

## TRIBUTE TO PETE REYES

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2005*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, Mr. COSTA and I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Pete Reyes, who is being honored this weekend as an Eagle Award winner by the Adelante foundation. Mr. Reyes is an individual of great distinction, and we join with family and friends in honoring his remarkable achievements and expressing great pride in the honor that is to be bestowed on him.

Mr. Reyes has devoted his life to helping students through his chosen profession in education. He has been an incredible resource to the Clovis Unified School District and continues to work every day to improve the school community.

For the past 38 years, Mr. Reyes has dedicated himself to educating the young minds of tomorrow and is currently serving the Fancher Creek Elementary School as Principal. In this capacity, he has been an integral contributor to the management and administration of the school, as well as leading the school to numerous awards in excellence in performance.

Through his tenure as an educator, Mr. Reyes has exhibited kindness, love, humility, and a deep resolve to ameliorate all aspects of community life, so it is only appropriate that he receive this award from Adelante.

We join with family and friends in thanking him for his 38 years of service. He is a symbol of all that is good in his profession and an inspiration to all that know him.

And so, Mr. Speaker, we salute Mr. Pete Reyes. We express admiration in his career and hope that others may recognize his good works in the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF LINCOLN  
PARK HIGH SCHOOL**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2005*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of Lincoln Park High School, recently selected by Newsweek Magazine as one of America's best high schools.

Lincoln Park High School, formerly named Robert A. Waller High School, has served the students and families of Chicago's North Side for over 100 years. Lincoln Park High School provides its students with exciting opportunities for academic, athletic and artistic growth, while instilling values that will serve its students throughout their lives.

The students at Lincoln Park High School have established an impressive record of academic achievement. Eighty-seven percent of the school's 2004 graduates enrolled in a college or university. Lincoln Park High School currently has 8 National Merit Semi-Finalists in 2005, and has had more National Merit Semi-Finalists over the last 15 years than all other Chicago Public Schools combined.

Students at Lincoln Park High School enjoy the support of strong parent and alumni associations which take an active role in over 60 extra curricular activities and clubs. Commu-

nity partnerships with institutions such as Children's Memorial Hospital, Charlie Trotter's Restaurant and the Lincoln Park Zoo also provide learning opportunities outside of the classroom in a wide range of disciplines.

These activities and experiences teach students the importance of academic achievement while also providing a balanced perspective on life that promotes responsibility, justice and social service.

Mr. Speaker, Lincoln Park High School is a shining example of public education at its best. I am proud of the students, faculty and families of Lincoln Park High School and I wish them continued success in the coming years.

## TRIBUTE TO TERIK DALY

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2005*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Terik Daly for his prize winning entry in the 56th Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

Last week, over 1,400 pre-college students participated in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix. Students from several countries submitted entries in hopes that they would win a portion of the \$3 million in scholarships, tuition grants, internships and scientific field trips given away. This annual competition awarded six of nine Bay Area students for their entries, three of whom reside in San Jose.

Terik is a 15-year-old student from Oak Grove High School. His project titled, "The Derivation and Interpretation of Geochemical Ratios Generated by Meteoritic Impact" derived meteor composition by examining chemical composition of granite before and after impact. His entry won him a fourth-place prize (\$500) in earth science; \$8,000 tuition scholarship from Office of Naval Research (on behalf of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps).

The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair promote education and creativity in a way that is vital to a youth's development. These types of activities encourage students to explore the fields of science and engineering. This kind of innovation will drive the United State's economy into the future. Being from Silicon Valley, I fully understand the importance and impact that these studies have on America's prosperity.

I am proud to stand here today and recognize Terik for his accomplishments. I urge him and youth alike to continue to take interest in these fields, and lead the United States in its development of science and engineering exploration.

IN HONOR OF MATTHEW W.  
FREEMAN**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2005*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man, like so many others in our Nation, who were truly American: Matthew Walden Freeman.

Although I did not personally know Midshipman Matthew Freeman, I knew of his valor and patriotism. His passing is somberly remembered by those who knew him best. A senior at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in New York, Matt had shown a dedication to service his entire life. A graduate of Ryan High School in Denton, Matt was honored to be awarded status as an Eagle Scout.

