

stationed at Hunter Army Airfield in Georgia. He was serving his great nation in the country of Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Staff Sgt. Goare, at 29, was an active citizen in his community and did his best to make his country a better place to live. Staff Sgt. Goare's courage and selflessness to his country was displayed even as his helicopter came under attack on June 28, 2005.

Staff Sgt. Goare will be remembered for his unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. His example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew him.

While words cannot express our grief during the loss of such a courageous soldier, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Staff Sgt. Shamus O. Goare.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KOLMAN KRISHAN

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kolman Krishan, who passed away on July 2, 2005, at the age of 85. Mr. Krishan was a Veteran of World War II, serving from January 1943 until September 1945, primarily in the Panama Canal Zone. Mr. Krishan was born March 3, 1920 in Union Town, Pennsylvania. He moved to Lincoln Park, Michigan in the late 1930s and finally settled in Newport, Michigan with his wife Lois. Mr. Krishan worked for Detroit Edison and leaves behind three children and three grandchildren. His life serves as a prime example of his generation, with commitment to the values of hard work, sacrifice and duty.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Central United Methodist Church on its 100th anniversary.

This spring, the church will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its foundation in 1905. The congregation is a source of inspiration and symbol of strength for all its members and the Beaver County community as a whole. In order to mark the special occasion, the church will host a dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. that is open to the public. This summer alone the church has proudly served more than 500 people through its monthly meal celebration.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Central United Methodist Church. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute an enduring institution like the Central United congregation.

HONORING WOMEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the Women's Rights Movement. Today marks the 157th anniversary of the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York.

Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and hundreds of other influential women planned, organized, marched and petitioned to achieve women's suffrage. These women produced the Declaration of Sentiments, which urges women's equality with men before the law, in education and employment. The declaration also was the first pronouncement demanding that women be given the right to vote. Their efforts brought the issues of equality and freedom to the forefront and forced people to examine the roles and rights of women in society.

In a time when the United States is spreading freedom and democracy across the globe, we must honor the women who helped establish gender equality right here at home. These women exemplify courage and their fight for freedom must be remembered and celebrated.

The recent success of the Iraqi people in their quest to vote is continued proof that all people want to have a say in the way their government functions and represents its citizenry. The United States must continue its quest for freedom and democratic rights for all people.

I am proud to have the Women's Rights National Historical Park and the National Women's Hall of Fame in my Congressional district. The Women's Rights National Historical Park is comprised of the Wesleyan Chapel (the site of the first women's rights convention), Declaration Park (which displays the full text of the Declaration of Sentiments), and the Stanton Home. The National Women's Hall of Fame is a tribute to some of the greatest women in the history of the United States. The Hall continues to honor women's achievements and bring women's accomplishments to the foreground by annually inducting women whose contributions to society have been of great value to the development of their country. I encourage all people to visit and learn more about the women and the events that led to women's equality in the United States.

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN MICHAEL R. KUHN FOR RECEIVING A BRONZE STAR MEDAL

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Captain Michael R. Kuhn of the 42nd MP Brigade in the United States Army was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for acting out in bravery and courage against the enemy while engaged in military operations; and

Whereas, Captain Michael R. Kuhn is to be commended for the honor and heroism that he

displayed while serving our Nation in Baghdad, Iraq; and

Whereas, Captain Michael R. Kuhn has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence, and outstanding service which has extended from his time serving in the Ohio University Reserve Officer Training Corps to now serving as a soldier in the United States Army.

Therefore, I join with the family and friends, the residents of Logan County, and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in thanking Captain Michael R. Kuhn for his service to our country and to congratulate him on his achievement of receiving the Bronze Star Medal. Your service has made us proud.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM BARTLEY CRAWLEY UPON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William Bartley Crawley, a prominent Alabama farmer, agricultural leader, and conservationist, on the fiftieth anniversary of his death.

In the heart of Pike County near Banks, Alabama, lies State Road 201, a nondescript mile-and-a-half stretch of blacktop one would use if traveling from Brundidge to Monticello and points beyond. The pastoral setting along State Road 201 understates the legacy and the prominence of the man who lived in the white farmhouse along that highway among the rolling fields of peanuts and cotton. By an act of the Alabama Legislature, State Road 201 now bears that man's name: the William Bartley Crawley Highway.

