

did provide an excellent example of true public service. Ms. Poundstone's retirement from lobbying will not mean the end of her service however, as she intends to remain active.

The contributions Ms. Poundstone has made to the Greenwood Village community have been invaluable, and she has truly helped to strengthen and develop the city into what it is today. I wish to thank her for her dedicated service and wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE GRACE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a church in my district that recently celebrated a remarkable milestone. On July 2, the members of the Grace United Methodist Church in Houghton, Michigan celebrated their congregation's 150th anniversary. For the last century and a half, Grace United Methodist Church has been a place of worship, prayer and fellowship for the people of this community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

In 1854, the same year that the Village of Houghton was founded, Reverend Lewis W. Earl organized the Portage Lake Class, which would become today's Grace United Methodist Church. Three years later, the small congregation resolved "to build a house of worship in Houghton," and construction began in the spring of 1859. Later that year, the structure, which was still being built, was moved to the corner lot that is the site of the present church, thanks to the generous gift of Mr. William Newcomb.

During the pastorate of Reverend C.V. Thompson from 1888 to 1893, the congregation decided to construct the elegant stone church building that is in use today. In June 1893, the completed church was dedicated with much ceremony. Several of the day's most prominent clergymen came to Houghton to give lectures or sermons as part of the dedication activities, including Reverend Earl Cranston, Reverend Joseph Frazer, Reverend Bishop Ninde, and Reverend A.R. Bartlett.

On the evening of November 24, 1916, tragedy struck as Grace Church was almost completely destroyed by fire. Fortunately, the red sandstone walls remained standing, which also protected the church's beautiful stained glass windows. While the members of Grace Church were understandably upset by this turn of events, the other churches of Houghton were quick to offer their assistance. As a result, services were held for several months in the Masonic Temple, and then for 2 years the congregation held joint services with the Presbyterian Church while Grace Church was being rebuilt.

Reconstruction of the church building was delayed by the start of World War I, and the congregation was not able to move back into its own church until 1918, when steps were taken to at least rebuild the basement level. Complete restoration of the church was finally achieved in 1924 when Reverend John E.

Lewin worked tirelessly to raise the necessary funds and secure a loan from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Speaker, much has changed in the Grace United Methodist Church's first 150 years. After the church recovered from the 1916 fire, it continued to make improvements and expansions to accommodate its growing congregation. It has also received the guidance and leadership of a number of pastors from its founding by Reverend Earl to the current pastor, Reverend Tom Anderson. But throughout these changes, the members of the Grace United Methodist Church have been true to their faith and to each other.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House join me in congratulating the Grace United Methodist Church and its members on their first 150 years as a community of faith, and in wishing them well in their next 150.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LANDY
TAYLOR

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a kind and caring individual from Montrose, Colorado who is brightening the spirits of American soldiers in Iraq. Landy Taylor is reminding our troops that we support them and their noble mission, and I am proud to join my colleagues here today before this body of Congress and this Nation in recognizing his tremendous generosity and good will.

After receiving an email from Duane Ziegler, the chief of the Montrose Regional Airport fire department who is serving in Iraq with the Colorado National Guard, about the tough battlefront conditions Landy decided to start Operation Sweet Tooth. He figured that candy would help lift the soldiers' spirits and so he began to buy cases of candy, elk jerky, and other items and ship them off to the troops. Landy himself, is a former aviation executive and a veteran of the Army and wanted to be able to let our troops know of our Nation's support.

Since the initial shipment of more than seven thousand pieces of candy, Landy, and his wife Marta have shipped hundreds of pounds of candy and over 800 pounds of elk jerky. He often sends care packages daily and sometimes picks up the shipping costs of up to \$300 a week out of his own pocket. Most of the candy and snacks that are shipped go to four different military hospitals in Baghdad where they are distributed to patients, soldiers and Iraqi children.

Mr. Speaker, Landy Taylor is a generous individual who is actively involved in lifting the spirits of our American soldiers and demonstrating how much we appreciate their efforts in Iraq. He has inspired other citizens and friends within his community to aid the troops and I am honored to recognize him today before this body and this Nation for his devotion and commitment to our American soldiers. Thank you for your generosity Landy,

and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING HOWARD SNELL FOR
HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION
TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize an outstanding veteran of World War II who dedicated much of his life in service to our country—Howard Snell of Tyler.

Mr. Snell devoted 21 years to service in the U.S. Navy, moving through the ranks from cook to chief sonar technician. During that time, he engaged in 17 World War II battles, including the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor and the monumental showdown at Midway.

Now at the age of 81, Mr. Snell has found himself in the middle of another battle—with cancer. Yet in a display of his trademark determination, Mr. Snell was one of the proud veterans present at the May 29 dedication of the National World War II Memorial in Washington. He postponed his first round of chemotherapy so that he could attend the ceremony, fearing that starting the treatment before his trip would cause him to miss the dedication—and that was simply not an option for this World War II veteran who serves as an official of the national Survivors of Pearl Harbor Association.

Throughout his life, Mr. Snell has upheld the high standards of conduct befitting a soldier and a gentleman. As we adjourn today, it is my privilege to recognize such an outstanding American and veteran—Mr. Howard Snell—and wish him well as he fights another of life's battles.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SIMON
MAGHAKYAN

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, today, I have the pleasure of celebrating a young person from my district, Simon Hakob Maghakyian, who was elected executive vice president of the Sigma Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges. Membership is based on academic achievement and members are also provided opportunities for growth and development in scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service.

Simon is attending Arapahoe Community College with a major in general science, with plans to transfer to University of California at Los Angeles. Given his demonstrated dedication to academics and hard work, I have no doubt he will be successful in all of his endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to honor Mr. Maghakyian here today, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.