

His dedication to the highest standards of professionalism as an insurance agent has earned Carl the respect of his friends, associates, and business colleagues, and of the insurance industry as a whole.

As Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, I recognize the essential and irreplaceable function that insurance provides in our economy.

Carl G. Stoecklin deserves our commendations for his dedicated service to his consumers, profession, and community.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDITH
BERSTEIN-BAKER, A 2004 RECIPIENT
OF THE MARY PHILBROOK
PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Judith Bernstein-Baker as a 2004 recipient of the Mary Philbrook Public Interest Award. This award is given annually by the Women's Law Caucus and the Association for Public Interest Law, in cooperation with the Rutgers University Law School and its Alumni Association, to acknowledge gifted, dedicated individuals who contribute outstanding work on behalf of social justice and equality.

Ms. Bernstein-Baker currently serves as the Executive Director at the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and Council Migration Service of Philadelphia, which works to ensure the protection and fair treatment of immigrants and refugees, to assist such persons in their efforts to become productive members of society, and to educate the larger community about the positive ways in which new Americans contribute to society. She brings to this position a lifelong commitment to fighting poverty and prejudice. Born to a Jewish immigrant who had fled Poland to avoid persecution, she worked first as a social worker helping to organize communities and improve neighborhoods. Ms. Bernstein-Baker went on to graduate from Temple University Law School, as well as to serve as Counsel to the Support Center for Child Advocates and to found the nationally-known Public Service Program at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She continues to contribute valuable leadership in the field and has done notable federal appellate work as well.

Mary Philbrook, for whom the award is named, was the first woman admitted to the New Jersey Bar and a founder of the state's first statewide legal aid society, as well as an eminent leader in the efforts for women's suffrage and the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. It is in this tradition that the award is given each year, and it is clear that Ms. Bernstein-Baker's work has made her more than worthy of this recognition. She truly has demonstrated the difference that one person can make in the lives of others, and I offer her my congratulations and best wishes in her future endeavors.

HONORING JOHN R. OLIVAS, JR.

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of John R. Olivas, Jr., an outstanding young man from Johnstown, Colorado, who tragically lost his life at a young age.

John was born Aug. 23, 1985, in Loveland to his loving parents, John R. Olivas, Sr., and Christine T. "Tina" (Quintana) Olivas.

John graduated from Roosevelt High School, where he was on the student council and he was a four-year letterman on the varsity wrestling team, and won the State Championship in 2003. He was currently attending the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, and he was also a member of the UNC wrestling team. He was also currently working for Affordable Painting in Fort Collins.

John loved being with his family and they loved being with him. John lived a full life and he enjoyed fishing, spending time with his friends, clubs, watching movies, snowboarding, and wrestling. He had one sister, Danielle, 16, who is currently attending Roosevelt High School. She is very active in volleyball.

He was known as a "good kid" who did a lot of favors for people and he asked for no recognition. He loved to play with kids, including his cousins and young wrestlers. The younger kids that wrestled looked up to John, and saw him as a hero. It was nothing for him to stop by their house to make them feel special. John was a very selfless person and would do anything for anybody.

Wrestling was one of John's passions, and he had dreams of becoming a wrestling coach some day. Many shared that dream with him and knew he would be able to inspire many wrestlers and help them excel. John began wrestling at the young age of five. His dad used to wrestle and was a volunteer coach. His dad got him involved, taking him to wrestling matches, and he began to really like it. From that time on, wrestling was a big part of his life. John's parents were supportive of this and attended match after match and basked in their son's extraordinary talent and discipline.

Survivors are his parents, John R. and Tina Olivas of Johnstown; a sister, Danielle Olivas of Johnstown; his grandparents, Felix and Viola Quintana of Johnstown and Mary Martinez of Loveland, step-grandfather Joe Martinez of Loveland; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. The loss his friends and family feel is tremendous and he will be sorely missed. John will always be present in their hearts.

It is my honor to pay tribute to John Olivas, Jr.'s life on the floor of the United States House of Representatives. May God bless all those who mourn his passing. May God comfort them in the days and years to come.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
DANIEL W. SWONGER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Daniel W. Swonger has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Daniel W. Swonger has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Daniel W. Swonger has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Daniel W. Swonger must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 86 and Daniel's family and friends in congratulating Daniel W. Swonger as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

RECOGNIZING THE PHI DELTA
KAPPA INTERNATIONAL OREGON
STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege today to honor an outstanding educator from my district who was recently selected as Oregon's State Teacher of the Year by Phi Delta Kappa International.

Meg Greiner is a physical education teacher at Independence Elementary School in Independence, Oregon. Ms. Greiner has been a pioneer in innovative physical education programs that get students interested in physical activity by making them fun. Every morning, all students and staff members at Independence Elementary go to the gym to participate in Together Everyone Achieves More Time, or TEAM. Greiner leads a variety of movement exercises and dances that feature team-building activities and music. Through these daily sessions that involve exciting and novel activities, students have learned more than 50 dances and five sign language songs.

Greiner's innovative approach during TEAM Time as well as during regular PE classes creates an inviting environment in which students feel safe enough to participate and take risks, which fosters interest in a lifetime of physical activity. But these classes do much more than teaching children about being physically active. In addition to learning new physical skills and activities, students learn positive behavior and character traits such as teamwork, responsibility, respect, and problem-solving.

Ms. Greiner's excellent work and the support she has received from school officials and the community has shown that physical education can be a vital part of the educational curriculum that helps students in their physical as well as their social, mental, and academic development. Schools across the country could benefit by modeling the approach Independence Elementary has implemented with Ms. Greiner's leadership. As a former teacher, I am excited to see Ms. Greiner receive the recognition she deserves.