$32 million in revenue for Oregon's economy. A remarkable accomplishment.

At the core of Rich Linton's decade of accomplishment at the university is his ability to be collaborative and to establish important strategic partnerships that have contributed greatly to the region's economic security and future. Thank you, Dr. Linton!

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT JOSEPH F. GIANETTO II

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II. Originally from Oswego, NY, Sergeant Gianetto enlisted in 1971 and subsequently has spent over 39½ years with United States Air Force and the New York Air National Guard. Sergeant Gianetto has been decorated with numerous medals, awards and service distinctions. It is my honor to recognize such a distinguished citizen and airman.

Sergeant Gianetto began his military career in the Air Force on the delayed enlistment program in June 1971 and was called to active duty in October 1971. Upon completion of basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in November 1971, Sergeant Gianetto began technical school training as an Aircraft Maintenance Specialist at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. In March 1972, he was assigned to 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, Organizational Maintenance Branch, Flight-line Maintenance, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, and began on-the-job training for his five-skill level on the C–130E Hercules aircraft. He remained in that position until May 1973.

In May 1973, Sergeant Gianetto was reassigned to the 56th Special Operations Wing, Organizational Maintenance Squadron, Flight-line Branch, Nahkon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, in support of combat operations in Southeast Asia. While assigned with the 56th Organizational Maintenance Squadron he performed duties as Aircraft Crew Chief on the OV–10A Bronco aircraft and deployed to forward operating locations at Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Takhli Royal Thai Air Force Base, and Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base.

After completion of his tour of duty in Southeast Asia, Sergeant Gianetto was reassigned to 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, Field Maintenance Branch, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, where he worked in the Repair and Reclamation Shop as an Aircraft Maintenance Technician performing heavy maintenance on the C–130E aircraft. He was subsequently reassigned to the 314th Headquarters Squadron as an Aircraft Job Controller coordinating the maintenance efforts on a fleet of over 100 C–130E Hercules aircraft.

Sergeant Gianetto applied for a release from active duty under the Palace Chase Program. His release from active duty was granted in September 1979. He became a member of the 107th Fighter Interceptor Group, Organizational Maintenance Branch, Flight-line Maintenance, New York Air National Guard, Niagara Falls, New York, and was assigned as a Crew Chief on the RF–101 Voodoo aircraft. In January 1980, Sergeant Gianetto transferred to the 174th Fighter Wing, assigned to the 174th Maintenance Squadron as Crew Chief on the A–10A Thunderbolt aircraft, and subsequently held assignments in the 174th Maintenance Operations Flight, and the 174th Operations Group, supporting F–16C Fighting Falcon Maintenance Operations, and RC–26 Counterdrug Operations.

The 174th Fighter Wing was called mobilized and called to active duty on 29 December 1990. On 2 January 1991, Sergeant Gianetto deployed to Al Kharj Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm during the Persian Gulf War. He returned from the Persian Gulf on 20 May 1991 and was released from active duty on 13 June 1991. He also served in Operation Northern Watch from 23 August to 16 September 1997, and Operation Southern Watch from 28 February to 8 April 2000 and again from 28 July to 28 August 2001, all in support of contingency operations against Iraq. After the September 11th terrorist attacks, he performed over 40 days of active duty supporting Combat Air Patrol sorties in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

On 14 October 2003, Sergeant Gianetto volunteered for his forth Air Expeditionary Force deployment in Support of the Global War on Terrorism. He deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Emirate of Qatar, and was attached to the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Operations Squadron, from 17 October 2003 to 5 December 2003, in support of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On 28 November 2006, Sergeant Gianetto was again called to active duty deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he was assigned to the 332d Expeditionary Maintenance Group. While there he worked as a Senior Weapon Systems Controller and Shift Supervisor, coordinating maintenance operations for three different active duty and Air National Guard assigned aircraft supporting contingency operations throughout the Iraqi theater of operations. Sergeant Gianetto redeployed after 96 days in-theater and was released from active duty on 1 April 2007.

Sergeant Gianetto had been employed as an Air National Guard Technician since June 1980, working as an A–10 Aircraft Mechanic; Aircraft Production Controller; Aircraft Production Control Supervisor; Aircraft Production Control Superintendent; and a Logistics Management Technician. He retired from his full-time technician position on 1 March 2008.

Militarily, he was assigned as the NCOIC for the 174th Fighter Wing RC–26 Counterdrug office on 23 June 2008, and is a former Maintenance Squadron First Sergeant. He has over 39½ years combined service, eight years of active duty in the United States Air Force, and the remainder with the New York Air National Guard.

