

entertain prospective business clients at a moment's notice.

Mrs. Elam is an active member of the First Christian Church of Union City. An avid gardener, she served as a member of the City Beautiful Committee for Union City. Her husband, Tom, died in 1998. During his life, Tom was a prominent supporter of the University of Tennessee. He served as a Trustee for the University as well as chairman of the Athletic Committee. After his death, Mrs. Elam continued his legacy of support to the University by serving on the UT Development Council and various other committees. Both she and her husband recognized the importance to West Tennessee of the University's campus at Martin and have made generous donations particularly in the area of capital improvements.

Mrs. Elam also supports St. Jude Children's Hospital, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, Freed Hardeman University, Lexington Theological Seminary, the Masquerade Theatre of Union City and the Union City High School. As you can see, her philanthropic endeavors know no bounds.

One of her latest endeavors has been, along with Bill and Carol Latimer of Union City, to provide the building funds for a spectacular new library for Obion County.

While beset with health problems and confined to a wheelchair for the last few years, Kathleen Elam is still very much involved in her business endeavors and farming interests and can be seen almost on a daily basis surveying her concerns. A product of her rural roots and the great depression, Kathleen Elam is best known for her quick wit, grace, charm and unpretentious nature. She is definitely a shining example of the Greatest Generation, and a true asset to her community, her state and her country.

HONORING EDWARD L. WAYTULA

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 1, 2004*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a heroic veteran of World War II, Mr. Edward L. Waytula, who at age 82 still devotes his time and continues to serve our country, most recently by participating in the Chicago World War II Veterans Anthology.

Technical Sergeant Edward L. Waytula served in the U.S. Army's Signal Corps with exceptional ingenuity, bravery and resolve. His diligence in the field helped keep supply lines open in the European theatre and throughout France.

Supplies were delivered to the general depot where Sergeant Waytula was stationed but without any precision or method of organization that could be easily or quickly extracted, as was so often needed to save American and Allied lives in the haste of war.

Among the many supplies that arrived at the depot were urgently needed components of mobile communications equipment. Under fire and tremendous pressure to meet time sensitive demands, Sergeant Waytula quickly sifted through the innumerable supplies.

Relying on sound instincts and a little good luck, he swiftly assembled this equipment vital to gathering and analysis of strategic intelligence under chain of command of General George S. Patton.

This is one story that Sergeant Waytula has shared with the Chicago World War II Veterans Anthology and the United States Library of Congress. Like so many members of "the greatest generation," Sergeant Waytula has rarely spoken of his memories of the war. I am therefore particularly grateful that he agreed to recount those experiences and for his efforts to encourage his fellow veterans to also share their recollections for the World War II Veterans Anthology.

As Memorial Day approaches, Mr. Speaker, and as we prepare to dedicate the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, I am privileged to pay tribute to retired Technical Sergeant Edward L. Waytula of the United States Army, one of our Nation's surviving World War II heroes and honored veterans. On behalf of a grateful Nation, we thank him for his contributions to the Chicago World War II Veterans Anthology, and more important, for his service and commitment to our Nation and the liberty we enjoy today.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARLINGTON COMMITTEE OF 100

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 1, 2004*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Arlington Committee of 100 on its 50th anniversary this year. With its monthly forums on citizen education and discussion of local and regional public affairs, the committee has helped keep the citizens of Arlington County informed of the issues confronting their community.

In 1954 the Arlington Committee of 100 was formed to help counteract the polarization that developed throughout the county between the new arrivals and the established business and professional people in the community after World War II. The founders hoped to improve the quality and level of communication that existed between Arlington County's diverse communities and neighborhoods. In the past, poor communication had often led to animosity and misinformation between neighbors. Seeking to turn conflict into constructive discussions, the Arlington Committee of 100 brought residents together in an atmosphere conducive for them to get to know each other as people with similar concerns, thoughts and ideas for Arlington County.

For the past 50 years, the Arlington Committee of 100 has brought these groups together for a dinner-forum session preceded by a social hour to create the right atmosphere and achieve the goal of thoughtful discussions of community concerns. The committee has come together to discuss issues such as the Arlington County budget, the environment, affordable housing, community safety, public education, transportation, economic development, the death penalty, and the arts. As a citizen education group, these discussions allow for the free exchange of ideas and discussion among its members without the committee ever taking an official position.

Currently, the Arlington Committee of 100 has more than 300 members and is constantly seeking to broaden its membership to reflect the ever increasing diversity found in Arlington

County. Through the committee's forums people are able to share the concerns of their friends and neighbors and help the county achieve so many great things due to this diversity. The Arlington Committee of 100 has successfully built bridges across divisive issues and strengthened a community that stands ready to deal with the challenges of today and tomorrow.

I am very pleased to congratulate and commend the Arlington Committee of 100 for its 50 years of outstanding service in providing an educational forum for Arlington's residents to learn about and discuss the local and regional affairs of their community. I wish the Committee of 100 many more years of success and serve to Arlington's diverse and vibrant community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 1, 2004*

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday May 13, 2004, I was unable to be present for the final two votes of the week, rollcall vote No. 175 on House Concurrent Resolution 414 and rollcall vote No. 176 on House Joint Resolution 91.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both rollcall No. 175 and No. 176.

I strongly support House Concurrent Resolution 414, which expresses the sense of Congress that all Americans are encouraged to observe the anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education with a commitment to continuing and building on the legacy of Brown.

I also strongly support House Joint Resolution 91, which recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, legislation which has been of great benefit to the Nation's men and women of the Armed Forces.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 1, 2004*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer a personal explanation. On May 20, I was en route to my congressional district for official business during rollcall votes 208 and 209. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 208 and "no" on rollcall vote 209.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BROWN FAMILY FARM IN ORLEANS COUNTY, NY

**HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 1, 2004*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Brown Family Farm in Waterport, NY, now known as Orchard Dale Fruit Farms and