

the U.S. Constitution—justice, equality and true brotherhood. His distinguished career includes service as President of the American Bar Association and the Florida Bar Association. He demonstrated his faithfulness to the legal profession as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and as a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

After graduating with honors from the University of Florida College of Law, he went on to become a principal architect of Holland and Knight, LLP, one of the nation's largest and most respected law firms. As chair of the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, he accepted the challenge of revising and redrafting Florida's Constitution for the first time in fifty years.

Mr. Speaker, I come to the House floor today to pay tribute to Chesterfield Smith and his many lifetime achievements. I congratulate him on receiving the distinguished 2002 Justice Award. His remarkable life's work as an accomplished public servant is deserving of such notoriety, and I consider him to be a true leader of the 21st Century.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on September 11, I was in the 4th Congressional District to honor the heroes and victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously and would like the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on recorded vote number 384.

CELEBRATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ELPIS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. Elpis Greek Orthodox Church of Hopewell, Virginia on its 85th anniversary.

In 1914, Dupont Chemicals decided to expand their plant in Hopewell in support of WWI. Consequently, ads were posted throughout Europe to recruit immigrants as laborers and engineers for this plant. About 6000 Greeks responded to this ad with the promise of a new future in America. Upon arrival in Hopewell, these Greeks sought to preserve their heritage and religion by building the first Greek Orthodox Church in Virginia.

The tremendous sacrifice made by these early parishioners to establish St. Elpis was great. Their devotion and commitment to preserving their Greek heritage and religion enabled the parishioners to overcome great obstacles over the years and has enabled the church to continue to thrive. This spirit is as vibrant today as it was 85 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate St. Elpis and its parishioners, as they celebrate the 85th anniversary of the founding of their church and I wish them continued success and prosperity in

the years to come. It is truly an honor and a privilege to recognize St. Elpis in the United States House of Representatives this day.

TRIBUTE TO THE MITRE CORPORATION IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the MITRE Corporation in celebration of twenty years in Huntsville, Alabama. As you know, the MITRE Corporation is a private, independent, not-for-profit organization that provides government agencies with technical support that is not available through the government or contractor community.

For 2 decades, the Army, NASA, and Department of Defense programs headquartered at Redstone Arsenal have relied on the MITRE Corporation's Huntsville Site Office for objective technical expertise. Since the MITRE Corporation cannot manufacture products or compete with the industry, the support it provides Redstone Arsenal is in alignment with the government's objectives and free from competitive pressures.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the MITRE Corporation for 20 years of excellent service to the North Alabama defense and NASA community. In 1982, this Site Office began with one person and now employs a staff of 33. On this milestone anniversary celebration, I send the employees of the MITRE Corporation my thanks and wish them many more years of success in Huntsville, Alabama.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and its staff for their outstanding contributions to science and to the security of our Nation throughout the past 50 years.

The Laboratory was established in 1952 to help meet an urgent national security need and has made numerous advances to keep the Nation at peace and secure.

Lawrence Livermore, Los Alamos, and Sandia National Laboratories developed the nuclear weapons that have deterred world wars. The labs are ensuring the continuing safety, security, and reliability of our Nation's nuclear weapons stockpile in the absence of nuclear testing.

Breakthroughs at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory led to the development of the high-yield warheads that greatly contributed to strategic deterrence throughout the Cold War.

The Laboratory has provided technical support to arms control negotiations and treaty implementation, including negotiations and treaties to reduce the size of nuclear arsenals, prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons

and technologies, and limit nuclear weapons testing.

The Laboratory has greatly contributed to efforts of the United States intelligence community to understand nuclear weapons-related activities worldwide, and today is using its capabilities to defend our nation against terrorism.

The Laboratory is also a leader in science and has worked on technologies to provide us with long term energy security.

The Laboratory has developed environmental restoration technologies that are being used to rapidly clean up groundwater contamination at Superfund sites and is developing simulation capabilities to better understand changes in the earth's climate.

The Laboratory is identifying the source of genetic diseases and developing improved detectors of biological agents.

Livermore scientists produced work that won a Nobel Prize for Physics in 1998 and numerous advances in astrophysics.

Technology development at the Laboratory has broadly contributed to the Nation's technical prowess and the competitiveness of United States industry, as evidenced by the winning of 85 prestigious R&D 100 awards.

Lastly, the Laboratory contributes broadly to higher education, as well as elementary and secondary educational efforts throughout Northern California and educational outreach directed at minority groups nationwide.

On its 50th anniversary, I would like to congratulate the Laboratory, its staff, and former employees for their dedicated service to our Nation, outstanding contributions to national security, a strong tradition of scientific and technical excellence, and continuing efforts to make the world more secure and a better place to live.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO: SALVADOR A. LOPEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize Mr. Salvador A. Lopez of Glade Park, Colorado for the selfless act of courage he displayed last March of 2002. On September 18, Mr. Lopez will be awarded the prestigious Special Carrier Alert Award from the National Association of Letter Carriers, and as he receives his award, I would like to pay tribute to his extraordinary act of courage. Mr. Lopez is a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Grand Junction, Colorado, where he has worked for the last 28 years. Not too long ago, while he was busy delivering mail along his route, Mr. Lopez noticed a runaway car with a child inside who was too young to take control of the vehicle. Mr. Lopez hurriedly ran alongside of the car, jumped into the car window, and pulled the emergency break. Fortunately, Mr. Lopez was able to stop the vehicle before the car drove into a busy intersection which could have brought certain injury to himself and the child. Due to Mr. Lopez's quick thinking and heroic actions, the child only suffered minor bruises, while Mr. Lopez escaped with three broken ribs. Last April, the Carnegie Hero Fund honored Mr. Lopez with one of its 23 nationally recognized awards for