During these times and throughout his career, Sergeant has displayed honorable character and service to the United States Air Force and 174th Fighter Wing, and our country. His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal, with one oak leaf cluster; and Air Force Achievement Medal; five oak leaf clusters. His military unit and achievement awards include the Joint Service Meritorious Unit Award; Meritorious Unit Award, with two oak leaf clusters; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" device and nine oak leaf clusters; Air Force Good Conduct Medal, with one oak leaf cluster; Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, with nine oak leaf clusters. His military campaign and service awards include the National Defense Service Medal, with two bronze service stars; Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal with one bronze service star; Viet Nam Service Medal with one bronze campaign star; Southwest Asia Service Medal, with three bronze campaign stars; Iraq Campaign Medal, with two bronze campaign stars; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal; Air Force Overseas Service Ribbon, with two oak leaf clusters; Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon, with gold combat frame and two oak leaf clusters; Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon, with eight oak leaf clusters; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with gold hourglass device, mobilization "M" device, and numeral "7"; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Military Education Ribbon, with two oak leaf clusters; Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon; and Air Force Training Ribbon. Sergeant Gianetto's Foreign Service awards include the Republic of Viet Nam Gallantry Cross with palm device; Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal with date bar; Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabia; and the Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait.

Sergeant Gianetto also holds the following New York State awards and decorations: New York State Military Commendation Medal; New York State Long and Faithful Service Award, with one gold and one silver device; New York State Desert Storm Service Medal; New York State Defense of Liberty Medal; New York State Conspicuous Service Cross, with one silver device; New York State Conspicuous Service Star, with one gold and two silver devices; New York State Recruiting Medal; New York State Counterdrug Ribbon; New York State Exercise Support Ribbon, with three "E" devices; and the Medal for Humane Service to New York State; and the New York State Air Guard First Sergeant Ribbon.

He is also the recipient of the Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy Graduate Association, Outstanding Graduate of the Year Award for 1995; the 1999 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5885, All-State Commanders Award; and the 174th Fighter Wing Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award for 2001. In May 2004, Sergeant Gianetto received the American Red Cross Veterans award. He was also named the 174th Fighter Wing Base Honor Guard Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for 2005.

His effective dates of promotion are: Airman—16 November 1971; Airman First Class—1 April 1972; Sergeant—1 November 1973; Staff Sergeant—1 November 1976; Technical Sergeant—1 October 1980; Master Sergeant—1 February 1986; Senior Master Sergeant—13 February 1990.

Sergeant Gianetto is a Past Post Commander and "Life" of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Quatrini-Dehm Post No. 5885, located in Oswego, New York. He is also member the American Legion, James Harvey Spire Post No. 787, Cicero, New York. He is a member of the Air Force Association; the Air Force Sergeants Association; the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United

States; the Enlisted Association of the New York National Guard; and the 174th Alumni Association. He is a member of the Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy Graduates Association; and the American Veterans (AmVets). He is also an active member of the 174th Fighter Wing Base Honor Guard, and a member of Bugles Across America.

Without question, Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Gianetto is a very special person. He willingly served his nation, exuding loyalty and pride. For his unrelenting service, Sergeant Gianetto can retire knowing he has earned such a status. I would like to wish him well in his retirement years, as he will now be able to spend more free time with his wife Dale, his three daughters, Christina Gianetto, Jennifer (Gianetto) Rowan, Brynn Leigh (Shattuck) Shamp, sons Ryan and Kegan Shattuck, and grandson Nehemiah Shamp. Sergeant Gianetto, thank you for all your years of hard work, dedication and service to our country.

CELEBRATING 110 YEARS OF THE EAST TOLEDO FAMILY CENTER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize a milestone on the long road of service of the East Toledo Family Center in my District. At this Sunday's annual Renaissance Gala, our community will pay tribute to this achievement. The East Toledo Family Center is an incredible community-building resource. Every year, its dedicated staff and volunteers touch the lives of thousands of citizens of all ages—for recreation, health care, meals, community activities, holiday gatherings and family support. Every neighborhood should be so fortunate as to have such a welcoming, caring, and effective community center. The East Toledo Family Center surely is the heart of East Toledo.

Nearly 110 years ago, according to the Center's historical records, on Sunday, August 4th, 1901, Rev. H.W. Hoover held a tent meeting on factory grounds owned by D.J. Nysewander in East Toledo. A list survives of those who contributed towards the ''interest on loan, sidewalks, hymn books, lights and piano tuning'' for this first Industrial Heights Mission Contributors included such well known East side names as Metzger, Rideout, Tracy, and Hirzel. The Mission lasted for several days and was enlarged into ''settlement work'' to help the many new immigrants in the area become adjusted to life in America.