The legacy of Mr. Crawley is as deep and rich as the red dirt road that ran due east from the white farmhouse into the heart of the 3,000 acre Crawley farm.

William Bartley Crawley was born August 21, 1893, the fifth of six children of John Henry Crawley and Laura Jane Stokes. John Henry was a respected farmer in the Banks community and passed his love for farming to his children. William Bartley, or W.B., married Willie T. Brantley in 1913 and spent the years 1915 to 1932 not as a farmer, but as a road contractor, building many of the farm-to-market and butter-and-egg roads on which agriculture in the South had come to depend.

Mr. Crawley ultimately yielded to his passion to farm full-time, and was soon thereafter called on to speak for all the farmers in the community. Thus began what would become a lifetime of service as a leading voice in agriculture in Alabama and the Nation.

Mr. Crawley's first leadership role began in 1933 when he was named Pike County, Alabama's committeeman to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA). The AAA, the forerunner of the Production and Marketing Administration (PMA), was established within the U.S. Department of Agriculture to raise farm prices by limiting and diversifying crop production, and to protect the long-term viability of farming by introducing soil conservation methods. Mr. Crawley quickly rose to prominence in the AAA becoming Alabama state

committeeman in 1935 and serving as Chairman of Alabama's State committee from 1938 to 1948.

During the same period, Mr. Crawley founded, in 1937, the Georgia, Florida, Alabama Peanut Association (GFA) to represent the collective interests of all peanut growers in the region. He served as president of the association from 1937 to 1951 during which time GFA became a political juggernaut with over 93,000 members across six States and wielded significant influence in national agriculture policy.

As president of GFA, Mr. Crawley was called to Washington, D.C., by the Secretary of Agriculture, in December, 1940, to consult on legislation regarding peanut farming. In March, 1941, again in Washington, Mr. Crawley testified before the Senate Agriculture Committee, and one month later the landmark "Peanut Bill" became law. Among other things, the 1941 Peanut Bill set up marketing quotas that guaranteed peanut farmers a fair price on peanuts grown on their allotted acres. Ultimately, GFA initiatives raised the price of peanuts from \$30 per ton in 1937 to \$240 per ton in 1948, while at the same time increasing per-acre yields and introducing important soil conservation measures.

Of course, during his years of public service Mr. Crawley continued to manage a large productive farm in Banks as well as help Willie T. rear a large active family: their sons, Thomas Marion, born in 1914, William Douglas, born in 1915, William Brantley, born in 1919; and James Beard (Corky), born in 1928; and their daughters, Annie Lester, born in 1921, and Jane Carolyn, born in 1924. The concept of service-above-self ran strong in the next generation of Crawleys, and during World War II Mr. Crawley had to call on German prisoners of war interned in nearby camps to work his farm while his own sons and many of his tenants were at war. The husband of one of his daughters was, in fact, himself, a prisoner of war of the Germans.

In 1948, Mr. Crawley was once again called to service in Washington, D.C., this time by President Truman and Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan, for a full-time leadership position in the Production and Marketing Administration (PMA).

Mr. Crawley was reluctant to move to Washington, as the GFA News reported, because, "frankly . . . leaving his home, his family, his friends, his farm, and last but not least, his fish pond, is a very unhappy task." However, as the paper went on to report about Mr. Crawley, "But fifteen years spent in working with and for farmers in every county in his state . . . have so channeled his thoughts and formulated his actions . . . he has answered the call to Washington with the same understanding for the needs of American agriculture and the same deep sense of loyalty . . . which characterized his long years of public service."

In Washington, Mr. Crawley served as assistant administrator of PMA and was responsible for all agricultural conservation programs nationwide. In 1949, Mr. Crawley was confirmed by the Senate for the additional responsibility of serving as one of six members on the Board of Directors of the influential Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). His service on the national stage brought to the Nation the same positive benefits he had earlier delivered for Alabama: higher crop prices, improved per-acre yields, and major improvements in soil conservation methods.

In 1953, Mr. Crawley returned to his farm in Banks and, on July 23, 1955, died at the age of 61. During his life he had never viewed farmers in shades of black and white, but rather fought relentlessly to improve the plight of all farmers. As a testament to his lifetime of inclusion his funeral was officiated by ministers both black and white.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to the outstanding service and the lasting legacy of Mr. William Bartley Crawley, and I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the work and achievements of this native son of Alabama.

