

HONORING EMILY MISCHKE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Emily Mischke. Emily is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Emily's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Emily has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Emily can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Emily Mischke for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

IN HONOR OF JACK HINES, JR.

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jack M. Hines, Jr. of Marshallton, Chester County, Pennsylvania on his retirement after 33 years of service as Municipal Manager of West Bradford Township and to honor him on his outstanding career of accomplishment.

In addition to his service as Municipal Manager of West Bradford Township, Jack has served on various committees of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Officials. He has been an instructor for both the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors and the Governor's Center for Local Government Services. Jack has served as Chairman of the Legislative Committee, Chester County Association of Township Officials, and has been a member of the Advisory Board for Connect Care3, which serves members of the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative.

Further, Jack is a former Fire Chief and President of the West Bradford Fire Company, as well as being a former Fire Service Instructor and Director of the Chester County Fire School. He is a former Board Member and President of the Chester County Crime Victims Center, Chairman of the Environmental Management Center, Executive Committee Member of the Brandywine Conservancy, and Trustee of the Chester County Historical Society.

Mr. Speaker, in light of his incredible years of service to his community and litany of outstanding accomplishments almost too long to record, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Jack M. Hines, Jr. for his invaluable contributions to the quality of life of the citizens of West Bradford Township and Chester County.

JAMES BILLINGS, SR. TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to rise and pay tribute to the life and career of Mr. James Billings, Sr. of Pueblo, Colorado. The community has lost a great firefighter and a man, who led a life that was dedicated to family, public service and leadership.

Mr. James Billings, Sr. comes from a family of police officers and fire fighters, and it is no surprise that he followed in the honorable footsteps of his father and brother. Born and raised in Pueblo, Mr. Billings was compelled to serve the city, and joined the Pueblo Fire Department in 1953. Serving honorably and with distinction for twenty-five years, the last six of those years as the assistant fire chief. Mr. Billings was so respected as a firefighter that many have described working with him as one of the highlights of their careers. Mr. Billings' own son, James, Jr. said that the greatest memory of his long career as the Pueblo Chief of Police was the first time he was on the job with his father. For all the achievements of Mr. Billings' career in public service, he was an even more determined family man. With his loving wife Rose, he raised five wonderful children, and was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

The life of Mr. James Billings, Sr. is one that should be celebrated and recognized. This was a man who endlessly devoted himself to public service and to his family. Mr. Speaker, it has been my sincere privilege to rise and honor Mr. James Billings, Sr.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR TED JENNINGS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the remarkable example and service of a true leader in South Alabama, someone who has taken the roles of successful businessman, trusted medical adviser, and local and national civic leader for more than 30 years.

In 2012, Mayor Ted Jennings of Brewton, Alabama, will end nearly a quarter century of service as his town's chief executive.

For many, this accomplishment alone would be the epitome of a life's work. And, indeed, Mayor Jennings has confidently guided his community for four terms.

But Ted's body of accomplishments does not begin nor end with holding public office.

A graduate of Auburn University's School of Pharmacy, a successful business owner and Director of Pharmacy at D.W. McMillan Memorial Hospital, Mayor Jennings has also made an indelible mark through his compassion and devotion to the well-being of his community. And his contributions don't stop there.

While Ted Jennings may be known to the people of Brewton as their long-time mayor and trusted pharmacist, to his colleagues in Alabama and across America, he is an

indispensable resource of wisdom and experience.

A former member of the board of the National League of Cities, Mayor Jennings has held about every post one can within that important national organization, tirelessly defending the principles of good government at forums around the country. In Alabama, Mayor Jennings has also led his peers as president and long-time officer in the Alabama League of Municipalities where he has been a strong, steady voice for issues vital to local and state economic development.

A man gifted with a vision for our nation's—and region's—economic future, Mayor Jennings has for decades promoted the development of telecommunications on the local and state level, leveraging the resources of businesses and universities.

A supporter of both electronic and paved highways, Mayor Jennings also helped establish the Florida-Alabama Strategic Task Force to improve transportation between the two states to enhance both public safety and economic growth.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mayor Jennings for more than two decades and I can say, without hesitation, that his devotion to public service is without equal. I was fortunate to be a co-chair on the Alabama Rural Action Committee with Mayor Jennings, and I believe there is a no more passionate and informed voice for rural economic development than his.

As Mayor Jennings steps off the stage from a remarkable civic career, I know he will continue to have a positive impact on his community and state. To his family and close friends who have shared Ted with us for all these years, we offer our heartfelt thanks. And to the Mayor, himself, I am privileged to speak for all of South Alabama in offering our heartfelt thanks to a true servant leader, a real partner for progress and a man who leaves behind a legacy of goodness as well as success.

Thanks, Mayor Jennings, for a job well done.

HONORING WOMEN'S MONTH

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, as we work through the rigors of this congressional session, it is important that we take the time to recognize this March as National Women's History Month. The theme for 2011 is, "Our History is Our Strength," and this is understood by looking back on the challenges that women faced throughout the course of history and realizing that it has only made us stronger and more tenacious going into the future.

This month, we acknowledge those women in history who braved the fight for equal rights and paved the way for myself and many of my colleagues here today. We honor the strong women in the military who are everyday helping to ensure our safety and freedom in this world. And we honor all women for the important role that they play in their communities.

But, despite all the challenges and hurdles that we have overcome, the efforts for equality continue. As the proud representative of the