

from the Army's best officers. He then was selected to serve as an executive officer in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition). He served as a key facilitator in preparing the Army leadership for senior level Secretary of Defense and Congressional reviews for programs that were valued in excess of \$30 billion. He excelled in managing all administration, logistics support, security and automation to support 37 senior civilian and military personnel. His senior executive service supervisor called him the best officer with whom he had ever served.

He then was selected to serve as a liaison with the U.S. Congress. Lt. Col. Schoenrock worked directly with the Army leadership and with Members of Congress and their staffs in resolving matters of the utmost national sensitivity and urgency. He ensured that programs that total billions of dollars were wisely and prudently executed to provide maximum benefit to the Army and to the communities that are closely related to the Army. He excelled as the principal congressional coordinator for the prime vendor support initiative. This is the lead Army program in which the Army is considering the outsourcing of the entire wholesale logistics of a principal major weapons system, with cost savings of \$1.8 billion. He flawlessly announced nearly 1,000 contract actions, each valued in excess of \$5 million, to over 3,500 Members of Congress, totaling \$22.5 billion. He was an influential and visible spokesman on Capitol Hill.

In his last assignment, Lt. Col. Schoenrock excelled as the Inspector General for the State of Colorado. He advised and assisted the State of Colorado military leadership in the conduct of all military functions for 5,000 soldiers and airmen. He trained the Republic of Slovenia Defense Inspectorate in the conduct of inspector general functions as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, NATO, Partnership for Peace Program. He also established the effort to develop the legislative liaison function between the Slovene Minister of Defense and the Slovene Parliament. His efforts with Slovenia went far towards helping this newly-emerging democracy develop the foundation for an enduring form of democratic government and to attain NATO membership. He excelled as a member of Governor Owens' state advocate council responsible for military and veterans issues. He contributed to significant increases in the wartime readiness of the Colorado National Guard and its ability to execute a myriad of missions in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Lt. Col. Schoenrock's efforts contributed immeasurably to the Colorado National Guard's soldier welfare, readiness and public image.

As a career Army officer, husband and father, and dedicated citizen, Mark Schoenrock exemplifies what is good and right about America. His life is a credit to his family, to his home state of Nebraska, to the U.S. Army, and to his generation. His 28 years of service as a U.S. Army officer in increasingly demanding positions of trust and responsibility rising from company level to the Department of the Army staff and service with the U.S. Congress, culminating in 8 years as the Colorado Inspector General, significantly contributed to the security and freedom of the United States

of America. His career achievements influenced the lives of thousands and left a legacy of freedom that will be built upon for generations to come. His career was a credit to his generation of Americans who have served the United States of America.

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#### REMEMBERING BUNKY HUGGINS

### HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Mississippi legislature said good-bye to a long time friend and public servant. State Senator Robert Gene Huggins—"Bunky" to everyone who knew him—passed away Wednesday in Jackson, Mississippi, after a long battle with cancer.

Bunky was born in Carrollton, Mississippi on November 12, 1938. He graduated from Greenwood High School and attended the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi College. A farmer and businessman, he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1971 and reelected for two more terms before moving to the Senate in 1984 where he served for 22 years. Most recently he was chairman of the Senate Corrections Committee and had previously served as chairman of the Appropriations Committee and the Public Health Committee.

His funeral will be at his home church, St. John's Methodist Church in Greenwood.

Mr. Speaker, our prayers are with Bunky's family: his wife, Gerry and his two children and four grandchildren. He will be remembered as a hard worker and a dedicated public servant with a love for Mississippi and his Delta home. His humor and wit and tireless dedication to public service will be remembered by colleagues and constituents for years to come. I hope Congress joins me today in remembering this honored public official.

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#### RECOGNIZING ORMER ROGERS, JR.

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ormer Rogers, Jr., the District Manager for the Mid America District of the United States Postal Service. Ormer is retiring after 37 years in the United States Postal Service. He has served the Postal Service with dignity and respect throughout his career.

Ormer began his career in the Postal Service in 1969 as a letter carrier in Dallas, Texas. Over the years he has held management positions in Texas, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Tennessee, Illinois, and Missouri. As the current District Manager for the Mid America District he is responsible for providing postal services to more than 1.5 million customers in Missouri and Kansas. He manages over 13,000 employees in 710 post offices and six mail processing plants. Ormer has a reputation of treating people with dignity and respect, managing

by the philosophy of, treat others how you wish to be treated.

Ormer has always been committed to service. He received a Bachelor's Degree from Dallas Baptist University and a Master's Degree in business administration from Abilene Christian University in Dallas, Texas. He also served as a paratrooper in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He has just recently completed serving two terms as Chairman of the Kansas City Federal Executive Board. He also serves on the board of the Heart of America United Way, the board of Visitors of Park University and is president of the Heart America Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Ormer Rogers, Jr. His commitment to service and dedication to the United States Postal Service are greatly appreciated. He will certainly be missed and I would like to ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking him for all of his hard work and dedication over the years. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

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#### TRIBUTE TO MOTHER'S DAY

### HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, this Sunday, the world will celebrate a tradition born in Greece and celebrated around the world, Mother's Day.

I know that my fellow mothers in this House look forward to a special day with family. I know that my male colleagues had better be planning a special time with their wives and mothers, as well.

The birth of a child is a magical experience that changes a parent's life forever. Joy, laughter, some tears, and always love, are just part of the emotional rollercoaster ride we call parenthood.

My little girl was recently married and one day, God willing, will enjoy the experience that I wouldn't trade for a subcommittee gavel on the Appropriations Committee.

But giving birth in large parts of the world is very dangerous, even deadly. In some parts of the developing world, 1 of every 10 mothers giving birth gives her life in the process. Equally disturbing, 3 million brand new babies die in the first week of life due to inadequate healthcare.

On this Mothers Day, let us celebrate our mothers. We can hardly repay them, but we can try at least for one day. But let us also pause to appreciate the struggle mothers thousands of miles away in places we will never visit. Let us rededicate ourselves to reach out to every human hand, no matter how small or how frail.

On Sunday, please join me in honoring your mother and mothers everywhere across this small planet.