

and courage that we, as Americans, have come to expect from our military personnel. As his family and community mourn his passing, I believe it is appropriate to recognize the life of this exceptional man, and his many contributions to his community, state and country.

Bill lived an immensely rich and full life, always holding firm to his beliefs in serving his community and country. In 1935, he graduated from flying school at Randolph Field, Texas, and began flying commercial flights until the onset of World War II. During the war, Bill flew numerous transport missions, serving as the Operations officer of the first regularly scheduled Military Air Transport runs. In 1945, he served as Operations officer for a dangerous and important transport operation between India and China known as "The Hump," and his unit received over nine hundred citations, and became the only non-combat unit to receive a Presidential unit citation. As the war ended, he was assigned to finding and removing American POW's from South East Asia, Singapore, and Indonesia, frequently flying into unsecured areas occupied with hostile forces.

At the end of the war, Bill was offered and accepted a regular commission and was transferred to Washington where he served as military aide and pilot to the first two Secretaries of the Air Force. His flights included piloting such dignitaries as Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and Johnson, and taking Bob Hope and other Hollywood celebrities on Christmas trips to entertain our troops.

Mr. Speaker, we are all at a great loss because of Colonel Lorris Moomaw's passing, but can be comforted in knowing his service to our nation helped secure the freedoms we enjoy today. I am honored to pay tribute to the life and memory of Colonel Lorris William Moomaw before this body of Congress and this nation. My thoughts are with his loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement.

#### HONORING ADELE GILMORE

### HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a woman who will be missed by all who knew her. It brings me great sadness to report that Adele Gilmore of Sunrise, Florida, passed away on April 27th, at the age of 86. Ms. Gilmore championed her community through her deep conviction to philanthropic endeavors and public service. Her tremendous strength of character will be remembered by her friends, family, and colleagues.

Hardworking and driven, Ms. Gilmore was a former vice president of Nathan's Famous restaurant. She was hired to work at Nathan's by Murray Handwerker, the son of Nathan's founder Nathan Handwerker.

Ms. Gilmore founded the Nob Hill Chapter of the City of Hope, a research organization aimed at finding cures for cancer, AIDS, and other life-threatening diseases. Ms. Gilmore got involved in the City of Hope after losing her son, Mark, to AIDS. The Nob Hill Chapter of City of Hope has raised over \$2 million since 1987, and Ms. Gilmore's efforts at the group's annual Christmas gift wrapping drive at the Sawgrass Mills Mall helped generate that success.

Ms. Gilmore was also an active member of the Broward Democratic Executive Committee, as well as an officer and director of the Sunrise Regular Democratic Club. In addition, she found time to become involved in the political campaigns of former President Bill Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore.

Mr. Speaker, Adele Gilmore was both well-loved and widely respected by all those blessed to have known her. She is survived by her sister Evelyn, her sons David and Peter, her grandchildren Joshua, Benjamin, Maghan, and Fir, and one great-grandchild. Today we celebrate Adele's life, which serves as a wonderful example to all who follow in her footsteps.

#### RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN JOHN TIPTON

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Captain John Tipton who was recently killed in Iraq.

Capt. Tipton, 32, a 1989 Granite City High School graduate, died this past Sunday in an explosion during combat in the Al Anbar Province in Iraq. The province, west of Baghdad, is where Camp Fallujah is located and is one of the most hostile regions in Iraq. Capt. Tipton was commander of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division out of Fort Riley. He was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas with his wife, Susie Tipton, of Collinsville, and their two children, Austin, 4, and Kaitlyn, 2.

I am proud of the service Capt. Tipton has given to our country and the service he and others provide on a daily basis. Not enough can be said about the sacrifice and dedication these men and women display while serving in Iraq. It is troops like Capt. Tipton, those risking their lives everyday, that ensure our freedom here at home and to others throughout the rest of the world. I salute him and my heart felt condolences go out to his family and all the troops continually fighting to ensure freedom and democracy.

#### UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON PROGRAM TO PREVENT OBESITY

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we have an epidemic of obesity in America, threatening to become the single most pressing public health issue before us within one year. I would like to commend the outstanding work being done at the University of Houston in my district, where they have recently created the Institute for Obesity Prevention and Urban Fitness.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2000, 31 percent of U.S. adults aged 20 years and older—nearly 59 million people—were obese. And the problem is getting steadily worse. In 2003 obesity was responsible for 16.6 percent of prevent-

able deaths in America, preceded only by tobacco which is responsible for about 430,000 deaths a year. Recent research suggests that obesity will become the leading cause of death by 2005, claiming more than 500,000 lives.

In addition to the enormous human toll, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease estimates that the economic burden of those being overweight or obese in the United States totals approximately \$117 billion a year.

Realizing the serious need to address this nationwide epidemic, the Department of Health and Human Performance in the University of Houston's College of Education has begun development of the Institute for Obesity Prevention and Urban Fitness. The center will conduct clinical research, educational programs, and outreach to serve the UH student body and the demographically diverse underserved community surrounding the UH campus. In partnership with the Biomedical Engineering Group at the University of Houston, the institute will search for biomarkers to predict obesity risk and treatment outcomes. This unique, new institute gives the University of Houston a leading role in national obesity research.

I commend the University of Houston for creating a center whose studies will provide a model for the nation and whose research will benefit millions of Americans in the midst of a health crisis.

#### HONORING MR. STEWART UDALL

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Stewart Udall who has served our country in many ways—for six years as a Member of the House of Representatives, nine years as Secretary of Interior, and countless years as an environmental activist, scholar, historian, and citizen of the outdoors. However, it is for a unique contribution to the preservation of our natural resources that I am here today; as Secretary of the Interior in 1962, Stewart Udall was instrumental in the creation of Point Reyes National Seashore in my district in Marin County, California.

Point Reyes National Seashore is truly a treasure for the nation. Conceived as a park in the 1930s, the hard work of dedicated people finally made the Seashore a reality during Stewart Udall's tenure. The park is enjoyed by over 2.5 million visitors annually and ranks among the top twenty most-visited National Parks in the country. Comprising over 71,000 acres of estuaries, beaches, coastal grasslands, salt marshes, and coniferous forests, Point Reyes National Seashore is home to 45% of North American avian species, 18% of California's plant species, and hundreds of migrating whales.

Its rich cultural history, dating back 5000 years to Miwok settlements, includes the landing of Sir Francis Drake in 1579 and the development of early 19th century Mexican land grants which are the precursors of modern ranches in the pastoral zones. The Seashore today successfully balances the needs of visitors and ranchers with the preservation of ecosystems and historical sites.