

A new emphasis is being placed on health and the environment.

"We are planting an organic garden behind the facility and putting more focus on healthy eating," Byers said.

PAL works with disadvantaged youths, but children from all walks of life are welcome. Scholarships are offered.

More than 300 children each year get involved with PAL through a truancy intervention program. Officers pick up youngsters skipping school and wandering the streets. The students are brought to PAL's facility. They get help with ways to increase school attendance, improve their grades and find out what else they need to be successful. Often they are referred to outside services for help. That may mean counseling, drug treatment or school-based services.

"This is a much more productive use of their days," Byers said. The issues range from skipping school and low academics to homelessness and substance abuse.

Success is measurable.

"Over 60 percent of these students show improved attendance as a result of this intervention," Byers said.

"Our St. Pete PAL has kept kids on the right path for 50 years; and if that isn't important, I don't know what is," said Schatzman. "The kids of PAL will make St. Petersburg's future bright."

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF BARBARA BARKER UPON HER RETIREMENT AS DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF OHIO'S FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OFFICES

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding public servant from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. My District Director, Barbara Barker of Antwerp, Ohio will be retiring following Twenty-One years of service to Ohio's Fifth Congressional District Offices.

Barbara Barker began her service to Ohio's Fifth Congressional District as a Staff Assistant to the late Congressman Paul E. Gillmor. Barbara was soon promoted to serve in various capacities under Congressman Gillmor, being selected to serve as District Representative, Senior District Representative, and then lastly as District Director during her tenure. Following the vacancy left by the late Congressman Gillmor, Barbara's professionalism as a manager of congressional district operations made her a natural choice to assume the same role in my district offices. I have found Barbara to be a dedicated public servant, who has not only managed the day to day functions of my district offices, but has demonstrated that she made the well-being of the constituents of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District the hallmark of her career with the United States House of Representatives.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Barbara Barker for her role in my district offices. Our communities have undoubtedly benefited from her years of faithful service. We wish Barbara Barker all of the best upon her retirement as District Director of Ohio's Fifth Congressional District Offices.

HONORING UNITED STATES MILITARY WHO SERVED DURING THE KOREAN WAR

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the men and women of the United States Military who served our nation with honor and dignity during the Korean War. I would like to particularly note the service of Connecticut's veterans who served during that conflict.

On June 25, 1950, soldiers from North Korea invaded South Korea and within days quickly secured the South Korean capital of Seoul. Only two days later, on June 27, President Harry Truman ordered the U.S. military to give the South Korean Government troops cover and support. Less than three months later, on September 15, 1950, United States forces under the command of General Douglas MacArthur successfully invaded Inchon stunning the North Korean military. Over the following years, a series of battles were fought between North Korean and South Korean forces aided primarily by U.S. forces as well as those from some twenty countries. Tragically, some 37,000 members of the U.S. Armed Forces lost their lives fighting in the Korean War and sadly their sacrifices have in some circles been forgotten or marginalized over time. We must never allow this to happen to those men and women who have served and given so much in defense of our freedom, and that is why I stand here today in the House of Representatives to honor them.

In my home state of Connecticut, thousands of men and women answered the call of duty and many of those gave the ultimate sacrifice. This week, in the town of East Lyme, veterans, family members and local citizens will join together to honor the service of the men and women who served in the Korean War. I would like to particularly thank Joyce Harris, President of the East Lyme Veterans Council for her efforts to put this event together and all those veterans who will be in attendance for this event. We owe these men and women our respect and our thanks, and we must honor the commitments that have been made to these veterans and their families. I ask that all members of the House join me in that effort.

A BILL TO DESIGNATE THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 3270 FIRESTONE BOULEVARD IN SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA AS THE "HENRY C. GONZALEZ POST OFFICE BUILDING"

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I am proud today to introduce a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3270 Firestone Boulevard in South Gate, California as the "Henry C. Gonzalez Post Office Building."

Henry Gonzalez currently serves as a Councilmember for the City of South Gate, where he has proudly served for over two decades, beginning in 1982 when he became the first Latino elected to the City Council. He continued to make history as the City's first Latino Mayor just a year later, a role he has assumed several times during his 23 years in elected office.

In addition to his government service, Henry Gonzalez is a pillar of the South Gate community. He is an avid supporter of South Gate youth sports—having founded the South Gate High School Booster Club and the South Gate Youth Football league—and he has served as a board member for countless national and local organizations.

He is a much-loved and respected community leader. In light of his great service to our community, it is fitting that we name this post office in his honor.

Henry Gonzalez has given much of himself to better the city of South Gate. A post office named in his honor will remind us of what true civic commitment is and will inspire us all in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF CORNELIUS JOHN GROVES

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that I rise today to honor Cornelius John "C.J." Groves. C.J. is not only an engaged member of our community in Merced County, California, but a respected and influential educator.

C.J. Groves was born in Casper, Wyoming on May 26, 1920. His family moved in 1924 to Petaluma, California, where they settled. He attended local public schools and graduated in mid-year from Petaluma High School in 1938. After graduation, he enrolled at San Jose State, but was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1941 during his junior year. While in the service, he boxed as a light heavyweight and won all the tournaments that he entered. He retired undefeated. His ability to articulate made him an obvious candidate for Officers Candidate School where he graduated as a second lieutenant and was assigned to the Medical Administrative Corps. He was then sent to the Philippines for active duty. After the war ended, he was shipped to Japan until March 1946. He was discharged as a first lieutenant and ended his military career as a captain in the reserve.

After the service, C.J. continued his studies at San Jose State and graduated in June 1947 with a degree in English and a minor in history. He then attended Stanford University, where he completed the credential program. He began teaching at Merced High School in 1948. He continued his own education during his career and ultimately received a masters degree from Chapman University. In 1958, he helped open the new campus for Atwater High School as Vice Principal and Dean of Boys. He served in that capacity until 1974 when he was named Principal of Atwater High School. He continued to lead the school with distinction until 1981 when he retired.

His commitment to education has garnered the life-long respect and admiration of the