

District, I congratulate Ray Chambers on winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

HONORING BETH GLASS FOR
WINNING THE GOLD AWARD

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Beth Glass for winning the Gold Award, the Girl Scouts of the USA's highest honor for girls 14–18 years old.

Last summer, Miss Glass set out to complete the required 50 hours of community service. Desiring to honor community firefighters, she decided to repaint fire hydrants, a task she considered both achievable and extremely important since fire fighters rely on the hydrant's color to gauge how much water can flow through an individual hydrant.

Not only did Miss Glass accomplish her community service requirement of 50 hours, she went above and beyond when she put in 69 hours of service. In addition, she managed to engage her friends, family and the community on the project. While her friends and family helped paint, community hardware stores donated supplies.

A resident of Jacksonville, Texas, Miss Glass is a senior at All-Saints Episcopal School in Tyler, Texas, and has been a Girl Scout since fourth grade.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize Beth Glass for not only winning the highest Girl Scout honor, but for her dedication to serving her community.

CARING FOR VETERANS IN
AMERICA'S HEARTLAND

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, since 1993 HVAF (Helping Homeless Veterans and Families) of Indiana, Inc. has been committed to assisting our Nation's veterans overcome the challenges of homelessness. I rise today to honor this remarkable organization, and it's most recent initiative, Operation Heartland, which has dedicated itself to taking care of the needs of our heroes.

HVAF has successfully organized projects such as small-scale supportive housing units for homeless vets and the Veteran's Service Center where homeless veterans can obtain food, clothing, hygiene products, IndyGo bus tickets, and use shower facilities; but Operation Heartland is perhaps HVAF's most ambitious project to date. The goal of Operation Heartland is to raise funds to furnish a 40 unit apartment building as the Donald W. Moreau, Sr. Veterans House. Hopefully by August of this year the Moreau House will be up and running and able to accommodate 40 homeless veterans, many of whom have substance

abuse or mental health issues. While staying at the Moreau house, homeless veterans will have the opportunity to receive counseling and other rehabilitative services from HVAF staff, in hopes of returning to society as productive citizens.

In a vote of confidence that HVAF would be successful, Oprah Winfrey's Big Give program recently gave \$5,000 to help Operation Heartland get off the ground. Since then, the outpouring of support for Operation Heartland generated by Hoosiers has been substantial. Many of the donors who have already committed to the program include the Indianapolis Colts, FedEx Corporation, and Cathedral High School. One individual donor personally committed to provide over 15 percent of Operation Heartland's entire goal, and a local mom, who couldn't provide funding, committed her quilting group to provide quilts for the Moreau House.

Caring for our veterans—the men and women who have provided such an incredible service to our country—is one of the most important things we can do. Operation Heartland will help to get our veterans off the streets and into safe homes and satisfying jobs. Our homeless veterans, who have served our country with the utmost courage, honor and dignity, especially deserve the kind of second chance that Operation Heartland and similar initiatives can provide. Madam Speaker, organizations like HVAF of Indiana are working hard to repay the debt we all owe to all the men and women who ever served in our Armed Forces. They deserve our support, our respect and our profound thanks; and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the exemplary efforts of HVAF of Indiana.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, yesterday, on April 8, 2008, I was unable to vote due to official business outside Washington. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote Nos. 161, 162, and 163.

TRIBUTE TO ALLEN RUBY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, tonight Allen Ruby will be honored by the University of Santa Clara School of Law. Since the House is in session, I will not be able to participate in this important event. But I do want to note that there is no one more worthy of honor and recognition as a lawyer and as a person than Allen Ruby.

In 1965, after earning his bachelor of arts from Michigan State University in only 3 years, he came west to Stanford Law School. Since graduating from Stanford Law School in 1969 he has practiced criminal and civil law in San Jose. His demonstrated skill and commitment to justice enabled him to be admitted to the Supreme Court Bar in 1993.

I first came to know Allen Ruby when I was a member of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. The county was embroiled as a defendant in long-standing litigation. As the only county supervisor who was also an attorney, it fell to me to recommend to my colleagues the best lawyer in town to represent the county's interest. Allen Ruby was the best. To participate with Allen Ruby in preparation of the county's case was to watch an attorney of rare talent. He acted with integrity and ingenuity and served the people of Santa Clara County well.

