

is the Executive Director of the Charlotte Rescue Mission in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Rescue Mission ministers to people in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area who struggle with poverty, homelessness, and drug addiction. The Mission's five fold strategy aims to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional, social, and vocational needs of these folks, in a way that demonstrates God's love. Under Reverend Marciano's direction, the Mission has seen truly inspiring success rates among its clients, and I'm proud to represent people like Tony in Congress.

Rev. Marciano is a graduate of The Salvation Army's seminary. Before moving to Charlotte, he founded a shelter in New Jersey to address homelessness and addiction. Tony and his wife Dorothy have three kids, and they live in Charlotte, North Carolina with their dog, Rocky.

Founded in 1938, the Charlotte Rescue Mission continues to make a positive impact on our city. I applaud Rev. Marciano for his dedication and Christian witness—and I'm honored to welcome him to the House Floor this morning.

HONORING THE MANUFACTURED HOUSING INDUSTRY OF ARIZONA

HON. RICK RENZI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor the Manufactured Housing Industry of Arizona for its work to assist Native American Veterans by donating the materials for the Lori Piestewa Veteran's Center in Arizona that was recently featured on the popular ABC TV show, "Extreme Makeover—Home Edition" seen by 20 million viewers on May 22, 2005.

The Center is dedicated to the memory of Specialist Lori Piestewa, a member of the Hopi Tribe and a native of Tuba City, Arizona. She is believed to be the first female Native American soldier killed during wartime while serving in the United States Army.

I would like to thank Cavco Homes for its generous donation of the Veteran's Center. It took approximately 400 employees from Cavco's Litchfield, Arizona plant working around the clock for four days to complete the building. The home has several large open areas for displays and meetings, a large kitchen and dining room, and two offices or conference rooms. The house also contains a handicap-accessible bathroom, special lighting throughout the interior spaces, and a stucco exterior that fits in with the Santa Fe style architecture so prevalent in the Southwest.

I would also like to recognize the Manufactured Housing Industry of Arizona for working with Extreme Makeover—Home Edition for almost a year to help make this project a reality. The Manufactured Housing Industry of Arizona provides thousands of quality, affordable homes each year to Arizona residents and provides jobs for over 6,500 Arizona citizens in approximately 2,600 industry related businesses in Arizona.

The Piestewa Veteran's Center will serve as a constant reminder of the courage and dedicated service of our Native American Veterans and will provide them with a special place that they can "call their own."

Finally, I would like to commend all of the Native American Veterans—both past and present for their dedicated service to our country.

Therefore, I am pleased to submit these remarks to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in honor of the Native American Veterans who served our country with distinction for decades; in appreciation to Cavco Homes for their generous donation of the Piestewa Veterans Center which was built by 400 dedicated employees at their Arizona Litchfield Plant; and in recognition of the Manufactured Housing Industry of Arizona (MHIAZ) and ABC TV's Extreme Makeover—Home Edition who helped make this veteran's center a reality.

CONGRATULATING ALBERT TEGLIA ON HIS RECEIPT OF THE JEFFERSON AWARD

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Albert Teglia on his recent receipt of the Jefferson Award and to thank him for his many contributions to his community. The Jefferson Award is given to individuals for their extraordinary work in their community. Mr. Teglia, who is known simply as "Al" to his friends, received this prestigious recognition for his work with the Adopt-a-Family program and as director of the San Mateo County Children's Fund. I congratulate him on receiving this award, and I am proud that he resides in my Congressional district.

Al's work with the Adopt-a-Family program, an organization that he founded, arose after he recognized that many of the families receiving donations during the holiday had needs that lasted all year. As a result, Al suggested that volunteer families sponsor a needy family for an entire year by providing food as well as other needs including, clothing, school supplies, toys, and other necessary items. Because Al believes that directly connecting volunteers and families helps guide assistance to where it is needed most, volunteer families personally drop off the items of assistance, which creates a personal relationship between donor and recipient.

