

Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart and 34 Air Medals, among others. He went on to the California National Guard, serving as a Crew Chief in the 126th Helicopter Company. He was extremely proud of his military service, and particularly enjoyed coordinating the Vietnam Darkhorse project.

David then became a certified EMT and worked in the public ambulance sector as a paramedic from 1980 to 2001. He served first as a volunteer, then as an employee at the North Shore Fire Protection District, Lucerne Station from 2001 to 2007. He held a variety of positions with the Fire Protection District, including Paramedic, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Fire Officer, Weapons of Mass Destruction Instructor/Trainer, and Captain. His tireless efforts led him to be recognized as Firefighter of the Year.

David will always be known as someone who loved his family and his community dearly. He is remembered by those who knew him as a superlative husband, father, and grandfather; as a caring brother, a respected comrade, a spirited co-worker, a true friend, a loyal employee and an honest neighbor.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, David Fesmire's contributions to our country and the community of Lake County are immeasurable. His presence will be missed even as his legacy endures.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater football team for their courageous and improbable victory in the 35th Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl to capture the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III national championship.

With Salem Stadium as the backdrop, Whitewater capped off an incredible season by beating the undefeated and top-ranked Mount Union College Purple Raiders to give the university its first football national championship. The Warhawks' third trip to Salem, Va., in as many years proved to be the charm. Mount Union had defeated Whitewater in each of the previous two Stagg Bowl games en route to a 37-game winning streak that has now been snapped thanks to the tremendous dedication and determination of all the Warhawk players, coaches, staff, and fans.

To add to his already long list of accolades including 2007 Gagliardi Trophy winner, National Player of the Year Justin Beaver was named the game's Most Outstanding Player. Beaver carried the ball 31 times for 249 yards and a touchdown, raising his season rushing total to 2,455 yards and breaking the previous Division III record he set two years ago. Beaver's play was complimented by the strong performance of the 22 other seniors who took the field for the last time at the Stagg Bowl.

In a phenomenal first season, head coach Lance Leipold led Whitewater to a 14-1 record, going undefeated in league play to secure the Warhawks' third straight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title.

Leipold took the reins of a storied program with a rich history that includes the likes of long-time coaches Bob Berezowitz and stadium namesake Forrest Perkins.

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater represents the best of student-athletics and this title serves as a major accomplishment for the entire state of Wisconsin. I sincerely congratulate the team and the university and wish them luck in their quest to repeat as national champions.

TRIBUTE TO THE JOHN WILLIAM JACKSON FUND

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituents, the Jackson family, founders of the John William Jackson Fund.

Boise resident Bill Jackson established the John William Jackson fund seven years ago in honor of his son, John, who died in a rock climbing accident in Central Asia. John William Jackson was known as a free-spirited individual who was passionate about academics, performing arts and outdoor sports. He challenged both himself and those around him to believe in themselves. He pushed them to excel at all that they did and to reach for the stars.

In providing scholarships and activities through the Fund, Bill Jackson has honored his son's memory by continuing to encourage young people to be successful individuals who can make great things happen. Jackson received the nickname "Action" Jackson during his service in Vietnam, and he continues to live up to that nickname through his work with the Fund.

The Jackson Fund has supported youth rock-climbing programs at the YMCA. It has provided new musical instruments to Kuna Middle School, and it has given scholarships to needy students to attend a Boise State University music camp. Just as John Jackson made other people believe in their dreams, the Jackson Fund is giving them the assistance and support to make those dreams a reality.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the achievements and contributions of the John William Jackson Fund and am honored to represent the Jackson family in Congress. Across America, our constituents are donating their time and energy to make a difference in people's lives, and I appreciate the opportunity to highlight one family in my state that is doing just that.

WISHING JESSE ANN LEWIS A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, Jesse Ann Lewis of Bay City, Texas will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 30. A lifetime resident of Bay City, Mrs. Lewis faithfully served several Bay City families as a domestic serv-

ant. However, Mrs. Lewis's greatest contribution to her community has been her over six decades of service as a missionary for the Enterprise Church. Mrs. Lewis's service to Enterprise Church's congregation enabled her to positively impact the lives of several generations of Bay City residents.

The love and dedication Mrs. Lewis has shown for the people of Bay City is reciprocated in the love and respect the people of Bay City have for Mrs. Lewis. It is therefore a pleasure to wish Mrs. Jesse Ann Lewis a happy 100th birthday as she prepares to celebrate her centennial with a gathering in her beloved Enterprise Church, surrounded by people whose lives were improved by Mrs. Lewis's devotion to her church, her community, and her fellow human beings.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN BELARUS OFF TO DISCOURAGING START IN THE NEW YEAR

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, last month, I chaired a Helsinki Commission briefing with a delegation of leading political opposition figures and democratic activists from Belarus. The briefing was entitled, "The Future Belarus: Democracy or Dictatorship" and focused on the prospects for change in a country located in the heart of Europe that has Europe's worst track record with respect to human rights and democracy. Unfortunately, developments since the delegation's visit to Washington have been deeply discouraging and do not bode well for Belarus' democratic future.

One of the young people who testified at the briefing, 19-year-old Zmitser Fedaruk, spoke eloquently of the dangers that young human rights activists face in Belarus. His words were prophetic, as a few days later, back in Belarus, he was beaten and knocked unconscious by riot policemen, then rushed by ambulance to the hospital. Just last week, the Minsk district prosecutor's office in Minsk refused to open an investigation into Zmitser's beating.

A day earlier, my friend Anatoly Lebedka, one of Belarus' staunchest defenders of democratic rights, who also testified before the Commission, was roughed up by Belarusian police as well. It was far from the first time that this leader of the democratic opposition had been beaten up or repressed by the Lukashenko regime. On January 4, the Lukashenko regime banned Anatoly from travelling abroad in what was obviously a politically-motivated decision. Today, Anatoly is in jail serving a 15-day sentence, along with several dozen other pro-democracy and small business advocates who participated in a January 10 protest against restrictions on activities of small businesses. Some of the activists—mostly young people—received injuries during their arrest. Tatyana Tshishkevch, who was severely beaten during her arrest and presented her bloodstained jacket in court, received a 20-day sentence. Arsen Pakhomau, a freelance photo correspondent for "Nasha Niva" weekly—one of the very few remaining independent publications in Belarus—was also

sentenced to 15 days' administrative arrest. On the day of the protest, a number of websites that cover social and economic affairs in Belarus, such as Charter '97 and Radio Liberty, were partially or fully blocked by the authorities.

These most recent repressive actions follow the sentencing of opposition activist Artur Finkevich to 18 months in prison; the arbitrary use of judicial power to put out of business independent newspapers such as "Novi Chas"; steps to liquidate the opposition Belarusian Communist Party; and the fining of Baptist pastor Yuri Kravchuk for unregistered religious activity. Belarus is the only country in Europe with compulsory registration before religious activity can take place.

Unfortunately, the indications in just the first few weeks of this New Year are not encouraging. Lukashenka's presidential administration has recently rejected the opposition's proposal to hold talks on the upcoming 2008 parliamentary elections, refusing an offer by the Belarusian opposition to consider joint proposals on conducting parliamentary elections in accordance with democratic standards.

Madam Speaker, as Chairman of the U.S. Helsinki Commission and as someone who has long been involved in the OSCE process to promote security, cooperation, democracy and human rights among the 56 OSCE countries, including Belarus, I am deeply disappointed in the Belarusian Government's continual flaunting of freely undertaken OSCE commitments. It is my strong hope that Mr. Lukashenka will cease the self-imposed isolation of his country—threatening, most recently, to expel U.S. Ambassador Karen Stewart—and will give serious thought to the offers of cooperation that have come from the United States and the European Union if Belarus releases political prisoners and displays respect for basic democratic norms. In the meantime, the Lukashenka regime can be assured that my colleagues and I on the Helsinki Commission are determined to stand by Anatoly Lebedka, Dzmitri Fedaruk and all those in Belarus—young and old—bravely struggling for freedom, democracy and respect for human rights.

A TRIBUTE TO ANNE M. MOORE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Anne Moore's 10 years of service as chief of the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. Anne leaves a lasting legacy in Sacramento and she will be deeply missed. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring one of Sacramento's finest public servants.

For three decades Ms. Moore has been a tireless advocate for affordable housing. She began her career with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, SHRA, in 1985 and since then has helped to improve the lives of low-income people, seniors, the disabled and the homeless, across the greater Sacramento region. During her time with SHRA Ms. Moore also served as president of the California Redevelopment Association, CRA, Board. In addition, she has served on

the Sacramento Workforce Investment Board, the Sacramento Downtown Partnership Board, the Del Paso Boulevard Partnership Board and Friends of Light Rail's Board of Directors. Ms. Moore's leadership and dedication to improving housing choices in Sacramento led to her appointment as executive director of SHRA in 1998.

