

Major Dale Myers for his numerous contributions and wholeheartedly wish him the very best of luck with his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CON-WAY FREIGHT'S
DAVID MAY FOR BEING NAMED
2008 ATA NATIONAL DRIVER OF
THE YEAR

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David May of West Seneca, N.Y., the American Trucking Association's 2008 National Truck Driver of the Year. David, a relay and city driver for Con-way Freight, should be proud of this impressive accomplishment and commitment to keeping our nation's highways safe.

The National Truck Driver of the Year award is the greatest honor a professional truck driver can achieve. In his 27 years on the road, David has driven over 1.4 million miles without getting in an accident. This is a great accomplishment for David, and we are proud to claim him as our own.

David has served as a committed and influential leader by serving as America's Road Team Captain in 2005, the driver representative on the CDL Advisory Committee in Washington, DC, and as a participant in the 2007 National Conference of State Legislatures Summit. He has spoken with the public and colleagues about the importance of improving highway safety and has addressed numerous groups including legislators and school children.

Congratulations and best wishes for continued success to David May for maintaining such high standards and encouraging others to do the same. This remarkable accomplishment should inspire us all to pursue our goals with devoted persistence.

A TRIBUTE TO NEIL A. EMORY

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long service of Mr. Neil A. Emory to Harnett County, North Carolina. On October 31, 2008, he will retire as County Manager, capping a public service career that spans three decades. Mr. Emory began his tenure as one of the longest serving County Managers in Harnett County history 15 years ago and has been serving the citizens of North Carolina for nearly 28 years.

Mr. Emory is a native son of Weaverville, North Carolina. He attended Appalachian State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Local Government Administration and went on to earn his Master of Arts degree in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration.

Neil Emory's innovative leadership and unique vision have benefited Harnett County in innumerable ways. Mr. Emory oversaw a period of tremendous growth in Harnett County resulting from the expansion of nearby Fort

Bragg, leading up to and continuing through the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission process. His greatest accomplishments have been the many improvements to county infrastructure; the construction of a new county courthouse; the construction of new schools and the restructuring of the community college system; the expansion of emergency services; and an extensive update to the county mapping system. He accomplished all of this by working across party lines and through sound long-range planning. I remember working together in the aftermath of Hurricane Fran to address the needs of Harnett County's ailing communities.

Neil has worn many different hats during his career, but perhaps his most important jobs are being a husband to his wife, Elizabeth, and father to his daughter, Hannah, and his son, Taylor. Ever active in his community, Mr. Emory has served as the PTO president of the Harnett County School Board and is involved in numerous associations for county managers and public administrators. He was recently named a Paul Harris Fellow as a lifetime Rotarian and has also received the International County Manager's Association Award for 25 years of service to local governments. Mr. Emory has also found time to enjoy American's favorite pastime, serving as assistant coach of the Dunn All-Stars for the past 12 years.

Madam Speaker, Neil Emory exemplifies dedication, leadership and commitment. As a former county commissioner, I am proud to honor the career of Neil A. Emory today. I ask all of my colleagues to join my wife, Faye, and me in celebrating his 28 years of service to Harnett County and to the State of North Carolina.

IN HONOR OF DR. EPHRAIM
MCDOWELL

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, Dr. Ephraim McDowell, the Father of Abdominal Surgery, is one of the most well-known Kentuckians and physicians in American history. During a year-long celebration continuing through the end of 2009, Danville, Kentucky and the Sixth Congressional District will celebrate Dr. McDowell's contributions to the field of medicine.

Originally born in Virginia in 1771, Dr. McDowell's father, Samuel McDowell, served in the Virginia House of Burgesses. He was sent to Central Kentucky when Ephraim was 11 to serve as one of the first land court judges in the County of Kentucky.

Dr. McDowell received his early education in Danville and then returned to Virginia to study medicine under Dr. Alexander Humphries. Recognizing his great talent, Dr. Humphries encouraged him to travel to the University of Edinburgh, the seat of medical learning at the time. He studied there for two years, returning to Danville in 1795.

In December of 1802, Dr. McDowell married Sarah Hart Shelby, daughter of the first governor of Kentucky, Isaac Shelby. They had nine children, five of whom lived to adulthood.

On Christmas Day in 1809, Dr. McDowell performed the world's first successful ovarian

surgery. Mrs. Jane Todd Crawford, a 46-year-old Green County housewife, had been told by other physicians that she was pregnant with twins. Using no anesthesia, Dr. McDowell removed a twenty-two and one-half pound tumor. Mrs. Crawford recovered in 25 days and lived for 32 more years, to the age of 78.

Throughout his career, Dr. McDowell performed many other surgeries, including one on future United States president, James K. Polk, who traveled from Tennessee to Kentucky for Dr. McDowell's expertise.

He was also an original founder of Centre College—a private, liberal arts school in Danville—allowing his legacies of education and ingenuity to remain alive in Central Kentucky's students.

Dr. McDowell lived until 1830. He died at his summer home, Cambus-Kenneth, of what is now believed to be appendicitis. Mrs. McDowell lived out her life at the home of one of her daughters. She passed away in 1840.

Dr. McDowell's residence, apothecary and office are preserved as a museum, the McDowell House, in Danville and are designated as a National Historic Landmark. This premier historical site will serve as a host for the year-long celebration to remember the most prominent surgeon west of the Alleghenies in the early 19th century.

HONORING RYAN PATRICK
WILLIAMS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Patrick Williams of Platte City, Missouri. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1419, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan Patrick Williams for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DIWALI

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 29, 2008

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the celebration of Diwali, the "Festival of Lights."

It is during this time that the Hindu people celebrate their heritage with festivals, fireworks, and worship.

I would like to acknowledge the thousands of Hindus in my Congressional District and their valuable contributions to our community as citizens of strong faith, families with deep