

served as president of the South Carolina Entomological Society and has served on numerous committees with the Entomological Society of America.

Dr. McCutcheon serves as president of Gamma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. in Charleston, SC. She has participated in several units of United Methodist Women, UMW, and is currently serving as historian for the UMW at Trinity UMC in Orangeburg. She recently completed 12 years as a member of the Board of Trustees at Columbia College and participated in a Roundtable with Policy Makers televised from Washington, DC in 1995, "Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America." Dr. McCutcheon was awarded the Unsung Hero Award for Outreach by the Congressional Black Caucus for her contributions to the community.

Married to Rev. Larry D. McCutcheon, she continues to grow and share in their ministry at Trinity United Methodist Church. They have been blessed with two wonderful adult daughters: Priscilla is a political scientist and Ph.D. graduate student at the University of Georgia; Carmen is an attorney specializing in health policy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Gloria McCutcheon upon her retirement from Clemson University and for her extraordinary achievements. She has stayed true to the vision of her parents and her community service, and has commanded great attention by her words and deeds.

STATEMENT RECOGNIZING THE
SUCCESS OF BUILDING SAFETY
WEEK

HON. JOHN J. H. "JOE" SCHWARZ

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the success of Building Safety Week 2006, an annual, nationwide event sponsored by the International Code Council, ICC, that took place from May 7 to 13. The goal of Building Safety Week is to increase awareness of building safety and fire prevention issues through a variety of activities on the national, State and local levels.

This year, the ICC Board of Directors and members of the ICC Government Relations Advisory Committee, GRAC, gathered here in Washington, DC and spent a day visiting with Members of Congress to help spread their message of public safety. I personally met with one of my constituents, Mr. Henry Green of Lansing, MI, who serves as president of the Board of Directors. It is my hope that my colleagues here in the House and the Senate will carefully consider the legislative priorities presented to us in these meetings.

I would like to thank these men and women for their service and dedication to ensuring that we all live, work and play in a safe built environment. Along with Mr. Green, these individuals include: Immediate Past President Frank Hodge, Vice President Wally Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer Steven Shapiro, Jimmy Brothers, Terrence Cobb, John Darnall, Gerald Geroge, John LaTorra, Ron Piester, Ed Berkel, Bill Duck, Bill Dupler, Greg Johnson, Barbara Koffron, Ron Lynn, Tim Ryan, Adolf

Zubia, GRAC Chairman Ron Nienaber, Becky Baker, Bill Chambliss, Ross Montelbano, Betts Nixon, Emory Rodgers, Lynn Underwood and George Wiggins.

Congratulations again to the hardworking and dedicated members of the ICC.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN HARRIS
FOR BEING NAMED THE 2006 AG-
RICULTURIST OF THE YEAR BY
THE CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Harris of Coalinga, CA, the recipient of the 2006 California State Fair Agriculturist of the Year Award.

John has been a lifelong farmer, businessman and Fresno County resident. He graduated from University of California, Davis, where he received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural production in 1965. He served as an officer in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968 and returned to the family's farming operation in 1968.

Becoming a true icon for California agriculture, John Harris strived for excellence since day one at the family farm. Currently, he runs an extremely diversified company growing over a dozen crops, feeding approximately 200,000 cattle a year, which are processed at Harris Ranch and sold throughout the west. In addition to his farming and cattle business, John Harris oversees the well-known Harris Ranch Restaurant and Inn located in the outskirts of the city of Coalinga in west Fresno County. As an avid horse-racing supporter, John also manages a large thoroughbred breeding farm and racing stable. John Harris is committed to bringing acclamation to the California's thoroughbred horse-raising industry. Mr. Harris is certainly a man who exemplifies an extraordinary ability to embark on new endeavors and be very successful at bringing many projects to fruition.

Aside from his businessman talents, John is a strong philanthropic supporter of his community and region as a whole. He is a member of many local community boards and contributes immensely to local groups and organizations with various missions to enhance the quality of life of Valley residents. Some of these include the National Beef Board, the California Beef Council, the California Cattleman's Association, and the Pacific Legal Foundation. Some of the community organizations he has contributed to include the Fresno Metropolitan Museum and the University of California at Davis, specifically the Veterinary School.

John Harris is a living legacy of what California agriculture should strive to be as an industry in order to coexist with other booming industries and our environment. He works hard to incorporate high technology innovations to his business practices to protect the air and the environment as much as possible. All the trucks used in his feedlot and meat packing plant run on biodiesel and both the feedlot and the meat-packing plant are state-of-the-art model buildings for the industry.

John Harris is a man of integrity, honesty and compassion. He genuinely cares for his

community and is willing to share his vast knowledge with others. In addition, he and I share the same passion for the well-being of California's Central Valley. For this and so much more, I am honored to consider John Harris as a friend and certainly commend him for all his accomplishments and extend my most sincere congratulations for receiving this prestigious award from the California State Fair.

TRIBUTE TO THE 75TH
ANNIVERSARY OF WALL DRUG

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a milestone in the history of one of South Dakota's and the nation's most beloved and recognizable roadside landmarks. This fall, the Wall Drug Store will be celebrating its 75th year of continuous operation near Badlands National Park in Wall, South Dakota. Each year, hundreds of thousands of weary road travelers simply follow the billboards to enjoy a refreshing glass of ice cold water and experience a bit of small-town South Dakota.

Dorothy and Ted Husted began their version of the American Dream when they moved to tiny Wall, South Dakota and purchased a drug store in 1931. The Hustedes set out on their own in search of a small town with a Catholic church that needed a pharmacist and found it among the 362 residents of Wall. At a time when much of the plains were devastated by drought and the depression, running a small business was a difficult enterprise. In 1936, Dorothy Husted came up with the idea to put up signs along the road offering free ice water to travelers on the hot, dusty prairie. Well, the signs did the trick, and more and more travelers came by the store. So they put up more signs on the highway, and from that point on business was booming. Before long, the Hustedes were serving upwards of 20,000 cups of ice water per day and they had signs and billboards for hundreds of miles in every direction. Today, Wall Drug signs appear all over the world, places such as London, Moscow, and even the South Pole.

Seventy-five years after Wall Drug began, not much has changed. Wall is still a small town with a population of 818. Wall Drug is still run by a man named Ted Husted although he is the founder's grandson, and there is still a working pharmacist on site. However, Wall Drug now occupies 76,000 square feet and is one of the leading tourist attractions in South Dakota. The store has become a leading retailer of authentic western art and memorabilia, from cowboy boots to original oil paintings to "genuine" stuffed jackalopes. As such, it is a major part of the economy of western South Dakota, contributing tax revenue to the town and acting as one of Wall's major employers. In fact, in the summer, Wall Drug provides 230 jobs in this town of 818 people.

I want to congratulate the Hustedes and the community of Wall on the 75th anniversary of Wall Drug. Wall Drug is an important part of our state's history, and I wish them the best on their next 75 years of success.