

mendous pain and suffering that would result if this measure is passed.

Mr. Chairman, on behalf of our Nation's children, working families, veterans, and seniors, this bill must be defeated. I ask my colleagues to join me in voting no, on House Concurrent Resolution 178.

HONORING THE ALGOOD
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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OF TENNESSEE

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When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well-trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

HEROISM IS ALIVE AND WELL

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I've got some good news for you, and for all of America.

Heroism is alive and well and, I'm proud to say, it's alive and well in my own hometown of Queensbury, NY.

Mrs. Cecilia L. Parker of Meadowbrook Road, a few miles north of my own street, is alive today because of the heroism of two neighbors, Jenny Lortz, and high school student Theodore "Ted" Turner III.

Last month, the Parker car burst into flames in her carport. Neighbor Jenny Lortz, alerted by a daughter, dialed 911 and ran to investigate. Across the street, the young Turner saw the flames and ran to the house. He and Lortz determined that Mrs. Parker was inside the house. With the noise from exploding car tires in his ears, Turner kicked in a back door and pulled a stunned Mrs. Parker out of her chair and through the smoke to safety.

Witnesses said that a few minutes later it would have been too late.

Mr. Speaker, it's all too easy to fall into the trap of thinking that all kids these days are ill-mannered brats, but that is obviously far from the truth. A grateful Mrs. Parker later remembered young Turner as the good kid across the street who used to help her with chores. But let us acknowledge, Mr. Speaker, that Ted Turner III is not a "kid" but a young man already assuming his duties as a responsible citizen and neighbor. We find such heroes in neighborhoods in towns and villages and cities all over America, and it's what makes this the great country what it is.

Let us also, Mr. Speaker, acknowledge the quick thinking of Jenny Lortz, who first called 911, and joined Turner both in his rescue and later in staying with Mrs. Parker as Queensbury Central, my old volunteer company, put out the flames.

Mrs. Parker, I might add, used to work for my father's store, M. Solomon's, in Queensbury, and I certainly am glad she survived this ordeal.

We have two heroes to thank for that, Mr. Speaker, so let us rise in tribute to those two fine Americans, Theodore Turner III and Jenny Lortz of Queensbury, NY.

A TRIBUTE TO EVAN HALE

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend Evan Hale. Evan is retiring after nearly 40 years of professional and civic service in various agricultural related positions.

Growing up on a farm near Pocatello, ID, instilled in Evan an understanding and sincere commitment to agriculture at an early age. In 1959, he became Director of Communications for the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation and then served as Secretary of the Board and Treasurer of the affiliated Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

Evan continued his public service to the agricultural community as executive assistant to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz and served as chief of staff of the U.S. Department of Agriculture [USDA] in the 1970's. While at USDA, Evan also acted as liaison to farm organizations, Congress, the White House and foreign embassies. He worked with a number of foreign trade missions, including six countries behind the iron curtain.

Currently, Evan is President of the Western Water District Farm Credit Council and Vice President of Legislative Affairs for the Western Farm Credit Bank. He will be retiring at the end of this month, and he and his wife Audrey plan to move closer to their children and grandchildren. I commend Evan on his successful career and thank him for his dedicated public service. I wish my friend a rewarding and gratifying retirement.

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL WINS
REDBOOK DISTINCTION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a great school in the heart of Dallas as the recipient of a recent award for unparalleled excellence. The Lincoln Humanities/Communications Magnet High School recently received the distinction of being a "Redbook" school for overall excellence, and it is a well deserved honor for a school which has worked hard to improve and excel in education. Lincoln attracts students from all parts of Dallas and surrounding communities despite being in the center of the city.

Many times I have visited Lincoln High School and each time I see the excitement on the students' faces as they study and participate in the learning process. The teachers and administrators are equally inspired as they instruct and counsel the students. Under the direction of Dr. Napoleon B. Lewis, Sr., the principal, this unique high school has outshone other schools in academics, the arts, music, and sports.

Lincoln Humanities/Communications Magnet High School opened as Lincoln High School in January 1939. The school was built to serve Dallas' black children in the South, East, and Oak Cliff communities of the city. Recently, Lincoln High School has lived up to its commitment to students in the areas of communications and humanities with impressive showings in the National Merit and National Achievement Scholarship Program.

The Redbook award for unparalleled excellence is another feather in Lincoln High School's cap, and it will give them even more incentive to continue to offer the best education in the arts, music, and humanities for students all over the Metroplex. Congratulations Lincoln High School. Keep up the great work.

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