

That alone would seem to be enough to make a life worthwhile. But as those of us who have friends who are Marines know, a Marine never truly retires.

And John didn't retire either—he had begun working with the Boy Scouts of America before finishing his time with the Marine Corps, and his "retirement" from the Marines only meant he had more time to invest in the lives of others. He served with the Boy Scouts for a total of 10 years, working as a camp ranger and the program director of Camp Osborn. During that time, he had an active role in molding the lives of young men through the Boy Scouts, and led them by his example of service as he helped turn those boys into men.

But John wasn't finished yet. His experience in police duties and law enforcement led to the request that he serve as executive director of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, GACP, the largest professional association for law enforcement administrators in the State of Georgia. In that role, he took an active part in ensuring law enforcement was effectively represented at the State Capitol, and that the more than 1,000 executives representing agencies from across the State had their voices heard. The position with the GACP also moved John and his family to Columbus, GA.

Soon John received another call to service, and saw his influence grow wider. Senator Paul Coverdell needed regional representatives as he sought to put his staff together to effectively serve constituents from across the State after his election in 1992. John served effectively in that position, representing the Senator, and serving people in need from around the area.

Tragically, however, Senator Coverdell passed away while in office after a stroke, and Zell Miller, a former Governor of Georgia, was appointed to fill the great void left by the death of Senator Coverdell.

After the transition was complete, Senator Miller asked John to stay on his staff, and he continued to serve as regional director, and eventually assisted in the opening of an office in Young Harris, the Senator's hometown.

John continued to serve with Senator Miller until the Senator's retirement at the conclusion of his term in January of this year. And, as my term in the U.S. Congress began, John came on to my staff as my district director. He has served with distinction already, and his knowledge of the people of the Eighth District has been invaluable.

But if you set aside all the things a person has done, you can always learn a lot about a man by his family. And John meets that test as well. During all of his service to our Nation and the great State of Georgia, John has been married to a truly wonderful lady, his wife Elaine. They have just celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary. And John is the father of two children, Graham and Janet, who continue to carry on their father's vision of service to others.

And this great man, and great American, who has achieved so much, is now celebrating his 60th birthday.

Mr. Speaker, I lay before you the life and achievements, so far, of a great American, and hope all the House will join me in wishing him the best birthday wishes as he continues to serve all of us in this country.

RECOGNIZING ANDREW S. CARLISLE FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew S. Carlisle, son of David and Susan Carlisle of Saint Joseph, MO. Andrew is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 31, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Andrew will receive his Eagle Award on October 2, 2005 at Saint Francis Xavier Parish Center.

Andrew has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 5 years Andrew has been involved with scouting, he has earned numerous merit badges, honors, and leadership positions. Andrew has served his troop as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, quartermaster, and troop guide. Andrew is a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and completed Junior Leader Training. During his years in the scouts, Andrew spent 5 years at summer camp, and participated in canoe trips down the Niangua River. For his Eagle Scout project, Andrew did trail work at Bluff Woods Conservation Area.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Andrew S. Carlisle for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING NASA AND THE "DISCOVERY" CREW

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the gentleman from California's resolution honoring the men and women who led, launched, and piloted Space Shuttle *Discovery* out of our atmosphere, and into history.

I had the opportunity earlier this afternoon to visit with *Discovery's* crew: Commander Eileen Collins, Jim Kelly, Charlie Camarda, Wendy Lawrence, Soichi Noguchi, Steve Robinson, and Andy Thomas.

I have met them before, and they're as impressive in person as they will be in the history books.

Last month, these seven astronauts—and the entire NASA family—took President Bush's new Vision for Space Exploration and turned it into a reality, taking the first small steps into the space age of the 21st century.

The president's vision calls for the shuttle's return to flight to be followed by the completion of the International Space Station, the development of a new crew exploration vehicle, and eventual missions back to the moon and on to Mars.

Discovery's mission to the space station began that process, and earlier this week,

NASA announced its design and plans for the new spacecraft.

America's space program is on a roll, and we will build on that momentum, Mr. Speaker, all the way from here to the red planet.

