

and as grounds for living history. Ms. Tolbert has been the Executive Director of this project since nineteen hundred eighty.

She took particular interest in this school because her ancestors have lived in Harford County as early as the 1700s. During her years as a student, schools, libraries, theatres, and restaurants were segregated. Here she is able to share with students of all ages the African American history unique to Harford County. Spectators are able to tour the one-room schoolhouse while learning what our fellow Americans have overcome.

This generation's students may be surprised that furthering her education seemed a mere fantasy. However, a friend, Mr. Stephen P. Moore, Jr. showed her family it was not only a reality, but an undeniable opportunity. She attended Maryland State Teachers' College in Bowie, Maryland. Upon graduation, she began work in Harford County Public School where she taught every grade level in elementary school except kindergarten and third grade. Not feeling satisfied there, her thirst for knowledge continued. She went on to obtain a Master's degree from Loyola College in guidance and counseling.

Next, she served as a guidance counselor at Aberdeen High School where she developed Harford School's first Black Heritage Club. She didn't stop there; she also worked with others to form Black Youth in Action. Despite the demands of her current job, Ms. Tolbert sought more for herself. Her quest for reaching students still did not seem complete. Back to school again, this time earning the requirements needed to qualify for an administration position. She served as Supervisor of Elementary and Secondary schools until she retired from the Harford County Public School system.

Retirement didn't last long; she accepted a position as a Career Counselor at Open Doors Career Center. Shortly thereafter, she spread her branches into the college world as she joined the Harford Community College team as an adjunct professor.

Ms. Tolbert has dedicated her life to educating the future leaders of our country. She has received awards from the Maryland Retired Teachers' Association, the National Retired Teachers' Association, and she's received an award for Excellence from Colin Powell's group America's Promise. She's also received Harford County's coveted historic preservation award for her book *A Journey Through Berkley Maryland* which she co-authored with Constance Beims. She's an inductee of Harford County's Educator's Hall of Fame, and she's received recognition by Governor Hughes for the time she and her husband spent as foster parents.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see from this incredible list of accomplishments Ms. Christine Tolbert is truly an asset to the educational field. Her heart has always been devoted to bettering our nation's youth. She is an advocate for kids of all ages. I have often heard her say that if you guide children in the right direction and educate them, they will be successful. I ask that you join with me today to applaud the tremendous work she has done for this community.

TRIBUTE TO RALPH C. DELL

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ralph C. Dell, a prominent, greatly respected attorney whose passing is a tremendous loss to the Tampa Bay community.

Raised in St. Petersburg, Florida, Ralph graduated from the University of Florida and earned his law degree at University of Florida Law School. Ralph settled down in Tampa and soon cofounded his law practice, Allen Dell, representing clients such as Tampa General Hospital and the Atlantic Coast Line railroad.

Ralph gave all his work his very best, earning acclaim not only from his loyal clients, but also from his colleagues. In 1987, he was selected by the Hillsborough Bar Association to receive the prestigious Herbert Goldberg Award. He also served as a member of the board of governors of the Florida Bar and as a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

But Ralph will also be remembered for his involvement in his community through a number of local organizations. An active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Tampa, Ralph served as an elder and clerk of session and he taught Sunday school for nearly 60 years.

Ralph's tremendous integrity, vivacious spirit, his dedication to the legal profession and the quality of his work will always be remembered. On behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I extend my deepest sympathies to Ralph's family.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WARREN M. DORN OF MORRO BAY

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Warren M. Dorn, a longtime resident of Morro Bay, California in my District, who died on January 10, 2006.

A graduate and recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award of University of California, Santa Barbara, Warren served as Mayor of Pasadena, on the Los Angeles Board of Supervisor from 1956–72, and later, as Mayor of Morro Bay. He chaired the Los Angeles Air Pollution Control District for eight years during his board tenure where he managed to have a profound impact on more than 160 laws improving our air quality. He also played key roles in the creation of the Los Angeles County Music Center and in developing airports, museums, sports areas and medical centers. He was passionate about water conservation and was instrumental in building the California Aqueduct. Throughout his time in public life, Warren Dorn was known for bipartisan efforts with all that he undertook.

