

arenas. A graduate of the University of Mines in El Paso and a member of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War, Frank jumped into the family business just in time to play an integral role in some of the most storied oil discoveries in Texas. A lifelong student, he always had a book handy to feed his quest for knowledge.

It was during his wildcatting days that Frank embarked on the biggest adventure of his life—his 35-year marriage to Martha. They settled into the life of a west Texas ranching family moving to Fort Stockton and then Alpine to raise their three children. The tragic death of their oldest child, Mark, only served to strengthen the Pollard family's bond by encouraging them all to live every day to the absolute fullest.

A man who could play devil's advocate on any issue, "Daddy Frank" was one of a kind. No matter the topic or the audience he could offer opinions and hold court. With a larger-than-life personality, he could enjoy himself in a roomful full of oilmen or children. He knew when to lead, when to inspire, and when to let someone learn their own lessons.

If Hollywood had ever wanted to put a real Texas wildcatter and rancher on the silver screen, a casting director could have struck Texas gold with Frank Pollard. Always armed with a story, a joke, a way to draw people in, Daddy Frank was the epitome of the proud Texas wildcatter from the tips of his boots to the top of his cowboy hat, and we can all learn from his example of what it means to have Texas integrity.

On December 6, Frank was reunited with his beloved Martha and their oldest son, Mark. He leaves behind for his family and friends a lifetime of Daddy Frank stories to tell and a legacy of the Texas spirit. Once again, I thank those in the chamber and all Americans for allowing me to share Frank's story of the importance of family, friends, and living life each and every day to the fullest.

TRIBUTE TO JUDIE BOLAM

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Judie Bolam, Judie recently celebrated 10 years of service in my Omaha Congressional Office. She is a dedicated servant to the Second Congressional District of Nebraska. She works hard and deserves accolades.

Judie serves as staff assistant for my Omaha Congressional Office. Judie has the unofficial title of "director of first impressions." She starts every day taking the time to speak to each staff member face to face. She is a dedicated worker who always has a smile and her face and knows everyone by first name.

Judie, thank you for your positive attitude. It has made a difference in every project you worked on over the past 10 years. I am lucky to have found you, and I know the staff believes the office is lucky you found us. Hard work and patience pays off, and we could not have done it without you, Judie. Thank you.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF
KRISTALLNACHT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah in Beachwood, Ohio as they commemorate the seventieth anniversary of Kristallnacht—The Night of Shattered Glass.

Kristallnacht was a series of events that began on the night of November 9, 1938 in which the Nazi Third Reich in Germany and Austria destroyed over 200 synagogues, thousands of stores, hundreds of homes and a number of Jewish community centers in what is widely considered to be the beginning of the Holocaust. I stand with the members of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah and all members of the Greater Cleveland Community in marking November 9, 2008 as the official 70-Year Remembrance Day of Kristallnacht. I also rise in recognition of the organizers of this important interfaith program as all members of our community join in remembering the lives of those lost during the Holocaust and in commemorating this historical night. Their contributions exemplify the diversity and culture that our community is so fortunate to possess.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Kristallnacht and in honor of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah as they join with members of our community in commemorating this historic event.

HONORING DENNIS RAINIER'S RETIREMENT FROM MURFREESBORO PARKS AND RECREATION

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Rainier on his retirement after over 37 years of service.

Dennis grew up in Maryland and came to Murfreesboro to play baseball for my alma mater, Middle Tennessee State University. Like many MTSU alums, he never left Murfreesboro.

In 1971, Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Director Ray Duffy noticed a young man working with children in a gym at Hobgood Elementary School. Dennis Rainier was holding a basketball camp, and Mr. Duffy must have liked what he saw because he offered Dennis the position of Assistant Director that day. Nine years later, Mr. Duffy retired, and Dennis was appointed to lead the fledgling Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department that would become one of the best programs in Tennessee.

Under Dennis' direction, the Old Fort Golf Course was constructed, as was SportsCom, StarPlex, Barfield-Crescent Park, and Patterson Park Community Center, each offering a variety of fitness opportunities for everyone in Murfreesboro.

Dennis and I worked together on making the Stones River Greenway and the Discovery

Center and Nature Trail at Murfree Spring a reality. Tens of thousands of people use the Greenway, and an estimated 100,000 children and families explore the Discovery Center's exhibits each year.

In addition to fitness complexes, golf courses and greenways, Murfreesboro also hosts a variety of State high school sports championships. These events bring millions of tourist dollars into the city, and Dennis always worked hard to make them a success.

Dennis, I've enjoyed working with you and have always appreciated your "can-do" attitude. I hope you enjoy a long and happy retirement with your wife, children and grandchild.

TRIBUTE TO CROOK COUNTY JUDGE SCOTT COOPER

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Madam Speaker, It is with great pride and gratitude that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding public servant and community leader from Oregon's Second Congressional District, Crook County Judge Scott Cooper. Scott has chosen to conclude his service as county judge at the end of this month, and I would like to share with our colleagues some background on this special leader.

Judge Cooper was elected to his post in November 2000, and has served two terms in office. Before taking office as county judge, Scott was a member of the Prineville City Council, serving from 1997–2000.

The position of county judge triggers memories of Oregon's great frontier history, but the role is not one of living in the past. Judge Cooper's colleagues will all tell you one thing definite about him: he gets things done. Shortly after coming to office and learning that the historic county courthouse had been without hot water for years, Judge Cooper decided he was going to get that fixed. Naysayers told him that it had been tried before, but it would cost too much and couldn't be done. A call to a local plumber and a mere \$20 later, folks realized the Judge wasn't one to take no for an answer. This isn't the only example. Technologically speaking, he brought Crook County into the 21st Century. When Judge Cooper came into office, many recall that the Crook County system of government had many moving parts. Thirty different departments worked separately of each other with little formal interaction. Without this formality among the departments and residents, county administration and budgeting tended to be a little chaotic. Judge Cooper's vision led to a computer network being created so departments could interact and set up a county Web site where residents could keep track of county services and business. Reflecting Scott's core beliefs that public service is about fiscal responsibility and making customer service a priority, Crook County now works as one body for the betterment of the whole.

Judge Cooper has served not only Crook County well, but has looked out for the interests of central Oregon and the State as a whole in a wide variety of positions during his