

Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with my colleague, Congressman EARL HILLIARD, will introduce legislation in the House of Representatives that will designate the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site at Moton Field, Alabama, as a unit of the National Park Service. Ultimately, this legislation will allow the Park Service to tell the American people the complete story of the brave men at Tuskegee who overcame racism and intolerance in their own nation so that they could fight racism and intolerance in Europe.

Mr. Speaker, we should neither discount nor forget the impact of the Tuskegee Airmen on the "American Experience." The Tuskegee Airmen, in my view, should be immortalized, honored and thanked for their courageous and selfless efforts to preserve and protect the freedom that every American enjoys. We can do that by passing this measure.

TRIBUTE TO JASON BELL

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, often-times, we read in the newspapers or hear on television, all the problems faced by our youth in today's society. I want to share with you the story of a young man who overcame adversities, set goals for himself, and achieved those goals: Jason Bell.

Jason Bell has resided in Rockmart, Georgia his entire life. I first met Jason when he entered the Seventh District Congressional Art Competition in 1997. He wasn't awarded first place that year but he didn't quit. This Spring, Jason was the winner of the Congressional Art Competition for the Seventh District of Georgia.

Jason's art teacher, Mrs. Christine Parker, teaches at both the elementary, middle, and the high school levels in Rockmart. She watched as Jason developed an interest in painting and pottery while in middle school. His skills continued to improve. Mr. Terry Lindsey, an executive with Engineered Fabrics, a prominent company headquartered in Rockmart, befriended Jason, through a Mentor Program, and watched with pride as Jason continued to achieve excellence in his studies and in his artworks.

During his four years of high school, Jason received numerous honors which included Governor's Honors, Boys State Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Beta Club, and others. After graduation this summer, Jason received The Shorter College Presidential Scholarship, which will pay all expenses for a four-year degree. Other academic scholarships awarded to Jason were the Rome Elk Club Scholarship, Rockmart Rotary Club Scholarship, the Temple Inland Foundation Scholarship, and an additional academic scholarship from Shorter College as a result of his being selected the winner in the Congressional Art Competition.

Jason will attend Shorter College in Rome, beginning this fall, to study chemical engineering. His family, teachers, friends, his community, and his Congressman, are very proud of Jason Bell, and are fully confident he will not only succeed at achieving his goals, but will far exceed them.

HONORING COLONEL RANDY HAGLUND

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join friends and family in honoring the distinguished service of Colonel Randall R. Haglund, commander of the Defense Logistics Information Service (DLIS) in Battle Creek, Michigan. Since 1995, Colonel Haglund has directed DLIS to help ensure our nation's military readiness. I am honored to wish him well on his retirement.

Throughout his tenure as commander, Randy Haglund distinguished himself as a superior leader who successfully guided DLIS through some difficult times. I know that I valued his knowledge and advice as I promoted the work of this facility in Congress. Due in no small part to his efforts, DLIS not only remained in Battle Creek, but was expanded and modernized.

Among his many achievements was his leadership role in the integration of the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) with existing systems. This innovation will provide better and more accurate information to military operations worldwide. Randy also was able to re-engineer several major processes by incorporating new programs such as the Logistics Information Network (LINK) and the Electronic Catalog (E-Cat). I'm no expert on these programs, but I know very well that Randy's efforts proved once again the important role DLIS plays in our nation's defense.

In addition to his other duties, the Under Secretary of Defense asked Colonel Haglund to lead an independent review of the DoD Cataloging Centralization and Consolidation program, a major reengineering effort. Through his leadership, the team successfully completed the initial centralization and consolidation plan.

Colonel Haglund's greatest legacy surely is the improved efficiency of the Defense Logistics Information Service and Department of Defense. His hard work saves the taxpayers nearly \$150 million a year. This is an accomplishment that we can all appreciate.

Randy has received many military honors, including the Meritorious Service award with gold star, the Navy Commendation, the National Defense Medal and the Defense Superior Service Medal. As a veteran, I have great respect for those who have earned a leadership role in our armed forces and I value very highly the contributions people such as Randall Haglund have made to safeguard our nation in an unpredictable world.

