

Designation Act, introduced by my good friend and colleague, DAVE HOBSON.

Tony Hall has a long and distinguished history of service to the people of Ohio, our nation, and the world. He served in the Ohio General Assembly and the Ohio Senate. Tony Hall then served 12 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives where he worked tirelessly for the interests of the residents of the third district of Ohio, the district I now have the honor to represent. Not only did he ably represent his constituents, Tony Hall was also concerned about the well-being of those who lived beyond the boundaries of his congressional district, and his work on hunger and human rights issues throughout the world have benefited the lives of many. His work for the less fortunate around the world is held in such high regard that he has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times.

Today, Tony Hall serves as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome. On a personal level, my wife and I had the honor to be Tony Hall's guest for dinner last Christmas in Rome. His hospitality and graciousness helped make this holiday very special, and is a typical example of how he treats people with openness and warmth.

We also share a unique connection: Tony Hall's father was once the mayor of Dayton, a position which I also held. As mayor, I was always conscious of the extraordinary reputation his father had earned in that office. Clearly, a sense of public duty, a commitment to high standards, and a passion for improving the lives of others was handed down from father to son.

The legislation we consider today properly honors a man whose accomplishments demonstrate how one man can make a positive difference in the lives of his countrymen and his fellow man throughout the world. I strongly urge the passage of this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES DAILY WAHL
OF ST. LOUIS, MO

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, my remarks today are to recognize James Daily Wahl, recipient of the Ancient Order of Hibernians' Irishman of the Year Award.

Mr. Wahl, the son of Margaret Dailey Wahl and John Wahl, is a life-long resident of St. Louis, who has always been active in his church and community. He graduated from St. Louis University and St. Louis University Law School, and currently practices law, serves as a municipal judge in the City of St. Louis.

Mr. Wahl's dedication and loyalty to his family and friends is evident in his 23-year marriage to his wife, Kathy Adelman, and in his support of his four children: Kelly, Kerry, and the twins, Kristin and Tom.

Mr. Speaker, the nearly 250 people in attendance for the presentation of his award made it evident to all that his devotion to his Irish heritage is ever present. This was best exemplified by his steadfast support of the McBride Principles Bill, which barred the State of Missouri from investing in and contracting with businesses that practice discrimination

against Irish Catholics in Northern Ireland. My congratulations are with Mr. Wahl and his family.

TRIBUTE TO THE RESPOND
CULINARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor the first graduating class of the Respond Culinary Academy, an innovative vocational program that provides youth with essential vocational skills needed for success when they return to their homes and communities. A collaborative effort between the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, Respond, Inc., and Union Local 54, the program looks to help juveniles transition successfully back into their communities by preparing them for jobs in the restaurant industry.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Jeff Green, Shawn Harris, Ron Gatewood, and Raafat Hanna for their work in providing an invaluable service to their homes and communities. I would also like to honor John DiDonna, Tim Wilson, Remel Ortiz, Kevin Hicks, and Levond Clemmons, who have successfully graduated from the Respond Culinary Program. May their success in this program help them realize their full potential for rewarding and successful lives.

RECOGNITION OF NEVADA
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nevada Federal Credit Union (FCU), located in my district of Las Vegas, for its efforts to support our troops abroad by providing them outstanding financial services.

Patriotism can be demonstrated by soldiers and civilians alike. As a show of support for our troops, Nevada FCU is refunding all savings and checking related fees for new and existing members who are actively serving in a designated war zone. This benefit represents an excellent example of what we at home can do for those who put their lives on the line, and I hope that other financial institutions will follow suit.

Nevada FCU, with over 82,000 members, has a commitment to providing the best service, rates and products to its membership. From its modest beginnings in the 1950s, Nevada FCU has flourished into the largest credit union in my State with the understanding that community involvement begins at home.

I applaud Nevada FCU and its President and CEO, Brad Beal, for their ongoing commitment to their customers, this country and to those who bravely serve it.

