

and denial of humanitarian assistance for the people of the Darfur region;

Whereas, United Nations officials and non-governmental organizations have indicated that the humanitarian situation in the Darfur region is extremely urgent, particularly in light of restrictions by the Government of Sudan on the delivery of humanitarian assistance for the people of the region;

Whereas, on December 18, 2003, United Nations Undersecretary General for Humanitarian Affairs, Jan Egeland, declared that the Darfur region was probably "the world's worst humanitarian catastrophe";

Whereas, on February 17, 2004, Amnesty International reported that the organization "continues to receive details of horrifying attacks against civilians in villages by government warplanes, soldiers and pro-government militia";

Whereas, on February 18, 2004, United Nations Special Envoy for Humanitarian Affairs in Sudan, Tom Eric Vraalsen, declared following a trip to the Darfur region that "aid workers are unable to reach the vast majority [of the displaced]";

Whereas, Doctors Without Borders, the Nobel Peace Prizewinning medical humanitarian relief organization and one of the few aid groups on the ground in the Darfur region, reported that the region is the scene of "catastrophic mortality rates"; and

Whereas, nearly 3,000,000 people affected by the conflict in the Darfur region have remained beyond the reach of aid agencies trying to provide essential humanitarian assistance and United Nations aid agencies estimate that they have been able to reach only 15 percent of people in need and that more than 700,000 people have been internally displaced in the past year: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring: That Congress—

(1) strongly condemns the Government of the Republic of the Sudan for its attacks against innocent civilians in the impoverished Darfur region of western Sudan and demands that the Government of Sudan immediately cease these attacks;

(2) calls on the international community to strongly condemn the Government of Sudan for these attacks and to demand that they cease;

(3) urges the Government of Sudan to allow the delivery of humanitarian assistance for the people in the Darfur region; and

(4) urges the President to direct the United States representative to the United Nations to seek an official investigation by the United Nations to determine if crimes against humanity have been committed by the Government of Sudan in the Darfur region.

TRIBUTE TO JON G. "JACK" LA-SALLE ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE UPPER PENINSULA LABOR HALL OF FAME

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 2, 2004

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifetime of achievements of my long-time friend Jon G. "Jack" LaSalle, who will be inducted into the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Marquette, Michigan on April 17th, 2004. Jack's decades of service to further the best interests of Michigan workers have more than earned him this great honor.

A native of Nahma Michigan, Jack is a 1971 graduate of Northern Michigan University. In June of that year, Jack began his apprenticeship as an Ironworker and became indentured and an apprentice member of Local 783, International Association of Bridge, Structural, Reinforcing and Ornamental Iron Workers, AFL-CIO. In 1975, he graduated from Apprentice School and became a Journeyman Iron Worker.

In 1973, with his local and International Union's support, Jack studied Industrial Relations at the University of Minnesota. During that time, Jack was the first and only apprentice of Local 783 to serve the local union as a member of the Bargaining Committee. After returning to the U.P. in 1974, Jack worked his trade until taking a Staff Representative position in 1975 with Council 55 (now Council 25), of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). In 1978, Jack took a position with the Michigan State AFL-CIO's Labor Employment and Development Program servicing the U.P. During his time at the state AFL-CIO, Jack took the lead in organizing the Eastern U.P. Central Labor Council and the Dickinson-Iron Counties Central Labor Council.

Jack was elected to office in the Marquette County Labor Council, AFL-CIO as Financial Secretary-Treasurer in 1976 and served for several terms. He also served seven years as President of the Labor Council and is currently its Recording Secretary.

Since the mid-1970's, Jack has also been very active in politics and worked on many campaigns, including being elected as a Morris Udall delegate to the 1976 Democratic National Convention and serving several terms on the Michigan Democratic Party's State Central Committee. He served 4 years as Chair of the 11th District Democratic Party and 3 years as Officer-At-Large of the Michigan Democratic Party. He also served as the Marquette County Field Coordinator for the Blanchard for Governor Campaign in 1982. Jack has been the Chair of the Marquette County Democratic Party since 2001.

Jack and Jeanne LaSalle have been active in every political campaign for the past 30 years. I am pleased and honored to have earned the support of the LaSalle's in my own congressional campaigns.

In 1983, Jack was appointed by Governor James Blanchard to serve as Deputy Director of the newly opened Governor's Office for Job Training. In 1987, he was again appointed by Governor Blanchard to the Mackinac Bridge Authority and later became its Vice-Chair, serving on the Authority until 1994. Jack was also a State Board of Education appointee to the Michigan Occupational Information System (MOIS) Advisory Board in 1978, where he served for 13 years and as Chair for five years.