When Mr. Teglia became the director of San Mateo County's Children's Fund in 2000, he brought Adopt-a-Family under its umbrella. Since then, Al has developed a dozen programs that provide needy families with clothing, computers, school supplies, and furniture. Additionally, these programs make available vocational job training, jobs for youth, dental and orthodontic care, and education funds. Al is able to run this important program because of the generous donations and selfless volunteer efforts of many on the Peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, much insight about this extraordinary person can be gleaned by his answer to the question "Who are your heroes?" He lists five historical figures: Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Harry Truman, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Perry Como. Like his own personal heroes, Al Teglia has been a hero to many. His program reaches beyond just the immediate results because his programs perpetually help the needy. Those who have received assistance from Adopt-a-Family

and the Children's Fund, have commented that they plan to give back to the community just as the community gave to them. Not only has Mr. Teglia's work fed and clothed many in need, but also it has inspired people to give to and uplift those who surround them in their communities. Since its beginning in 1997, the Adopt-a-Family program has helped more than 200 families. In the wake of the Hurricane Katrina disaster, Mr. Teglia reminds all Americans that they can also be heroes and help the victims of Hurricane Katrina as well as the poor in their own backyard. Mr. Teglia remarked, "We need to take care of our home if we are going to set an example for the world".

Al Teglia has diligently served the Daly City community for over 30 years as mayor, councilman, and trustee in the Jefferson Union High School District. He also helped to get BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) to Daly City when he served on the Board of Directors of Samtrans. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking Al for his contributions to the community. His friends and colleagues have praised him for his selfless acts of service, and I hope the acknowledgement of this award will inspire others to devote more of their time to helping those in need.

HONORING THE FIRST PRES- BYTERIAN CHURCH ON THEIR 100TH YEAR OF CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE FLUSHING COMMUNITY

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the First Presbyterian Church of Flushing, New York. This year marks the church's 100th anniversary and during the past century its members have dedicated themselves to serving God and our community.

The First Presbyterian Church was founded in 1904 when Rev. Benjamin Parlman, unable to find any existing Presbyterian churches in Flushing, built a new church and held its first worship service on January 22, 1905. In the past hundred years, the church has grown and adapted, but it has never once strayed from its commitment to serving our community.

When hardships struck our neighbors, the First Presbyterian Church was there to ease their troubles and offer support in any way possible. During the Great Depression, with a membership of over 425, then Reverend Charles Woodbridge organized employment committees to aid those who lost their jobs. Immediately following the stock market crash of 1929, Rev. Woodbridge helped to establish a relief ministry to support those victimized by the nation's economic plight. When the strain and terror of war struck the Nation during the first and second World Wars, the church continued to console and support its members. Since then, the church has grown in numbers and expanded in size, adding new programs for youth and adults and erecting more facilities for education and worship.

In 1974 a Women's Fellowship was started and not long after Ms. Irene Galati became the first woman elder to be ordained at the

church. Furthermore, a Korean church was begun to better serve the growing Korean population of the area. A free counseling center was created in 1980, along with a clothing exchange program, both of which continue to serve the community today. More recently, current pastor Rev. Dr. John Smucker has implemented new programs such as the English Language center, which helps teach English to those in need, and the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, which is a non-profit group dedicated to raising funds for teaching English as a second language, the food pantry, free counseling services, after school programs and the Home Care Fund.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of its 100th year of service to the community of Flushing, I ask that the whole House join me in congratulating this outstanding house of worship and a strong pillar in our community for all that it has done thus far, and in wishing the church, its members and clergy many more years of success and good fortune.

IN HONOR OF GENERAL RICHARD MYERS, CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to retiring General Richard Myers. General Myers became Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on October 1, 2001. Appointed to the position by President George W. Bush, as Chairman, General Myers serves as the principal military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the National Security Council.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, General Myers is a graduate of the Kansas State University, where he entered the Reserve Officer Training Corps program, and Auburn University where he earned an MBA. He entered the United States Air Force in 1965, beginning a distinguished career of service, including logging more than 4,100 flying hours, of which 600 were combat hours in the F-4, and operational and leadership positions in a variety of Air Force and Joint assignments.

General Myers' first major command came in November 1993, when he became head of U.S. Forces in Japan and the Fifth Air Force at the Yokota Air Force Base. This assignment was followed by service as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; Department of Defense manager, space transportation system contingency support at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado; Commander, Air Force Space Command; and Commander in Chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Space Command. Prior to becoming Chairman, he served as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a duty in which he served as Chairman of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council, Vice Chairman of the Defense Acquisition Board, and as a member of the National Security Council Deputies Committee and the Nuclear Weapons Council.

