

taste of bourbon, he forsook his family's generations-old bourbon recipe and created a new one. By substituting red winter wheat for the typical bourbon flavoring grain of rye, he created a bourbon that was gentler on the palate, yet remained full-flavored. This not only created a whisky with a surprisingly smooth finish, it created a whole new class of bourbon: premium bourbon. Today, every other premium bourbon on the market owes its existence to that first batch of Maker's Mark that went into the barrel in 1954.

Maker's Mark is still handcrafted every step of the way at the same distillery, which is the world's oldest working bourbon distillery in continuous operation and has been designated a National Historic Landmark. Each bottle is hand-dipped in its distinctive signature red sealing wax, symbolizing the brand's handcrafted nature. No wonder it has become the top-selling bourbon in the state of Kentucky, the number one call brand bourbon in New York City, and one of the few brands of bourbon that continues to grow in a declining product category.

Maker's Mark has brought tremendous economic benefits to the State of Kentucky, not only by providing a steady source of employment for Kentucky residents, but also through regular contributions to local and national charities. Maker's Mark also is a key destination on the Bourbon Heritage Trail, which brings thousands of visitors to our State annually.

While the Maker's Mark folks are committed to making fine bourbon, they're also passionate about helping to ensure that their product is enjoyed responsibly. That's why they and other distillers have joined forces to invest millions of dollars in the Century Council, a national not-for-profit group dedicated to reducing drunk driving and underage drinking.

For all of these accomplishments, the men and women at Maker's Mark deserve our utmost respect and our heartfelt congratulations.

TRIBUTE TO LOUIS RAMSAY

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan and an outstanding citizen; I am proud to recognize Louis Ramsay in the Congress. His recent death was a great loss to his community, his family, his state and this nation.

Born, raised and educated in Fordyce, Arkansas, Mr. Ramsay left his home town to play quarterback for the Razorback football team at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. After earning a pre-law degree from the university, Mr. Ramsay served as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Europe in WWII where he was awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. He was discharged from the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a Major.

Mr. Ramsay lived his life serving his community in every capacity imaginable. He worked at the law firm baring his name, Ramsay, Bridgforth, Harrelson & Starling, and was Chairman of the Executive Committee and Emeritus Director of Simmons First National Corp. He was the only person in Arkansas history to have been elected and served

as president of both the Arkansas Bar Association and Arkansas Bankers' Association.

He served as chair to Arkansas' Sesquicentennial Commission in 1985, appointed by then-Governor Bill Clinton. In 2003 he was inducted into the Walton School of Business, Arkansas Business Hall of Fame and a faculty fund was soon established at the University of Arkansas Sam M. Walton College of Business in honor of Mr. Ramsay and his wife.

Mr. Ramsay was a role model for us all. A man who worked hard and did his best to give back to his community more than he took from it. On behalf of the Congress, I extend sympathies to Louis' family, and gratitude for all he did to make the world a better place.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY FAUGHT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a remarkable woman from my district. Dorothy Faught of Cortez, Colorado just celebrated her 80th birthday. As her family and friends mark the occasion, I would like to honor Dorothy here today.

Dorothy Faught has spent decades caring for others in her career as a nurse. In fact, Dorothy has been working in the healing profession since 1945, having started by treating soldiers returning from World War II. Dorothy has spent her first 30 years as the head nurse in the intensive care units in Detroit, Michigan. She went on to continue her career as the Director of Nursing at the Cortez hospital. Dorothy continues her career to this day, working at Southwest Home Health. Her love and knowledge of nursing has won the praise from her colleagues and patients. Dorothy has passed down her enthusiasm for the profession to her two daughters and serves as a role model to others serving in health care.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give praise to Dorothy's remarkable career. Dorothy serves as an inspiration to the Cortez community, especially her patients. I am truly honored to recognize her here today. I congratulate Dorothy for her success and thank her for her service. Happy 80th birthday!

WELCOMING TUNISIAN PRESIDENT BEN ALI TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, for nearly 50 years, the Republic of Tunisia has thrived as an independent, prosperous nation in a region often synonymous with instability. Tunisia's political, social, and economic success can be partially attributed to the continued positive leadership of His Excellency President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. I would like to join my colleagues in welcoming President Ben Ali to the United States and to Washington, D.C. on February 17th.

President Ben Ali has worked tirelessly to ensure a free society, greater democratic

openness, and complete respect for human rights in Tunisia. Over the last two decades, Tunisia has shown tremendous development, reducing poverty, bolstering educational standards, and strengthening economic growth.

Tunisia's flourishing economy offers great hope for African and Middle Eastern countries, while she also continues to play an increasingly important role in the politics of the international community. One of Tunisia's most valuable assets has been its continued willingness to support a Middle East peace process. Despite being surrounded by nations engulfed in political turmoil, Tunisia continues to take an active role in combating international unrest.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing President Ben Ali during his visit as a critical figure in the enhancement of positive global relations with the Middle East.

TRIBUTE TO STEWARD E. JESSUP

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan, an outstanding citizen, an accomplished farmer and a World War II Veteran; I am proud to recognize Stewart E. Jessup in the Congress.

Mr. Jessup was a third generation rice grower who, with his wife and sons, farmed approximately 3,000 acres of rice, soybeans, wheat and milo at their farm at Lodge's Corner, Arkansas. He also served his country with honor in World War II as a first lieutenant navigator aboard B-29's in the Pacific theater.

When Mr. Jessup wasn't tending to his farm or serving his country, he spent his time restoring antique tractors and engines—a painstaking art that demonstrated his extreme focus and deep patience.

He served his community loyally as a member of the Arkansas State Water Code Study Commission, Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board, Farmers Home Administration—Arkansas Advisory Board, Stuttgart Grain Drying Cooperative board of directors, Arkansas County ASCS Committee, president of the Arkansas County Farm Bureau, and chairman of the DeWitt School Board.

Mr. Jessup was an Arkansan by choice, a veteran by duty and a farmer by nature. On behalf of the Congress, I extend sympathies to his family, and gratitude for all he did to make the world a better place.

HONORING COACH GLENN ROBINSON

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to offer this statement of recognition for Glenn Robinson, the men's basketball head coach for Franklin and Marshall College.

Coach Robinson is a hometown hero for us here in Lancaster. He has passed Illinois Wesleyan's coaching legend, Dennie Bridges, to become the all-time winningest coach in