

Korean War, thereby kindling his passion for photography. After completing his military service, Jerry earned a degree in Political Science from Southern Nevada University in 1967. During his tenure at Southern Nevada University, Jerry also worked as the audio-visual coordinator for the Clark County School District.

Jerry was also very involved in the community, and was well known for his public service and mentoring abilities. Jerry was very active in the Boy Scouts and was instrumental in the development of the Boulder Dam Area Boy Scout Council in the late 1940's. He was also very impassioned about his involvement with the Henderson Rotary Club and boasted nearly 50 years of perfect attendance; Jerry also served as the President of the organization from 1995–1996 and held many other offices.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and memory of my good friend Jerald "Jerry" Ludwig. His dedication to the community and service to his country are commendable. He will be deeply missed by all those whose lives he touched.

IN HONOR OF THE HALL OF FAME  
OF DELAWARE WOMEN 2007 HON-  
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**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 16, 2007*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to five exemplary women as they are inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women. Sujata Kumari Bhatia, Carolyn S. Burger, Liane M. Sorenson, Shirley M. Tarrant, and Val Whiting all possess extraordinary abilities which they have used to achieve great things and better their communities. Each inductee is truly deserving of this high distinction for the profound impact they have made not only upon Delaware, but the entire country.

SUJATA KUMARI BHATIA

To achieve her goals, Dr. Bhatia pursued a rigorous academic career. In only four years at the University of Delaware, she obtained three bachelors degrees in the fields of biology, biochemistry and chemical engineering in addition to a master's degree in chemical engineering. She then went on to earn both her MD and PhD at the University of Pennsylvania. Since her graduation, the University of Delaware has presented her with the 1999 Woman of Promise award as well as the 2006 Presidential Citation for Outstanding Achievement. She has also been invited to attend several symposiums for the Nation's top engineers.

With advanced training in both the fields of engineering and medicine, Dr. Bhatia has positioned herself to bring a great deal of innovation to the world of biomedical materials. She currently works for DuPont Central Research and Development as the only physician-scientist. She is actively putting her unique expertise to work by spearheading a project to develop a surgical sealant which will greatly advance the way doctors care for wounds.

Beyond her worthwhile professional endeavors, Dr. Bhatia has also dedicated herself to helping the community. By mentoring young women at the University of Delaware's Engi-

neering Department and also the Charter School of Wilmington, she positively impacts the engineering field as a whole, as well as individual lives. She further demonstrates her charitable spirit and leadership skills by serving on the Board of Directors of the University of Delaware Engineering Alumni Association, the Delaware Governor's Council on Lifestyle and Fitness, and the Delaware section of the American Chemical Society. On top of all this she is still able to find time and energy to donate to other causes such as the Ronald McDonald House, the Salvation Army, American Heart Association and the Special Olympics to name only a few.

CAROLYN S. BURGER

Carolyn S. Burger is a pioneer in the telecommunications industry. Her outstanding work ethic, effective managerial and interpersonal skills, intelligence, and perseverance have enabled her to break through the many barriers that stood in her way.

After graduating from Wilson College, Ms. Burger quickly ascended the ranks at the former Bell-Atlantic Company. She was the first woman in every management position she held at the company. She attained her goals by delivering quality, bottom-line results while still treating her employees and co-workers with the utmost respect. Ms. Burger became the first woman in the United States to lead a telecommunications company when she was promoted to President and CEO of Bell Atlantic Delaware. In this position she achieved a great deal. She is well known for bringing about legislative reform in the Delaware General Assembly which provided customers with more competitive rates. She retired from the company in 1996, leaving behind an unparalleled legacy.

Ms. Burger utilizes her strong leadership skills to effect change in the community. She champions many important issues as well as other charitable causes. She is the cofounder of "Swinging with a Star" golf tournament, which facilitates networking among women in business and raises money for girls programs throughout the state of Delaware. Her philanthropic spirit and business prowess has secured a healthy financial future for the Delaware Art Museum and helped fund programs which are invaluable to the state of Delaware.

LIANE MC DOWELL SORENSON

Throughout her prolific career, Liane Sorenson has actively demonstrated her deep commitment to women, children and families. As the Director of Women's Affairs at the University of Delaware, she championed issues relating to date rape and gender-based harassment. In addition to establishing Sexual Assault Awareness Week at the University, she lobbied to improve procedures for handling reports of rape and harassment.

