

recognized as having an environmentally friendly car dealership.

Mr. Pat Lobb's dealership, Pat Lobb Toyota and Scion, was recently recognized by the National Automobile Dealers Association as a certified Leadership of Energy and Environmental Design facility. The dealership is of a unique design, having exterior panels made of recycled aluminum, a cistern that captures and reuses rainwater and condensation, and a special membrane roof. Although the facility cost 5 to 7 percent more than a conventional dealership, Mr. Lobb intends to recover the difference in 3 to 5 years from energy and water savings.

Having recently built a new eco-friendly home, I have witnessed first hand the benefits of planning to construct environmentally friendly businesses. I certainly hope that Mr. Lobb's decision encourages others to follow in his footsteps.

I would like to join Mr. Pat Lobb's family and friends in congratulating him on this outstanding achievement. His concern for energy and the environment has led to a creative design that contributes to the safety and wellbeing of our community. I am proud to represent Mr. Lobb in Washington, and may his compassion and dedication be an inspiration to us all.

#### IRAQ WAR RESOLUTION

SPEECH OF

#### HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 16, 2007*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I made a statement on the House floor as part of my participation in the debate on the War on Terror and House Concurrent Resolution 63. In that statement, I repeated a quote I had read as part of an article from the Washington Times, that I believed at the time was attributed to Abraham Lincoln, because it was cited as such. I have since learned that it was not true Abraham Lincoln quote, and even though the Times never corrected the mistake, I retract my attribution. I do stand by the sentiment however, which is that in wartime, Americans, especially America's elected leaders, should not take actions that damage the morale of our soldiers and military—and that is exactly what the non-binding resolution does. I could never in good conscience support H. Con. Res. 63. Instead, I choose to support our men and women in the military.

#### BROWARD COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON IRAQ

#### HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2007*

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following resolution on Iraq by the Broward County Veterans Council passed on January 16, 2007.

Whereas: The President of the United States has put forth a plan to the American people and to Congress which calls for an escalation of 20,000 or more of our troops going

to Iraq to combat the insurrection in the Bagdad and Anbar provinces.

Whereas: The majority in Congress has put forth several plans that do not include escalation of combat troops.

Whereas: The General Election of Nov. 7th showed that the American people voted for a new direction in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Whereas: The Administration has tried four times to escalate the war with the additional troops in Iraq, all to no avail in stopping the bloodshed among the Sunnis and the Shites.

Therefore: The Broward County Veterans Council, believes that the best plan is to bring our troops home now, in a phased redeployment, and start redeploying our combat troops to the outer borders of Iraq and into Kuwait. Let's get them out of harm's way, without our troops getting involved in a bloody civil war, expedite the training of Iraqi military and police forces and let the Iraqis settle their differences among themselves. At the same time bring all the regional Arab nations to a summit meeting to discuss a final political settlement as recommended by the Iraq Study Group.

Bill Kling, Chairman, Broward County Veteran Council.

This resolution was passed by the BCVC members present at the meetings and does not necessarily reflect the views of the National Veteran organizations.

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVID BREWER

#### HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2007*

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments and contributions of David Brewer to the city of Charleston, Missouri, in the Eighth Congressional District. Mr. Brewer is retiring from his position as city manager, a post which he has held for the last 10 years. I have personally known David for 25 years as a farmer, levee board president, a banker and then as city manager of Charleston. He has excelled in every endeavor, and I am proud to call him my friend.

As the longest-serving Charleston city manager on record, Mr. Brewer has been instrumental in attracting new business opportunities for southern Missouri and to the city of Charleston. By using Tax Increment Financing and Enhanced Enterprise Zone programs to their greatest benefit, Mr. Brewer has drastically helped to enhance the business climate in our rural part of the state. His involvement was essential to making essential city improvements, especially the new city water plant and the new wastewater lagoon, important parts of Charleston's water infrastructure.

However, I cannot sum up Dave Brewer's importance to the city and the region simply by enumerating his many accomplishments. Doing so would not adequately describe Mr. Brewer's dedication to his job and to the people he serves. Whether it was his open door policy at work or his commitment to solving problems in a fair and equitable way, Mr. Brewer took his service seriously. With a concentration on the future, Mr. Brewer volunteered his time to a number of boards and community groups. Always, Mr. Brewer thinks about how good planning and full use of the resources available to a small community can be best used to the benefit of all our citizens, present and future.

Mr. Brewer's retirement will leave a tremendous challenge for the city of Charleston to replace his expertise, his skill, and devotion to his work. Fortunately for us all, Dave Brewer has left us with an excellent head start for our future. I wish him the best of luck in his retirement and thank him for his generous years of service to our communities, our State, and our Nation.

#### EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE CHARLIE NORWOOD, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA

SPEECH OF

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 14, 2007*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I rise to remember the life of CHARLIE NORWOOD. I know CHARLIE had an impact on everyone that he came into contact with and we are all grieving the loss.

I had the privilege of serving with CHARLIE on the Energy and Commerce Committee. CHARLIE loved a robust discussion of the issues. He loved the ability to debate an idea and he loved espousing his conservative beliefs. When his microphone went on in committee, you could see the gleam in his eye as he readied for a hearty exchange. His love of engaging the issues was appreciated by all his colleagues on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

CHARLIE was a man of deep conviction and integrity. He will be deeply missed, not only by this body but also by his constituents and his family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and accomplishments of Congressman CHARLIE NORWOOD.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

#### HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 2007*

Mrs. Wilson of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate to the University of New Mexico College of Education.

This past January the UNM College of Education was ranked 8th in the national Faculty Scholarly Productivity by Academic Analytics, for its teacher education and professional development programs. The college has also won nine national awards for their outstanding quality and graduates 400 new teachers a year. The creation of the Institution of Professional Development, through the College of Education, encourages greater teacher quality for New Mexico teachers.

The College of Education provides a unique education. The college has six American Indian tenured or tenure-track faculty members, more than any other major college of education in the nation. More than 20 percent of the College of Education's members are Hispanic, and they have strong bilingual and