Instead of taking a much deserved break, Jack is currently serving his 19th year as a Field Representative for the Michigan State Building and Construction Trades Council, representing the U.P. and the Northern Lower Peninsula. In addition to being an active member of Ironworkers Local 8, Jack maintains memberships with the Industrial Workers of the World, the American Civil Liberties Union (since 1981) and many other political and progressive organizations championing the cause of workers.

I also want to recognize Jack's wife and partner, Jeanne, and all her sacrifice that al-

lowed Jack to serve so many workers over the years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my House colleagues to join me in acknowledging Jack LaSalle's lifetime of contributions to organized labor and his community, and in celebrating the accomplishments that have earned him the distinction of becoming an honored member of the Upper Peninsula Labor Hall of Fame.

CONGRATULATING WINONA ONGEMACH OF CHICAGO

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 2, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my warmest birthday wishes to Mrs. Winona Ongemach of Chicago on the occasion of her 100th birthday on April 3.

Born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as one of ten children, Mrs. Ongemach has lived in Chicago for the past 80 years. She has been an active and influential member of the Ravenswood community, faithfully attending Ravenswood Fellowship United Methodist Church for 60 years.

At a time in her life when many might expect her to slow down, Mrs. Ongemach remains a fixture at her church. She brings smiles to the faces of churchgoers by running pancake breakfasts, collecting soup can labels, and leaning on members who have missed Sunday church.

Mrs. Ongemach has brought her same spirit of community involvement to the Bethany Retirement Community, where she currently resides. There she reads novels, organizes monthly card parties and teaches residents card games.

Mrs. Ongemach was married in 1928 to her late husband, Rudolf. She worked for many years at Time, Inc. where she operated one of the first ever IBM computers. She also spent 27 years volunteering at Ravenswood Hospital where she knitted hats for newborn babies. An avid bowler, she participated in the Time, Inc. bowling league until she turned 90. Mrs. Ongemach also loves to travel and has visited many different islands on cruise ships.

I hope Mrs. Ongemach's many friends and acquaintances will use this milestone birthday as an opportunity to celebrate her life, her friendship and all she has meant to her community.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the residents of the Ravenswood community and the members of the Ravenswood Fellowship United Methodist Church in congratulating Mrs. Winona Ongemach on her 100th birthday. She has truly made a difference in her community and her life serves as a model that we should all strive to emulate.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD DUNN

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 2, 2004

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero. Donald Dunn, chief

of Engineering and Construction Division with the Army Corps of Engineer in Little Rock, is currently in Iraq where he is helping bring oil production systems back online for the people of Iraq.

Mr. Dunn is currently serving as the Deputy for Program Management for Task Force Restore Iraqi Oil (RIO). Established in May 2003, RIO was staffed with personnel originally targeted for other positions in engineering and most had little or no background as project managers. Mr. Dunn is responsible for establishing, training and leading the Programs and Project Management team and developing a group of motivated men and women who are now getting the job done.

His dedication to this task, attention to the training and developmental needs of his staff, and his leadership have been exceptional. In addition, he gave considerable time and attention to locating and selecting the replacement program and project management personnel for future rotations.

Further, Mr. Dunn displayed ample flexibility and imagination when he retooled his staff to respond to unforeseen challenges, such as the requirement to provide approximately 400 megawatts of stand-alone power to critical oil infrastructure locations throughout Iraq. He worked tirelessly to build and improve vital relationships with contractor partners including the Coalition Provisional Authority.

Perhaps most significantly, Mr. Dunn has nurtured new relationships with Iraqi Ministry of Oil officials and local oil and gas company engineers and technicians. He has helped the people of Iraq in all his endeavors and contributed significantly to our ability to build lasting and effective relationships in the Middle East.

Recently, Mr. Dunn won an award from the Federal Executive Association for his hard work and dedication to service. His response was, "I believe that no one exists in a vacuum, and that it takes the contributions of everyone to have a successful team." On behalf of the Congress, I commend Mr. Dunn for his commitment, for his intelligence and for his unwavering dedication to seeing our efforts in Iraq end in success.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
STOCKTON LADY TIGERS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 2, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate the Stockton Lady Tigers basketball team. For the third time in 4 years, the Lady Tigers have taken state championship honors in their division.

