

board member and chairman of the Missouri Corn Merchandising Council and a board member of the Missouri Corn Growers Association. He also serves as Vice President of Mid-Missouri Energy, Inc., a producer-owned ethanol plant that is currently rising from the fields of Saline County, Missouri. Don was instrumental in reaching out to farmers throughout central Missouri to create Mid-Missouri Energy, Inc.

In addition to his positions in agriculture, Don is active in his community and is a man who cares deeply for his family. Since 1964, he has been a member of the Waverly Jaycees and since 1985 has been a member of the Waverly Lions Club, serving as president of both organizations. Don is a member of the Waverly Rural Fire Department and has served on the board for Lafayette County Regional Health Center for 12 years. Don has also served on the Carrollton Country Club board of directors and held the office of president of the board. Don is a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in Marshall, Missouri, and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Don and his late wife Donna Lieser were married in Dover, Missouri, in 1964, and have two children and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, through the years, I have been lucky to know Don Arth as a friend. He is truly an expert in Show-Me State agriculture and a role model for young Missourians. As he prepares to retire from these agricultural boards and to dedicate more time to his community and his family, I know that all members of the House will join me in paying tribute to this outstanding American.

TRIBUTE TO LTC (RET.) K. PAUL  
LEGRICE

**HON. JIM SAXTON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2004*

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to LTC (Ret.) K. Paul LeGrice as he prepares to retire as the Director of Force Projection, United States Army, Fort Dix, New Jersey, effective September 30, 2004.

A true patriot, Paul tirelessly supported this nation's military through both his service in the military and as a key Department of the Army Civilian. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1962 and later received his commission in 1965. In February 1993, after serving 30 years in enlisted and officer status, Paul retired as a Lieutenant Colonel and began his service as the Director of Force Projection Directorate, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

In his role as Director, he constantly demonstrated his unparalleled ability to accomplish complex tasks in an outstanding fashion through his untiring diligence, uncanny foresight and exceptionally noteworthy leadership. His response to the events of September 11, 2001, demonstrated his true mettle. Paul provided the even-tempered, professional leadership required as Fort Dix successfully mobilized over 30,000 soldiers for both OCONUS combat missions and CONUS support missions in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Noble Eagle.

As Ft. Dix continued its role as a major power projection platform, Paul took very personally his responsibility to ensure proper sup-

port of the mobilizing and demobilizing soldiers. Additionally, he constantly sought ways to improve and expand upon the Joint Installation Partnership between Ft. Dix, McGuire Air Force Base, and Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst to better serve our nation's military personnel. These joint installation projects all proved advantageous to the three bases and their personnel by efficiently consolidating activities while saving valuable tax dollars.

Thus, I am pleased to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of this outstanding American patriot. I congratulate and thank LTC (Ret.) K. Paul LeGrice for his 42 years of selfless service to this nation and wish him a happy retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2004*

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, September 13, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 441 to suspend the rules and agree, as amended, to H. Con. Res. 363; "yea" on rollcall vote No. 442 to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 667; and "yea" on rollcall vote No. 443 to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 760.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHARLES  
STRANG

**HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2004*

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Charles "Chuck" Strang, who on September 29, 2004, will mark 20 years of service with the Servicemembers' and Veterans' Group Life Insurance programs. Chuck is the director of the Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (OSGLI), the office established by the Prudential Insurance Company of America to administer VA's Servicemembers' and Veterans' Group Life Insurance programs (SGLI and VGLI).

Following the example set by his family's military service, Chuck served in the U.S. Army from 1966 through 1969. Trained as a Communication Center Specialist, he spent his entire military career in Nuremberg, Germany. In 1982, he earned an Associate's Degree in Occupational Studies with a major in Life and Health Insurance from The College of Insurance in New York City.

Chuck's distinguished career with OSGLI began on September 24, 1984, as the manager of New Business and Insurance Services. Through various managerial positions, he became a recognized authority on the many details of veterans' insurance programs, and was promoted to Director in 1993.

Chuck's accomplishments at OSGLI are many. Some noteworthy program enhancements he has overseen include: an increase in servicemembers' insurance coverage from \$35,000 to \$250,000; the addition of insurance

coverage for family members; reductions in premiums for each of the veterans' insurance programs; and allowing terminally ill insureds to receive up to 50 percent of their Servicemembers' or Veterans Group Life Insurance coverage in a lump sum.

Through nationwide toll-free telephone service, Internet access to personal accounts, design and installation of updated computer systems, and imaging capabilities, Chuck has instituted changes that have improved service to policyholders and their families.

Mr. Speaker, I have spent all my life in the business world and it is evident to me that owing to Chuck Strang and the Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, VA's SGLI and VGLI insurance programs are two of the best-managed in the government. I am pleased to pay tribute to Chuck's professionalism and dedication to our Nation's servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2004*

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall votes No. 441, H. Con. Res. 363, the Human rights/civil liberties violations by Syria, 442, H. Res. 667, the Expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong, and 443, H. Res. 760, the Condemning the terrorist attacks in Russia, I was unavoidably detained. If I had been present, I would have voted "yea."

A TRIBUTE TO THE RANCHO  
SANTA FE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 14, 2004*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society on their 20th Anniversary, commemorating two decades of public service. The Society dedicates itself to preserving and documenting local history; while educating members of the community and visitors on such matters.

The Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society received national attention for its World War II Veterans Oral History Project. The Society also published a book, Rancho Santa Fe: A California Village, which was just printed in its fifth edition. The book captures the distinctive beauty and the architectural quality of one of California's first planned communities through early and contemporary photographs.

In 1989 Rancho Santa Fe was designated a California State Historic Landmark. The Society provides educational tours and lectures to students of all ages, and graciously offers their archives to researchers. Also, via the Architectural Review Committee, the Society offers expertise and advice on the preservation of historical homes.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to share with you the contributions and accomplishments of the Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society. Their enthusiasm and earnest efforts over the past