

McEwan to the Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa and to the wider arena of affordable housing and redevelopment.

Bob has led the Housing Authority for 7 years as a director who values the knowledge and expertise of his employees, seeks their input, and earns their respect and loyalty for relating to them as he relates to everyone, fairly and sincerely.

During those 7 years, the Housing Authority faced and weathered a crisis of change in ways that the Federal Government compensates public housing authorities for the shelter and services they provide. Under Bob's leadership, at the prospect of shortfalls, the employees of the Housing Authority of Contra Costa did not retreat from their high quality standards of service to their customers and the community.

Bob has left his mark of professional excellence in the wider community of nonfederally funded affordable housing. The Bay Point 180-unit DeAnza Gardens Apartments, which he has served as corporation president, won the 2005 National Merit Award from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. Bob has also served as a leader in local, regional and State organizations of his peers.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Bob McEwan today for his qualities of leadership by example, commitment to professional standards, and genuine regard for the welfare of the people who live in the housing he has devoted his professional life to providing.

"What do we all want?" he asks about affordable housing. "A safe community for our kids, an attractive environment, a home we are proud of. That's what DeAnza is all about".

That's what Bob McEwan is all about. I wish him a blissful retirement in the company of his wife Jean, family, friends, fellow fishermen, and, on occasion, the surprised fish, fresh from a mountain stream, having an unexpected out-of-water experience.

COMMENDING THE CLEBURNE
LIONS CLUB ON ITS 85TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cleburne Lions Club on its 85th Anniversary.

The Cleburne Lions Club was chartered on October 20, 1920 with 27 members with J. R. Keith as its first President and is the largest and most active service club in Johnson County and a member of Lions Clubs International—the world's largest service organization.

From its very beginning, the Cleburne Lions Club has been a vital part of the community—touching the lives of countless Cleburne and Johnson County citizens through humanitarian efforts and public service.

The Cleburne Lions Club provides funding for the Texas Lions Camp for Handicapped and Diabetic Children, the Texas Lions Foundation (Humanitarian and Disaster needs, Texas), Texas Eyeglass Recycling Center, Leader Dogs for the Blind (Guide Dogs), Lions

World Services for the Blind, Lions Clubs International Foundation (Humanitarian needs—Worldwide), Lions Organ and Eye Bank, Lions Drug Awareness Council, and Julian C. Hyer Youth Camp (Youth from around the World).

The Cleburne Lions Club continues to be involved locally in a wide range of activities such as Adopt-a-School (reading and listening to children read and assisting with other activities at Adams Elementary School), sponsoring Lions drug awareness speech contest and diabetic essay contest for high school students, delivering meals-on-wheels to the elderly and handicapped, providing free eyeglasses for needy children, providing college scholarships to students at Hill College and Southwestern Adventist University, volunteering for the Salvation Army bell ringing, assisting with Whistle Stop Christmas and Christmas parade, sponsoring handicapped and diabetic children attending Texas Lions Camp, collecting used eyeglasses for recycling and shipping to developing countries, providing guidance and assistance to Lions Clubs in Mexico, and leading and assisting with numerous local community improvement projects.

It is my honor and privilege to commend and congratulate the Cleburne Lions Club on its 85th anniversary and peerless record of service to Cleburne and Johnson County, Texas.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF FLINT, MICHIGAN

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a tremendous sense of pride that I rise before you today to recognize the 150th anniversary of my hometown, Flint, Michigan. This milestone will be celebrated with a series of events, during Homecoming Weekend September 23–25. Activities include a commemorative parade, pedal boat rides on the Flint River, and the opening of the newly renovated Flint Institute of Arts, just to name a few.

Although incorporated in 1855, Flint was first founded in 1819 by fur trader Jacob Smith. The fledgling community, located on the banks of the Flint River, prospered under the trading, trapping, and lumber industries, which in turn brought more settlers to the area. In the 1840's, Flint became famous for its carriage production. One such group, the Durant-Dort Carriage Company, purchased a tract of land in Flint and used the site to create a network of factories with the intention of maintaining all aspects of carriage production in close proximity. Under the leadership of William C. Durant, and with the help of Robert J. Whaley and Flint's own Citizens National Bank, this company grew to become what we know today as General Motors. Since then, Flint's history has been perpetually linked with the auto industry. The 1937 Sitdowners Strike served as a defining moment in the creation of the United Auto Workers. The Buick factory, where my father worked, and the other General Motors facilities in the Flint area served as one of the nation's greatest contributors during both World Wars, producing engines, parts, tanks, and other materials used by Allied forces in defense of the Free World.

Over the years, Flint grew to become Michigan's fourth largest city, with a population of approximately 125,000 people. It is also home to a cultural center spanning 30 acres, institutions of higher learning such as Kettering University, C.S. Mott Community College, and the University of Michigan-Flint, outstanding medical centers, thriving commercial areas, and internationally renowned events such as the Crim Festival of Races.

New projects and developments help guide its progress toward the future, while at the same time honoring and preserving its rich past. Centuries-old homes and buildings stand side by side with modern works of architecture, chronicling a new chapter in the city's history. Residents and visitors are welcomed to the downtown area by majestic arches, just as they were 85 years ago. And then there is perhaps Flint's greatest treasure, its residents. From those who have lived here for a generation to those calling it home for the first time, it is the people of Flint—my friends and neighbors—that shall always serve as its true nucleus. As a lifelong resident of Flint, my memories of the city shall always remain with me. From growing up with my family, to serving as the Member of Congress for the city, I will always look upon the city fondly; it is my home.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Mayor Don Williamson, the Flint City Council, the Sesquicentennial Committee, and all event sponsors for their vision in recognizing the need to acknowledge this occasion. Again, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in congratulating Flint, Michigan on its 150th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING JONATHAN KEMPER
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 Jonathan Kemper, son of Howard and Linda Kemper of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Jonathan 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. Michael will receive his Eagle Award on October 2, 2005 at Saint Francis Xavier Parish Center.

Jonathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the eleven years Jonathan has been involved with Scouting, he has earned numerous merit badges, honors, and leadership positions. Jonathan has served his troop as Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Historian, and Troop Guide. Jonathan holds the rank of Runner in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and participated in Junior Leader Training and was a member of the Junior Leader Training Staff. During his years in the scouts, Jonathan attended Camp Geiger and Philmont Scout Ranch. For his Eagle Scout project, Jonathan refinished a fence.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jonathan Kemper for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America