A Baptist minister from Ontario, Canada, Rev. Hoover was just past the age of 40 when he began his mission work in Toledo's East Side. His efforts resulted in the formation of the Neighborhood House, where he spent the remaining years of his life until his passing at the age of 72. By the summer of 1902, property was obtained on Vinal Street, and adjoining lots were soon added through the generosity of East Toledoans Alexander Black, George Metzger, Isaac Gerson, and Mr. Nysewander.

The Center records its early years as the land on Vinal Street near East Broadway, which was originally a neglected dump, was quickly improved. Dirt from the streets was used as fill, grass was sown, East Side florists provided flowers, the Monroe Nurseries gave shrubs and the old dump was transformed. The Ohio Neighborhood Institute, commonly called the Neighborhood House, was incorporated and the property at 1019 and 1027 Vinal Street developed rapidly. M.J. Riggs, superintendent of the American Bridge Company in East Toledo, helped purchase playground equipment along with paint, fencing, and ornamental gates and posts.

A depression in 1908 led to what some families called the ''slim winter.'' When no assistance was available to help the many families who were out of work, Mrs. Hoover and East Side businessmen stepped in to provide food and aid through the Neighborhood House. During the years of World War I there was a need for classes in English for both children and adults as more and more immigrants came to work in the factories of America. Before Oakdale School opened, school classes were held at the Neighborhood House for small children of various grades.

By 1916 the Neighborhood House had a large playground. It featured a merry-go-round, basket swing, May pole and an enormous sand box. A ''Sunshine House'' donated by Dorothy Kimball was used to help children learn how to keep house. Tea parties were held to teach the children ''proper manners'' when entertaining and of course there were sports of all kinds, including boxing matches.

Attendance records from 1916 show just how important the work of the Neighborhood House was to the community. The Vinal Street playground was used by five thousand children that year and almost thirty-five hundred people attended American Citizenship classes. Over two thousand people came to other lectures while a ''School of Conduct'' attracted nearly twenty-seven hundred people. A satellite ministry of the Neighborhood House, the Ironville Neighborhood Settlement, called Lincoln Place, had seventy-eight hundred participants during 1916. For the year, 28,766 people were involved in all the activities of this important East Side ministry.

The importance of the Neighborhood House to the community is apparent by the number of companies and individuals who contributed to its support. A list of hundreds of donors includes the names of some of Toledo's most prominent citizens. Here can be found the names Ernest Tiedtke, Thomas DeVilbiss, Edward Ford, General Sherwood, Mr. Walbridge, Mr. Detwiler and Mr. LaSalle, along with such East Side names as Winchester, Hoeflinger, Eggleston, Gardner and Tucker. Edward Drummond Libbey was also an important early benefactor.

By 1927 there were three buildings on the Vinal Street property. During the dark days of the Great Depression the bad times began to take their toll on the working class families of East Toledo and the Neighborhood House lost its founder when the Rev. Hoover passed away in early 1932. An article by Isabel Toppin of the East Side Sun family records that ''now many are losing the houses they tried hard to maintain.'' she continues ''the streams of little wagons and push carts headed for the city's dole measures the depression into which we have fallen.'' It would be during these times that the Neighborhood House would be needed all the more. Ms. Toppin goes on to say ''In the midst of the general unhappiness, the Neighborhood House has striven to relieve the drab hopelessness of the situation.'' During these hard times the Neighborhood House was often a last resort for people.

Volunteers would bring in clothing, a baker would send surplus stock and mothers, as it was recorded, would ''accomplish wonders with a yard of goods and a button. The Neighborhood House became a clearing house for the needs of the community and the human spirit would not be extinguished by these hard times. By the 1940's as the economic times began to improve and the Neighborhood House continued to provide a place for people of all ages in the community to grow and become better citizens and better Americans.

The Neighborhood House kept growing following the post-World War II boom years until a new building was needed in the early 1970's. The Center stood as a bulwark through neighborhood changes in the 1980s and 1990s and adapted to the changing needs of East Side residents. Now as the 21st century progresses and it is into its twelfth decade of service, The East Toledo Family Center serves more people and provides more services than at any other time in its long history. Tradition has been maintained even as services develop and grow so that efforts continue to be directed toward providing educational, economic, social and recreational opportunities for working class families and children.

Through more than a century of careful stewardship, the leaders of the East Toledo Family Center have carried forth the vision of Rev. Hoover and the founding members. It remains a beacon of light, shining on into a new century of service.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010–2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—ZACH RALSTIN

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the Third District's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, ''CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve