

Chavez and Dolores Huerta founded the National Farm Workers Association, later to become the United Farm Workers, UFW. Chavez had the foresight to train his union workers and then to send many of them into the cities where they were to use the boycott and picket as their weapon. The UFW would soon become a significant political force, demonstrating that Mexican Americans could and would participate in electoral politics.

Chavez was able to successfully organize farmworkers because of his tireless leadership and nonviolent tactics that helped pass laws which would permit farmworkers to organize into unions and allow collective bargaining agreements. He also helped make people aware of the struggles of farmworkers for fair wages and safer working conditions. His movement was the beginning of La Causa, "The Cause," a cause that was supported by organized labor, religious groups, minorities, and students.

Cesar Chavez, the founder and president of the United Farm Workers of America, AFL—CIO, died peacefully in his sleep on April 23, 1993. On August 8, 1994, Cesar Chavez was posthumously awarded the Medal of Freedom, our country's highest civilian honor, by President Clinton. Since his passing, ten States across the country have paid tribute to his memory by celebrating a statewide holiday name in his honor, including my home State of Texas.

Cesar Chavez left our world better than he found it. He taught us to face and overcome adversity with the rallying cry of "Si Se Puede!", or "Yes We Can!". His legacy inspires not just the more than 45 million Latinos in this country but every person who believes in nonviolence as a means to achieve social change. He truly was, in the words of Senator Robert Kennedy, "one of the heroic figures of our time."

ON THE BIRTH OF SARAH ELIZABETH BURT

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my cousin Elizabeth Hatchell Burt and her husband Travis Ryan Burt of Columbia, South Carolina, on the birth of their new baby girl. Sarah Elizabeth Burt was born on March 31, 2008, weighing 8 pounds and 3 ounces. She has been born into a loving home where she will be raised by parents who are devoted to her well-being and bright future.

I am so excited for this new addition to our family. I want to congratulate Sarah's grandparents James Clarence Hatchell, Jr., and Dale Wilson Hatchell of Lexington, SC, and George W. Burt and Ramona L. Burt of Williston, SC. Additionally, I wish to send our best wishes to Sarah's great grandparents Richard Bryan Wilson and Mary Dale Lott Wilson of West Columbia and James C. Hatchell, Sr., of Columbia, as well as Frances Burt of Alabama. On behalf of my wife Roxanne, and our entire family, we want to wish Elizabeth, Travis, and Sarah all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, on March 31, 2008, I was unavoidably detained. I would like the record to reflect that had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on rollcall No. 147, To reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall No. 148, To provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, I would have voted "yea"; and on rollcall No. 149, Supporting the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, I would have voted "yea."

AMBER WESTERFIELD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Amber Westerfield who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Amber Westerfield is a student at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Amber Westerfield is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Amber Westerfield for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING GABRIELLE FOWLER FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Gabrielle Fowler showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Gabrielle Fowler was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Gabrielle Fowler always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Gabrielle Fowler

on winning the Girls' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

HONORING MS. HALLEY PAGE UPON RECEIVING THE 2008 GEORGIA ELEMENTARY SCIENCE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD BY THE GEORGIA SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great enthusiasm to congratulate Ms. Halley Page for receiving the 2008 Georgia Elementary Science Teacher of the Year Award from the Georgia Science Teachers Association. Ms. Page is a science teacher at Fowler Drive Elementary School in the Clarke County School District, which is located in the heart of the congressional district, which I am proud to serve.

Throughout her 23 years as an elementary school teacher, 20 of which have been at Fowler Drive Elementary, Halley Page has been a role model and inspiration to the literally thousands of children whose lives she has touched and influenced. A graduate of Georgia Southern University, Ms. Page holds advanced degrees from the University of Georgia. Her dedication to teaching and her love for science are clear and obvious not only to the students who have had the privilege of having her as a teacher but also to the teachers whom she has befriended and mentored.

Today, Ms. Page spends many hours outside her regular schoolday working with her fellow science and Spectrum teachers throughout the district in developing and implementing a science curriculum that flows and maximizes the potential of every one of her students. Ms. Page has been instrumental in strengthening a partnership between Fowler Drive Elementary and the Richard Russell Agricultural Research Center, United States Department of Agriculture, often hosting USDA scientists who have come into the classrooms to provide our children with real hands-on experience. She also brings in multiple guests throughout the school year which not only excite the students about learning but also gives them an opportunity to learn about the outside world.

Accolades such as this one are not new to Ms. Page. She is a three-time Fowler Drive Elementary School Teacher of the Year—1994–1995, 1995–1996, and 2003–2004—and she also received the 2002 Georgia Marine Educator of the Year awarded by the Georgia Association of Marine Educators. Halley Page is indeed worthy of all of these great recognitions and the congratulations of the House of Representatives.

Also worthy of recognition are the more than 12,000 students who attend over 20 schools that make up the Clarke County School District. With over 19 native languages spoken throughout the district, many students face constant difficulty as they work to achieve their greatest potential. With the help of their teachers, parents, and the support of the community, they are overcoming the challenges and

succeeding. Just this past year, the graduates of the district's high schools received over \$2 million in academic scholarships—not including the HOPE Scholarship. They are all to be congratulated for a job well done.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the over 2,000 faculty and staff working tirelessly throughout the school district. Their hard work and devotion to the students of Clarke County are succeeding. I also acknowledge the commitment of Superintendent James Simms and School Board Members Charles Worthy, Chester Sosebee, Denise Mewborn, Vernon Payne, David Nunnally, Sr., Allison Wright, John Knight, Sidney Anne Waters, and Ovita Thornton.

