

During his tenure he developed several programs to promote leadership, citizenship, achievement, and community service in young people and adult volunteers. He created the Citizenship Academy, the Adolescent Mentoring Program, and the Genesee After-School Program. He was a significant contributor to the development of the Capitol Experience Program, Exploration Days, and the Great Lakes Environmental Camp.

As the 4-H coordinator for Genesee County, Brad has instilled the four values of 4-H: head, heart, hands and health, into thousands of young people. He has brought the resources of Michigan State University Extension and the 4-H program into partnership with schools, churches, community groups and youth-serving organizations to enhance the advancement of young persons throughout Genesee County.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking Brad L. Harnick for his service to our youth. His innovative programs have educated, his creativity has inspired, and his leadership has enhanced the lives of countless children. I am grateful that he devoted his life to giving life skills to the young people of Genesee County and I wish him the best for the future.

HONORING MERCY HOSPITAL CADILLAC ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS PUBLIC DEDICATION

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the founders, administrators, staff and supporters of Mercy Hospital Cadillac as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of the hospital's public dedication.

Madam Speaker, Mercy Hospital Cadillac has helped to ensure that the local community has remained healthy and productive since 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Delos F. and Esther Diggins started construction on a home for the sick in 1907 and entrusted it to the Sisters of Mercy in 1908. It admitted its first patient on January 15, 1908, and it was dedicated to its purpose by a reception to the public on January 20, 1908. It will be rededicated to its purpose during a public celebration on Sunday, January 20, 2008.

From 1908 to 1934 Mercy Hospital conducted a nursing program titled the "Mercy Hospital School of Nursing," which prepared young women for careers as skilled nurses. In 1952 the Mercy School of Practical Nursing was founded, and it educated 1,115 students before closing in 1985. It was ranked first or second by the Michigan Nursing Board in its last 16 years.

The hospital is currently engaged in an \$11 million capital campaign to modernize its facilities and invest in new technologies, which so far has provided it with the means to construct a 1,800-square-foot Obstretical Unit, a new emergency department and a new radiology department. The initiative will build upon the hospital's successes and ensure that it has the best equipment, expertise and infrastructure.

Mercy Hospital Cadillac provides health care services to more than 60,000 residents across four counties, and with more than 600 employees is one of the area's largest employers.

Madam Speaker, Mercy Hospital Cadillac has contributed greatly to its community by continuing the legacy of Mr. and Mrs. Diggins and is deserving of the recognition of the U.S. House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING THE
LEWISVILLE INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR RECEIVING AN AA+ BOND RATING FOR
2007

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of Lewisville's Independent School District. The Lewisville Independent School District has received an AA+ bond rating for 2007.

District officials apply for the ratings each year, which are granted by Standard and Poor's Corporation of New York. Lewisville is the only district in Texas, and one of three districts in the Nation, to receive such a rating this year.

The Lewisville Independent School District has demonstrated a strong aptitude for increasing fund balances while responding to modifications in State funding policies. The AA+ rating is an improvement from the district's AA rating in 2006.

The Lewisville Independent School District has managed to increase its bond rating from AA- to AA+ in two years, despite statewide school finance issues. State funding policies have been changed multiple times throughout the last decade, and Lewisville has positively modified its spending practices each time in response.

I extend my sincerest congratulations to the City of Lewisville and the Lewisville Independent School District. It is my hope that they will continue to be as fiscally responsible and resourceful as they have proven themselves to be in the past. It is my honor to represent them in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING GENEVA MAE SMITH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause an ask you to join me in recognizing Geneva Mae Smith of Gladstone, MO. Geneva celebrated her 100th birthday on January 9, 2008, and it is my privilege to offer her my warmest regards on achieving this important milestone.

Geneva Mae Richardson was born to Lille Mae and Lee Howard Richardson in Kansas City, KS, on January 9, 1908. Geneva was one of eight children born into the Richardson family. On October 11, 1924, Geneva married Chester Melvin Smith. Geneva and Chester had four children: Geneva Mae, Chester Melvin, Georgia Bea, and Frank Cooper. After

Geneva's parents passed away, she also cared for and raised her baby brother Glenn.

Chester and Geneva remained active in the community during their marriage by participating in Chester's Masonic Lodge and American War Dads. For 12 years Geneva was the national pianist for the American War Dads organization. After Chester's death Geneva remained active in American War Dads and other community organizations.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Geneva as she celebrates her 100th birthday. It is an honor to represent Geneva in the United States Congress, and I wish her the best of luck in the future.

HONORING ROBERT CRAWFORD

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Robert Crawford, for his retirement and years of dedicated service to the citizens of Berkeley County.

"Bob," as he is better known to his friends and colleagues, has served as the executive director of the Berkeley County Development Authority since March 1990.

During his tenure, he has experienced the many changes Berkeley County has undergone in the past 18 years as it transformed from a small rural county to a bustling bedroom community of the Washington, DC metro area. Bob has worked tirelessly to assure that all the needs of the county were sufficiently met despite surging growth and infrastructure challenges.

As executive director of the Berkeley County Development Authority, Bob has been involved with the development of the two major industrial parks; Cumbo Yard Industrial Park and Tabler Station Business Park. He also played a major role in recruiting industries to the area that serve as the county's major employers.

It is an honor to congratulate such a distinguished public servant for his years of service and contributions to Berkeley County and the State of West Virginia. I'm proud to call Bob a friend and fellow West Virginian. I wish him all the best in the years to come.

HONORING SAMUEL ARTHUR
FRIEDMAN

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Professor Samuel Arthur Friedman for his devotion and extensive contributions to the science and literature of geology.

As a leading authority on coal geology and resources, Professor Friedman developed his passion early on earning his undergraduate degree from Brooklyn College, a master's in geology from Ohio State University along with completing graduate work in geology at Indiana University and the University of Tennessee.