CELEBRATING THE GERSTEN'S
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, on July 14, 1953, Howard Gersten and Joy Slomonsen met for the first time. This Sunday, July 24, 2005, they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. In the time between, they have lived out their dreams together and created a family out of their own love, which continues to grow today.

Howard Gersten grew up in Forest Hills, NY while his future wife, Joy, was raised in Newark, NJ. In summer of 1953, they were both working in the same building when they met and arranged their first date: a day game at Yankee Stadium, which meant Joy would have to skip work. This was only appropriate, as she would make many sacrifices over the years to come in the name of sports.

Shortly after they met, Howard was drafted into the service and was deployed overseas to Germany. Before he left, they became engaged and agreed to marry upon his return. During his long journey abroad, they kept in contact by writing many letters that they still keep with them. Once his tour of duty was over, and Howard returned to the U.S., they immediately planned to wed. On July 24, 1955, Howard and Joy Gersten were married in a rabbi's study with a handful of guests present, and returned home to their apartment on Northfield Ave. in West Orange, NJ, to start their life together.

In 1957, their first son, Andrew, was born. He would be followed by Judith and Laurie. The children grew up with their parents in northern New Jersey. Howard had built a career as a marketing executive in New York City. Despite the benefit of lavish trips abroad, tickets to Knicks games at Madison Square Garden (when they weren't given away to "schmucks") and generous expense accounts, the two always dreamed of a taking a different path in life.

One day, while reading the New York Times (presumably after finishing the crossword puzzle), Howard happened to notice an advertisement in the classified ads. A bookstore was for sale in the college town of Amherst, MA. This was an opportunity they had always talked about and so, even though the chances of going through with the purchase were slim, they packed their bags and went to take a look. While visiting Amherst, and considering the consequences of making such a life-altering change, mother nature weighed in by

sending them a rainbow as a sign of things to come in Amherst. Never being ones to ignore good advice, they decided it was meant to be.

Soon after, they bought a house in the woods at 139 High Point Drive and moved to Amherst to become the proprietors of the Jeffrey Amherst Bookshop. Their work at the bookstore continues to this day, as they are always striving to improve business and provide better service to the community of which they are now such a vital part. With the opening of their second store, the Jeffrey Amherst College Store, they expanded their enterprises to take advantage of the rapidly growing market of textbook sales.

In 1980, their first grandchild, Evan Goitein was born. This was the start of something big as eight other grandchildren would follow: Daniel Goitein, Hannah Goitein, Leah Goitein, Ben Gersten, Sarah Gersten, Jonah Goitein, Emma Garrison and James Garrison. Their "nuclear family," as they like to refer to, now includes 20 people. This makes for a lot of birthdays, little league games, school plays and—most importantly—matzah balls. Somehow they manage to always stay on top of what is going on in the lives of everyone in the family, which has earned them awards such as "World's Best Grandpa" and "World's Greatest Grandma."

These days, Joy and Bill enjoy a life that is easy to envy. They still work at the bookstore at least four days a week and are continually improving the business they have built. They regularly hold book signings for local authors, where Grandma's lemon squares steal the spotlight. They go to their local health club and take hikes for exercise. They are regulars at the weekly UMASS sports luncheon. They enjoy the area's fine restaurants frequently, often dining with their children and grandchildren.

At home, they stay very aware of current events, tuning in to C-SPAN to follow the events unfolding in our country and abroad. The day is not complete unless the New York Times crossword puzzle is done, or it is 7:30 at night—whichever comes first. For fun, they travel to visit their families in Hookset, Concord, Westfield and Washington, DC, as well as vacationing in Maine and Rhode Island. They visit museums, see plays and attend concerts, including an annual trip to Tanglewood.

Of all the many things that the Gerstens are—parents, grandparents, local business owners, community supporters, sports fans, friends, and so much more—the role that is most admired by those that know them is that of the foundation for a family who has followed their example and grown, with love, to improve their own lives and the lives of those around them. Their love for each other has become a benchmark that every person who knows them strives to reach, with the hope that one day we can all be as happy and deserving as they are in their lives, today and for many years to come.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR.
AND MRS. FREGIATO

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Frank and Mary Fregiato were