FEBRUARY SCHOOL OF THE
MONTH

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mrs. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I announce the Archer Street School of Language Arts, Mathematics and Technology in the Freeport Union Free School District as School of the Month in New York's Fourth Congressional District for February 2005. The Archer Street School's Principal is Paula R. Lein, the Assistant Principal is Kevin Bishop, and the Superintendent of Schools in the Freeport Union Free School District is Dr. Eric Eversley.

The Archer Street School is committed to teaching their young students the ins and outs of the "real world". They have developed their own community called "Archerville" in which students, in addition to their regular studies, run two-dozen mini-businesses including a post office, banking and recycling center, and even a historical society and museum. The Archer Street School affords their students all the opportunities needed to help them succeed in a world that is becoming increasingly more technological and keeping these kids in tuned with the demands of a fast paced world.

Even with the Archer Street School's commitment to the arts, math and technology, the students and faculty are committed to a strong, productive relationship with the community of not only their hometown but with the world. On February 14th, the Archer Street School will participate in an Act of Kindness day in efforts to return to what they feel is a long-lost human value—simplicistic kindness to others.

In an effort to keep within the spirit of Act of Kindness Day, the students and faculty of this wonderful school community will present a check to me that will help aid the victims of the Tsunami tragedy. The money the students raise will be donated to the organization Save the Children, because they know that any amount will be a tremendous welcome. It is because of this generous and gigantic gesture that the Archer Street School is my choice for School of the Month.

The Archer Street School of Language Arts, Mathematics, and Technology deserves all the accolades in the world and it is an immense honor for me to stand before all of you and talk about the students and faculty and admirable accomplishments. Once again, it is my esteemed pleasure to announce the Archer Street School as New York's 4th district School of the Month for February 2005.

HONORING HOSPICE OF NAPA
VALLEY, INC.

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Hospice of Napa Valley, Inc. as it celebrates the grand opening of its newest facility.

Hospice of Napa Valley has provided hospice services throughout the Napa Valley for

25 years. The new facility will allow hospice services and adult day services to meet current and future needs of those with chronic conditions and patients with terminal illness.

Situated on 2.4 acres in central Napa, the new facility houses programming and operations for both Hospice of Napa Valley and Adult Day Services of Napa Valley. This building establishes a permanent home to ensure that the needs of Napa Valley's terminally and chronically ill populations will be served for generations to come.

Over the past 25 years, Hospice of Napa Valley, Inc. has grown substantially in response to community needs. The new facility will allow Hospice of Napa Valley to extend their aid for terminally ill patients who seek comfort as well as quality of life. Hospice also provides support for the family members of those that are terminally ill.

Adult Day Services of Napa Valley provides comprehensive health care, rehabilitation therapies, social services and personal care for frail, elderly persons and younger functionally-impaired adults 18 years or older. Continuing care is also provided for adults with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Mr. Speaker, Hospice of Napa Valley, Inc. has significantly expanded health care services to our community with respect and dignity. It is therefore appropriate to honor Hospice of Napa Valley, Inc. on its new facility's grand opening.

RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS
TO NICK HALL

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the outstanding dedication and leadership of Leonard (Nick) Hall for his efforts in administrating federal tax law. He has served for over 30 years in the Internal Revenue Service, IRS. He also served his country in the Army and worked for a time with the United States Department of Defense. Nick is retiring after over 35 years of federal service and I want to thank him for his contributions to Illinois and our country.

Nick is a dedicated and proud member of the IRS executive staff. Nick has served as an Area Director for Small Business/Self-Employed Division, Taxpayer Education and Communications, TEC, in Chicago, IL. As the Chairman of the Small Business Committee, I work closely with TEC, which is a small business focused function of the IRS. It closely works with small business organizations and industry leaders to educate and ensure IRS products and services fit the needs of small business/self-employed taxpayers. He leads about 100 employees responsible for taxpayer education and communications programs in 13 states, including Illinois. His employees deliver federal tax information to over hundreds of state and industry organizations and millions of people. He has been a leader in reducing taxpayer burden and ensuring fair tax law administration. He was very involved in the most recent comprehensive reorganization and modernization of the IRS in nearly half a century.

