

I am pleased to recognize Jim Mejchar's accomplishments today. I, along with the people of West Allis wish him a much earned retirement. Congratulations and thank you, Jim, for your dedication to public service.

YOUNG AGENCY CELEBRATING A
CENTURY IN BUSINESS

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Young Agency, Inc., an independent insurance, bonding, and risk-management company located on Syracuse's North Side. Since its inception in 1905, the agency has grown into a 100 employee business with close to 10,000 clients.

George Young, the founder of Young Agency, began his business in 1905 by selling fire insurance door-to-door. After several location changes, the agency moved to its current office at Bridewater Place at 500 Plum St. George Young passed away in 1936, leaving the agency to his sons, Albert and Carl. With the help of George Schunck, George's grandson, and Roy S. Moore III, the current president, the agency has expanded into a respected company with more than \$220 million in annual premiums. In 2001, Young merged with Florida-based Brown & Brown, Inc., the nation's eighth-largest insurance brokerage firm.

On behalf of the clients, employees and community members of Syracuse, I extend my best wishes and many more successful years to the Young Agency, a valued fixture in our community.

HONORING CAPTAIN MARK
STUBENHOFER

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Captain Mark Stubenhofer and his remarkable service to the United States of America.

Captain Stubenhofer was born on April 18, 1974 in Fairfax, Virginia. He grew up here in the suburbs of this great capital of freedom and was an all-American from the start. He delivered newspapers in the morning before school and worked long after the school day ended doing homework or practicing baseball. He attended West Springfield High School here in Fairfax, Virginia and attended Nativity Catholic Church nearby. He was elected Student Government Vice President at West Springfield and during his senior year played baseball on the varsity squad. He attended Clemson University where his leadership skills were honed through the school's ROTC program. He graduated from Clemson in May of 1996 and immediately began fulfilling his obligation to the Army.

Captain Stubenhofer was commissioned as an infantry officer and attended both the elite Airborne and Ranger schools. He went on to serve two tours in support of Operation Iraqi

Freedom. In his first tour in 2003 he helped liberate five Iraqi cities. In his second tour Captain Stubenhofer served as a company commander for the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division. He was awarded numerous medals and honors, among them two Bronze Star Medals, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, and two Army Commendation Medals. Tragically, he was killed in combat on December 7, 2004.

During his final tour of duty, Captain Stubenhofer's third child was born—a daughter he would never see or hold. He asked his wife Patty to name the child Hope. Mark, in his last phone conversation to his parents, commented that it was hope that brought him to Iraq and to the service of his country.

Mr. Speaker, we owe Captain Mark Stubenhofer, and all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. While we pay homage to fallen heroes like Mark with monuments of stone, the most fitting tribute is the enduring memory of their lives. As Pericles, the great orator, builder, and general of Athens said, "For to famous men all the earth is a sepulcher; and their virtues shall be testified not only by the inscription in stone at home but by an unwritten record of the mind, which more than of any monument will remain with everyone forever."

Mr. Speaker, I call on this body to forever remember Captain Mark Stubenhofer and to keep record in our minds and hearts, the great works and sacrifices that our sons and daughters of the military continue to make on our behalf.

INTRODUCTION OF JOHN'S LAW

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, we will soon observe the fifth anniversary of the tragic death of one of my constituents. U.S. Navy Ensign John Elliott, who had just received his commission to Naval Flight School in Pensacola, Florida, was struck and killed by a drunk driver on July 22, 2000. The accident instantly killed Elliott and seriously injured his passenger, Kristen Hohenwarter.

Sadly, it was later discovered that the driver responsible for Elliott's death had been arrested for drunken driving earlier that evening. Having called for a ride, he was picked up by a friend and returned to his car. Elliott was on his way home for his mother's birthday party when he crossed paths with the intoxicated driver.

Nearly 5 years after that tragic accident, his parents continue the fight to save other families from the grief they have endured. Lobbying the New Jersey State Legislature, the Elliott's saw to fruition the drafting, passage and ultimate enactment of John's Law. The law ensures that individuals who pick up an arrested driver sign a document accepting custody. Additionally, it gives State Police the authorization to impound the automobile of an arrested driver for up to 12 hours.

Today, I am introducing legislation to encourage all states to enact legislation to require law enforcement officers to impound

motor vehicles of those charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI). The legislation would make states that adopt DWI vehicle impoundment programs eligible to receive federal grant funds under the existing Alcohol Impaired Countermeasures Program to help defray costs.

We are making important strides to eliminate the senseless deaths caused by the lethal mix of alcohol and automobiles. Annual deaths from drinking and driving have decreased from approximately 28,000 in 1980 to 16,068 in 2000. In 1982, 57 percent of all traffic fatalities were alcohol-related. In 2000, that percentage fell to 38 percent. However, much work remains to be done. Each death is a preventable one and I am sure this resolution will go a long way in ensuring deaths like Ensign Elliott's are prevented and families are saved from the pain the Elliotts and other families across the nation have endured.

I urge my colleagues in the House to support this legislation.

IN HONOR OF SPECIALIST
MICHAEL S. EVANS

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fallen soldier who lost his life in the line of duty. On January 28, 2005, United States Army Specialist Michael S. Evans died in Baghdad when his military vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. Specialist Evans was serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mr. Speaker, Specialist Evans gave his life in the service of his country. He answered the call when his Nation needed him. His willingness to serve our country has made our Nation safer and more secure.

I hope Michael's wife Melissa, his parents Michael and Wynette, and the rest of his family and friends know that our Nation thanks him for his service and sacrifice. He served our Nation as a patriot. His contribution will never be forgotten.

Specialist Evans was assigned to B Company, 1088th Engineer Battalion, 256th Infantry Brigade, Army National Guard, New Roads, Louisiana. Specialist Evans's wife resides in Metairie, Louisiana and his parents live in my hometown of Jacksonville, Florida.

INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate International Customs Day and show support for all the men and women in the Department of Homeland Security who enforce our customs laws. They deserve our gratitude and appreciation.

International Customs Day marks the day that the World Customs Organization (WCO) commenced its first meeting on January 26, 1953. This date has grown in significance through the years as we better appreciate the