

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LONG ISLAND CHAMPS

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 1995

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, the standing-room-only crowd was on its feet as the final second ticked off in overtime. At the buzzer, the Riverhead Blue Waves were the Long Island basketball champions and bound for Glens Falls for a semifinal game in the New York State Tournament.

Riverhead has beaten the favored and respected Westbury team, 79-76, in overtime to win the Southeast Regional Class B final.

I wish to alert my colleagues in the House of Representatives that the town of Riverhead will hold a parade this Saturday, April 1, in honor of the Riverhead (L.I.) High School Blue Waves. Following is the newspaper account of the game, from the Traveler-Watchman and written by Bob Burns.

WAVES BEAT WESTBURY, ON TO GLENS FALLS
(By Bob Burns)

After having a victory they seemed to have locked up snatched away by an improbable three point shot with 3.3 seconds left in regulation time, the Riverhead High basketball teams showed its class by shaking off the shock, regrouping and going on to post a sweet 79-76 victory in overtime last Saturday. The win, which sent the large contingent of RHS rooters on hand in the Stony Brook University gym into ecstasy, came over a favored and highly respected foe, Westbury High, the Class B champs of Nassau County. It also propelled Coach Jerry Wiesman and his ecstatic Blue Wave cagers on their way this weekend to Glens Falls for a semi-final game in the New York State Tournament.

There were heroes galore for Riverhead in this nail-biter. Malik Trotman got the Waves off to a fast start, ten of his 17 points coming in the first quarter. Mike Ruth, known to some as "The Franchise," lived up to that billing as he came on strong in second half action finishing the day with 20 points including some spectacular baskets as well as the two free throws that locked things up with 14 seconds left in that wild and woolly overtime session where at times it seemed neither team wanted the victory.

Early in that extra action Ruth knocked down a short jumper and that two point edge held up for two whole minutes as both sides were guilty of blunders. The most glaring of which saw Westbury's Jerry Baptiste, with a clear path to the hoop, be whistled for traveling to wipe out his apparent basket. Finally Ruth made an excellent feed to Barry Chandler underneath who scored to make it 77-73. With 1:51 to go Charlie Johnson, an excellent penetrator and a thorn in Riverhead's side all day, made good on one of two free throws. And at the 1:26 mark Brian Guyton stripped Malik Trotman of the ball at midcourt and took it in for a layup. Fouled on the play, which gave him a chance to tie the score, Guyton missed the free throw and Jeremy Wilcoxon rebounded for the Waves.

When Wilcoxon and Guyton traded missed forced shots it was 5'8" Mike Ruth leaping up

over 6'7" Douglas Martin to snare an important rebound. However at the 1:00 mark Mike, usually deadly from the foul line missed on a 1 and 1 opportunity and the drama continued. Nash blocked a Westbury shot but was called for a dubious walk at the other end. When Johnson's shot misfired Malik Trotman grabbed the rebound and was immediately fouled only to also miss his 1 and 1 chance at 0:19.3. Happily Nash captured the rebound on the miss and at 0:14.3. Mike Ruth stepped to the line to swish the two charity tosses to make it 79-76.

Mindful of what had happened at the end of regulation time, no Riverhead rooter relaxed till at 0:05.6. Keith Nash took the ball away from Douglas Martin and was pushed in what was ruled a deliberate foul. Even though Keith missed the two free throws awarded, Riverhead was also awarded the ball out of bounds and ran the clock out.

So add Nash to the list of Wave heroes for, as can be seen, Keith continued the fine play he has exhibited throughout the playoffs, by netting 12 points and coming up with big rebounds and some vital loose balls in the stretch run. Include too on that list the trio of Durrell Hobson, Jerry Wilcoxon and unsung Shawn Trotman all of whom contributed eight points. The last named saw his most extended service of the year, pressed into duty to combat and muscle the bulky 6'7" Douglas Martin under the boards. Shawn also matched his career high in scoring in this outing. Hobson, given the unenviable task of guarding Westbury ace, 6'5" All Long Island player, Stan Martin, despite giving away seven inches of height, limited that worthy to but eleven points before Martin fouled out with 5:29 left in the game. Those three and soph Barry Chandler, who had six points, all had their turn coming up with baskets at key junctures.

Without doubt Westbury, which used its height advantage to great effect under the offensive board, netting at least nine baskets off of their rebounding efforts, had its cause hurt by Martin's departure on the five foul route. However, the latter's mates took up the slack and matched the Waves' basket for basket in as exciting a fourth quarter as seen this season.

To set the stage, the Green Dragons had opened the third quarter with a six point run to lead 41 to 36 and gradually pulled away to widen the gap to nine points, 51 to 42. Things looked rough for the Waves only to have them catch fire for a nine point explosion to tie the score. Keith Nash drove and hit a short jumper and Shawn Trotman sank a pair of free throws to start the push. Then Hobson emerged with the ball out of a wild scramble and fed Ruth for a basket and Durrell's second trifecta of the day knotted it a 51-51.