The men and women of NASA represent the courage and drive that got our Nation into space and on the surface of the moon four decades ago.

That spirit is now igniting a new generation of astronauts and engineers, who will take our Nation ever higher, ever farther, ever deeper into the unknown.

The NASA community—whether here on earth or high above—have done heroic work in the last 2 years refocusing their efforts toward the president's vision.

The goals he has put before them would seem almost impossible to most people—and that's exactly how our space community likes it.

Congress and the entire Nation owe the *Discovery's* crew—and NASA's earthbound support staff—a debt of gratitude for their successful mission, and the only way to repay that debt is to make sure we work to finish the job they have so bravely started.

RECOGNITION OF BAYAUD INDUSTRIES

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity today to recognize Bayaud Industries, a non-profit corporation whose sole purpose is to provide job training and placement to the mentally and physically disabled in my home state of Colorado.

Founded in 1969, Bayaud Industries has provided services to over 5,000 disabled individuals and is currently counseling 200 people per year. Even after placement, Bayaud Industries continues its support, making sure that each of their clients has a case worker they can turn to, once they begin their first job.

According to the National Mental Health Association "the unemployment rate in the United States for individuals with disabilities is approximately 75 percent, the unemployment rate for individuals with psychiatric disabilities are even higher at 80 percent". People who have the ability to go work find satisfaction in their jobs because it gives them the opportunity to do something useful everyday, sadly, many with disabilities feel they have to live without this sense of accomplishment. Employment can give any person a strong sense of pride and belonging, this is the goal Bayaud Industries has accomplished for over the past 35 years.

The need for companies such as Bayaud Industries is apparent; Bayaud creates an invaluable link between the American workforce and the disabled. Mr. Speaker, I not only commend the actions of this company with their dedication to the physically and mentally disabled, but also for their commitment to businesses across Colorado.

REGARDING AMERICAN GOLD
STAR MOTHERS DAY**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, this Sunday, September 25th, is American Gold Star Mothers' Day. This important day honors not only fallen patriots, but the grieving families they left behind.

Throughout our America's history, brave men and women have left their mothers and fathers to take up arms in defense of this Nation and its ideals. Sadly, many of these heroes never return home. Although our nation will be forever grateful of their ultimate sacrifice, too often we do not remember the sacrifice of their families, especially mothers, who are left behind.

For over 75 years, the American Gold Star Mothers organization has stood strong in support of mothers who have lost their children in service to this country. Serving as a support group and a service organization, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc is a shining example of American compassion and strength. I am thankful to have an American Gold Star Mothers' chapter in Wichita, tirelessly serving and supporting one another in south-central Kansas.

This Sunday, I hope we can all take a moment to remember the sacrifices made for this country and say a prayer for the families that were left behind. I know that it is not natural for a parent to experience the loss of a child. They deserve our love, support and gratitude. We will never forget those who served and those who lost.

May God bless America, and may God bless our Gold Star Mothers.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOHN R. DIXON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dr. John R. Dixon of Brookfield, Missouri. Dr. Dixon will celebrate his 100th birthday on September 14th, and the town of Brookfield will be honoring Dr. Dixon's birthday with a parade among other festivities. It is my privilege to offer Dr. Dixon my warmest regards on achieving this important milestone.

Dr. Dixon was born on September 14, 1905. In 1931, Dr. Dixon opened his first medical practice as a physician and surgeon in Linneus, Missouri, a few miles northwest of Brookfield. In 1935, Dr. Dixon joined the Missouri National Guard which began a long career of patriotic service to our national through the Armed Services. Dr. Dixon served the United States of America with honor as a flight surgeon in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

Dr. Dixon still maintains his license to practice medicine, plays golf once a week, and drives himself. He is an active, vibrant, and healthy member of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Dr. John R. Dixon of Brookfield, Missouri as he begins his tenth decade. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Congress.