Time and time again Colonel Haglund has proven to be an exceptional man and leader. For these reasons, Bonnie and I wish the Colonel, his wife, Barbara, and their three sons the very best in all of their future endeavors. We in Battle Creek shall miss him.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL LIN AS GUAM'S SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the Guam Chamber of Commerce annually selects the "Small Business Person of the Year" from a pool of individuals or business partners owning and operating or bear principal responsibility for small business establishments on Guam. The chamber takes into account staying power, sales growth, growth in payroll, innovativeness in product or service, response to adversity, and civic contributions. This year the honor was bestowed upon Michael Shih Lin, the president of Hornet International Inc.

In 1973, Michael Lin was on a business trip to Brazil as a Chemical Engineer and Manager for Taiwan Cyanamid Company, a subsidiary of its American counterpart. On his way back, his flight stopped over on Guam and upon recognizing the potential, he returned in 1973 and opened a retail store selling bicycles and skateboards.

Through the years, this business, now known as Hornet International, Inc., has grown steadily. The company's decision to expand from a skateboard and bicycle store to a full sporting goods store is a clear turning point. Starting with only one employee in 1974, Hornet, at one time, employed thirty-nine full-time employees at four locations.

Over the last two decades Michael's company has survived major typhoons, a disastrous fire, and intense competition from off-island retailers. In the face of adversity, Hornet has taken steps to expand its sales base. Since 1997, the company has imported bicycle parts from China and Taiwan for resale to retailers and importers. Their goal of importing bicycle parts and assembling them for resale in the United States is coming to fruition with the establishment of the company's California operations. Hornet's success is undoubtedly due to Michael's business acumen and innovations.

Taking time out of his business ventures, Michael also devotes his personal time and resources to civic activities. He has served on the board of the American Red Cross, Guam Chapter. During his tenure as president, the Rotary Club of Northern Guam was named the "Most Outstanding Club in District 2750". He was instrumental in the establishment of the Rotary Club of Guam Sunrise in 1997 and he currently serves as Vice Chairman for the Friendship Committee for District 2750 which includes Rotary Clubs from Japan. Michael was also the chapter president of the Chinese Merchants Association during its inception in 1993 and served through Chinese New Year of 1997. In addition, Michael also serves as a member of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, as a Board Member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the University of Guam Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network, and the Navy League of the U.S. Guam Council.

For over two decades, Guam's small business community has benefited from Michael Lin's efforts and dedication. I join the Guam Chamber of Commerce and the people of Guam in celebrating Michael's contributions

and success and congratulate him for being chosen as "1998's Small Business Person of the Year."

CONGRESS SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRET SERVICE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I am told that the Majority Whip, Mr. DELAY, will soon offer an extraordinary and unprecedented amendment to the Treasury-Postal appropriations bill which seeks to involve Congress in pending litigation between the Secret Service and the Independent Counsel, Kenneth Starr.

That litigation, which is before the federal appeals court in the District of Columbia, concerns whether Secret Service agents can be required to testify about private activities of the President. Under this Republican amendment, Congress would direct the Attorney General to withdraw the Secret Service's appeal from an order that affects them, and every future President, profoundly.

What the gentleman from Texas and the Republican leadership want is for Congress to weigh in on an important and difficult legal issue and give free and unsolicited legal advice to the Attorney General. The amendment is bad policy and, I am quite sure, unprecedented. Never, in my memory, has the Congress tried to involve itself in such sensitive litigation, and certainly not in the context of an Independent Counsel's investigation of the President.

Former President George Bush, in a recent letter to Secret Service Director Lewis Merletti, wrote, based on his experience, that he hoped that Secret Service agents "will be exempted from testifying before the Grand Jury." President Bush went on to say that "[w]hat's at stake here is the protection of the life of the President and his family, and the confidence and trust that a President must have" in the Secret Service. Even the three-judge panel of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals that originally heard the case itself said that "ensuring the physical safety of the President is a public good of the utmost importance."

Just this past Sunday, the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Mr. ORRIN HATCH, said that his committee would hold hearings to consider legislation in this area, a proposal that I think is quite reasonable. But until Congress considers this complex area, I don't believe that we have any business trying to dictate to the Attorney General what position she should take in this litigation.

The Secret Service has a unique relationship with every President of the United States. Secret Service agents necessarily are within earshot of every confidential communication that a President has. Are we ready to require these agents to repeat everything that they overhear the President or the head of a foreign country say? The gentleman's amendment threatens the open and close relationship between the Secret Service and the President, a relationship that must provide the President with maximum security and protection.

As a matter of principle, the Secret Service has independently decided that the issue is important enough to seek rehearing before the entire District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals. Given the Secret Service's strongly held views, isn't it a bit presumptuous of us to consider the invitation of the gentleman from Texas to take a position on this issue?

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL L. LAVER

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Daniel L. Laver, a long time resident of San Diego, who has recently retired as Director of the San Diego County Area Agency on Aging. Mr. Laver leaves behind an agency that has become the leader in services to the elderly and disabled populations in our county. For almost forty years, Mr. Laver gave his all to the County of San Diego and its citizens, often times putting his life on hold to meet the challenges and break the roadblocks that prevented the agency from providing the highest quality services. Several services and products developed under Mr. Laver's leadership have been deemed "Best in Class" at the local, state and national levels. Dan's motto has been: "If it's good for seniors—do it! It's not—don't."

Dan is known for his tenacity in enhancing options for elderly and disabled people to remain living independently in their own homes and communities and for his creativity in program development and management. Highlights of his remarkable career include: building and renovating 18 senior centers throughout the county under the Senior Center Bond Act of 1984; creating "Meals on the Move" which delivers hot, nutritious meals to the homebound elderly on holidays, weekends and on an emergency basis; expanding the county's case management program to embrace younger persons with disabilities, as well as the elderly; establishing "Links-to-Life," which provides emergency medical identification bracelets for low-income seniors; and helping to establish "Christmas in April," which rehabilitates the houses of low-income elderly and disabled homeowners.

Mr. Laver is currently President of the National Association of Area Agencies (N4A) on Aging and leads them in their nationwide advocacy. In that capacity, he testified on the Older Americans Act before the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, which I chaired at that time. In 1988, he was given N4A's highest honor, the Distinguished Director Award. He also led the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging as its President from 1986 to 1987.

I commend Dan Laver for making a significant impact on the lives of elderly and disabled people in San Diego County and throughout the nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on June 22, 1998, I mistakenly cast a "yea" vote on rollcall vote 256 on H. Con. Res. 452, expressing the sense of the House that the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service (USPS) should reject the recommended postage rate increase. Please let it reflect in the record that I intended a "nay" vote.

The USPS faces enormous challenges, primarily maintaining universal mail service at an affordable price across our entire nation. The USPS needs to be more efficient and to improve local service in some areas, including parts of Connecticut's Fourth Congressional District. But I do not believe the increase is unreasonable.

Congress pushed for the Postal Service to be run like a private business and, therefore, should not interfere now in the decisions its board makes. The increase in the price of a first-class stamp, to 33 cents, is less than one-third the rate of inflation over the more than three years the 32-cent rate has been in effect.

COMMENDING THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE, CONNECTICUT

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, during this past Fourth of July district work period, most of us participated in a variety of events in our congressional districts across the nation that underscored the patriotism that we all hold for our country. These events reminded us all of our heritage and the privilege of living in the greatest nation in the world.

Such a reminder should be noted not only on one day a year, but day-in and day-out. Accordingly, the people of the Town of Cheshire in my congressional district have recently taken steps to make patriotic pride a mainstay of every day life in their community. This past April 25th, the Town dedicated the Medal of Honor Plaza and a "Living Classroom of Historic Trees" to honor the Town's two Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, as well as other veterans with roots in Cheshire.

Captain Eri Woodbury, who fought with the Vermont Cavalry during the Civil War was the Town's first recipient in 1864. He was followed in 1965 by Vietnam War veteran Col. Harvey C. Barnum, USMC (Ret.). Only 3,500 individuals have received the Congressional Medal of Honor since its inception in 1862. Given the town's relatively small population of about 26,000, two Medal of Honor recipients is a highly notable distinction.

Near the center of the Town there now stands a black granite monument commemorating Captain Woodbury and Col. Barnum. The memorial is centered on a star shaped Plaza paved with bricks, each one bearing the name of one of over 400 other veterans with ties to Cheshire.

The "Living Classroom of Historic Trees" are seedlings taken from historic trees from