

mother in search of work. Denied access at the state line, they made the arduous journey back to Missouri, yet upon their return they received word that Richard's uncle had found work for them in Escondido, California. After making the trip once again, the Burton family settled down in Escondido.

Upon the United States' entry into World War II, the Burtons answered the call to service and all four brothers enlisted in the military. After completing basic training and 16 weeks of "A" School to become an Electrician's Mate, Mr. Burton served with Task Forces 92 and 94 in the North Pacific supporting offensive operations against the Japanese. He then passed through the Panama Canal and supported operations in the Caribbean. Upon his separation from the military, Mr. Burton had been awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with a bronze star), the American Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

After returning from the war, Richard married Ms. Eloise Flanders of Escondido, and the two enjoyed 53 years of marriage. They raised two children, two grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Mr. Burton is the epitome of what we now refer to as the "Greatest Generation." He served his country well in her time of need, and he has exemplified the hard work and determination that makes America great.

HONORING SUZANNE M.
OVERDORF

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Suzanne "Sue" Overdorf for her years of service as a devoted teacher, wife, mother and influential community member. Sue deserves the utmost admiration for her service as a dedicated mentor and role model to the youth of the community. As Sue's friend, I am honored to recognize her many achievements.

Suzanne Mae Fox was born on April 11, 1943 in South Buffalo, New York. She began her education at St. Thomas Aquinas elementary school, later graduating from Mount Mercy Academy in 1960. Sue went on to study at Buffalo State College for two years before beginning her teaching career at St. Bonaventure Elementary School. Sue continued on the path toward teaching excellence when she pursued her degree in education at St. Rose College in Albany, graduating *summa cum laude* in 1979.

Sue married her high school sweetheart Ted "Ozzie" Overdorf 46 years ago. While living in Lansing, Michigan they began their family which continued to grow when they relocated to Albany. In 1979 Sue, Ted and their six children moved back to their hometown of Hamburg, New York where Sue taught and coordinated CCD at St. Peter and Paul Parish and Nativity Parish in Orchard Park. The Overdorf family grew with the addition of 2 more children and in 1993, now the mother of eight, Sue continued her teaching career at Mount Mercy Academy and Bishop Timon St. Jude High School. Sue demonstrated great love and dedication to her roots by teaching the

young men and women in the neighborhood where she was raised. One year later, Sue became a religion instructor and senior class moderator at Bishop Timon St. Jude High School. Sue was a beloved and respected teacher who served as a role model and spiritual guide for her students. She retired on December 1, 2009, after 16 years of devotion.

Sue continually went above and beyond the norm during her teaching career. She found time while raising a family of eight children to found the Peace Club and the Thanksgiving for Others and Christmas for Others programs at Bishop Timon St. Jude High School. There, she was also awarded the Franciscan award twice and was received into the Franciscan Order Holy Name Province as an affiliate.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Sue Overdorf for her service as a devoted teacher, counselor, friend, wife and mother, excelling in all areas. Sue was a guide as a religious educator to her students, and also showed her values through her charitable and extracurricular activities. Her involvement in community life benefitted everyone around her. It is my honor to congratulate Sue Overdorf, a woman I am pleased to call my friend, for a career filled with such accomplishments.

HONORING THE AIR FORCE
THUNDERBIRDS

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the long and dedicated service of the United States Air Force Thunderbirds Aerial Demonstration Team and to commend its latest of many visits to Duluth, Minnesota, in my Congressional District.

The theme for the 2010 Duluth Air Show is "Generations"—the generations of aircraft and American men and women who have flown them for more than a century. No other unit reflects this theme more than the Thunderbirds, who have captivating audiences with their precise, intricate aerial performances for half of a century. The Air Force Thunderbirds truly span generations, with thousands of pilots and many different aircraft, from the F-84 Thunderstreak to the current F-16 Fighting Falcon. Since 1953, the pilots and support crew of the Thunderbirds have displayed unparalleled professionalism, dedication, patriotism and ability. Their commitment to the communities they visit is unmatched. Whether on the ground or in the air, the Thunderbirds bring great credit to themselves, the Air Force and the United States.

On behalf of the millions of people who have witnessed the Thunderbirds' extraordinary flight demonstrations, I wish to offer my hearty thank you to the men and women in the unit and acknowledge their service to our great nation.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE TERRY D.
LEWIS OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to honor the memory of one of Fort Worth's most respected and active community leaders, Judge Terry D. Lewis. Judge Lewis worked his entire life supporting his family, serving God and the Fort Worth community for which he cared so deeply.

Terry D. Lewis was the 4th child of 10, graduating from Dunbar High School in 1969, where he was an Honor Student, receiving the National Merit Achievement Award at graduation. While he was there, he was a member of the Charles L. Scott Jazz Band, on the debate team, four-year letterman in football, and Vice President of the Student Council. He was recruited to go to the University of Chicago by a former Dunbar student, Dr. Calvin Lee Dixon. He attended the University of Chicago for four years and graduated in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. While at the University of Chicago, he was a member of the school wrestling team, and developed a passion for the martial arts. From there, he became a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he was twice promoted before leaving active duty in 1976. While serving as a Marine Corps Officer, he participated in the evacuations of both Saigon and Cambodia.

After leaving the Marine Corps, Terry went to work in the business world. He worked for Johnson & Johnson, Xerox, and Jewel Food Stores prior to finding his calling of working with juvenile delinquents and emotionally disturbed teenagers in Chicago.

In 1987, while holding a full-time position and raising a family, he attended Chicago-Kent School of Law and served on the Law Review Committee, receiving his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1991, and being honored with the Golden Gavel Award from his graduating law class for his publications and volunteerism while in law school. He was then employed by the Office of Cook County Public Defender, where he specialized in law concerning the abuse and neglect of children.

Upon moving home to Fort Worth in 1995, he acquired his license to practice law in the State of Texas, and worked with his brother, the Honorable Glenn Lewis and the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office. At the time of his death, he was serving as a Municipal Court Judge with the City of Fort Worth, where he was perhaps most proud of his efforts to match homeless people who appeared before him with social service programs. As recently as June 4, 2010, he is said to have written in an email to his colleagues:

Some people share the socio-political philosophy that government should not or cannot afford to help those on the lower economic rungs of our social ladder . . . Then there are those of us who believe that government cannot afford to neglect them. We all share this City whether our income is considerable or nil. Fort Worth Star-Telegram (June 16, 2010).

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to remember Judge Terry Lewis for his legacy and service to the city of Fort Worth and specifically the community in which