Allen Ruby has represented a who's who of clients not only in Silicon Valley, but around the United States.

One of his most important public interest cases was the government false claims whistle-blower case, United States of America ex rel Henry Boisvert v. FMC Corp. The matter began when Boisvert, an FMC test analyst, found deficiencies in the U.S. Army's Bradley Fighting Vehicle. The all-terrain vehicle was designed to carry troops and equipment through water and on land but it leaked, making it a danger for troops. As a result of his continued reporting of vehicle flaws, Boisvert was terminated from his employment. Allen Ruby was able to prove that the termination by FMC was wrongful after he filed suit under the False Claims Act.

Ruby's zealous representation of Boisvert for the last 5 years of this 14-year lawsuit resulted in an important victory for the public interest as well as the individual whistle-blower.

Mr. Ruby's extraordinary ability in trial is also appreciated by his colleagues. Their respect for Mr. Ruby gained him membership in the American Board of Trial Advocates and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. In 1999, the Santa Clara County Trial Lawyers Association named him Trial Lawyer of the Year.

Mr. Ruby's integrity was not just noted by clients and colleagues, the Santa Clara County Superior Court also recognized his expertise and skill by naming him Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Pro Tem, presiding over jury trials and court trials from 1987 to 1991.

Allen Ruby's legal career is impressive and his legal acumen has made him an attorney who has merited the trust of individuals and corporations in the most crucial of times. But the legal acumen that has inspired that trust is built on his values and deep commitment to justice.

His personal sense of responsibility to insuring access to our system of justice has moved him to take action outside of his profession as well. Amidst his landmark cases, he has still made time to serve others in several capacities, including as a Silicon Valley Law Foundation board member.

Allen Ruby is honored and famed as a trial lawyer, but he grew up in a family of modest means. He was blessed by parents who loved and nurtured him and helped him to develop the values that have served him well throughout his life. Between high school and law school Allen Ruby followed in the footsteps of his father and was a wrestler on the Midwestern professional wrestling circuit. He learned many lessons through this experience, many of which have contributed to his success as an attorney. He has stated about the experience, "I learned how to get beat and not

whine about it, and that was the most valuable lesson I could have learned as a trial lawyer.”

Allen Ruby is not only a spectacular lawyer, he is a valued friend and a respected member of our community in Silicon Valley. I join with Santa Clara Law School in recognizing and honoring him.

HONORING PASTOR HENRY FULLER, JR.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Henry Fuller, Jr. on his 10th anniversary as Pastor at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Flint, Michigan. The congregation is holding a celebration of the 10th anniversary of pastoral service on Saturday, April 12th and April 13th.

Pastor Fuller received his bachelor's degree from the United Bible Institute of the United Theological Seminary—Flint Branch. He received an honorary doctorate from United Bible Institute of the United Theological Seminary in Monroe, Louisiana. He preached his first sermon on December 12, 1971 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. He was inspired to organize a mission in Holly, Michigan in 1973. The mission became Faith Baptist Church. Between the years 1983 to 1998, Pastor Fuller headed the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Muncie, Indiana.

On April 18, 1998, Pastor Fuller returned to his roots and became the Pastor at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. In addition to leading the congregation, Pastor Fuller has held several positions with the church and in the community. He has served as president of the Northeastern District Sunday School and BTU Congress of Christian Education of the Northeastern District Missionary Baptist Association in Muncie; president of Indiana Consolidated Congress of Christian Education of the Indiana Consolidated State Convention; served on the finance board of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.; was a writer with the Publishing Board Sunday School and BTU Literature National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.; as an instructor at the Central Baptist Theological Seminary of Indiana; and served as moderator of the Great Lakes Baptist District Association, 2000–2007.

He currently serves as the president of the Wolverine State Missionary Baptist Convention; member of the board of trustees of American Baptist College of ABTS Nashville; Chairman, Wolverine State Baptist Convention Constitution Committee in Saginaw; President, United Bible Institute of UTS, Flint Branch; Instructor, United Bible Institute Flint; Instructor, Great Lakes Baptist District Leadership and Education Congress; Instructor, Wolverine State Baptist Congress; Instructor/Preacher, Baptist Ministerial Alliance in Flint; Chairman of the Clergy Division, United Way of Lapeer and Genesee Counties; Executive Board Member At-Large, National Baptist Convention USA; Treasurer, Todd-Phillip Children's Home, Wolverine State Baptist Convention. Pastor Fuller also serves on the Strategic Planning Committee with the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education; and on the Mayor's Community Advisory Board in Flint. He re-

ceived the “Moderator and Builder of the Year” award from the Wolverine State Baptist Convention Women's Auxiliary.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the work of Pastor Henry Fuller, Jr. and congratulating Pastor Fuller, his wife, Marilyn W. Fuller, and their four children. Pastor Fuller inspires his congregation every day, provides leadership to the Baptist community, and strives to improve the lives of the people of Flint. I pray that he will continue his work for many, many more years.

CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA TO END ITS CRACKDOWN IN TIBET

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPP

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mrs. CAPP. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution, and in support of nonviolence as the most powerful force in human relations.

Unnecessary force and the systemic violation of human rights have led us to this day. The recent events in Tibet have saddened many of us, and have served as a disturbing reminder of the suffering that Tibetans continue to endure.

News reports have captured violent scenes that are difficult to understand: Buddhist monks juxtaposed alongside armed riot police; protestors with fear and disbelief in their eyes standing across from stoic guards.

The Chinese Government's crackdown in Tibet is a sad example of the state of human rights in China, and its overall lack of respect for freedom of expression. We are witnessing the struggle of a people that seek to preserve their traditions and their religion, so that their children may inherit a rich, peace-loving culture. And we must do what we can to promote peaceful dialogue that produces a resolution that underscores the fundamental freedoms of all Tibetans.

I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 1077.

CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA TO END ITS CRACKDOWN IN TIBET

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Mr. OLVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1077 calling on the Peoples' Republic of China to end its crackdown in Tibet and engage in substantive dialogue with His Holiness, the Dalai Lama. For nearly six decades, China has pursued a deliberate policy of cultural, religious, linguistic, and economic repression against the people of Tibet. Last month on the 49th anniversary of a historic uprising against Chinese rule, Tibetan monks began a series of protests which widened into large-scale and often violent clashes between protestors and Chinese authorities.

These protests were the largest since 1989, when Chinese authorities imposed martial law in Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, following mass antigovernment protests.

Since 1950, the history of Tibet—then an autonomous region inhabited by fewer than 3 million overwhelmingly ethnic Tibetans—has been characterized by harsh religious persecution and political repression. The Chinese government has been systematically eradicating the unique cultural and religious heritage of Tibet. In 2006, the Department of State Human Rights Report named China as one of “the most systematic violators of human rights” in part due to its repressive actions in Tibet.

In 2007, that same report documented discriminatory Chinese government policies that provide economic benefits to Han Chinese migrants willing to relocate to Tibet. While Tibetans maintain their majority in rural areas, cities such as Lhasa have seen hundreds of thousands of migrant workers lured by economic incentives and the construction of a new railroad. This influx of ethnically Han Chinese has spurred fears among many Tibetans, who have almost no political voice, that the government is engaging in a deliberate campaign to bludgeon their cultural and religious heritage. By suppressing the religious and political rights of Tibetans and by repeatedly denying access to journalists and human rights observers, China has demonstrated a negligent disregard for the rights of Tibetans and has unnecessarily repressed a society which embraces nonviolence and seeks political reconciliation rather than armed resistance.

It is my belief that President Bush should revoke his decision to attend the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing to protest China's abysmal human rights record in Tibet in addition to its key support for the genocidal government in Sudan. Hosting the Olympic Games is a unique privilege and China's repression of Tibet stands in stark contrast to the ideals behind that august international competition. I join my colleagues today in condemning China's crackdown on nonviolent protestors in Tibet and urge the Chinese government to immediately commence negotiations with the Dalai Lama with the goal of forging a long-term solution that safeguards the unique cultural and religious heritage of the Tibetan people.

HONORING SHARON COOK FOR WINNING THE WISE AWARD

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, for the past 7 years, the greater Mesquite area has honored many exceptional women in the community through the Women in Service and Enterprise, WISE, Award Luncheon and Style Show. Today, I rise to honor this year's award recipient, Mrs. Sharon Cook, who is a shining example of strong, capable, and dedicated leadership. I would also like to recognize honorees Tamara Akens, Rachel Lopez, and Jeann Wisenbaker, for their valuable service and commitment to their community.

Sharon has been employed with Eastfield College for 26 years, where she currently