All of these great individuals, most especially Ms. Halley Page, deserve our highest praise and the commendation of the House of Representatives.

HONORING DON LOPEZ'S SERVICE  
TO THE SMITHSONIAN AND HIS  
COUNTRY

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Donald S. Lopez.

Don, described as a "walking encyclopedia" by his friends and colleagues, was hired by the Smithsonian as assistant director for aeronautics in 1972. He was part of the team, which included Apollo astronaut and then director Michael Collins, that planned the National Air and Space Museum, which opened in 1976 and would become the most visited museum in the world.

Don's love of and knowledge of flight began as a boy—seeing Charles Lindbergh parade through the streets of Brooklyn, New York; reading World War I aviation publications; and hitching rides on barnstormers. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1942. A year later, Don received his wings. During his 2 years in China, he flew 101 missions and scored five victories to become a World War II ace fighter pilot. He received the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross with One Oak Leaf Clusters, Soldier's Air Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Soldier's Medal, and Chinese Breast Order of Yun Hui.

After World War II, he became a test pilot and finished his education, earning a master's degree in aeronautics from the California Institute of Technology. Apollo 8 astronaut Frank Borman was one of his classmates. In the early 1960s, Don helped establish the aeronautics program at the new U.S. Air Force Academy. He retired from the Air Force in 1964 and worked as a systems engineer on the Apollo-Saturn Launch Vehicle and Skylab Orbital Workshop.

Lopez became deputy director of the National Air and Space Museum in 1983 and held various advisory positions through the late 1990s. He was most proud of the Pioneers of Flight gallery, which he filled with "such great airplanes." In his lifetime, he flew more than 32 different types of aircraft.

I am especially grateful to Don for choosing my constituents at Corporate Flight Management and Tangent Industries to rebuild and modify a Cessna 150 for an interactive display in the museum's How Things Fly gallery.

Don Lopez will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery on April 22, 2008. A memorial fund at the National Air and Space Museum has been named in his honor.

Donald S. Lopez—a war hero, test pilot, educator, and preserver, of our Nation's aeronautic achievements—was truly a renaissance man.

RECOGNIZING CORONA DEL SOL  
HIGH SCHOOL'S STAND CLUB

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the STAND Club from Corona del Sol High School in my hometown, Tempe, Arizona, for its dedication to addressing the genocide in Darfur. The school club has worked tirelessly to raise over \$7,000 for the Backpack Project and the Solar Cooker Project, which provide direct aid to the people in Darfur.

STAND, a group of about 30 high school students that was started just a year and a half ago, has spent countless hours doing fundraisers and projects to support and raise awareness of the Darfur cause. Specifically, the students have organized Thankful Thoughts at Thanksgiving and a Guitar Hero competition at Corona's Bonfire, as well as numerous candy, cookie, and candle sales. I would like to congratulate the students on their efforts to raise an additional \$3,000 through its silent auction fundraiser, One Night STAND. Including guest speakers from the Lost Boys of Sudan, the upcoming event seeks to both raise money to directly assist those affected by the genocide as well as raise awareness about the ongoing tragedy.

The students should be proud of their accomplishments. I congratulate them on a job well done and ask them to keep up the good work.

HONORING MR. GEORGE NTIM, RECIPIENT OF J. WILLARD MARRIOTT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. George Ntim, in recognition of receiving the J. Willard Marriott Award of Excellence. As director of guest relations and community services at the New York Marriott Marquis, Mr. Ntim is receiving this prestigious award for his dedication to excellence in service and hospitality. This is quite an honor as this award will be given to only nine individuals in the entire global operations this year.

Madam Speaker, the dedication that Mr. George Ntim shows to his profession is truly praiseworthy, and I thank him for his service to his numerous clients. I have personally had the good fortune to know Mr. Ntim, as he has assisted me various times during my stays at the Marriott. His affable personality and enthusiasm certainly does not go unnoticed, and contributes to his professional success. The hard work Mr. Ntim exhibits on a daily basis exemplifies that he is truly deserving of this honor.

IN HONOR OF MARY QUARRIER  
GOURLEY

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Quarrier Gourley, who passed away on Friday, March 14, 2008.

Mary, who was known to most people as Molly, was born in 1932 and grew up in Modesto, California. She attended Modesto Junior College and later Zweegman's School for Medical Assistants in San Francisco. In 1957, she married William H. "Bill" Gourley, who was a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. While Bill traveled the world for the United States Army, Molly was at his side. Over a 35-year span they covered every corner of the United States and Europe. Even after Bill retired, they continued to hit the road often. Among Molly's favorite places to visit were Washington DC., Germany and Turkey.

Molly loved to spend her time researching her genealogy, gardening, traveling, and entertaining her friends and family. Through genealogy, she discovered her families' extraordinary history. She had family members who took part in the American Revolution and joined the Daughters of the American Revolution. Molly had a great amount of pride in her family origins. It was that pride in her family history that she imbued in her own family and what built strong bonds among them, bonds that keep them close despite being settled in disparate places.

I always knew Molly as a vivacious, bubbly person—always full of life and laughter. But that bubbly spirit was not to be confused with frivolousness. Absolutely not. Molly was a person of depth and substance, a woman of strength. Hers was a presence always felt and will be sorely missed.

Molly is survived by her husband, William Gourley, who attained the rank of Major General in the U.S. Army and is now retired: her son Michael; and daughter Cecily, Carolyn, Mary Jane; and her nine grandchildren. She will be laid to rest at Arlington Cemetery later this month.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Mary Quarrier Gourley, who was a thoughtful and loving wife, mother, and grandmother.