SAM DURAN: THE SAN DIEGO CHICANO
FEDERATION'S COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD!**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, Sam Duran has devoted more than 30 years of his life to empowering, advocating and improving the lives of inner city youth. As the founding chief executive (CEO) of the Urban Corps of San Diego, Sam has grown the organization from its original budget of \$120,000 to more than \$5 million. Under his direction, the organization has been responsible for training, employing and providing educational opportunities for 5,700 at-risk youth.

The mission of the Urban Corps of San Diego is to provide job training and educational opportunities to young adults in the fields of conservation, recycling and community service, which assists them in becoming more employable, while protecting San Diego's natural resources and instilling the importance of community involvement.

Sam's passion is empowering youth. He inspires leadership by helping young people provide for themselves through solid education and environmental job training within a structured environment. It has been through Sam's continuous personal belief and commitment to empowering underprivileged youth from all walks of life, and giving back to the community through integrity and hard work, that the Urban Corps of San Diego has had the honor of being the only conservation corps to have ever received a grant from the Smithsonian Museum to conduct a survey of all outdoor sculptures in the county of San Diego. The Urban Corps assessed and cataloged the condition of San Diego's outdoor sculptures in order for the Smithsonian to begin the important and much-needed work of repairing and preserving them for future generations to cherish and enjoy.

He has been a committed community leader, environmentalist and activist for his entire adult life. During his tenure as Academy Superintendent for the California Conservation Corps from 1978-1980, Sam oversaw the life skills training for 740 youth per month. As a board member of the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps, Citizens for Clean Air Policy and EarthShare of California, he is actively involved in statewide conservation efforts and has contributed to the empowerment of youth in the conservation and environmental fields through education and vocational job training.

Sam also served as the Deputy Director of Eureka Communities, a nonprofit organization created by San Diego philanthropist Deborah Szekely, to increase the capacity of executive directors of community-based organizations to improve the lives of children, youth and families in need. In that role, he encouraged other nonprofit leaders to raise environmental awareness in their organizations and communities; to better the lives of disadvantaged children and youth; and to create forums for learning exchanges that would expose leaders to effective methods and best practices throughout San Diego and the nation.

In addition to his service on the task force created to advise President Bill Clinton on

AmeriCorps, Sam serves on the boards of the San Diego Juvenile Justice Prevention Commission, the San Diego Maritime Museum, the Conservation Corps State Museum, San Diego Riverpark Foundation and the Farmworkers Institute for Education & Leadership Development (FIELD).

Sam is also a decorated Vietnam veteran who holds a Bronze Star and an Air Force Commendation with two Oak leaf clusters.

Congratulations, Sam, on this Award for Community Service!

RECOGNIZING DR. FRANK BROWN

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the accomplishments of a great citizen of the Eighth Congressional District, Dr. Frank Brown.

Dr. Brown is best known to those of us from Georgia as the President of Columbus State University, and has served in that capacity since 1988. Dr. Brown has overseen the dramatic growth of the university, and worked closely with the City of Columbus to make the school a central part of the city.

But we were able to see another side of Dr. Brown last month, when he was awarded the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Boy Scouts of America, Chattahoochee Council. The Chattahoochee Council gives the award to recognize an individual or group that undertakes outstanding service to our nation, the state, or the local community. By presenting the award, the Chattahoochee Council calls attention to the honors the contributions and good works of individuals.

Dr. Brown is a worthy recipient, due to his commitment to his community. It is my privilege to lay such an achievement before the House.

IN HONOR OF THE OPENING OF
THE ANDERSON-ABRUZZO INTER-
NATIONAL BALLOON MUSEUM**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to commemorate the opening of The Anderson-Abruzzo International Balloon Museum, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This museum celebrates and honors the long-standing tradition of ballooning in the Land of Enchantment. This opening is the culmination of a tremendous effort on the part of the Anderson and Abruzzo families and devoted friends and business partners, all of whom have shared in the vision and dream to create a world class collection of ballooning memorabilia and equipment.

The exhibits and programs stand as a testament to the history, science and art of ballooning. This museum will be a significant addition to the city known as the "The Balloon Capital of the World" and will prove to be a wonderful complement to Albuquerque's annual International Balloon Fiesta.