

exceptional individual, Mr. Thomas Infusino. Thomas was honored at the Wakefern Food Corporation's annual meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2005.

Over the past thirty-four years, Thomas Infusino has worked tirelessly on behalf of his investors, employees, and clients. His commitment to his business, the food distribution industry, and the community at large has left an indelible mark on the lives of many, demonstrating the difference one dedicated person can make. It is only fitting that we honor Thomas Infusino, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on Earth.

Thomas served in the United States military during World War II, primarily stationed in Italy and Africa. Upon his return he quickly became a part of the Northern New Jersey community and has raised a family in our wonderful state. Thomas has truly made a name for himself as an innovative entrepreneur with a propensity for giving back to the community.

Tom has been chairman and CEO of Wakefern Food Corporation, a retailer-owned cooperative of the wholesale merchandising and distribution arm for ShopRite supermarkets, since 1971. He is also the owner and president of the Nutley Park ShopRite located in Nutley, NJ.

Mr. Infusino's philanthropic spirit has been recognized by an array of organizations. Tom was honored by the Cooley's Anemia Foundation and subsequently given the Lifeline Award for his efforts. Additionally, Tom continues to work closely with the Lautenberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology, which sponsors the annual Thomas Infusino Prize. He also serves on the Board of Governors for the National Conference for Community and Justice as well as retaining a seat on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Food Council.

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Thomas Infusino.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the members of the Infusino family, and myself in recognizing Thomas Infusino for his outstanding service.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN JERRY
KLECZKA FOR HIS LEGACY TO
PUBLIC SERVICE EDUCATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Congressman Jerry Kleczka, an esteemed Member of this body who represented Wisconsin's 4th Congressional District for over 20 years. More specifically, today I want to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments for which he is being honored in Milwaukee this coming weekend.

My colleagues listening here on the floor today know Congressman Kleczka, my predecessor, as a champion of the causes of working men and women. A spirited and tenacious advocate, he fought for so many reforms, from legislation to protect senior citizens in public housing, to affordable and accessible healthcare and a strong Medicare program, to the rights of workers, and the rights of citizens to privacy in a digital age, just to name a few.

When he decided to leave Federal elective office in 2004, Congressman Kleczka left behind an additional legacy that will endure for many years to come. In 1984, he independently offered to host an individual intern in his Congressional office. From that single internship grew an entire program which, over the last twenty years, has developed into a remarkable center for public service education, Marquette University's Les Aspin Center for Government in Washington, D.C. As a result, over 700 students with an interest in public service have interned in nearly 100 congressional offices and in multiple federal agencies.

Jerry was there for the Center's internship program from the very start as its stalwart champion, advocate, and host of so many of its interns. Of the countless students to which he offered the opportunity for congressional experience, many have gone on to fine careers in public service and two have even won elective office, Wisconsin State Assemblyman Pedro Colon and Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic. He was awarded the Center's Founders Award in 1999 and has served on its Board of Visitors since 1996.

In addition to all his prior work on its behalf, last year Congressman Kleczka made a remarkably generous donation to Marquette's Les Aspin Center which has made possible the establishment of an entirely new program through which students will study state and local government in Milwaukee starting this summer. With this selfless act he has permanently endowed the cause of public service learning throughout Milwaukee and at Marquette and created a legacy that will last for years to come.

This weekend, Congressman Kleczka's efforts will be properly recognized. On Sunday, May 22, Marquette University will award him an honorary doctorate of laws to acknowledge him as a champion of the D.C. intern center and the benefactor of a new Milwaukee institution that will foster the desire for public service among our best and brightest closer to home. I ask my colleagues to join in congratulating Jerry on receiving this well-deserved honor.

HONORING RICHARD F. CORDELL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding gentleman, Mr. Richard F. Cordell of Flushing, MI. This Friday, members of the Rotary Club of Flint will pay tribute to Mr. Cordell, as he celebrates 42 years of service as a Rotarian, and 25 years as Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Club.

Born and raised in Toledo, Ohio, Dick Cordell began his long history of service to others by serving his country in World War II following his graduation from the University of Toledo. Dick piloted a B-26 as a member of the U.S. Air Force, earning the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After the war, Dick worked as a salesman for IBM. During this time, he met and married Ruth, his wife of 58 years. When Symplex purchased Dick's division at IBM, he was transferred to Flint where he was appointed District Manager.

Dick began his distinguished career with Rotary International on September 1, 1963.

After memberships on various committees and participation in many projects, Dick was elected President of the Flint Rotary Club from 1974-1976. He also served as District Governor from 1984-1985. Since 1980, he has operated as the Flint Club's Executive Secretary/Treasurer, a position he enjoys due to the constant positive interaction he experiences from his fellow Rotarians. In addition, Dick and Ruth plan to attend this year's Rotary International Convention, which will be their fifteenth.

I am appreciative of Dick Cordell's many years of leadership and for the untold number of individuals he has assisted, both personally and indirectly. He truly personifies the Rotary motto: "Service Above Self," as well as the Rotarian philosophy of truth, fairness, goodwill, and mutual benefit in all professional actions.

Mr. Speaker, as a Rotary Club fellowship beneficiary, I can attest to the unwavering support toward the community exhibited by its members, and I am grateful for people such as Richard Cordell. I ask my colleagues in the 109th to please join me in recognizing his accomplishments, and wishing him the best in all his future endeavors.

HONORING GENE TORRES

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the lifetime achievements of Southwestern golf legend Gene Torres, a resident of the Las Vegas community in my home state of New Mexico. Gene spearheaded the golf program at New Mexico Highlands University while simultaneously winning over 80 professional tournaments and raising a family.

Born in Colorado, Gene was fascinated with golf since he was a youngster and qualified for major tournaments in high school. Early in his career he set the course record of 16 under par for 52 holes at the University of New Mexico-North golf course. Gene interrupted his golf career in 1957 to join the Navy and serve his country aboard the USS *Shangri-La*. After his tour of duty with the Navy concluded, Gene returned home to become the premier amateur golfer in Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico in the early Sixties.

A pillar of the Las Vegas community, Gene has called New Mexico his home since 1962. Well-known and respected, Gene served 42 years as a Professor of Physical Education and manager of the New Mexico Highlands University golf course, which he helped design. Gene instructed thousands of Northern New Mexico students and started the golf team at Highlands University. In the absence of golf scholarships, Gene often used his own money to pay the team's tournament expenses. Despite financial challenges, Gene's golf teams won over 60% of their matches.

In 1970, Gene joined the PGA where he earned the title "The Rock", for his solid performance. He is said to have consistently hit one of the longest and straightest balls in golf. Gene won the New Mexico Open four years in a row, a feat no one else has accomplished to date, and the PGA Life Time Achievement Award. He was named the Southwest Section