

decades reflect the diversity of American culture and have been seen by millions of people. In all of its work, Sundance embraces the values of independence and community.

The Sundance Institute is not just about making films—although that is clearly its primary focus. It also is about nourishing the artistic process and defending free artistic expression. There are many talented voices and visionaries in America from all cultures, ethnic backgrounds and walks of life. The Sundance Institute provides a wonderful haven for these talents.

For all of these important contributions, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the Sundance Institute for keeping filmmaking and the arts exciting and vibrant and for providing an opportunity for Americans from all walks of life to participate in our film heritage.

HONORING DEBRA BRICE

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding constituent and educator in my 50th Congressional District of California, Debra Brice, for her extraordinary effort to bring real scientific research to the classroom. Debra Brice, a teacher at San Marcos Middle School, was chosen by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Teacher at Sea Program to participate in a 3-week long research cruise in the Pacific Ocean.

Debra Brice, along with fellow teacher Viviana Zamorano from Arica, Chile, embarked on Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) Research Vessel Roger Revelle from Ecuador on November 10, 2003 and traveled for three weeks to Arica, Chile. The primary purpose of this cruise is to recover and then deploy again a well-instrumented surface mooring from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI) under the stratocumulus clouds found off Chile and Peru in the vicinity of 20S, 85W.

Ms. Brice became an integral part of the research team and ship's crew and established relationships that will give her access to scientific resources for many years to come. While onboard, Ms. Brice also hosted Web broadcasts, maintained daily logs, took photographs, interviewed scientists, and answered her students' e-mail messages.

I am pleased to thank NOAA for its sponsorship of Debra Brice in the NOAA Teacher at Sea Program. With this knowledge and experience, Debra Brice will continue to engage her students and excite their curiosity about science and the sea.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
SERGEANT TODD MICHAEL BATES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends,

and community of Sgt. Todd Michael Bates upon the death of this outstanding soldier.

Sgt. Bates was a member of the Ohio National Guard 135th Military Police Company serving his great nation in the country of Iraq. He was a leader in his unit and a loving grandson to his grandmother, Shirley Bates. Sgt. Bates was an active citizen in his community and did his best to make his neighborhood a better place to live.

Sgt. Bates will be remembered for his unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. His example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew him.

While words cannot express our grief during the loss of such a courageous soldier, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Sgt. Todd Michael Bates.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to official business, I was unable to vote during the following rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 12 "yes";
Rollcall No. 13 "yes";
Rollcall No. 14 "yes";
Rollcall No. 15 "yes";
Rollcall No. 16 "yes";
Rollcall No. 17 "yes"; and
Rollcall No. 18 "yes".

HONORING THE LIFE OF
MARSHALL W. PILE, JR.

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor today to recognize the life of Marshall W. Pile, Jr., who passed away on February 3, 2004. As a husband, father, farmer, and public servant, Mr. Pile will be missed by many.

A long-time resident of Missouri, Marshall Pile was born on June 13, 1928 in Saline County, Missouri. Marshall was a veteran, serving in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. On November 10, 1951 he married Mary Frances and they eventually settled in Gentry County, Missouri. They had five children, Jeff, Jan, Anne, Peggy, and Dana, and six grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his daughter Dana and his parents.

While Mr. Pile spent much of his time farming, he was also very involved in the local community as well as other organizations. Mr. Pile served the City of Albany as City Alderman and Mayor. He was Presiding Commissioner of Gentry County at the time of his death. Mr. Pile was also active in the Missouri Cattleman's Association, was a past president of the Missouri Association of Counties, and a long-time member of the Albany Rotary Club.

Marshall was a good friend to me and to many in the state of Missouri. He was very knowledgeable on issues pertaining to agri-

culture and county government. I know I relied on his advice and counsel many times. He always had a common sense approach and stood for what was right.

I offer my condolences to his wife, Mary, children Jeff, Jan, Anne, and Peggy, and their families. In this time of sorrow, may the thoughts and prayers of friends and family comfort them and may his memory bring them peace.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT
AND CHAMPIONSHIP
WRESTLERS KURT ANGLE AND
JOHN BRADSHAW

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE), Kurt Angle, and John Bradshaw have made significant contributions to youth civic activities through their efforts with WWE's "Smackdown Your Vote!"; and

Whereas, WWE has registered 500,000 new voters between the ages of 18 and 30 over the past two years. Accordingly, under their leadership, WWE intends to register an additional two million new voters for the 2004 campaign; and

Whereas, On January 27, 2004 Kurt Angle and John Bradshaw visited Capitol Hill to meet Members of Congress and staff. During their visit, they helped spread the message about the importance of youth involvement in the political process; and

Whereas, WWE's "Smackdown Your Vote!" program has proven to be a highly effective organization for outreach to younger voters; and

Whereas, we look forward to the active participation of the WWE, Kurt Angle, and John Bradshaw in the American political process in 2004; and

Therefore, I join with Members of Congress in thanking WWE, Kurt Angle, and John Bradshaw for their unwavering commitment to increasing youth civic participation.

CELEBRATING 10TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ARRIVAL OF B-2 BOMBER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 11, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, on December 17 of last year, Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri celebrated the 10th anniversary of the arrival of the B-2 Bomber. I had the privilege of addressing the luncheon on that day. My speech to those attending is as follows:

There are high moments in one's life. I experienced one such moment 10 years ago when the first B-2, the Spirit of Missouri, arrived here at Whiteman Air Force Base.

Today we commemorate both the 10th anniversary of the B-2 Bomber mission at Whiteman and the 100th anniversary of man's first powered flight by the Wright Brothers. What an amazing parallel that 2 men, Wilbur and Orville Wright, began the