While Midshipman Freeman was not activated, he was a reservist and served as Navy Second Class. During his time at the Academy, Midshipman Freeman devoted time and effort into helping others. The Superintendent of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) issued an Academy Achievement Ribbon for Meritorious Service to Matt for his waterborne rescue and relief efforts following the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. As an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Matt interfaced with the midshipmen volunteers who manned Academy vessels used to ferry firefighters, rescue personnel and emergency equipment throughout New York Harbor in support of the New York City Fire Department's emergency operations. He personally participated in three watch tours and spent over 40 hours on the scene. As an EMT, he provided first-aid services to firefighters working ashore near the disaster and to midshipmen rescue personnel traveling aboard Academy vessels. He also helped manage the EMT watch throughout the Academy's operation and assisted with their blood drive on 9/11.

Along with the 89 other midshipmen participants, he displayed the highest levels of leadership, professionalism and compassion and served as an inspiration to his peers during the difficult days of the rescue and recovery operation. Through his unselfish service, Midshipman Freeman brought great credit to the Regiment of Midshipmen during a time on national crisis and served as role model to his fellow midshipmen, the 4th class in particular. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Regiment of Midshipmen and the USMMA. He received a citation for outstanding performance in support of Operation Guarding Liberty, following the attack on WTC.

Today, we honor Matt Freeman for his commitment to America. I want you to know, on behalf of a grateful Nation, we say, "Thank you." He will always be remembered for his kindness and generosity to others, and may he serve as a role model for others in the future.

## TRIBUTE TO COACH JOE SOLTERO

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2005*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, Mr. COSTA and I rise to pay tribute to Coach Joe Soltero who has coached Little League in Delano, CA for over 37 years. By receiving the Adelante Eagle Award, Coach Soltero is being recognized for his years of selfless service to his community and it gives us great pleasure to acknowledge his years as a coach and mentor to the students of Delano.

Coach Soltero is an exceptional individual who has not only devoted his life to helping the Delano community at-large but has also

been an important pillar of support for generations of children. His kindness and passionate spirit render him a vital resource and a beloved member of his community.

As a little league coach, he instilled the values of teamwork, dedication and perseverance. He is an inspiration to those who know him and influenced countless people with his work ethic and love of teaching. He has been an integral contributor to his community, as well as an active participant and positive influence on the lives of his little league players.

During his 30-plus years, Coach Soltero has played in 16 championships, winning 12 of them. He taught the values of sportsmanship and winning humbly.

And so, Mr. Speaker, we salute Coach Joe Soltero. We join with family and friends in honoring his incomparable accomplishments and congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

#### SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

SPEECH OF

#### HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 16, 2005*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 266, Supporting the Goals and Ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day. Police officers make extraordinary sacrifices in fulfilling their mission to serve and protect, and I am pleased to join my colleagues in saying thank you to Peace Officers Memorial Day. I am privileged to know many fine police officers including my Uncle Les, a dedicated and long time officer with the Chicago Police Department.

The heroism of our nation's police officers can be seen both in their responses to emergencies and in their everyday work serving our neighborhoods. In Chicago, the fine work done by the police department has reduced crime in almost every category in the past year, bringing serious crimes to a 13 year low and homicides to a historic 38 year low.

Police departments across the country continue to play an important role in building and maintaining stable, safe communities. The Chicago Police Department assists with community policing programs and plays an important role in youth counseling and recreation programs to help at-risk teenagers reach their full potential as contributing members of society.

In 2004, 153 peace officers nationwide gave their lives in the protection of our families and communities. The death of any police officer is a tragedy and a loss felt deeply in our communities. I join with my colleagues in honoring the memory and sacrifices of these heroes, and I applaud the continued service of law enforcement officers and all public safety workers who face danger every day while protecting our streets, our schools, and our communities.

Mr. Speaker, we have a responsibility to support our nation's law enforcement officers and supply them with the tools and resources they need to ensure their safety and ours. I am proud to join my colleagues today in honoring the contributions of our nation's peace officers, and I ask that my colleagues join me

in working to provide sufficient support to the 87,000 heroes who make up our nation's local law enforcement community.