In 2004, Nick received a TEC Director's award for his efforts to taxpayer burden reduc-

tion, taxpayer outreach and compliance assistance. This award was to recognize his participation at the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act hearings.

In 2000, Nick received a Commissioner's Award for his contributions as an executive team leader, serving under the Deputy Commissioner for Modernization. This award is considered the highest honor an IRS Commissioner can bestow to an employee. The Commissioner cited Nick's extensive experience in IRS operations as extremely invaluable to modernization initiatives.

Nick is a resident of Illinois after spending many years living in many or various cities in the United States. His wife, Mona, is a native of Illinois and also a 25 year employee of the IRS. They plan to continue to reside in Illinois upon Nick's retirement from the IRS on February 25, 2005.

My wife, Freda, and I wish Nick and his family a happy future, and I wish to thank him for all of his dedications, commitment, and hard work.

RECOGNIZING ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY CUB SCOUT PACK 876
IN LIVONIA, MICHIGAN

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Roosevelt Elementary Cub Scout Pack 876, in Livonia, Michigan, as they join Cub Scout packs across the country in celebrating 75 years of Cub Scouting.

The "Cubbing Program" was introduced by the Boy Scouts of America in 1930, but its roots go all the way back to the first days of Scouting. With the early success of the Boy Scouts for boys 12 years and older, there was popular demand for the siblings of Scouts.

In 1916, Sir Robert Baden-Powell introduced the "Wolf Cub" program for younger boys. This program soon found its way to numerous communities in America. Finally, after 20 years of Boy Scouting in America, Cub Scouting was introduced. What has followed has been nothing short of phenomenal. Boasting more than 50,000,000 members since its inception, no program in history has had the far ranging impact on American youth than Cub Scouting.

Boys who take part in the Cub Scout program take part in interesting and meaningful activities with their friends. Through these activities, boys learn sportsmanship, moral virtues, and cooperation; and, further, in so doing, the Cub Scout program also strengthens families.

Mr. Speaker, for 75 years Cub Scouting has helped boys develop character. I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring the Cub Scout program, and the scores of beneficent men and women who help mold these boys into men of honor, and stellar citizens of America.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN JIM HORN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of CPT Jim Horn, son of Denton County Judge Mary Horn. CPT Jim Horn was recently promoted following 6 months of training at the U.S. Army's Infantry Captain Career Course in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Captain Horn's continued skill and leadership is evident in his service with the 3rd Infantry Division in Iraq and Kuwait for which he received two Bronze Stars. The resolute dedication of Captain Horn and his fellow service men and women to the people of the United States and Iraq exemplifies the need for democratic leadership throughout the world. It is the work of these fine soldiers that continues to lead us to success in our overseas endeavors.

The distinguished service of Captain Horn has resulted in his appointment to the Battalion Adjutant for the 6th Ranger Training Battalion at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. It is my honor today to recognize the vital and resourceful leadership of Captain Horn and his commitment to Texas and the United States.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN JORDAN
"BUCK" O'NEIL

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil, to whom I recently presented the Blue Valley Education Foundation's Good Neighbor Award. It was a pleasure to present Buck with this notable distinction. You see, Buck has always been one of my great heroes, and there is no question that his story of courage and perseverance has served as an inspiration to many people.

Born the grandson of slaves, Buck joined the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro League in 1938. He remained in Kansas City with the Monarchs for seventeen spectacular years, ten as a player and seven as manager. During this time he was named an all-star three times as a player, served two years with the United States Navy, and led the Monarchs to four league titles as a manager, all the while facing the harshness of separation and discrimination in a country that was still segregated. In 1962, Buck broke an important barrier, by being named the first African-American coach in the Major Leagues by the Chicago Cubs. After 33 years with the Cubs, Buck returned home in 1988 to scout for the Kansas City Royals. He currently serves as chairman of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, a continuing demonstration of his love for the game of baseball and for his commitment to the essential role that the Negro Leagues played in the integration of both American sport and American society.

During his time in Kansas City, Buck has taught the citizens of the Kansas City metropolitan region about the importance of determination and resolve in the face of hostility, in