The Lady Tigers won their first state championship 4 years ago when the current seniors were freshmen. The team has returned to the Missouri State High School Activities Association final four in Columbia, Missouri, every year since.

This year's championship game was particularly meaningful. It was the last time the team's seniors would play together. It also marked the end to an outstanding season in which the team lost only one game in a particularly challenging schedule. The team exceeded all expectations; a challenge not easily met when there is such a history of success.

Mr. Speaker, the Stockton Lady Tigers basketball team has proven itself to be worthy state champions. The young women have offered excitement and pride to the fans in their community and have earned respect and garnered praise from their opponents. I am sure my fellow Members will join me in congratulating them on their outstanding accomplishments and wish them continued success.

HONORING BILL FERRENCE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 2, 2004

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pleasure to pay tribute to Bill Ferrence as he celebrates his 30th Anniversary as manager of Boulder Dam Credit Union in Boulder City, Nevada. Bill came to Boulder City in 1974 and has been contributing to his local community ever since. When Bill first started at the Credit Union in 1974, he saw a challenge and tackled it. Using his ingenuity and his true belief in the "Golden Rule," he was able to turn the small 3,000 member Credit Union into a thriving 20,000 member Credit Union with almost 90 percent of all residents located within the Boulder City limits holding a membership. He treats his customers and employees like he does his family; in fact, many of those that live and work with him consider him to be a member of their family.

I applaud him in his example to others of what hard work and dedication can achieve. He is an example to all as he has demonstrated that it requires caring and a desire to better oneself and one's surroundings to achieve true successes in life.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Bill Ferrence in his dedication and efforts. I wish him another thirty years of successes in his life and career and congratulate him on his wonderful achievements and dedication to the Boulder City residents and his example to fellow Nevadans.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
PFC SEAN SCHNEIDER OF
JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 2, 2004

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, this week our nation lost a man of honor, courage and kindness. Private First Class Sean Schneider was killed in Iraq on Monday when a bomb hit his convoy.

Sean grew up in Janesville, Wisconsin, and graduated from Craig High School—the same school I graduated from. Sean liked to hunt, canoe, and tinker with cars and motorcycles. His high school teachers talk about what a caring individual he was and how he was the kind of student you respected. At the same time, he was an independent young man who knew what he wanted to do with his life.

Sean joined the Army in 2002 with a strong desire to serve and protect his country. In doing so, he made that incredible commitment that our military men and women and our vet-

erans throughout history have made: he was willing to make the ultimate sacrifice and put his life on the line to preserve our rights and freedoms.

It is because of Sean and people like him that our country remains free today. America owes him and his family a tremendous debt that can never be repaid. What we must do is commit to always remembering his life and the sacrifice he made on our behalf. And we must be grateful for every one of our veterans who has stood up, like Sean did, for our country and the cause of freedom.

Sean Schneider led an inspiring life and touched so many people's lives along the way. Our thoughts and prayers are with his many loved ones—especially his wife, his parents and his siblings—during this most difficult of times.

A TRIBUTE TO EMIL MARZULLO,
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY DI-
RECTOR OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 2, 2004

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to pay tribute to Emil Marzullo, who is retiring as Director of the Special Districts Department for the County of San Bernardino, California, after 25 years of dedicated service to the people of California's Inland Empire.

The County of San Bernardino Special Districts Department manages dozens of local entities charged with providing a variety of vital public services ranging from fire protection and drinking water to parks and roadways. Mr. Marzullo took the helm of Special Districts in 1994 during very difficult economic times, when funding for these important services were increasingly scarce. Under his expert leadership the Department took on the responsibility of the County Franchise Authority and the restructuring of all water and sanitation districts and operations. These visionary reforms would come to be Mr. Marzullo's greatest accomplishments.

Mr. Marzullo was born in New Jersey and moved to California in 1965. He graduated from San Bernardino High School in 1971, received his B.A. in Geography and Environmental Studies from the University of California at Riverside in 1978, and a M.S. in Environmental Studies and Public Administration from California State University, Fullerton, in 1986. He began his county employment in January 1979 as an Environmental Specialist.

As an employee and later deputy director of the County Office of Community Development, Mr. Marzullo participated in or led the creation of more than 200 capital projects such as senior and community centers, playgrounds and parks, as well as water systems and fire safety facilities.

Serving as assistant director of special districts, he was instrumental in restructuring the Special Districts Department as well as the San Bernardino County Fire Department. In this capacity he trained the Board-governed commissions in the conduct of public meetings under the California Open Meetings Law and authored many of the related policies and board actions.