

I am very proud of the contribution the plant and its workforce provide to our regional and national economy. As a lifelong resident of Wyoming County, where the plant is located, I have seen friends and neighbors for the past four decades benefit from wonderful career opportunities and the ability to earn an honest, stable living at the Mehoopany plant.

The plant is a cornerstone of economic growth and stability in my region with its 2,300 employees and payroll of \$175,000,000. In addition, there are another 4,000 people employed as suppliers and vendors. Plant employees live in six northeastern Pennsylvania counties—Bradford, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Wyoming.

Procter & Gamble gives back to the people of the region with community and charitable giving of nearly \$450,000.

The people of my region are very proud of the role the Mehoopany plant plays in providing essential products to the daily lives of our nation's citizens. Consumers in this country benefit from the fine array of paper products, including Bounty towels and napkins, Charmin toilet tissue and Pampers and Luvs Diapers. Products produced at the facility reach over 1,000,000 consumers each day.

I want to offer my congratulations to the employees and management of the Procter & Gamble Mehoopany plant as they celebrate their first 40 years, meet current challenges and look forward to the continued growth of the plant.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLONEL
JOHN F. GROOM

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Colonel John F. Groom, who passed away on Tuesday, July 11, 2006. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on August 8, 2006.

John was originally from Rochester, NY where he attended Brockport State University earning a bachelor's degree. He later attended Syracuse Law School but received his law degree from Western Law School in San Diego after he retired from the military.

Col. Groom had a long and distinguished career with the United States Air Force, highlighted by his command of the Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team at Nellis Air Force Base in 1962 and service as an airstrike adviser to Army General William Westmoreland in Vietnam. Col. Groom was in training during World War II, and flew B-29s during the Korean War. In 1965, Col. Groom served as director of inland airstrikes under an effort code-named Tiger Hound. Later, he attended the National War College at Fort McNair in Washington, DC. He went on to become the last commander of Wheelus Air Base in Tripoli, Libya, before it closed in 1970. Col. Groom was a key player in the evacuation of Tripoli and was responsible for getting American citizens out of the city following the coup d'Etat led by Moammar Kadafi in 1970.

John spent the last fifteen years of his life living in Las Vegas. John leaves behind his wife Barbara, sons John Jr. and Tom, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker I am proud to honor the life of Col. John F. Groom. His service to this country is admirable and shows that he was truly a patriot. He will surely be missed.

CONGRATULATING COMMANDER
WILLIAM "BO" STEWART ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE UNITED STATES
NAVY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and pay tribute to Commander William "Bo" Stewart, United States Navy, on the occasion of his retirement from active duty. I commend Commander Stewart for his 21 years of faithful and selfless service to the United States Navy, and I salute him for his dedication to protecting freedom, ensuring liberty and defending the principles of this country.

A 1983 Citadel graduate, Commander Stewart joined the Navy in 1985. In addition to earning a Masters' Degree in Business Management from Troy State, his formal military education included Aviation Officer Candidate School, where he earned his "Wings of Gold" as a Naval Aviator, SH-3H "Sea King" training and UH-1N training at HC-16.

In 1987 Commander Stewart reported to San Diego, CA for his first assignment with Helicopter Squadron Fourteen, the "Chargers." After completing his tour aboard the USS *Ranger* with the "Chargers," Commander Stewart was stationed at NAS Whiting Field for his first shore tour as a flight instructor for Helicopter Training Squadron Eight. In 1993, he returned to sea duty aboard the USS *Nassau* serving as the Assistant Air Officer and Aircraft Handling Officer, deploying to Haiti and the Adriatic Sea. Following this assignment, he was ordered back to shore in Jacksonville, FL where he served as the Officer in Charge of the Surface Rescue Swimmer School and as an instructor pilot in the SH-3H and SH-60F/H at Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron One (HS-1), the "Sea Horses."

Commander Stewart returned to sea in 1997 joining Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Five, the "Night Dippers," as the Maintenance Officer, deploying from USS *John C. Stennis* and USS *John F. Kennedy*. In 1999, Commander Stewart went to the Naval Personnel Command where he served as Deputy Director and Director of Restricted Line and Staff Corps Distribution and Special Placement Division. In February of 2003, Commander Stewart assumed his final post as Executive Officer of Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL.

Commander Stewart's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal, along with other personal and unit citations. During his naval career, Commander Stewart accumulated over 4,000 hours of flight time in the following airframes: SH-60F/H, SH-3H/D, UH-1, TH-57, and T-34C.

Mr. Speaker, Commander Stewart answered the call to duty with an unmatched determination. Through his honorable service he gave

so much to Pensacola, our Navy, and our Nation. He will be missed by the United States Navy, but he leaves a great legacy behind for future generations to follow.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL
MURPHY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend, Michael Murphy, for his service as Clark County Coroner and recognition as the 2006 Clark County Director of the Year.

Before embarking on a law enforcement career, Michael earned a doctorate in Business Administration from California Pacific University. He began his service career in Kansas City, Kansas as a police officer, and after moving to Nevada, Michael became a captain with the Boulder City Police Department. He later served as the Chief of Police for nine years with the City of Mesquite Police Department. He then moved on to the position of Commander at the City of Las Vegas Department of Detention and Enforcement, and was quickly promoted to Deputy Chief.

In addition to his law enforcement service, Michael takes the time to share his expertise with others as a guest lecturer and instructor, including speaking to law enforcement agencies in Russia, China, and Azerbaijan.

Currently, as Clark County Coroner, Michael uses his thirty years of experience to manage programs, staff, and policy objectives, among other things. Michael is intrigued by the science of his office, despite his lack of scientific training. Since his appointment as Coroner in May of 2003, he has led the coroner's office in establishing a Cold Case Unit, which has since closed an amazing 29 cases. He also served for six months as acting Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services until a new director was found. Despite the long and taxing hours required by his position, he finds his work as Coroner to be one of the most fulfilling jobs he's had.

In June of 2006, during the Clark County Employee Service Awards, where the unwavering efforts of those who serve the public and efficiently spend taxpayer dollars are recognized, Michael's innovation and hard work earned him the title of "Director of the Year."

Of all that Michael has to be proud of, his family tops the list. His 26-year-old son, Brandon, and his daughter-in-law, Megan, are expecting their first daughter, to be named Caitlin, in August.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Michael Murphy for his outstanding service as Clark County Coroner. I congratulate him on being named Clark County Director of the Year, and commend his dedication to law enforcement in Nevada. Michael is a very good friend and serves as a role model for us all.