

In 1983, Jack's 794-page book, *A Comets' Tale*, was published. The book chronicles the history of Olive Hill High School athletics and serves as a testament to his knowledge and love for the many students that he coached.

Jack served the Carter County Board of Education for 60 years, working as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent and supervisor. Though he loved coaching and working for the schools, his family always came first. Jack developed a deep faith in God and became an active member of the First Baptist Church in Olive Hill.

I ask that today, as we pay tribute to Jack's extraordinary life of service that we send to Jean, Jack's wife of 60 years, and the rest of the Fultz family, our deepest condolences. Jack continues to be a role-model for all of us and his memory will live on through his life's work.

TRIBUTE TO KANSAS CIVIC PHILANTHROPIST
DEFFENBAUGH RON

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, Ron Deffenbaugh, of Shawnee, Kansas, the founder of Deffenbaugh Industries.

Recently, the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce presented its 2007 Citizen of the Year Award to Ron Deffenbaugh, who moved to the Kansas City area at age 9 and started a trash collection business with one truck at age 15 in 1957. Since that modest beginning, Deffenbaugh Industries became the largest privately owned refuse firm in the Midwest, including the Johnson County landfill, Deffenbaugh Disposal Service, Shawnee Rock and Johnny on the Spot. Deffenbaugh sponsors annual city events, including Old Shawnee Days, Fields for Freedom, Tidy Town, Shawnee Christmas Around Town., and the Great Grillers barbecue competition. In 2007, Deffenbaugh sold his company to DLJ Merchant Banking Partners.

At the conclusion of the annual Chamber dinner, Deffenbaugh Industries President Mark Rosenau announced a \$500,000 donation from Deffenbaugh to the Shawnee Town renovation project. As Rosenau said, "Ron started Deffenbaugh Disposal Service 50 years ago, and he always had a special affection for Shawnee. He was always quietly generous when it came to requests for services, donations and support from Shawnee groups and individuals. When Ron was informed he had been selected for this most prestigious award, he said he wanted to give something back to his city. He knew the city planned to rebuild Shawnee Town and he decided he wanted to help with that effort."

The City of Shawnee recently issued a press release commending Ron Deffenbaugh for his recent gift to the city and for his lifetime of service and support. Madam Speaker, I include that statement with my remarks and know that all members of the U.S. House of Representatives join with me in commending this outstanding community leader:

DEFFENBAUGH DONATES TO SHAWNEE TOWN

What a wonderful Night in Casablanca, shared by Shawnee City Officials and busi-

ness leaders at the Sheraton this past Saturday! The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce hosted their Annual Dinner, which is a gala event honoring civic and business leaders in the community and celebrating a year of great achievement. The theme of Casablanca was apparent through the fashionable attendees and tropical atmosphere of the event. Many leaders were honored at the event including past Chairman and former Shawnee Mayor Jim Allen for his 2007 leadership of the Chamber, Councilmember Dawn Kuhn for the 2007 Ambassador of the year and Ron Deffenbaugh was named 2007 Citizen of the Year.

The citizen of the year honor was well deserved by Ron Deffenbaugh for his countless contributions to the Shawnee community. Deffenbaugh moved to the Kansas City area at the age of nine and started his trash collection business with one truck at the age of 15 in 1957. Since those modest beginnings, Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc. has grown to become the largest privately-owned refuse firm in the Midwest. Deffenbaugh Industries has expanded over the years to include the Johnson County Landfill, Deffenbaugh Disposal Service, Shawnee Rock and Johnny on the Spot. Deffenbaugh saw significant success and this has been shared with the Shawnee community through donations to the City and countless organizations in the community.

Deffenbaugh annually sponsors many of the City events including Old Shawnee Days, Fields for Freedom, Tidy Town, Shawnee Christmas Around Town, St. Patrick's Parade, Sister Cities Program, Great Grillers BBQ Competition and various other events and programs. They have been a wonderful community partner always generously contributing to Shawnee. Deffenbaugh executives, Tom Coffman and Mark Rosenau accepted the award on behalf of Ron on Saturday and announced that he was pledging \$500,000 to the renovation of Shawnee Town. Shawnee Town is an outdoor museum interpreting small town rural life from the 1920s, which includes a museum grounds featuring a home, barn, school, post office, chapel, fire station, various businesses, and gardens. The strategic plan for the renovation of the area was approved in 2007, and this donation will be a tremendous help in getting the project started. The City is extremely grateful to Ron Deffenbaugh and applauds his honor of being named 2007 Citizen of the Year!

CONGRATULATING JONATHAN M.
SCHNEIDER

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Jonathan M. Schneider, my departing district office director and communications director who was recently appointed the Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Brookhaven on Long Island.

Jon is a hard-working and dedicated public servant who has consistently demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the people of eastern Long Island. As one of my original staffers, I have enjoyed watching Jon develop and sharpen his communications and political skills.

Jon started as a press secretary when I opened my Washington office in 2003. He became a trusted advisor who helped shape and carry out my agenda. He was already an ex-

perienced congressional staffer with service as Congressman STEVE ROTHMAN's press secretary. Additionally, he brought energy and environmental policy expertise to my staff as a former national political representative of the Sierra Club.

When Jon moved back home to Long Island, I was delighted to keep him on board my staff as the communications and district office director. As the leader of my office in Coram, New York, I have always been able to count on Jon's counsel to deliver effective constituent services.

Jon has also excelled at advocating key transportation and infrastructure projects on Long Island. He has helped me advocate important conservation initiatives, particularly the preservation of open spaces and biodiversity in Long Island Sound. He was also instrumental in helping me secure a federal study of the severely polluted Forge River in Mastic, New York.

Such important assignments involved working closely and almost daily with multiple levels of local elected representatives and maintaining important working relationships with government officials, civic groups and community advocacy organizations. As such, Jon proved to be an invaluable asset to my staff, both as a skilled professional and through his friendly, light-hearted nature.

Jon currently resides in Port Jefferson Station with his wife, Mary Ellen, their nearly five-month-old daughter, Eleanor, along with a notorious yet very talented pet tortoise named Boris. While I am saddened to see him leave my staff, I congratulate Jon on his appointment and will look forward to observing his continuing career in public service in the years ahead.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my staff and the people of the first congressional district of New York, I thank Jonathan M. Schneider for his hard work to improve the lives of eastern Long Island's residents. I wish him and his family continued success, good health and the best of luck for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE REVEREND DR.
CARL F. BROOKS

HON. TIM MAHONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Mr. MAHONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor Dr. Carl F. Brooks for his commitment to service in his community and his church, First Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Punta Gorda, Florida. Dr. Brooks has employed his selfless vision to promote and provide resources that help people turn to God.

Sunday February 10, 2008 will mark the 28th anniversary of Dr. Brooks' service as Pastor of First Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. He began in 1980 when Punta Gorda was a small town on the southwest coast of Florida. As Punta Gorda grew, his vision and mission to serve expanded to provide human services and educational resources.

The Reverend Dr. Brooks is quoted as saying "The future is not something you enter, it is something you create. We will not continue with 'Business as Usual', we will be guided by an authentic vision through which the Kingdom's agenda is accomplished."