The fourth period was a free-wheeling session that had the lead see-sawing back and forth and the stands rocking. After ties at 53 and 55, Riverhead edged a point in front on Nash's three point shot at the 5:55 mark. But big Douglas Martin banked in a short for the Dragons who led 61-58 after Guyton scored via a rebound. And, despite Stan Martin's departure, Westbury clung to its lead, 66-64, with 2:55 showing on the clock, Riverhead having stayed close on double decker free throws by Shawn Trotman and Ruth bracketing Chandler's rebounding bucket. Then, in a quick flurry of scoring, Westbury matched

two clutch baskets by Mike Ruth with end line jumpers by Kevin Felican and Stacy Hill and were up 70-69 when they called time out at the 1:27 mark.

But the Dragons threw the ball away and Jerry Wilcoxon made them pay as he drove the baseline and his underhand, scoop prayer of a shot banked through the cords. So when Keith Nash emerged with the ball, out of a tangle that had players from both sides on the floor, and gave Trotman an outlet pass that Malik took to the hoop the Waves were up 73-70 with 20 seconds showing and Malik, fouled on the play, going to the line. It didn't seem too important when he missed but it left the door open for Douglas Martin's truly miracle shot from behind the three point arc with two RHS defenders in his face which sent the game into overtime. It was only Martin's second trifecta of the entire season and it was a heartbreaker for the Waves, albeit just a temporary one as noted.

Way back in the beginning Riverhead broke off the mark in full stride for a welcome change. At one juncture they had a nine point lead, their widest of the game, at 23-14 before settling for a 25-18 bulge at the quarter mark. Malik Trotman was brilliant as he hit six of six from the foul line, added a jumper in the lane and tallied after coming up with a slick steal for ten points Jerry Wilcoxon had added six points off a rebound, a close-in back shot and a layup off a Ruth assist while Mike personally had two full tilt, court length drives for baskets, Durrell Hobson drilled a three pointer and Nash, off the bench, sank a medium range pop. Steve Martin led the Dragons with seven points and on several occasions the Nassau boys played volleyball under the offensive boards for eventual baskets.

In period two Westbury had six different players score as they assumed a 35-32 lead before Ruth scored with a rebound and Malik Trotman's medium range jumper, set up by a Jeremie Brigg's pass, found the hoop right at the buzzer so that the Waves were on top 36-35 at the break. In the third quarter husky Douglas Martin began to make his substantial presence felt as he tallied ten points, twice making good on three point plays when fouled underneath. But the Waves fought back with their 9-0 run, described earlier, and the electrifying rush to the wire began . . . All five Westbury starters reached double figures in the scoring column with Douglas Martin topping the attack with 21 points. Riverhead was 20 for 32 from the foul stripe, the losers going but 10 of 20.

Westbury				
	FG	F	PF	PT
Hobson	2	2-4	4	8
Wilcoxon	4	0-0	4	8
Chandler	3	0-0	4	6
Ruth	7	6-9	1	20
M. Trotman	5	7-9	2	17
Nash	5	1-3	1	12
S. Trotman	2	4-4	2	8
Briggs	0	0-1	1	0
Total	28	20-32	19	79

Westbury				
S. Martin	5	0-1	5	11
Guyton	5	0-1	3	10
D. Martin	7	6-12	5	21
Johnson	5	1-2	1	11
Felican	5	0-0	5	10
Hayes	1	3-4	1	5
Hill	3	0-0	2	6
Baptiste	0	0-0	1	0

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Westbury

	FG	F	PF	Pt
Kinch	1	0-0	1	2
Total	32	10-20	24	76

ANNIVERSARY OF BRADY SHOOTING

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 1995

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the Republican assault on sane gun control laws begins. A hearing will be held on the repeal of the assault weapons ban. And that is only the beginning. Gov. George Allen of Virginia wants felony-free citizens to be able to carry concealed weapons in public.

Never mind that gun control measures have been a God send for our children's safety. The Brady law alone has stopped 70,000 felons and other prohibited individuals from buying handguns. But facts do not seem to matter to the Republican juggernaut bank-rolled by the NRA.

The gun industry with its fistful of dollars has churned out 210 million guns into circulation in this country. That's more than one gun per adult.

Moreover, the gun industry provides yet another example of corporate welfare. It is exempt from the product safety laws which cover every other industry. This special treatment must stop.

I have introduced the Firearms Safety and Violence Prevention Act, H.R. 915, which would halt this form of welfare for the gun industry by recognizing firearms for what they are—inherently dangerous consumer products. The bill would give the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms [ATF] the ability to set safety standards, issue recalls of defective firearms, and mandate warnings.

The firearms industry's assertion that guns don't kill you rings as hollow as the discredited promises of tobacco companies that cigarettes don't cause cancer. For more than a century, America's gun manufacturers have operated in the shadows, avoiding public scrutiny. It is time for Congress to look behind the gun store counter to the industry that manufactures these deadly weapons.