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVID I. MARASH-WHITMAN

#### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2005*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David I. Marsh-Whitman for his prize winning entry in the 56th Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

Last week, over 1,400 pre-college students participated in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix. Students from several countries submitted entries in hopes that they would win a portion of the \$3 million in scholarships, tuition grants, internships and scientific field trips given away. This annual competition awarded six of nine Bay Area students for their entries, three of whom reside in San Jose.

David is a 13-year-old student from Kehillah Jewish High School. His project, titled "Design for Biodegradation: Harnessing Natural Decay by Managing Physical and Chemical Dynamics" investigated optimal nitrogen-carbon ratios, moisture and aeration for increasing the rate and total degradation of compost. His entry won him a second-place prize (\$1,500) in environmental sciences.

The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair promotes education and creativity in a way that is vital to a youth's development. These types of activities encourage students to explore the fields of science and engineering. This kind of innovation will drive the United States' economy into the future. Being from Silicon Valley, I fully understand the importance and impact that these studies have on America's prosperity.

I am proud to stand here today and recognize David for his accomplishments. I urge him and all youth alike to continue to take interest in these fields, and lead the United States in its development of science and engineering exploration.

#### HONORING THE CIRCLE OF HOPE AWARD NOMINEES

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2005*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and commitment of Sherry Davidoff, Morgan Harvard and Julianna Tisdale. These individuals have shown great dedication and loyalty in mentoring and making a difference to those in need of it most.

Ms. Davidoff, Ms. Harvard, and Ms. Tisdale were recently honored by The Colleyville Woman's Club at the annual Youth Volunteer Service Awards with the Circle of Hope Award. This prestigious award recognizes youth who have demonstrated laudable public service throughout their community. The selfless way in which they serve as mentors and volunteers speaks volumes to their loyalty and adherence to better assist those who require

it most. It is the noble efforts of individuals such as the aforementioned that improve our community and strengthen America.

It is with great honor that I stand here today to recognize these ladies who have dedicated their young lives to assisting others. Their contribution and services should serve as an inspiration to others in their field and those who wish to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

#### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALU LIKE, INC.

#### HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2005*

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate a remarkable organization, Alu Like, Inc., as it marks its 30th anniversary of service to my Hawai'i's Native Hawaiian community.

Alu Like, which means "striving (working) together," was established in 1975 to promote social and economic self-sufficiency among Native Hawaiians. The organization was given its name by kupuna Mary Kawena Pukui, and its motto, "E alu like mai kākou, e nā 'ōiwi o Hawai'i" (Let us work together natives of Hawai'i), by kupuna Edith Kanaka'ole.

Now with 238 employees located throughout the State of Hawai'i (Hawai'i, Kaua'i, Lāna'i, Maui, Moloka'i, and O'ahu), it has grown into one of Hawai'i's most successful service agencies and has been instrumental in improving the quality of life for our Native Hawaiian community from early childhood to kūpuna (elderly) programs. These include a range of services and activities such as economic development, business assistance, employment preparation, training, library services, and educational and childcare services for families with young children, all tailored to the specific often unique, needs of Hawai'i's indigenous people. Current services include: Ho'okahua—Early Childhood; Ho'olōkahi—High Risk Reduction; Ho'omānea 'Ōiwi—Education and Employment; Ka Ipu Kā'eo—Education and Training; Kūlia Like—Financial Literacy and Kumu Kahi—Elderly Services.

Throughout its thirty years, Alu Like has served more than 100,000 people, and continues to form strong partnerships with other service providers. To increase its outreach to our community, Alu Like has also worked closely and collaboratively to expand its commitment to education and language preservation through its Native Hawaiian Library and to community service through its AmeriCorps Project.

As always, the success of any organization requires strong and sustained leadership from its staff and board of directors, and Alu Like has benefited greatly from a whole generation of such leaders. These include its visionaries—Myron "Pinky" Thompson, Alvin Shim, James Bacon, Yukio Naito, David Peters, and Winona Ellis Rubin—and directors over the years, as well as its Presidents/CEOs, who have included: Winona Ellis Rubin, Myron "Pinky" Thompson, David Helela, Masaru Oshiro, S. Haunani Apoliona, and Tara Lulani Arquette.

Under the current leadership of Mervina K.M. Cash-Kaeo, President/CEO, I have every