

Michael Cap's generation fought to end the threat of totalitarianism and came home to build the American Dream in peace. Their example set the tone for future generations of soldiers, including the men and women now serving in uniform in the United States armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Let us not forget Michael Cap and those like him who stood up in the face of evil and totalitarianism and defeated it. America owes him and all our veterans a great debt.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING  
THE LIFE OF DEACON MAURICE  
JOSEPH WALSH

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 5, 2011*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing and honor the life of Deacon Maurice Joseph Walsh of Niantic, Connecticut. Deacon Walsh passed away on April 21, 2011 surrounded by his family at his home.

Maurice, or Moe as he was known to friends, lived a life replete with service to his country, church, and community. Ordained in the first Permanent Diaconate class in New England by Archbishop John F. Whealon, he served several parishes including the St. Agnes Parish in Niantic. He was a member of the 745th AAA Gun Battalion of West Hartford's U.S. Army Reserves, where he achieved the rank of Sergeant.

A student of banking at The University of Chicago and Williams College, Maurice worked at the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company for 35 years and eventually went on to start a family businesses with his sons—Maurice J. Walsh and Sons Real Estate Appraisals. Successful and industrious in his profession, he always found time to give back to a variety of causes. He was an active member of the Tinker Turner American Legion Post 128, Catholic Inter-Racial Council, and was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus.

When he finally retired from the family business, Maurice saw it as an opportunity to give more. He took on a larger role as a Permanent Deacon and continued his tradition of broad, community-oriented service. He was well known for regular trips to Niantic's Bridebrook Rehabilitation Center where he and a group of volunteers he assembled would spend time with and provide spiritual guidance to its residents.

People like Deacon Walsh lived in the service of others. From a relatively young age, he went to great lengths to provide comfort and guidance to people in need of personal, civic, and spiritual help and continued this service through the age of 80. His impact in eastern Connecticut is unquantifiable. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Walsh family. He leaves behind his three sons Damien, Jeffrey, and Daniel as well as his loving wife Claire. Maurice will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and the countless people he served throughout his life.

HONORING NORMA ADELAIDE  
CARTER MURPHY

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 5, 2011*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Norma Carter Murphy, a constituent and family friend. On Saturday, May 7, 2011, family, friends, neighbors, students, classmates and co-workers will join together to honor Norma at the Cherry Point Marine Base in Havelock, North Carolina.

The middle child of Luke Eight Carter and Eunice Godette Carter, Norma Adelaide Carter was born on January 16, 1931. She attended Ole Godette Elementary School and the Palmer Memorial Institute in Sedalia, North Carolina, and graduated from Charles H. Darden High School in Wilson, North Carolina. Norma went on to earn a degree in Education from historic Howard University, and later earned her Masters Degree in Education from North Carolina Central University.

Norma began her long and distinguished teaching career at Queen Street High School in Beaufort, North Carolina and went on to teach in a variety of positions in North Carolina and Michigan for a period of 45 years.

Mrs. Murphy was always greatly loved by students and fellow teachers because of her passion, grace, energy, compassion and tireless focus on helping students succeed by achieving greatness.

Beyond the classroom, Norma has been extremely dedicated to her community. Along with eight other women, she chartered the New Bern Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. in order to promote academic excellence, provide scholarships and support to the underserved, and to highlight and resolve social and political problems in the local community.

While residing in Michigan, Norma was appointed to the state Board of Marriage and Family Counseling and served in that position for many years. She has also been active with the League of Women Voters and many parent-teacher associations.

Nine years ago, Norma moved back to North Harlowe, North Carolina to the dwelling where she was born. She is now close to many members of her immediate family and enjoying life to the fullest.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Norma Carter Murphy. She is truly a remarkable person deserving of our deepest well wishes for the enormous contributions she has made to her community and to the many young people she has taught and mentored over the years.

ROBERT LUCAS BEERS TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 5, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Lucas Beers of Mancos, Colorado. Mr. Beers led a particularly vibrant life in southern Colorado as a prominent businessman, volunteer and veteran. His years of

service in both private and public offices contributed to that prominence.

Mr. Beers was born in Mancos, Colorado. After graduating from high school, he worked briefly in the Civilian Conservation Corps before attending Fort Lewis College. He later joined the executive board of the college and was one of the members responsible for its move to Durango.

In 1944, during the height of World War II, Mr. Beers joined the Army as a cryptologist. His work decoding intercepted messages was a major contribution to our victory in China, Burma and India. Before enlisting, he was already an accomplished pilot, serving in the Civil Air Patrol, and was a civil defense volunteer for many years.

After the war, Mr. Beers returned to Durango to begin his various business ventures and public service. He worked for a number of years in the oil and gas industry and was one of the founders of Basin Petroleum, a company that owned and operated several service stations in Colorado. He also served on the Durango City Council and was elected mayor of the city for a term, where he supported a number of initiatives including paving the city's streets.

Mr. Beers also volunteered on several boards during his career. Most notably he sat for two terms on the State Agriculture Board, Mercy Hospital and the Chamber of Commerce. His love of skiing was also a driving force behind the formation of the original San Juan Development Corp., which helped create Purgatory at Durango Mountain Resort.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Robert Beers today. The community he spent a lifetime working for owes him a great deal. There is no doubt his legacy will continue to impact Colorado.

A TRIBUTE TO THE MECHDYNE

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 5, 2011*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Marshalltown's high-tech, home-grown business Mechdyne for winning the Entrepreneur of the Month Award from the Iowa Farm Bureau.

Mechdyne Corporation is based in Marshalltown, but has offices all over the world including, Houston, Washington, D.C., Canada, the United Kingdom, and even the Middle East. Despite being able to customize solutions for clients all over the globe, Mechdyne hasn't neglected Iowa and recently provided East Marshall High School with top of the line technology to facilitate a more immersive learning experience, and stimulate student interest in high tech careers.

Mechdyne began its existence by specializing in virtual reality systems but now consults for and develops advanced 3D visualization solutions for a global array of customers. Their success is a testament to the "can-do" spirit of Iowans and an example of the unlimited potential we believe each person has.

Mr. Speaker, I could not be more honored to represent Mechdyne and its employees in the United States House of Representatives and I know that all of my colleagues in the