This distinguished public servant also had another area of devotion: to his wife of 63 years, Phyllis, and to his three children and their families. Warren and Phyllis co-founded Morro Bay Beautiful in 1980, spending two

decades dedicated to keeping area beaches clean.

The city of Morro Bay and the state of California are forever enriched by the contributions of Warren Dorn. His friendships were many, from the famous to the not so famous. Indeed, by his life's work he was a friend to us all.

RECOGNIZING JOHN TWEEDY OF LANDLOCKED FILMS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. John Tweedy on the success of his documentary film-making company, Landlocked Films. His work is deserving of recognition for its superb quality, emotional realism, and the depth and diversity of its subject matter. John Tweedy's Boulder-based independent documentary video company is co-owned and run in collaboration with his wife, Ms. Beret Strong.

Tweedy's films have won both national and local awards and have been screened at film festivals both in the U.S. and abroad, as well as being broadcast on over 100 Public Broadcasting System affiliates in the U.S. and Canada. Before moving to Boulder, Tweedy received his law degree from Stanford University Law School and an M.A. in Sociology from Brown University. In addition to practicing law and making films, he has worked for the court system of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on Saipan. His films are as broad-ranging as his background and are inspiring and evocative.

"Lieweila: A Micronesia Story," is an apt example of Tweedy's ability to render a compelling history through his art. Using historical footage, old photographs, and the voice of a Refalawasch narrator, Tweedy helps an indigenous people give their history and describe their struggles with colonialism and modernization, creating an educational and inspirational film experience.

His films on the education of children include "Song of Our Children," "The Dance of Conversation: Strategies for Encouraging Children's Language Development," and "Training 3, from C to B: Age Transitions for Kids with Special Needs." John actively participates in local education, serving on the boards of Sojourner Charter School, Horizons Alternative School, and Kids Connections.

In another film, "Streams of Gold," Tweedy makes himself a subject of his own filmmaking. Traveling to southern Ecuador, Tweedy uncovers a piece of his own history by documenting the story of an Andean gold mining town in which his grandparents lived and worked for nearly 30 years. The result is a personal and informational film that has much to say about economics and the modern world.

Landlocked Films also produces videos profiling non-profit organizations, schools, and companies in a way that projects more heart than glitz. Each of the promotional videos is designed and produced as a mini-documentary, allowing the viewer to experience the organization from the inside out. Among recent promotional efforts are "Mothers Acting Up," showing this organization's actions to redefine

the priorities of our national government, and "Teaching from the Heart: Celebrating Ten Years of Horizons Alternative," a film that guides the viewer from the school's founding with archival footage through the present with student interviews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude to John Tweedy for making films that speak to our community socially, culturally, and artistically. We thank him for his film achievements and look forward to appreciating his films for many years to come. I wish him, his wife Beret, and his children, Paige and Marcus, good health and happiness in their future.

CELEBRATING THE RAWLINGS MUSEUM AND THE MAN WHOSE LEGACY MADE IT POSSIBLE

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Rawlings Museum in Las Animas, Colorado, and to pay tribute to the man whose legacy made this dream possible.

The Pioneer Historical Museum, which celebrates the history of Bent County, will be housed in the newly restored 106-year-old Odello Lodge building. The project is being spearheaded by the local Pioneer Historical Society and the Bent County Development Foundation, and is funded by a generous gift from Robert Hoag Rawlings, publisher of the Pueblo Chieftain. The gift was given in honor of Mr. Rawlings' late father and civic leader, John W. Rawlings.

Mr. John W. Rawlings served in the Army during World War I and was promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant shortly thereafter. While in the service, he met Dorothy Hoag who he married in April 1920. After Mr. Rawlings and his wife were discharged in 1919, they took residence in Monte Vista, Colorado and had three children: John William Jr., Robert Hoag, and Dorothy Louise.

In 1941, Mr. Rawlings became president of First National Bank in Las Animas and later became chairman of the board. He was active in the community and sought to promote progress in southeastern Colorado. Mr. Rawlings served as president of the Las Animas Chamber of Commerce. Moreover, Mr. Rawlings was an influential member of the Agriculture Committee of the Colorado Bankers Association and served as the president of the local Lions Club.

As the Rawlings Museum progresses and exhibits begin to open, I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Mr. John W. Rawlings and honoring his lifetime of contributions to the Las Animas community.

TRIBUTE TO CORETTA SCOTT KING

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I rise to remember the late

Coretta Scott King. Our nation has lost one of its great leaders, but her memory will live on forever. Her legacy will live on so that future generations will continue to know and fight for the compassion and equality that she treasured so dearly.

With the passing of Coretta Scott King, our country has lost a leader; a leader who dedicated her life to doing what was right and what was just. In order to carry out her legacy—and that of her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—we must each individually dedicate ourselves to the causes they so passionately believed in.

Equality, justice, and opportunity drive the human spirit forward, and by working on behalf of these principles, Coretta Scott King advanced the causes of mankind. My heart, thoughts and prayers go out to her friends and family. Our nation will miss her greatly.

As we reflect on Coretta Scott King's legacy, we are reminded of the challenges that democracy poses to us and the delicate nature of liberty. Her life reminds us that we must continually fight to secure and protect our freedoms. In her courage to act, her willingness to meet challenges, and her ability to achieve, she embodied all that is good and true in the battle for liberty.

After she married Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and as a young pastor he began his civil rights work in Montgomery, Alabama, Mrs. King worked closely with him. She organized marches and sit-ins at segregated restaurants while balancing an equally daunting task: raising their four children. She held the family together as it endured the tragic events surrounding Dr. King. Even after her family home was bombed in Montgomery, she persevered—at a time when most would have given up. Those children, Yolanda Denise, Martin Luther III, Dexter Scott, and Bernice Albertine are as much a part of her legacy as her dynamic civil rights work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise in honor of the legacy and life of Coretta Scott King. Her determination and dedication has made our world a better place to live, and I am proud to honor her legacy.

HONORING TONI AND DAVID "GOOGIE" WILLIS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Toni and David "Googie" Willis of Dunkirk, New York for their leadership in raising funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

This amazing pair of dedicated people have been the organizers for the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association for many years.

Their countless hours of volunteer work should never go unnoticed. These unsung heroes give their all in the effort to raise funds so that others may have a better life.

Through the years Toni and Googie have helped raise \$65,000 for the cause. Without their devotion and passion this would never be possible.

Toni and Googie have given their all for a wonderful cause without stopping to think of themselves, that is why, Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor them today.

THE "NATIONAL LEVEE SAFETY PROGRAM ACT OF 2005"

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased that prior to the end of the 1st Session of the 109th Congress, Subcommittee Ranking Member EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, Chairman DON YOUNG, Ranking Member JIM OBERSTAR, and I introduced H.R. 4650, the "National Levee Safety Program Act of 2005."

We have seen in the Gulf Region what can happen when hurricane and flood protection infrastructure is inadequate or fails to perform.

The National Inventory of Dams shows that 45 percent of all Federal dams are at least 50 years old; and that 80 percent of them are at least 30 years old.

We know less about the status and capabilities of our levees. We do not know how many levees there are in the United States, we do not know how old they are, and in many cases we do not know who constructed them or who is responsible for their operation and maintenance. There has never been a national inventory of levees.

Over the decades, levees have been built by different entities, at different times, and to different standards. They have been linked together to provide a protective system for a city, but with such a mixture of conditions, the true level of protection may be in doubt.

Every day the Nation's engineers and scientists learn more about the reliability and limitations of dams and levees. New techniques and materials are discovered in the laboratories. Without investments in infrastructure, we cannot benefit from what we have learned.

What is the condition of our hurricane and flood protection infrastructure? What should it be? Do we need to make policy changes to be sure that we are making the best investments of taxpayer dollars? Before we make a massive investment of taxpayer dollars, we need to do an inventory of levees across the United States.

That is why today we are introducing the "National Levee Safety Program Act", to get an inventory of levees in the United States and work with the States to encourage them to develop their own levee safety programs.

We have worked closely with members on both sides of the aisle and the various groups to advance the goal of improving the infrastructure in the most cost effective manner. We have received favorable feedback from diverse parties. The National Levee Safety Program Act of 2005 embraces innovative solutions for these parties and I urge members to support this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO IRVIN "MIKE" FAULKNER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Irvin "Mike" Faulkner posthumously for his tremendous service to his country and community. Mr. Faulkner passed away on December 12, 2005, and is survived by his wife