

and work. Laura Pearson is one of these individuals.

Laura has represented Ward 7 of the City of Riverside for 14 years and has faithfully represented her constituents who live in both rural residential and contemporary neighborhoods. Her ability to see all sides of an issue have enabled her to be an effective councilmember.

Laura served as the Chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee, Vice Chair for the Development Committee and as a member of the Utility Services/Land Use/Energy Development Committee. At the regional level, Laura served on the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency Board, City/County Animal Control Advisory Committee, Regional Water Quality Board and the Model Deaf Community Task Force.

In 1998, a former Riverside City employee broke into the Riverside City Council Chamber during a meeting and seriously injured several people including Laura. Despite this incident, Laura persevered and continued public service. Her courage and devotion demand our deepest respect and gratitude.

Laura is newly and happily married to Bill Densmore, a County Veterans' Service Officer and a City of Riverside Planning Commissioner. She is also a proud mother and grandmother.

Laura's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. She has been the heart and soul of many community initiatives and I am proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her as she retires.

HONORING 2003 EAGLE SCOUTS
FROM THE 5TH DISTRICT OF
TEXAS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the privilege of honoring the 2003 Eagle Scout recipients from the Fifth Congressional District of Texas. As a Congressman and an Eagle Scout myself, I would like to recognize the tremendous achievement of these young men and commend them for their hard work and dedication.

Of the millions of young men who join the Boy Scouts, only four percent achieve the highest rank of Eagle Scout. This rigorous program demands excellence in many areas and tests the Scout's commitment and strength of character.

Eagles Scouts personify the qualities of trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness, courtesy, kindness, obedience, cheerfulness, thrift, bravery, cleanliness and reverence. By earning the rank of Eagle Scout, these young men join a distinguished group of outstanding Americans including former U.S. Presidents, astronauts, and Pulitzer Prize winners.

America's youth are the leaders of tomorrow. I commend these Boy Scouts for providing excellent examples of leadership, citizenship, and service to their communities and their peers.

I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to the following recipients of the Eagle Scout Award. Their valuable contributions to society will no doubt continue as they continue their journey through life.

Andrew Ryan Holman—Troop 103

Cory Lynn Smith—Troop 391

Christopher William Jennings Bryan—Troop 890

Spencer Douglas Adams—Troop 890

Jonathan Dylan Shields—Troop 138

William Lawrence Love—Troop 64

Joshua Douglas Hughes—Troop 125

Cameron Blevins O'Bannon—Troop 861

Zachary Stephen Taylor—Troop 856

Michael Edward Flusche, Jr.—Troop 865

Randall Charles Roysdon, Jr.—Troop 339

Jonathan Kerry Van Zant—Troop 535

Wesley James Mullins—Troop 435

Graham Andrew Orr—Troop 435

Jordan Whitney Ashford—Troop 852

Jonathan Daniel Martin—Troop 856

Marshall Glyn Holland, Jr.—Troop 792

Sunray Roper Spinks—Troop 107

Eric P. Mendershausen—Troop 636

Caleb Peter Holzapfel—Troop 437

Joel Andrew Fletcher—Troop 890

Christopher Robert Darling—Troop 138

Brandon Kent Parsons—Troop 856

Curtis J. Aanerud—Troop 792

Jared Asher Forbus—Troop 730

Daniel Joseph Hale—Troop 865

Reagan Lewis Loggins—Troop 744

Matthew Glenn Higgins—Troop 744

Christopher G. Plummer—Troop 744

Alexander P. Jarrard—Troop 890

Mitchell Jacob George—Troop 890

Andrew M. Diaz—Troop 709

Jared Nathaniel Wilson—Troop 852

Eric Randall Johnson—Troop 890

Phillip Rowe Vorkoper—Troop 709

Troy Aleo Thompson—Troop 333

Chad Jacob Krischke—Troop 707

Brandon Casey Hall—Troop 707

Andrew Jedidiah Floyd—Troop 138

Eric Bruce Swanfeldt—Troop 647

Ryan Lemuel Johnson—Troop 890

Kyle Pierpont Johnson—Troop 890

Michael Collin Zreet—Troop 890

Travis Eugene Hughes—Troop 647

Jonathan Collins Lloyd—Troop 343

Darren Leland Butler—Troop 798

Robert Alexander Harrell—Troop 890

Thomas Nicodemus Wilder—Troop 719

Wilson Rowden Steely—Troop 473

Jason Howard Hensley—Troop 543

Michael Curtis O'Rear—Troop 856

Rory August Gerken—Troop 70

Jeffred David Nicholson—Troop 779

Michael Jones—Troop 33

Justin Minor Bosque—Troop 744

Ryan Keith Barley—Troop 707

Grant Richard Reddy—Troop 707

Scott Evans Holtzman, Jr.—Troop 890

Ryan James Koch—Troop 890

Lane Christopher Avery—Troop 852

Richard Baker Batten—Troop 707

HONORING CHIEF WARRANT
OFFICER AARON WEAVER

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a recently fallen soldier, Chief War-

rant Officer Aaron Weaver. Aaron was a member of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division and was stationed in Iraq.

A little over two weeks ago, Aaron got on board a Black Hawk medevac helicopter to go to Baghdad for a routine medical check up. Aaron had recently undergone a serious bout with cancer and critical surgery. In fact, he could have remained in the states while the doctors continued to monitor his progress.

Instead, Aaron volunteered for Iraq and requested and received the medical waiver necessary to deploy. He wanted to join his younger brother, Ryan and his comrades. He heard the call of duty and he answered it.

His brother, Ryan, was also stationed in Iraq. Ryan and Aaron had plans to meet when Aaron was to arrive in Baghdad, but that moment never happened. The medevac that Aaron was traveling in was shot down by enemy fire and all nine soldiers, including Aaron, were killed.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and his one year old daughter, Savannah.

Aaron, already a decorated war hero who fought in the streets of Mogadishu in 1993 to rescue his friends after their Black Hawk had been shot down, set the highest example of someone who is willing to risk their own life to save others.

His dedication to his country and fellow soldiers represents his tremendous sense of loyalty and selflessness. Aaron Weaver is a true American hero. Aaron will never be forgotten by his family, friends or the country he fought for.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR JOHN L.
WINTERSTELLA IN APPRECIATION
OF A LIFETIME OF SERVICE
TO THE PEOPLE OF MONMOUTH
AND MANASQUAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I have the opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual, John L. Winterstella, for a remarkable career of public service. Throughout his life, Mayor Winterstella has devoted himself to working for the people of his community, through serving not only as an elected official, but participating on a wide variety of boards and charities.

Mr. Winterstella began his career in the early 1970's working with the Environmental Commission and the Planning Board in the borough of Manasquan, the latter of which he continues to tirelessly serve. He was elected as a Manasquan councilman from 1977 through 1981, and was subsequently elected Mayor of the borough in 1984.

During his tenure as Mayor, John Winterstella has served on the Monmouth Community Development Block Grant Committee from 1984 until the present, served as the Commissioner on the Sewage Authority from 1990 to 1999, and also served on the Executive Board of the New Jersey League of Municipalities from 1990 to 1998. The Mayor served as President of that League from 1997-1998, and was enshrined in the League's Hall of Fame in the year 2000. In addition to keeping his busy schedule, Mayor