

President from 1987–2003, Greater Flint Chapter APRI Director of Operations 1986–2002, and Greater Flint Chapter APRI Financial Secretary 1986–2002. As a loyal member of the Democratic Party, Margaret has held many leadership positions. She was 1st Vice Chairperson of the Genesee County Democratic Party from 1986–1992, and elected a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1988. She has also served as the field organizer for the Democratic Coordinated Campaign in 1990 and holds a Michigan Democratic Party Certificate on Campaign Organizing. She also held the positions of 7th Congressional District Democratic Black Caucus Fundraising Chairperson and Correspondence Secretary from 1984–1990.

Margaret has dedicated her life to making Mt. Morris Township and Genesee County a better place to live, work and visit. She is retired from her position with Hurley Medical Center as a Laboratory Technical Aide with 25 years of notable service. Aside from being an outstanding leader, Margaret is also devoted to her children and grandchildren, and she credits the love and support of her family for her success.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in paying tribute to an outstanding community activist, Margaret A. Perry, for her past and current service and contributions to Genesee County and Mt. Morris Township. I wish her the best in future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN H. WATSON, INDUCTEE TO ALABAMA BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

**HON. TERRY EVERETT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to shine the spotlight on an exemplary Alabamian and resident of the Second Congressional District, Mr. John H. Watson of Dothan, who is being inducted into the Alabama Business Hall of Fame October 7th.

John Watson is well known in the Wiregrass of Southeast Alabama where his name is synonymous with hard work and business success. His life reads like a classic American success story. He started early his tradition of entrepreneurship by delivering ice and performing carpentry while still in grade school in the 1950's.

John was the first person in his family to attend college. He turned down a scholarship at the University of Alabama in order to avail himself of the superior engineering program at rival Auburn University. He graduated in 1960 with a degree in engineering, putting it to work almost immediately for Uncle Sam as a member of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He proudly served as a second lieutenant in 1961 and 1962 during the Berlin Crisis.

John returned to Dothan and civilian life with his wife, Gail, to set up their home. John quickly made a name for himself as self-starter by joining the staff of Smith's Incorporated of Dothan—the largest mechanical contracting firm in the area. As an engineer, John did what he always did by putting 200 percent into his work. Within four years, he became presi-

dent of the company at the age of 28. Soon after, he and two fellow employees bought the company.

This success would crown many people's business careers, but not John's. He was just getting started. First, he continued to build and expand Smith's, Inc. to weather future market trends. He then labored to help build a number of other substantial firms including Engineered Systems, Inc., Higgins Electric, Inc., Aladan, Inc., USA Yeast, Inc., South Alabama Brick Company; Southeastern Commercial Financial, LLC, and Twitchell, Inc. He also serves on the board of directors of Regional Financial Corporation.

John's ability to lead is not limited to the business area as he was called to serve as a past member and Chairman of the Alabama Ethics Commission in addition to his many Southeast Alabama volunteer efforts.

I congratulate John in his induction and wish him the very best as he continues to create jobs, serve our community, and inspire future business leaders.

HONORING GLORIA VOUTOS, TEXAS 2005 ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I join my fellow Lone Star State colleagues in congratulating Gloria Voutos of the Richardson Independent School District's (RISD) Spring Valley Elementary School. I am proud to represent Spring Valley Elementary School in the 32nd Congressional District of Texas.

Gloria Voutos was just recently named the Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2005 by the Texas Education Agency. This award is a high distinction for Gloria, as more than 228,000 teachers in Texas are eligible to be chosen for this honor.

Gloria is a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and after serving her country in uniform, she decided to further serve her local community by becoming a teacher. She completed her teacher preparation program at Southern Methodist University that I am also proud to represent. She has pursued a career of being a bilingual instructional specialist, and constantly wins high praise from her colleagues and students.

This is the second consecutive year that the RISD has produced a teacher that has been named a finalist for this year, and I am very delighted that this year Richardson was able to be the home for the winner. I wish Gloria all the best for her continued teaching excellence with the children of the Richardson ISD.

LAMENTING THE LOSS OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER SCOTT ZELLEM

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to lament the loss of a great American hero and

Naval Officer, Lieutenant Commander Scott Zellem. The people of Indiana County and this country lost a dedicated and faithful sailor when a naval training mission turned tragic on August 10th. Scott was laid to rest at Arlington Cemetery on September 7, 2004 with full military honors and after living a life of distinguished service to this great nation.

Founded upon the ideals of liberty and democracy, America is a country unlike any other. As Americans, we cherish freedom and strive for progress with every opportunity. Our men and women of the United States Military are dedicated to this cause and are respected and honored for their service.

Our troops stand resolved to protect our families and our children from danger and attack. To these American military heroes, it is understood that we must do everything possible to win the war against terrorism and keep Americans safe at home.

Scott Zellem was one of the men to which we owe our safety and freedom. His life is one that will be remembered with great admiration and respect. Tonight, October 8, 2004, Scott's high school graduating class of 1987 will join with family, friends, and the community of Indiana County to pay tribute and thank Scott Zellem for his service. Scott answered the call to duty, and for his service, we are a grateful nation. His sacrifice, and the sacrifice of thousands who have fallen before him, will not be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO BOB WOLFE

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a long and exceptionally distinguished career has come to an end. Mr. Bob Wolfe, of Sedalia, Missouri, has retired from his position as president of the Sedalia office of Septagon Construction Company.

Mr. Wolfe was born on August 12, 1943, in Cleveland, Ohio. After graduating from Charles F. Brush High School, he attended Iowa State University on a full football scholarship. He graduated in 1965 with a degree in Business Administration.

In 1975, Mr. Wolfe began working at a company called Temple Callison, and in 1977, Mr. Wolfe and his business associate, Tom Davis, bought Temple Callison. At the time, the Temple Callison Company generated 3 million dollars in revenue. In 1982, Mr. Davis and Mr. Wolfe turned the Callison Company into the Septagon Construction Company. The company currently has 5 locations in two states and generates over 100 million dollars. Mr. Wolfe believes in strong principles and values that have helped his business continue to be successful for so many years. He believed that the company had to be a part of the community, and the company needed to be a family of customers and employees for the company to survive and flourish. Mr. Wolfe was president of the entire Septagon Construction Company until 1998, at which time he became president of the company's Sedalia Office.

In addition to his accomplished business career, Mr. Wolfe has been very involved in his community. He has served as a board member, campaign chairman and president of the