

look different from other mill towns. In 1929, Edward Hines ordered the first 150 homes built for his employees who were due to arrive within a year from Minnesota and Mississippi. In December 1930, the City of Hines was incorporated. The first officers to serve the city were selected, and by 1931 they had their first elementary school and post office. For the next sixty years, Hines Lumber and its employees prospered in this hidden oasis of the high desert.

Development slowed when the mill closed in the early 1990's. However, the loggers who lived there were very proud to have worked for the Edward Hines Lumber Company. Hines has always maintained its own identity. Even today, its residents are fiercely independent people who pride themselves on being from Hines and not from the adjacent city of Burns. This strong sense of community and history is evident by the families that still gather in Hines City Park, the hub of this pioneer town, as envisioned by Mr. and Mrs. Hines.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of Hines, thank you for allowing me to share with my colleagues the history of this fine town.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO CEDAR POINT AMUSEMENT PARK ON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOTEL BREAKERS

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to a special company in Ohio. This year, Cedar Point Amusement Park's Hotel Breakers in Sandusky, Ohio will celebrate one-hundred years of dedicated service.

Mr. Speaker, Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio is one of the oldest and most renowned entertainment complexes in the United States. Founded in 1870, Cedar Point has succeeded in providing family entertainment for over 135 years.

Opening on June 12, 1905 to a flurry of excitement, the Hotel Breakers welcomed more than five thousand visitors to its grand opening showcasing a hotel complete with running water, quite a feat for 1905. In addition to its state of the art amenities, the Hotel Breakers included a decor influenced by the elegance of the chateaus of France.

When the Hotel Breakers welcomed its first guests, rooms ranged from \$1 to \$2 per night and a meal cost only 35 cents. While today's prices may have risen, the Hotel now offers over 650 rooms, three pools, a deli, coffee shop, pizzeria and restaurant. Throughout its long history, the Hotel Breakers has also welcomed some of our country's finest guests. Among its accomplished guest list, the Hotel Breakers has welcomed Annie Oakley, Abbott and Costello, John Philip Sousa, and six U.S. presidents.

Throughout its many updates, much of the early twentieth-century charm has remained, including the stained-glass windows, designed by Louis Buser of Tiffany's and which continue to grace the lobby. With its history, and newer amenities such as sitting areas, an arcade and

three gift shops, the Hotel Breakers is much more than a night's stay, it is an experience.

Mr. Speaker, the real success of the Hotel Breakers comes not only from the elegance of its facilities, but from its employees. The management and staff of the Hotel Breakers have indeed provided their guests with the service and dependability that are expected of a first-class resort. The staff's attention to service, boundless enthusiasm and loyalty to the history of the hotel continues to make the Hotel Breakers a world class hotel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the employees and the legacy of Cedar Point's Hotel Breakers. As all who benefit from this fine establishment gather to celebrate its one-hundredth anniversary of service, I am confident that the good people of Sandusky, Ohio, will continue the successes of the Hotel Breakers into the future.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RODNEY STEPP

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulation to Mr. Rodney Stepp—a musician par excellence. Although there are many musically talented individuals in the Indianapolis area none compare to the abundance of talent, compassion and reputation of excellence.

Mr. Stepp was introduced to music by his parents at age 4. His parents enrolled him with the prestigious Jordan Conservatory School of music, Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana. Imagine the foresight of his parents who believed their son was not too young to begin a career of music superbness.

Following the dictum: "Unto whom much is given, much is required." Rodney has been widely acclaimed for his dedication to humankind.

His good work and dedication to community is evidenced by the widespread recognition bestowed upon him by: Center of Leadership Development, Entrepreneurship Award 2005; Indiana State Museum Project, Addy Award 2005; Christian Service Charities, Board of Directors, 1999–2005, Achievement and Recognition; Addy Awards for Hoosier Lottery Commercials; Ebenezer Baptist Church, Aids Foundation, Dollars For Scholars; Indiana Black Expo; Circle City Classic, Indy Parks; Larry Conrad Vision Award, Indianapolis Downtown Inc.; United Way of America, Excellence Award; Valley Forge Freedom Foundation Award; Achievement Award United Way of America and Office of Personnel Management; Achievement Award United States Postal Service; and Honorable Discharge United States Army 1974.

Rodney is being celebrated by the Indiana History Center on July 14. His honors are noteworthy and deserving of acclaim.

On behalf of the U.S. Congress, we salute you Rodney Stepp and we wish you God-speed.

COMMENDING SERBIAN PRESIDENT BORIS TADIC ON JOINING IN THE COMMEMORATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SREBRENICA MASSACRE

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Serbian President Boris Tadic for the courage and humility he displayed by attending the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre.

Although time has yet to fully heal the wounds of hatred borne in war, President Tadic's actions stand out as a crucial first step in the process of peace. His attendance at the Srebrenica commemoration was a strong show of statesmanship and a demonstration of his firm commitment to reconciliation in that still unsettled region.

President Tadic's attendance marked the first time any Serbian representative attended the commemoration of the Srebrenica massacre. His visit to Srebrenica is an important outreach to the Bosnian people and an appropriate homage to the thousands of victims who were brutally murdered. President Tadic's presence also demonstrated Serbia's renewed commitment to cooperation and democracy and its rebuttal of nationalism and xenophobia. His attendance was also marked by his fellow democratic politicians in the Serbian Parliament in Belgrade who held a moment of silence for the victims of Srebrenica.

The Srebrenica commemoration was not the first time President Tadic made a bold statement underscoring his desire to achieve reconciliation. Eight months ago, he personally apologized to the Bosnian people for any crimes committed in the name of Serbia or the Serbian people when he visited Bosnia.

Tragically, despite President Tadic's firm leadership, dedication, and example, many Serbs still refuse to acknowledge the Srebrenica massacre; making his visit perhaps even more momentous. These actions, noble in their intent are not without dissent and protest back home in Serbia. Serbia's ultra-nationalist party, the Serbian Radical Party boycotted the Srebrenica commemoration, and even protested the moment of silence for the victims, as well as criticized President Tadic's attendance and actions.

Such intense divisions within Serbia between nationalists and democratic reformers, unthinkable a few years ago, only serve to underscore that thanks to the leadership of President Tadic, and other like-minded Serbs, Serbia is ready to face the war crimes of the past and condemn the heinous and brutal extermination of Bosnian males in Srebrenica 10 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I believe President Tadic's actions should be a sign to the world and the Bosnians alike that there is a profound difference between Serbia's citizens and Serbian war criminals; and I know that President Tadic is firmly committed to bringing those responsible for war crimes, especially those responsible for the Srebrenica massacre, including General Ratko Mladic, to justice before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) at The Hague where they will be tried for their crimes against humanity.