

Dick Jacobs was the Chairman and Executive Officer of the Richard E. Jacobs group, a commercial real estate development company he founded along with his brother in 1955. The Jacobs group made history by developing the tallest building between New York and Chicago, the Key Center in Public Square as well as by developing Cleveland's first retail shopping mall. He bought the Cleveland Indians in 1986, during which the Indians won the team's first American League Pennants since 1954, during the 1995 and 1997 seasons. Additionally, the Indians went on to the playoffs five straight seasons in a row and to the World Series twice during his tenure. The Richard E. Jacobs group opened Jacobs field in 1994, the stadium Cleveland fans dubbed "The Jake" until its renaming in early 2008.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Dick Jacobs and in recognition of his significant contributions to the Greater Cleveland Community. His tenure as owner of the Cleveland Indians and his considerable commitment to the revitalization of the City of Cleveland will continue to live on in the hearts of the Greater Cleveland Community.

THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MATTHEW DWIGHT OGDEN

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 8, 2009*

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Private First Class Matthew Dwight Ogden, of Corpus Christi, Texas, who died on June 1, 2009, in Nerkh, Afghanistan, while assigned to Operation Enduring Freedom.

Matthew was born in Corpus Christi and attended King High School, where he graduated in 1994. He went on to enlist in the U.S. Army and was a private in the U.S. Army's 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York.

I would like to take this time to acknowledge the life of a young man who died for this country as he fought for our, "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," our inalienable rights as outlined in the U.S. Declaration of Independence. Without Matthew's courage and determination to join the U.S. Army, and other young men and women like him, we would not be able to enjoy this life and liberty. It is fitting and important that we pay tribute to Matthew for his bravery and courage as he fought to protect our country and way of life.

Matthew will be missed dearly by his family, friends and service men and women, however, his spirit will forever remain intact. He will remain with us at all times—we will forever remember him.

I would also like to take this time to share my most sincere condolences with his father, Michael Dwight Ogden, and his mother, Charlotte Anne Taylor. He is survived by brothers Nathan Ogden, Stephen Turner, and Nicholas Aikman. My condolences go out as well to the families of his "fallen brothers."

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the life and service of Private First Class Matthew Dwight Ogden, who gave his

life for our country. He will forever be remembered as a hero of our nation and—the 27th Congressional District of Texas.

FINAL SERVICE OF SPRINGER COMMUNITY CHURCH IN DIX, ILLINOIS

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 8, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to note the final service of the Springer Community Church in Dix, Illinois.

For 85 years, the Springer Community Church has been an important part of the Jefferson County community. In the 1920s, with transportation sparse, the church was founded in the old Springer schoolhouse so that local children in the surrounding area would have a place to attend Sunday School. It was 1946 when the church had a building of its own, about a half mile away.

Over time, Springer Community Church became known as "the little pink church," and it was truly a community project. The building was constructed on donated land from the material of an old store which was being torn down in a neighboring town. Members of the community built the church, and put additions onto it in the 1950s and 1970s. It was served by missionaries from the American Missionary Fellowship. Over the decades it became a place for generations of local community members to come together and worship.

Sadly, the building fell into disrepair, and last weekend, the little pink church held its last service, a Remembrance Service, to allow members to gather together and celebrate the church's history. Amidst the sadness of seeing such an important institution close its doors, the church treasurer, Carole Barton, exemplified the perseverance that has carried Springer through these last 85 years, telling the Mt. Vernon Register-News, "we hope some day we can get organized and put in another church." I join with my colleagues in the House in wishing the Springer Community Church family all the best, as they seek a new location from which to continue the important work which they have done so well.

CONGRATULATING CHIQUITA BRANDS INTERNATIONAL

**HON. JEAN SCHMIDT**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 8, 2009*

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chiquita Brands International on receiving the 2009 Circle of Excellence Award presented annually by the Distribution Business Management Association. Each year the association presents this prestigious award to the corporation that best exemplifies three main criteria of supply chain management: current corporate commitment, past demonstrated programs, and plans for continued commitment. The Circle of Excellence Award is the Distribution Business Management Association's highest recognition for Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives and environmental protection.

Chiquita, together with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, worked to adequately measure their carbon footprint in bringing bananas from the plantations to the marketplace. Through their studies, they were able to identify areas in the supply chain that will allow them to further reduce their carbon footprint in a sustainable manner.

According to Amy Thorn, Executive Director of the Distribution Business Management Association, Chiquita stood out from other businesses because of its ongoing green transportation initiatives that focus on reducing carbon emissions in transportation throughout North America. Additionally, Dr. Omar Keith Helferich of Central Michigan University stated that Chiquita's accomplishments are testimony to its corporate commitment to sustainability.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding the leadership of Chiquita and their 23,000 world-wide employees who are truly committed to making our country and planet a better and sustainable place for future generations.

HONORING THE VISITING NURSE SERVICES OF CONNECTICUT ON THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 8, 2009*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and extend my sincere congratulations to Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut as they celebrate their centennial anniversary. This is a very special milestone for this organization—a non-profit health care provider and innovative leader in providing home health care needs to individuals in more than fifty communities across Connecticut.

In March of 1909, eighty women representing twenty-one churches and charitable organizations met to discuss their concerns about the spread of tuberculosis and came to the conclusion that the solution was to secure and finance a visiting nurse to treat patients and teach others in the community how to protect themselves and their families from this devastating disease. These women also understood the importance of involving the community in their efforts. They contacted local businesses, churches, and social groups to explain their plans and solicit funds to support it. With the hiring of Miss Finnegan, who made her home visits around the City of Bridgeport on her bicycle, the foundation for Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut was laid.

Over the course of the last century, Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut expanded to meet the growing and changing needs of our communities. Today, Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut provides skilled nursing care, hospice care, therapy/rehabilitative services, medical social work assistance, and home health aide services for thousands of patients each year in Fairfield, New Haven and Litchfield counties. The commitment of the administration and staff remains as strong today as it was in the agency's earliest years. In the last hundred years, there have been many changes at the agency, however, at its heart has always been the desire to provide affordable, quality health care to those most in need and improve their quality of life.