IN THE COMPANY OF WOMEN—CELEBRATION OF DADE COUNTY'S EXCEPTIONAL WOMEN

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 1995

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, It is my great pleasure to join with the citizens of Dade County in recognizing the achievements of 12 outstanding women who are among Dade County's exceptional leaders.

This year's celebration on Friday, March 31, is dedicated to County Commissioner Katy Sorenson, one of Dade County's truly outstanding woman leaders. Although she has been on the Commission for less than a year, Commissioner Sorenson has taken tough

stands against discrimination and sexual harassment. Her government and community work has had a big impact on Dade County.

This year's honorees include:

Josefina Carbonell—a pioneer of community social services, and one of the founders of the Little Havana Activities & Nutrition Center serving over 32,000 elderly citizens.

Cynthia W. Curry—a dedicated professional and a skilled administrator, she served as Dade County's first women assistant county manager.

Ruth Owens Kruse—a tireless advocate of children, particularly emotionally disturbed children, since 1945, her special contributions were recognized by the establishment of the Ruth Owens Kruse Education Center by the Dade County Public Schools.

Alina E. Becker—a volunteer who has tirelessly served the people of Dade County through her work for non-profit organizations such as the YWCA, the United Way, and the Family Health Center.

Angela R. Bellamy—a respected administrator who has dedicated her career to public service, she was the first African-American woman to become assistant city manager for the City of Miami.

Annie Betancourt—a Florida State Representative who brings a wealth of administrative and community experience to the job from her work at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Metro-Dade and Miami-Dade Community College.

Cheryl Little—a gifted attorney who is a truly dedicated and respected advocate and spokesperson for Haitian refugees, she devotes special attention to the needs of immigrant children and family reunification.

Consuelo Otero—dedicated to community service, she helped found the Cuban Women's Club and serves today as the community involvement specialist at Shenandoah Elementary School.

Suzette Pope—a now-retired Dade County Public School employee, she has worked hard to improve educational opportunities, particularly for women.

Frankie Shannon Rolle—a dedicated teacher and counselor for the Dade County Schools and a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging. Now retire, she is active in many community organizations.

Marian Harris Shannon—a teacher, counselor and volunteer who has helped develop dozens of young writers and who, while in high school, helped establish a library for the African-American community.

Dorothy Thomson—as the first woman mayor of Coral Gables, and as vice mayor, she has worked hard for community improvements like the renovation of the Biltmore Hotel and was instrumental in founding Coral Gables Crime Watch.

Mr. Speaker, these remarkable women have opened doors and created new paths for women in our community. Their efforts have immeasurably improved Dade County and their example has had a huge impact on countless lives. I know that my colleagues join me in honoring them today.

MESSAGE OF BETTER BUSINESS BUREAUS

HON. THOMAS J. BLILEY, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 1995

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I had the opportunity to meet recently with two business leaders from by congressional district, Lee Dudley, an investment banker with A.G. Edwards, and Thomas J. Gallagher, president of the Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia. Accompanying them was James L. Bast, president and CEO of the Council of Better Business Bureaus. Lee Dudley and Tom Gallagher both serve on the board of directors of the council.

These three business leaders came to brief me on the redesign of the Better Business Bureau system, their continued commitment to an ethical marketplace, and their vision for business in the 21st century.

Because the 163 Better Business Bureaus and branches are an invaluable resource to businesses and consumers across the country, I want to share their message with my colleagues.

The mission of the Council of Better Business Bureaus is to promote and foster the highest ethical relationship between business and the public through: voluntary self-regulation, consumer and business education, and service excellence.

For more than 80 years, marketplace ethics have been the central thrust of the Better Business Bureaus.

The Council is the umbrella organization for the nation's 163 Better Business Bureaus (BBBs) and branches—together, known as the Bureau system. The Council and the Bureaus are business membership organizations. They have as members nearly 250,000 national corporations and local small businesses. These 250,000 businesses vote with their membership dues for an ethical marketplace. The Bureau system serves 95 percent of the U.S. population living in metropolitan areas of the country.

Two of the most important functions of the Bureaus are to issue reliability reports on business firms and to respond to consumer complaints. In 1994 the Bureau system handled some 15.8 million pre-purchase inquiries relating to approximately \$44.2 billion in buying power and 1.8 million complaints.

In addition to collecting and disseminating data on local and national companies, other BBB services include:

Consumer information/education programs that include reports, public service announcements and booklets covering a variety of consumer and business topics;

A Philanthropic Advisory Service (PAS) that sets standards for charities and assesses the programs and fundraising practices of hundreds of organizations that solicit nationally, a program paralleled by most of the Bureaus which review thousands of local charities;

Self-regulatory processes to foster truth and accuracy in advertising. On the national level, the Council's preeminent National Advertising Division (NAD) resolves disputes about national advertising claims and the Children's Advertising Review Unit reviews advertising directed at children. Paralleling the NAD work, many Bureaus have local advertising review programs;

Alternative dispute resolution services for conciliation/mediation/arbitration programs to help businesses improve customer service and resolve consumer-business disputes, the