A passion for public service brought her to the State Senate, where she is now a Senator and the Minority Whip. She has proven herself to be a true leader by advancing important legislative issues concerning cancer, women's health, historical preservation, and child advocacy. In recognition of her hard work she was awarded the Legislative Award from the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society in 2001.

While maintaining a busy work schedule, Senator Sorenson still finds time to give back to the community. She is Chair of the Advisory Board of the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition, a founding member and past President of the Hockessin Historical Society, and a mem-

ber of the Newark Symphony Orchestra, to name only some of the ways she gets involved. She has received many awards for her efforts including ones from the Delaware Humanities Forum and the Newark Branch of the NAACP.

SHIRLEY M. TARRANT

Shirley M. Tarrant was the founder and president of the Suburban County Hospital Task Force. In this role she tirelessly fought to bring a much needed hospital to the Newark Delaware area. After seven years of overcoming obstacles, Shirley's dream was realized when Christiana Hospital finally came to be.

Ms. Tarrant is passionate in whatever she does. On top of her devotion to bringing quality healthcare facilities to Delawareans, Ms. Tarrant is active within the community. When the University of Delaware's medical technology program was almost terminated, Ms. Tarrant played a pivotal role in saving it. She was the Founder and First President of the Newark Girls Club, the Chairperson and member of the Delaware Health Facilities Authority, and the Secretary of the University of Delaware Alumni Association among a long list of other activities.

On many occasions Ms. Tarrant has been recognized for her achievements. Delaware Today Magazine named her one of the 30 people who "changed Delaware". She was also named the University of Delaware's Most Outstanding Alumnus in 1985. She has received the Dr. Wallace M. Johnson Community Service Award in addition to many other awards commending her outstanding accomplishments.

VAL WHITING

Val Whiting is an accomplished athlete, scholar, and leader in the Delaware community. Her basketball career took off when she was in high school and played in many state championships. At Stanford University, she led her team to two NCAA Championships and was named Pac-10 Conference Player of the Year. Ms. Whiting was an alternate to the 1995 National Team, which took the gold medal at the 1996 Summer Olympics. Recently both ESPN and the NCAA recognized Ms. Whiting as one of the "Top 25 NCAA Players of the Past 25 Years."

Although she was accepted to medical school, Ms. Whiting pursued her athletic dreams of playing professional basketball. After playing abroad in Italy, Brazil and elsewhere, she returned to the United States to play in the WNBA for the Detroit Shock and then the Minnesota Lynx. She is now one of a few African-American women trainers in the state of Delaware.

Ms. Whiting is an active leader in the Delaware community. She works to motivate young people to make good decisions and lead successful lives. She is a spokesperson for AIDS Delaware in addition to volunteering for the Police Athletic League and serving on the Board of Directors of Girls Inc. She founded GAMESHAPE, a life skills program for young girls, as well as the Ms. Whiting Economic Literacy League for girls. For her efforts she has received awards from the WNBA, Wilmington Mayor James Baker, the Police Athletic League and many others.

I cannot applaud the accomplishments of these five women enough. Their ceaseless commitment to their personal goals as well as those of the broader community is testament

to their rich quality of character. They are great role models for the people of Delaware and I would like to commend their outstanding accomplishments. I wish them all the best as they accept the well-deserved honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOANN  
STRAND

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 16, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joann Strand and congratulate her on becoming National Board Certified in 2006.

Joann, a teacher at Foothill High School in Las Vegas, has a long and distinguished career as an educator and greatly deserves this notable recognition. Joann is one of two educators in Henderson, NV to earn National Board Certification in 2006. National Board Certification is a process that requires from one to three years of preparation and testing. Joann had to complete a portfolio of assignments, essays, and videotapes as well as tests which assessed her knowledge of the individual subjects she teaches. Only 116 of more than 20,000 teachers in the Clark County School District, less than 1 percent, have earned this distinction. Joann has made a profound difference in our community and we are most fortunate to have this leadership which positively impacts student achievement.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Joann Strand. Her efforts to improve the educational experiences of the student at Foothill High School are commendable. I congratulate her on her much deserved recognition and I wish her continued success.

TRIBUTE TO COACH BOB WILSON  
AND THE WILSON TIGERS

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 16, 2007*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the outstanding members of the South Carolina AAA High School Boys' Basketball State Championship team, the Wilson High School Tigers, and their exceptional coach, Bob Wilson.

Wilson High School is located in the 6th Congressional District which I proudly represent. On Saturday night, March 3, Coach Wilson led the Tigers to the first State Championship for a Florence team in 20 years.

