

Galphin's trading post and plantation and British Fort Dreadnought, which was recaptured by revolutionary forces under Lieutenant Colonel Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee in 1781.

This year's Heritage Day will feature a wide variety of Colonial and Early American craftsmen demonstrating traditional, but almost forgotten skills, such as: molding pewter, gunsmithing, hand sewing, blacksmithing, spinning, quilting, basket weaving and chair caning. Mr. Speaker, please join me and my colleagues in congratulating the Beech Island Historical Society for hosting this wonderful event.

HONORING SERGEANT PHILLIP THICK

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to rise and pay tribute to the men and women of the Lapeer County, Michigan, Sheriff's Department. These brave men and women constantly and diligently work to improve and defend the quality of human life. On May 11, the Department will honor one of its own, as friends, family, and colleagues will gather to celebrate the retirement of Sgt. Phillip Thick after more than 30 years of service.

Phillip Thick was born in my hometown of Flint in 1949. His family moved to Lapeer, where he graduated from Lapeer High School in 1967. From there, Phillip went on and graduated from the police academy, and later attended and graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico.

Phillip has enjoyed a tremendous career in Lapeer County. From his beginnings as a police cadet, he became a Detective/Sergeant in 1970, and has maintained this position throughout his career. During this time he became qualified as an expert in fingerprint identification, fire scene investigation, traffic investigation, photography, and drowned body recovery. He became a Deputy Medical Examiner and was state certified as an AFIS Operator last year. In 1995, Sgt. Thick was honored by his peer as Deputy of the Year.

Sgt. Thick's contributions outside the police force are just as significant. In addition to being a member of the FBI National Academy Associates, he is a member of the AFIS Internet Association, and the Lapeer Masonic Lodge. His experience as a photographer has allowed him to become a member of Wedding and Portrait Photographers International.

Mr. Speaker, I am exceptionally proud to have a person in my district like Sergeant Phillip Thick. It takes a special kind of person to patrol our streets and ensure our citizens' safety, and thanks to his dedication and commitment to justice, Lapeer County is a better place. I would also like to recognize Phillip's wife, Christina Lisa, and his children Matthew and Amanda. I ask my colleagues in the 107th Congress to join me in congratulating Phillip and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF CUB SCOUT PACK 180 OF HOLDEN

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cub Scouts Pack 180 of Holden, Massachusetts. On this day, April 6, 2001, 6 young men completed one journey and are beginning another. They are Jake Abysahl, Carter Bame-Aldred, Matthew Esposito, Jason O'Connell, Connor Rooke, and Evan Shaughnessy. During a crossover graduation ceremony, they received the Arrow of Light Award, the highest award in Cub Scouts along with their Boy Scout's Badge and Handbook. This ceremony begins their new adventures into Boy Scouts and continues their dedicated work to the community. I congratulate them on their accomplishments and wish them continued success.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE KATYN FOREST MASSACRE

HON. ROBERT MENEDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. MENEDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims of the Katyn Forest Massacre, sixty-one years after the horrible tragedy. Memorial Services will be held on April 7, 2001 at the Katyn Monument site in Jersey City, New Jersey.

In September, 1939, Poland was invaded by Soviet troops, while boldly and courageously fighting the Nazi invasion in the West. The Polish army, which was hopelessly overextended fighting both the Germans and the Soviets, succumbed to those incredible odds.

In April and May, 1940, in an area called the Katyn Forest, over four thousand Polish soldiers, army officers, intellectual leaders, prisoners of war, members of the intelligensia, and Polish civilians were executed by Soviet troops and the Soviet secret police on direct order from Joseph Stalin. An estimated 21,000 Polish citizens died in Katyn, Miednoye, and Kharkiv, as well as other areas. These horrendous crimes are commemorated as the Katyn Forest Massacre.

On September 16, 2000, the Polish American Congress, the Katyn Forest Massacre Memorial Committee, and the Siberian Society of Florida sponsored a memorial service in honor of the victims.

Today, I honor the victims of the Katyn Forest Massacre. I commend their courage and sacrifice. They fought against terrible aggression, and not only fought for their own freedom, for the world's freedom as well.

I ask that my colleagues join me in remembering the victims of the Katyn Forest Massacre. And I ask that we honor their sacrifice for freedom.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, due to a cancellation of an airline flight from my district yesterday, I was unavoidably detained and thus absent for three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" for roll call vote number 76, "yea" for vote number 77, and "yea" for vote number 78.

TRIBUTE TO MR. KATSUYA MIYAHIRA & MR. IHA SEIKICHI SENSEI

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Katsuya Miyahira who has had a distinguished career in martial arts. Currently, he is the President of the Okinawa Shorin Ryu Shido-kan and continues to teach children the art of karate. His teachings are in accordance with Master Itosu, whom he studied under as a student. The form of karate he was taught was of the Chibana Chosin, of which he is the successor and heir.

Mr. Miyahira has lectured about the value of karate to young people and from the "Seven Virtues of Martial Arts" has said, "Martial arts forbids violence, suppresses an uprising, keeps one from corruption, establishes honor for one, pacifies the public, makes harmony among people, and makes one rich. These are the seven virtues of martial arts." He continues to say that martial arts "can be a helpful tool for one's life: it adds value to one's ability, secures a sure means of living, and even makes one rich." Mr. Katsuya Miyahira lives by these words and teaches his pupils by these words also.

In addition to his teachings, Mr. Katsuya Miyahira has been honored by the Japan Martial Arts Association and is a judan 10th dan as a karate Hanshi (master). Furthermore, as an elder in karate he is in charge of the Okinawa Karate Conference while continuing to teach his art to others.

I would also like to recognize Mr. Iha Seikichi Sensei, who is also an accomplished martial arts expert. He presently runs his own center in Lansing, Michigan called the Original Okinawa Karate Dojo. Furthermore, he is the United States Branch Chief of Okinawa shorin-ryu Karate-do Association.

Iha was taught by the infamous Itosu Ankoh and is an authority of Shuri-te. He was chosen by Miyahira Katsuya in 1963 to teach his Shorin-ryu techniques at the dojo of Latino Gonzales in Manila, a distinguished honor. Furthermore, he continued to teach others in this art including United States Marines stationed in Okinawa.

In addition to his teachings, he is recognized as the first Okinawan Master Instructor of Shorin-ryu to teach in California since 1927. In 1989, he reached rank of Hanshi 9-dan certification, making him the highest certified Okinawan living in the United States.

On July 26th through the 29th, 2001, there will be a celebration honoring the 25th anniversary of Iha bringing Shido-kan Karate to