

The citizens of the 16th District of Texas have volunteered to preserve freedom at home and abroad throughout our nation's conflicts. We, in El Paso, intimately know and understand the sacrifices that are made by troops and their families in times of war. We are used to seeing our soldiers leave and return, as El Paso's own Patriot battalions based at Fort Bliss are some of the most frequently deployed units in the country. The soldiers, who call Fort Bliss home, even if only for a brief time, are our neighbors, our friends, and our family.

Last year, the people of El Paso gathered together in prayer for the safe and swift return of members of the 507th Maintenance Company who were ambushed by Iraqi forces outside of Al Nasirriyah. The memories of those who were lost were not forgotten in the midst of the joy of welcoming many of them home. They will forever be sons and daughters of El Paso.

As a veteran of the Vietnam War, I know what it feels like to put on the uniform of the United States and leave my family and friends for an uncertain future in an uncertain place to defend the ideals of our nation. I was one of the lucky ones who returned home. We owe much to those who are not so lucky—to them and their families, we owe our deepest gratitude for their sacrifices.

Today, I give a solemn but proud salute to the men and women from El Paso and Fort Bliss who have lost their lives in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. These fallen heroes will rest with their comrades from around our nation who paid the ultimate price for freedom. They will forever be honored with our sincere gratitude and respect.

IN HONOR OF TOM REEFE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I am able to rise today to recognize Tom Reefe, the Executive Director of Leadership Santa Cruz County. Tom has held the position of Executive Director for twelve years, and will retire this coming June.

Leadership Santa Cruz County, an organization that promotes civic participation of emerging community, political and business leaders, has grown tremendously under the tutelage of Tom. He has, for the past twelve years, dedicated a tremendous amount of strength and energy into this noble endeavor.

More than 500 people, including some of my staff, have graduated from Tom's program during his tenure as Executive Director. These graduates come from all walks of life, yet they came to Tom for a common reason: they had a desire to approach the problems, issues, and needs facing our community in a matter of fact and head-on manner.

Indeed, Santa Cruz has benefited greatly from Tom's contributions. His dedication, dynamism and spiritedness have rubbed off onto everyone who has the opportunity to work with him. Our central coast community is truly indebted to Tom Reefe.

IN HONOR OF CAMERON MCLEOD
AND JOAN SEGERSTROM

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cameron McLeod and Joan Segerstrom for being chosen as the Fair Oaks Team Teachers of the Year.

Cameron and Joan provide an enriching and exciting sixth grade program for the students of LeGette Elementary School. They collaborate on their instructional program so all students receive a consistent, standards-based, academic opportunity. Along with high academic expectations, Cameron and Joan have high expectations of behavior. They teach students ethical, responsible behavior in a sensitive and caring manner. Cameron and Joan's talents lay in bringing out the best in 11 and 12 year olds. They achieve this by honoring and respecting students and providing opportunities for them to reflect on their own goals and behavior.

Cameron and Joan have worked tirelessly as a team to provide quality educational and social experiences on and off campus. They reach beyond the classroom to excite students toward achievement. Their outdoor environmental programs are the highlight of the school year: An overnight trip to Camp Winthers and the Northstar Ropes Course and a 5-day trip to Point Bonita at the mouth of the Golden Gate Bridge, provide opportunities for new curricular learning and places to practice the team spirit, pride and ethical behavior that Cameron and Joan instill in each student.

Motivating students to succeed is foremost in their program. They tailor their lessons to the learning needs of their students to make the most of their abilities. Cameron and Joan have had such an impact throughout the years, often their former students return to thank them for the influence they made on their lives.

I am honored to recognize a dedicated team whose efforts have had a profound effect on the students they teach. Please join me in congratulating Cameron McLeod and Joan Segerstrom for being named the 2004 Fair Oaks Team Teachers of the Year.

IN HONOR OF THE 395TH
ORDNANCE COMPANY

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize before this House the brave men and women of the 395th Ordnance Company who last week returned home after serving 10 months in Afghanistan. These soldiers played a critical role in the war on terror, and stand as a shining example of patriotism and commitment to all Americans.

In the face of great peril and threat, the men and women of the Appleton, Wisconsin-based 395th moved essential ammunition and supplies to the battlefield for their comrades. They played a vital role in securing peace and stability in a nation once dominated by terror and

oppression, and their efforts have helped nourish the seeds of democracy in Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, when future generations of Americans look back on the conflicts in the Middle East, they will certainly remember the service and sacrifice of the 395th. And today, I am thankful that they are home safely with us once again. On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District, and a grateful nation, it is my honor to recognize these courageous individuals.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR
EMERITUS ARTHUR C. TURNER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to University of California at Riverside Professor Emeritus Arthur Campbell Turner in conjunction with the Citizen's University Committee Banquet being held in his honor on June 3, 2004.

Professor Turner himself explained best his role in the creation of the University of California at Riverside (UCR), in a quote to the local newspaper, the Press Enterprise, in 1988: "I was here before the beginning. I am one of the reasons there was a beginning." No truer statement could be given. Indeed, Professor Turner stands as one of the original eight founding faculty members in 1954 when the California State Legislature deemed that the Citrus Experiment Station in Riverside should become a new campus of the University of California system.

In 1953 professor Turner was recruited from the University of Toronto by founding Provost Gordon Watkins as Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences and Associate Professor of Political Science. As Chairman, Professor Turner appointed about one-quarter of the founding faculty of the College of Letters and Sciences at UCR. In 1958, Dr. Turner became a full Professor. He remained as Chairman until 1961 and was Chairman of the Department of Political Sciences until 1966. As if that is not enough, Professor Turner proceeded to be appointed as associate dean of University of California's Graduate Division, Southern Section, and as such was instrumental in the formation of a graduate division at UCR in 1961.

Dr. Turner, professor of Political Science, was born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland. He received his undergraduate degree in History from the University of Glasgow, graduate degree in History at Oxford (Queens College), and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. While at Berkeley he met and married Netty, a graduate student. Following his Ph.D., Dr. Turner joined the faculty of the University of Toronto.

His educational career at UCR also includes his membership on the Editorial Committee of the University of California Press from 1959-65 and 1980-83, and Chairman of the Committee from 1962-65. Professor Turner has published extensively on British affairs, international relations and the Middle East. Not surprisingly, he has been named in Who's Who in America for the past thirty years. Professor Turner retired in 1988.