

gratitude for his service protecting West Tennessee families, congratulating him on his retirement, and wishing him the best as he begins an exciting and important opportunity.

IN MEMORY OF JAY CRISCIONE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on July 29th, South Carolina and Lexington County lost a long time friend and leader with the passing of Jay Criscione. Our community has been enhanced as world-class due to his vision on behalf of young people and our senior citizens.

Joey Holleman of The State newspaper in South Carolina has thoughtfully penned the following tribute to Mr. Criscione.

[From the State]

LEXINGTON RECREATION LEADER DIES

(By Joey Holleman)

Jay Criscione, who directed the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission through more than two decades of rapid growth, died Wednesday after a battle with cancer. He was 61.

Criscione started with the recreation agency in 1973, soon after he graduated from Clemson. He took over as executive director in 1986.

Criscione steered the agency toward projects that drew from large geographic areas—the four leisure centers, the Oak Grove and Pine Grove softball complexes, and a national-caliber tennis center. He reasoned that the softball and tennis projects would give the county double benefits. Local players could use the facilities, and local businesses would benefit from regional and national tournaments held at the venues.

“He was a pioneer in the softball craze of bringing in national tournaments,” said Jim Headley, director of the S.C. Recreation and Parks Association. “What he did with Oak Grove and then Pine Grove inspired Rock Hill, Florence and Aiken to enter the softball market. He saw sports tourism as an economic engine.”

Adept at working every financing angle, Criscione landed state grants that paid most of the construction cost for a horse arena in South Congaree and multiple senior centers. He also helped convince County Council to approve multimillion-dollar construction bonds.

“He had a vision for the county,” said Larry Mack, longtime chairman of the recreation commission. “He worked real hard to supply the needs of the people for recreation.”

In recent years, Criscione had been slowed by multiple bouts with various cancers. He is survived by his mother, Juanita R. Criscione of Chester, a daughter and son-in-law, Ramsey and Trent Goodman of Lexington, a sister, Paulette Criscione of Lexington, and two grandchildren.

UNITED STATES NUMBERED
HIGHWAY SYSTEM

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, the United States Numbered Highway System—

from US 1 to US 830—was the first set of nationally recognized highways in the country. During the Great Depression, federal and state governments put people to work improving and extending the nation's roads and highways. The U.S. numbered highways carried the bulk of intercity vehicular traffic and people migrating west. These highways helped our country win the Second World War, allowing great flexibility in ferrying soldiers and materials across the nation, supplementing the nation's fixed rail system.

Communities all across America sprung up around these numbered highways, which came to serve as Main Streets in many of these towns. The system reached its apex in 1956, but with the creation of the Interstate System and subsequent growth of suburban communities, many of these once great highways have decayed. As a result, many of the U.S. numbered highways can be characterized as “orphan highways,” receiving little or no federal investment. These highways, however, continue to serve local areas with critical connectivity and economic links, and are often the heart of Main Street America.

To create an assistance program that is tailored to the redevelopment of community Main Streets which are or were part of the United States Numbered Highway System, I have introduced the Orphan Highway Restoration Act. This legislation creates a new program to provide Federal funds to assist states and local governments in their efforts to rehabilitate or repair the Main Street sections of the orphan highways running through their towns. The bill provides a needed boost to state and local transportation departments by committing important new resources to revitalize local economies and communities. It creates redevelopment opportunities that benefit local businesses and labor, improve safety on our roads, and creates jobs.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this important legislation and to reinvest in the communities that make America great.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ms. FALLIN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the FY 2010 THUD Appropriations bill:

I, Congresswoman MARY FALLIN, requested and received \$1,000,000 for Bus Facility Renovation and Parking Authority located at 300 SW 7th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73109. This funding will be used for to repair and replace water cooling tower and correct drainage problems at historic Union Station. Improve the lighting and exhaust systems at the maintenance garage and upgrade the oil and lube room facilities.

CONGRATULATING MR. FRANK
GOLDER ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Frank Golder, of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, on the joyous occasion of his 100th birthday celebration that will occur on August 8.

Long a legendary figure in the fields of education and athletic development in northeastern and central Pennsylvania, Mr. Golder has distinguished himself as a mentor and a role model to generations of young Pennsylvanians who looked to him with respect and admiration.

After graduating from Bloomsburg High School in the 1920s where he developed his love for basketball and baseball, Mr. Golder went on to star in those sports from 1927 to 1931 during his years at then Bloomsburg Normal School, later Bloomsburg University.

He went on to become a teacher and an athletic coach at Hughesville High School during which he earned his master's degree from Columbia University.

His teams won two West Branch League titles at Hughesville.

Mr. Golder moved to Bloomsburg High School in 1937 where he was named head basketball coach. In 19 seasons in charge of the basketball program, his squads won 10 Susquehanna Valley League crowns and, during one three-year stretch, he won 40 consecutive league games. His team, The Panthers, also captured four District Four championships.

Mr. Golder was also responsible for establishing Little League Baseball in Bloomsburg in the late 1940s. He also started baseball at Bloomsburg High School where he coached that sport for seven years.

For 13 years, Mr. Golder was a member of the PIAA District Four Board of Directors and was chairman of that organization for three years.

After serving as principal of Bloomsburg High School for 14 years, he retired in 1975.

During his remarkable basketball coaching career, Mr. Golder endeared himself to hundreds of aspiring young athletes with his disciplined approach to the importance of learning the fundamentals of the sport and his reputation as a coach who inspired excellence through a calm, reasoned, approach.

The Bloomsburg Press Enterprise described him as an extraordinary gentleman and a fine coach when including him as one of the top local sports figures of the 20th century in 1999. He was inducted into the Bloomsburg University's Sports Hall of Fame in 1988.

Mr. Golder continues to reside in Bloomsburg with his wife, Myra. The couple has one daughter and two grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Golder on this wonderful occasion. For his entire life, Frank Golder has demonstrated the highest ideals for a role model and he encouraged his students to rise to excellence both on and off the field of competition. His contributions to generations of our