Mr. Speaker, the American people have been fortunate to have General Myers serving as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for

the past four years. His fine character and dedication to service have resulted in a career of which he, his wife Mary Jo, and his three children can be proud. I know my fellow Members of the House of Representatives will join me in thanking him for his commitment to his country and in wishing him all the best in the years ahead.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF SALLY K. GRISWOLD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Sally Griswold, as she is honored by the Board of Directors of the Vocational Guidance Services, VGS, with the Herbert E. Strawbridge Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes an individual's outstanding work on behalf of VGS services that support individuals with disabilities or societal disadvantages.

Mrs. Griswold has been a passionate and unwavering advocate for the VGS since the 1950s. Her husband, the late Bruce Griswold, was recovering from polio, and turned to the VGS for rehabilitation services. Mrs. Griswold's husband and her son, James Griswold, served as Chairs of VGS's Board of Directors.

Mrs. Griswold's volunteer tenure with the VGS reflects involvement and leadership within all areas of the organization, from fund raising campaigns to program expansion. In 2004, VGS placed more than one thousand individuals back into the workforce. Three hundred and sixty of those individuals were people with significant disabilities, and 200 were at-risk youth or adults making the transition from welfare to work.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in tribute and recognition of Mrs. Sally K. Griswold, recipient of the 2005 Herbert E. Strawbridge Lifetime Achievement Award. This honor reflects Mrs. Griswold's lifelong commitment and support of Cleveland's Vocational Guidance Services. Mrs. Griswold's spirit of volunteerism and deep sense of service to others continues to raise the lives and spirits of countless individuals into the light of hope and possibility, thereby uplifting our entire community.

PREPARATION FOR HURRICANE RITA

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. McCAUL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last week, I visited the Katrina relief efforts in my district, and Vice President CHENEY and I met with the Texas Emergency Management Agency. They did an outstanding job in the Katrina relief effort, but now we are faced with another hurricane—Hurricane Rita.

As I speak to you now, Rita, a category 5 hurricane, is bearing down on the coast of Texas and is projected to hit near Galveston. Now more than ever, this kind of leadership is needed for our communities in Texas.

Along with the mandatory evacuations in the Gulf Coastal region, there currently exists a voluntary evacuation in the Greater Houston area for flood plains, and neighborhoods near main bayous. Although these evacuation orders are voluntary, the Federal Emergency Management Agency strongly suggests that in the event of a hurricane all evacuation orders must be honored to prevent needless loss of life.

If we work together, we can save lives. This is our duty as friends, as neighbors and as Americans.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM COLLINS

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, New Mexico recently lost a respected soldier, admired educator, beloved husband and father and distinguished citizen. William Collins died peacefully at the age of 84 on August 29, 2005, at his home in Albuquerque.

Bill was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on November 14, 1920, but at a young age moved with his mother and sister to Boston, Massachusetts. It was there that his father, Robert Collins, was recuperating at a hospital from wounds suffered at the Battle of Somme in World War I.

Growing up in East Boston, Bill excelled in baseball and football and attended Kents Hill Academy in Maine on a baseball scholarship. A later baseball scholarship led Bill to the University of Southern California, and after his first year, Massachusetts U.S. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge appointed him to the United States Military Academy. At West Point, Bill played on two national championship teams with Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard while simultaneously playing baseball as a feared left-handed pull hitter. Always a prankster who received numerous demerits, Bill would later claim to have held the all-time West Point record for "walking the yard" as punishment for his amusing deeds.

The United States' involvement in World War II resulted in a 3-year, early graduation for Bill's West Point class. Upon graduation in 1945, he married Doris Leary in the Cadet Chapel. A lovely lady, Doris would be Bill's wife and best friend for 60 years, a union blessed with two sons and grandchildren. Bill then joined the 11th Airborne Division as a paratrooper. He fought for his country in the Philippines and was preparing to parachute into Japan as a Pathfinder when the war ended.

Serving as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, Bill was a Company Commander in the 28th Infantry Division in Germany and an R.O.T.C instructor at the University of Rhode Island. He was then transferred to the U.S. Army Ordnance Corp and served in Redstone Arsenal in Alabama and in Korea. Following his tour of duty in Korea, Bill served as project engineer for the Sidewinder and Redeye missile programs at White Sands Missile Range in southern New Mexico. He subsequently joined the Army's Intelligence Corp and served as a counter intelligence agent in Korea, recruiting, planning and directing intelligence-gathering missions into North