

jumped in New Zealand at age 85 and was known for his love of dancing, even at his 90th birthday party. Mr. Yourell is survived by his wife, Millie, three children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Please join me in mourning the loss of a model citizen and a loving family man, Harry "Bus" Yourell. His passion and commitment to his community and his country will continue to inspire us all for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE TOWN OF PORT BARRE ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the town of Port Barre in celebrating their 100th anniversary. Situated off of U.S. Highway 190 and a few miles away from Interstate 49, Port Barre is referred to as "The Birthplace of Bayou Teche."

Port Barre's history dates back to 1820 when Charles Barre purchased a large section of bayou land and used it for his business enterprises. Before the advent of railroads, steamboats provided transportation for travelers and many different types of goods. Port Barre provided its surrounding areas with a lifeline to these much needed resources. The business opportunities drew people to the area, and on June 7, 1911, Governor J. G. Sanders officially incorporated the town.

Port Barre not only brought goods and services into the area, but it has also historically been a trading region. Originally the area was used as a trading center for French colonists and Indians. The former trading post lands are still accessible to the community and visitors. Presently, the Bayou Teche RV Park allows locals and tourists to enjoy the landscape and learn the history of the site.

The town hosts a number of festivals that celebrate its Cajun heritage. The Lions Club Clarkin Festival and the Volunteer Fire Department's Pirogue and Canoe Races are two of the attractions that bring people to Port Barre to kick up their heels.

In addition to holding these unique cultural celebrations, Port Barre also boasts a successful economy. Backed by local businesses and farmers, the area still offers job opportunities and supports financial growth. I congratulate the citizens of Port Barre and am proud to be their representative in Congress.

HONORING MARGARET GRIFFIN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Margaret Griffin, wife of the late former Mayor of the City of Buffalo, James D. Griffin.

Mrs. Griffin was born in the early 1930s and grew up in a large Irish family in the South Buffalo neighborhood of the Old First Ward.

Margaret married James Griffin in 1968 and the couple had three children together Maureen, Megan and Thomas.

Margaret served as Buffalo's first lady for 16 years from 1978–1994, and was considered the mayor's most trusted ally.

Margaret preferred to stay out of the public spotlight and let her husband make the headlines during his time in office, but she always remained influential in her husband's decision making as they worked together to enhance the lives of the citizens of Buffalo, NY.

While her husband led the City through tumultuous years, Margaret was described by her children as "the backbone" of their family as she set as example of strength and poise to her children as they grew up in the political spotlight.

Margaret's children recall how she and her husband made a great couple, loved each other very much, and loved to laugh and reminisce with friends.

Later in her life, Margaret became "Nana Margie" and displayed the same love for her grandchildren as she did for the rest of her family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in remembering Margaret Griffin, a truly remarkable wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and servant of the City of Buffalo and its citizens.

I wish to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Margaret Griffin, to her children Maureen and John Tomczak, Megan and Thomas and Colleen Griffin, to her grandchildren and surviving family and friends. Mrs. Griffin earned the respect of many and although words cannot truly express the kind and fun-loving woman that Margie was, it is my hope that the memories and stories of Mrs. Griffin can serve as a lasting tribute to her life and service to so many families throughout our great city, Buffalo, New York.

HONORING SERVICE AT MINNETONKA HOMECOMING

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, each fall, high schools across America hold homecoming parades to bring their community together and welcome back alumni. For Minnetonka High School this annual parade also gives the community an opportunity to honor its local veterans. Each year a veteran is selected to carry the American flag while riding at the front of the Minnetonka Homecoming Parade.

This year, Lyle Bennis, a long time resident of Deephaven, Minnesota, and a World War II Navy veteran is carrying the Stars and Stripes at the head of the ceremony in Excelsior.

Mr. Bennis was a Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class on the USS *Card* and USS *McCook* while serving in the European theater during WWII. Mr. Bennis's destroyer group recorded the most kills of German U-boat submarines in the Atlantic.

After victory in Europe was cemented, he was transferred to the Pacific and served in the Philippines, and finally in U.S. occupied Japan.

Lyle Bennis's service to our nation should never be forgotten. I thank him, and congratulate him for leading Minnetonka's homecoming parade.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS MONTH AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, there is no question that childhood obesity is among the most serious health problems affecting our nation's children. Indeed, approximately 17 percent of children and adolescents age 2–19 years in the United States are obese. The problem is only growing in magnitude, as over the past two decades, the prevalence of children who are obese has doubled, while the number of adolescents who are obese has tripled.

As co-chair of the Congressional Task Force on Childhood Obesity and in recognition of September as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, it is imperative that we begin to identify and promote solutions to the childhood obesity epidemic. One of the key places to look towards is the work of our children's hospitals.

Children's hospitals across the country are working to provide unique solutions for both treating and preventing childhood obesity. In my home district, in Columbus, Ohio, Nationwide Children's Hospital has created programs which approach the obesity epidemic from multiple angles, partnering with other organizations like the YMCA and Ohio Healthy Weight Outcomes Coalition to help foster a multi-lateral approach to addressing the epidemic.

One of these programs, the F.A.N., Fitness and Nutrition, Club was established in 2008 as part of Nationwide Children's Hospital's pediatric obesity initiative to help 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students in neighborhoods around the hospital experience fun activities to keep them fit and healthy through physical activity and education.

This month we applaud programs like F.A.N. Club and our children's hospitals, which in partnership with our local communities help ensure that children across the nation receive the tools and education necessary to prevent childhood obesity.

JOHN B. HASEMAN TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel John B. Haseman of the United States Army. I received a letter from the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency informing me that Col. Haseman is to be a 2011 inductee into the Defense Attaché System, DAS, Hall of Fame. As a member of the U.S. Country Team, Mr. Haseman served as a military adviser to the ambassador and represented the Defense Department leadership to the ambassador's host nation.

Established in 1988, the Attaché Hall of Fame serves to honor DAS personnel who have long served our nation with the prowess and distinction befitting a member of the U.S. Military. Col. Haseman served the United