During her time with SHRA, Ms. Moore has overseen many successful and award-winning projects that have improved neighborhoods and commercial areas, while preserving and creating affordable housing options for low-income residents of Sacramento. One of her most notable achievements was her leadership in transforming the former Franklin Villa neighborhood, which had been historically plagued by crime, drug activity and high unemployment into the award-winning Phoenix Park community. It is now a safe and affordable neighborhood for families and seniors. In addition, Ms. Moore has been instrumental in the development and implementation of a Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness for the City and County of Sacramento. Ms. Moore has also been involved in partnering with community members to address unmet needs such as a full-service grocery store in the Oak Park neighborhood and successful development of new Boys and Girls Clubs in the Alkali Flat and Lemon Hill neighborhoods.

Ms. Moore's hard work and dedication to solving the problem of affordable housing in the Sacramento area resulted in an increase in affordable housing production in 2006. In addition, Sacramento has adopted nine redevelopment areas over the past 10 years and many of these areas have already seen great progress in being revitalized. In addition, Ms. Moore's efforts in administering the Housing Choice Voucher program, which provides safe and decent housing for more than 51,000 low-income individuals in Sacramento County, has increased housing assistance from 6,000 to 11,000 in the past decade. Personally, Ms. Moore has been a pleasure to work with. Her thoughtfulness and intelligence has helped allow many neighborhoods to thrive.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Anne Moore's distinguished commitment to Sacramento and our housing needs. Ms. Moore's outstanding leadership and dedication to SHRA has helped preserve and improve many of our neighborhoods and has increased housing options for our low-income residents. We all are thankful for her efforts. As Ms. Moore's colleagues, family and friends gather to honor her service, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing her continued good fortune in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA C. SADLER

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize and pay tribute to an outstanding employee of one of the great companies located in the State of Iowa. Linda C. Sadler, who has been a valued employee of Rockwell, and subsequently, Rockwell Collins, will retire on February 1, 2008. Linda Sadler's career spans over 39 years, during which she has distinguished herself as a leader, scholar,

businesswoman and staunch friend of all civil aviation issues.

A Pennsylvania native, Ms. Sadler graduated with a BS degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and subsequently, a JD from Duquesne University, in addition to earning a certificate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a fellow in their Foreign Politics, International Relations and National Interest program.

Ms. Sadler began her career at Rockwell as a secretary in the Patent Department, while pursuing an undergraduate degree at night school. She continued to hold positions of increasing responsibility within the Legal Department, while completing her law degree at night school. Upon graduation from law school, she became assistant general counsel in the Rockwell Legal Department, specializing in intellectual property law, advertising, international law and regulation and antitrust issues. She also served as the primary Legal Department attorney for Rockwell Communication Systems Division.

Following that assignment and just prior to coming to the Washington office, she became director of government affairs for Rockwell's Automotive Operations, where she directed the State, Federal and Canadian governmental affairs and regulatory functions for Rockwell's automotive businesses, including product compliance activities with the National Highway Safety Administration at the Department of Transportation.

Presently, as the senior director of Federal affairs for Rockwell Collins, Inc., she has been singularly responsible for public policy and governmental affairs activities for the commercial avionics and communications businesses and for technology marketing on behalf of the Advanced Technology Center and the business units with non-military Federal agencies. In this position, she has planned, directed and managed the Federal policy and regulatory affairs agendas that affect Rockwell Collins commercial businesses' domestic and international interests, including activities before the Congress, the White House and administration agencies, to include the Departments of Commerce, State and Transportation—in particularly the FAA—and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. Ms. Sadler has also served as the chairperson of the Aerospace Industrial Association Commercial Aviation R&D Committee, the Air Traffic Control Committee of Government Electronics Industry Alliance, and in addition, she has served in leadership capacities in every industry-related group in which she has participated.

She also has directed and managed the Washington technology marketing support, particularly for Advance Technology Center, as well as the commercial businesses of Rockwell Collins. Ms. Sadler also has corporate-wide responsibility for directing the licensing, regulatory and communications-related policy initiatives at the Federal Communications Commission, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the International Telecommunications Union and other U.S. and international regulatory and standards bodies. In addition, Ms. Sadler provides Washington support for the corporate patent function on issues relating to intellectual property laws and regulations. In recognition of her vast contributions to the aviation industry, Aerospace Industry Association has presented her with their Emilia