

Mrs. Zaborowski, as they celebrate sixty-five years of marriage. I wish Mr. and Mrs. Zaborowski an abundance of health, happiness and peace in all of their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITY  
ACTIVISM OF MR. MICHAEL  
SLAYMAKER

**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding public service of Mr. Michael Slaymaker, president of the Orlando Youth Alliance, in honor of Gay & Lesbian Pride Month. Under the direction of Mr. Slaymaker, the Orlando Youth Alliance serves to educate parents, academia, health care workers, and others about the development and diversity of sexual identity and make them more attention to the concerns and needs of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered youth.

Mr. Slaymaker moved to Central Florida in 1995 from Iowa. He graduated from Central College, Pella, Iowa, in 1983 with a bachelor of arts degree in Communications & Theatre and minor degrees in Business Management and German. In 1999, he earned his master of arts degree in Human Resources at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida.

Mr. Slaymaker has worked with numerous non-profit organizations that have contributed greatly to the Central Florida community. From 1983 through 1993, he worked for the American Heart Association, first at a field representative, then as the Special Events Director, and finally as the Director of Field Services. He successfully designed a major gifts program and increased the annual revenue generation by \$1 million and he was recognized nationally for his exceptional work. From 1995 to 1996, he served at the Executive Director for the Hope and Help Center in Central Florida, whose mission is to treat and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. Mr. Slaymaker's outstanding service continued there as he initiated many programs to benefit the people of Florida and repaired the financially troubled state of the organization. In 1998, he joined the Orlando Gay Chorus as a volunteer singer and was quickly recruited to help with fundraising. For 10 years, he served as the Development Director for the Orlando Gay Chorus, increasing their budget by more than \$150,000. In 2000, he founded the Orlando Anti-Discrimination Ordinance Committee to fight local discrimination, and has been the driving force behind this highly successful volunteer group ever since. From 2001 to 2010, he was the Human Resources & Development Director of the La Amistad Foundation, Inc., where his innovations helped enhance the quality of life for adults with chronic mental illnesses.

Currently, Mr. Slaymaker is the President of the Orlando Youth Alliance, a non-profit organization which has the vital purpose in the Central Florida community to provide a safe and nurturing environment for LGBT youth between the ages of 13 and 20. The Orlando Youth Alliance was formed in 1990 under the name "Delta Youth Alliance" as a support

group to help struggling LGBT youth. The group gathers every week to talk about their concerns and discuss issues that are important to them. Through the years, this organization has lent a hand to hundreds of Central Florida's youth and has expanded its outreach into the Orlando community. Mr. Slaymaker's exceptional efforts have helped make our Central Florida safer, our community more dynamic, and our people more conscientious. He has inspired our youth and empowered them to be proud of who they are.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Michael Slaymaker for his outstanding work and leadership both in the Gay & Lesbian community and in our Florida community as a whole. He is a fantastic community activist and a source of pride to Florida.

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THE INDUSTRY

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, the Magazine of the Associated General Contractors of America proudly recognizes the new Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House and the AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre in Dallas, TX. Both buildings received an Aon Build America Award for their pioneering projects, commitment to safety, and community outreach. The one-of-a-kind 80,000-sq-ft AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre wins in the "Building New" category. Complimentary, the Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House is the grand award winner for "Construction Management New."

The eye-catching opera house is built in the center of Dallas' arts district which anchors the AT&T Performing Arts Center Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre. The complexity and stunning aesthetics of the Dallas Opera House, constructed by Linbeck Group, received AGC's highest award. This European style opera house, built at \$197 million, includes a performance hall that accommodates opera, musical theater, ballet, and many other dance forms.

One of the most visually stunning elements in the theater is the red glass wall panels that encase the performance hall. This red curtain wall is made up of a shocking 1,100 glass panels. It includes a great feature that allows three operable sections to be lowered opening the building to the outdoors.

For more than two decades these impressive awards were given to projects selected by a panel of tough critics and contractors. Now, Dallas can cheerfully accept this award and relish in their "job well done!"

IN HONOR OF THE STRONGSVILLE  
VFW, POST 3345 ON THE OCCA-  
SION OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVER-  
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**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the veteran and auxiliary

members of Strongsville Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3345, as they celebrate the Post's 75th anniversary and dedicate a Veterans Memorial on June 19, 2010.

Strongsville VFW Post 3345 was chartered on June 22, 1935 with only three members in attendance. Today, it is one of the largest VFW posts in the state with nearly 1,200 members.

Strongsville VFW Post 3345 has a legacy of community outreach and volunteer service throughout the western communities of Greater Cleveland. The members of Post 3345 have reached out to veterans and the families of military personnel, providing support and assistance wherever possible. Post 3345 provides numerous college scholarships and sponsors an annual Teacher of the Year Award. Members also volunteer thousands of hours annually for charity and at local Veterans Administration hospitals.

Members of VFW Post 3345 raised funds to construct a Veterans Memorial to publicly honor and commemorate the lives of all American soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our nation.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring the members of Strongsville VFW Post 3345 and all veterans for their contributions to community and country.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SAC-  
RIFICE OF UNITED STATES AIR  
FORCE SENIOR AIRMAN BEN-  
JAMIN D. WHITE

**HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Air Force Senior Airman Benjamin D. White, who was killed in action on June 9, 2010.

Benjamin grew up in Johnson City, Tennessee and graduated from Science Hill High School in 2004. He attended East Tennessee State University before entering the Air Force in July 2006.

A Pararescueman assigned to the 48th Rescue Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Benjamin belonged to a highly regarded and specialized unit known throughout the military for their skills and willingness to risk their lives to save others.

The motto of Pararescue units, "That Others May Live", speaks to the dedication that Benjamin and his brothers in arms share. He perished doing what he loved, alongside other Air Force Rescue personnel, on a mission to save a British Soldier's life.

We remember Senior Airman White and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss, nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Benjamin made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

Senior Airman White is survived by his mother Brenda, father Tony and brother Mark.

This body and this country owe Benjamin and his family our deepest gratitude, and we