That State Championship game took place at the Colonial Center in Columbia, South Carolina. And although the Tigers did not score a single point until the 4th minute of the game, they gathered their wits and started playing with true determination and it all paid off in the end. I am proud of these exceptional athletes and so is their community. They won 23 out of their 29 games this season.

It requires a great deal of discipline to properly balance athleticism and academic require-

ments, but these young men have excelled at both. There are six seniors on the team this year, and all of them deserve congratulations for their hard work this season.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate each of them on behalf of this Congress: Sam Muldrow, Dominique Lacy, Antwain Lyde, Greg White, Rico Young, Dalwayne Rhodes, Hiram Echols, Jamal Banks, Jamar Graham, Denzel Belin, Daron Cooper, Tracy McFadden, Shamel Brackett, Alan-Michael Thompson, and Trevonte Dixon. Their assistant coaches, Pete McCants, Rodney Barr, and David Littlefield, also deserve recognition for their hard work and devotion to these young men.

Coach Wilson's career speaks for itself: before coming to Wilson High School in 2000, he spent 5 years as head basketball coach for West Florence High School. Prior to becoming a head coach, he served as an assistant at Francis Marion University and West Florence High School.

Remarkably, Coach Wilson was involved in another historic state championship for Florence: he was the assistant coach when West Florence High School won the State Championship in 1986, the last time a Florence basketball team had won until this season.

Throughout his career, Coach Wilson has been a sterling example to his players both on and off the court. The entire State of South Carolina is fortunate to have such a dedicated and tireless advocate and role model for young men and women.

Madam Speaker, I admire the effort and teamwork the members of this team have demonstrated throughout the season and I ask you and my colleagues to join me in wishing them good luck and Godspeed in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TECHNICAL  
SERGEANT DELANO M. JACKSON

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 16, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Technical Sergeant Delano M. Jackson for his long and distinguished career in the United States Air Force.

Sergeant Jackson first began his long and illustrious career in 1986 for the purpose of continuing his education. Jackson attended Technical Training at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, Texas where he received training as a Technical Aircraft Maintenance Specialist, however he always had a passion to become an Air Force recruiter and expose prospective Airmen to the opportunities that the United States Air Force provides. Sergeant Jackson's first assignment was in South Korea attached to the 51st Generation Squadron. His next assignment was to the 2952 Combat Logistics Support Squadron at Hill AFB in Utah; where he received training as an Aircraft Battle Damage Repair Technician and was subsequently deployed to Saudi Arabia and Qatar in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Upon returning to the United States after the First Gulf War, Sergeant Jackson pursued his desire to become a recruiter and attended the

Air Force Recruiting School, from where he graduated in 2001. His first assignment after Recruiting School was in Muskegon, Michigan, where he was awarded three senior recruiter badges during his three years assigned there. Sergeant Jackson was then assigned to the 339 Recruiting Squadron as an Operations NCO, and subsequently a Marketing NCO. In October 2001, Jackson was assigned to the USAF Air Demonstration Squadron (Thunderbirds), at Nellis AFB, Nevada, as a recruiter. Sergeant Jackson was then assigned to the 368th Recruiting Squadron to recruit for the Nurse, Dental, and Officer Training School programs in October 2002.

Over the course of his long and distinguished career, Sergeant Jackson received numerous accolades. His decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Outstanding Unit Award with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Good Conduct Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Medal, the Southwest Asia Medal with 2 devices, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Korean Defense Medal, the Air Force Recruiter Ribbon with 4 devices, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Technical Sergeant Delano M. Jackson. His distinguished record of service to the United States Air Force is commendable and I thank him for his many years of admirable service. I wish Sergeant Jackson the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 16, 2007*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol on Monday, March 12 and was unable to cast votes on the House Floor that evening.

However, had I been present I would have voted aye on H.R. 85, a bill to provide for the establishment of centers to encourage demonstration and commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies; and aye on H.R. 136, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that individuals and appropriate authorities are notified by the Commissioner of Social Security of evidence of misuse of the Social Security account numbers of such individuals.

I also would have voted aye on House Resolution 89 which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that a day should be established as Dutch-American Friendship Day to celebrate the historic ties of the United States and the Netherlands. My own district exemplifies how America has been enriched through our relationship with the Netherlands. One of the cities in my district, Artesia, was founded by Dutch dairy farmers in the first half of the twentieth century. While the farms are no more, the descendants of these settlers now thrive in business, the arts and public service. I am proud of the contributions Dutch-Americans have made and pleased to voice my support for this resolution.