city of Apple Valley, MN, extended his record of providing thrills and excitement, this time for the newspaper-reading public.

As a lifelong member of dozens of aviation organizations, Chuck Doyle has contributed in thousands of ways to the progress of the era of manned flight. In 1992, his lifetime of contributions was in turn recognized by his peers, by historians, and by civic leaders when he was inducted to the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame. There, he shares the company of a pantheon of internationally famous aviators, among whom are two other well-known "Charleses": Charles "Speed" Holman—for whom Holman Field is named—and Charles Lindbergh.

His son, Charles Jr., also known as "Chuck," is an airline pilot and aircraft owner who is carrying on the family tradition.

It is no easy feat to attempt to summarize 80 years of Charles senior's life. But it is easy to observe one characteristic of overriding significance. More than a crazy daredevil stunt man who survived it all, more than a distinguished airline pilot and professional aviator who has logged over 30,000 hours in the air, entirely accident free—more than an air historian, aviation pioneer, and dedicated father—Chuck Doyle is a great American. His boundless spirit and courageous example remind us of the quintessential character of our country, and of what Thomas Jefferson must surely have had in mind when he described our national dedication to the pursuit of happiness. Chuck has given thousands of Americans happiness during a distinguished and exciting career. As he celebrates his 80th birthday, Mr. Speaker, I know that all of the Members of this Congress join in wishing him every happiness in return.

GALE AND GERALD MESSERMAN;
RECIPIENTS OF AMERICAN ORT'S
JURISPRUDENCE AWARD

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Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, on May 21, 1996, members of the Cleveland chapter of the American Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training [ORT] will hold a tribute dinner in honor of two residents of my congressional district. Attorneys Gale and Gerald Messerman are the first northeast Ohio residents to be awarded the ORT Jurisprudence Award. This distinguished award recognizes the Messermans for their extraordinary contributions to the enhancement of the community and to the pursuit of justice. As the Honorary Chairperson for the tribute dinner, I am proud to salute the Messermans on this occasion.

The Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training [ORT] was founded in 1880 in Tsarist, Russia for the purpose of providing critical job skills to the poor of Eastern Europe. Today, the organization is the largest non-governmental education and training organization in the world. Over the years, ORT has trained over 3 million students, helping both immigrants and American-born individuals to locate work in an ever-changing job market. The ORT network includes junior and senior high schools, technical high schools, junior and senior colleges, apprenticeship centers,

and adult education classrooms. The Greater Cleveland area and communities around the globe benefit as a result of the organization's strong commitment to assisting others.

The Jurisprudence Award was created by American ORT to recognize and honor members of the legal community. These are individuals whose professional lives have substantially improved the quality of life for their fellow human beings; they are role models for others to emulate; and they have established new directions for the enhancement of their profession and their community. Gale and Gerald Messerman are more than deserving of this special recognition. The Messermans have not only distinguished themselves within the legal profession, but they are committed to helping others achieve. They share the guiding principle upon which ORT was founded—that the highest form of charity is to help people help themselves.

Mr. Speaker, since 1980, Gale and Gerald Messerman have practiced law at Messerman & Messerman, a leading firm in the Cleveland area. Gale received her legal education at Southern Methodist University School of Law. She is a former Associate Professor of Law and former Dean for Student Affairs at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. At the law school, Gale also taught courses in Civil Procedure, Urban Housing, and Poverty and the Law. Gale also established a civil clinical education program at the school. Attorney Messerman has also been employed with the Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where she instructed students in law and served as assistant director of the Clinical Legal Education Program.

Attorney Gerald Messerman is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center. His career has included serving as assistant and associate professor of law at the Ohio State University College of Law. He taught classes in evidence, family law, legal ethics, law and psychiatry, and seminars relating to the legal problems of the poor. He was also successful in establishing a clinical program for the representation of those who are poverty stricken. Attorney Messerman is also a former assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia.

Gale and Gerald Messermans have been successful in reaching out and, indeed, reaching back, to make certain that students reach their fullest potential. They are active in teaching, and they serve on the boards of organizations that benefit students of all ages. Most important, they are individuals who give freely of their time and talents.

Mr. Speaker, I have enjoyed a close friendship with attorneys Gale and Gerald Messerman over the years. They are individuals of the highest caliber whom I respect and admire. Gale and Gerald are most deserving of the American ORT's Jurisprudence Award, and I take special pride in saluting them on this occasion. I am also pleased to note that proceeds from the ORT tribute dinner will be used to create a scholarship fund honoring the Messermans. It represents a fitting tribute to these dedicated individuals who have given so much to helping others.