

O God!  
 Stop my steaming blood from boiling;  
 Angry snakes inside me keep coiling.  
 I'll tell the snob  
 To take her fancy form and shove it,  
 Her trashy mind can't spoil me  
 I'll fly high way up above it.  
 Witch look down on me no more  
 I'm ready to settle the score;  
 Tell me face to face  
 Before I crawl—  
 How many of your sons  
 Have their names  
 Carved up on the Vietnam Memorial Wall?

RECOGNIZING WEST POTOMAC  
 HIGH SCHOOL VIRGINIA SCHOLASTIC  
 ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS  
 GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2003*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary group of young men and women in Northern Virginia. This year, athletes on the West Potomac crew team took four gold medals at the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships. These accomplished individuals are tenacious, driven contributors to their high school community.

On April 26, 2003, West Potomac achieved its unprecedented success on the Occoquan River. The four first place West Potomac boats were the men's first four boat, the women's first four boat, the men's second four boat, and the women's second four boat. Crew is a difficult sport that requires strength, cooperation, coordination, strategy, and persistence. The youthful athletes of West Potomac demonstrated all of these traits in their quest for the state championship, and I am sure that they will continue to excel as sports team members and as citizens.

In a thrilling race, the men's first four earned gold for West Potomac for the first time in 16 years. Trailing McLean for much of their race, the Wolverines sprinted just past their opponents in the closing meters for a photo finish. At the official ceremony, the results of the race were revealed: West Potomac won the 1,500-meter race by four-tenths of a second! The members of the winning men's first four boat were coxswain Helen McGuirk, stroke Kip Wanser, 3-seat Will Aramony, 2-seat Luke Urban, and bow seat Paul Burgess. These Wolverines took the crown from defending champion, McLean in a high-paced, enthralling display of teamwork and athleticism.

The women's first four also came from behind in a tense and hard-fought race to win their gold. Gloucester led for most of the race, with West Potomac taking the lead with about 500 meters remaining and holding off Gloucester for a 1.5-second victory. Coxswain Ashley Morris, stroke Natalie Jones, 3-seat Dorothy Baden-Mayer, 2-seat C.J. Jenkins, and bow Kate Lord made history with their win as the first West Potomac women's varsity quartet to claim Virginia Scholastic Gold.

Continuing the winning streak for the Wolverines that same day was the men's second four boat, manned by coxswain Stephanie Zvonkovich, stroke Trey Burnett, 3-seat Justin Brown, bow Alex Fedgatten, and 2-seat Andrew Norbert. West Potomac held off Mathews and Gloucester for the win with a time of 5:37.3.

Members of the women's second four boat were: coxswain Ashley Thompson, stroke Stephanie Baker, 3-seat Amber Flynn, 2-seat Kelly Wernecke, and bow Moria Holt. This time it was Fairfax and West Springfield left behind in the Wolverines' wake, as West Potomac posted a winning time of 6:25.6 with their skilled and cohesive rowing.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the athletes of the West Potomac High School rowing program. Their dedication, persistence and resolve deserve our highest praise. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating this group of extraordinary competitors.

TRIBUTE TO PERK VICKERS

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to recognize the hours of dedication and hard work that Perk Vickers has invested for the betterment of the Lake Fork community of Colorado. Perk has recently announced his retirement from his seat on the Hinsdale County Planning Commission, a seat he has held for almost 30 years. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the great leadership that Perk has shown and to highlight the many accomplishments he has made to his community.

Perk has served Colorado with vision and commitment for over half a century. Besides his notable service to the Hinsdale County Planning Commission, Perk has served as chairman of the Hinsdale Republican Party for over 50 years, as well as serving as the 34-year director of the Upper Gunnison River Conservancy District. In addition, Perk has spent 36-years serving as Hinsdale County's representative to the Colorado River Water Conservation District. In the 1950's, Perk was instrumental in the creation of Club 20, which he helped form to bring twenty Western Slope counties together in order to promote roads and tourism. He also founded the Hinsdale County Chamber of Commerce, which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. In short, Perk's dedication has been inspirational, and Colorado has benefited greatly from his service.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I pay tribute today to the many services Perk Vickers has performed on behalf of the citizens of Colorado. I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude for his many examples of community service that have helped make Colorado a more prosperous, friendlier, and beautiful place to live. I know that men like Perk never rest, and so I wish to congratulate him now on his Lifetime Achievement Award and his retirement. I wish him success in all of his future endeavors. Perk, thank you for your service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2003*

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. I was unable to participate in the following vote be-

cause of a death in the family. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows: June 5, 2003, rollcall vote 248, on agreeing to S. 273, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO DANA JOHNSON OF  
 BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN—EX-  
 CEPTIONAL TEACHER

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2003*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, Education is the key for our Nation's future prosperity and security. The formidable responsibility of molding and inspiring young minds to the avenues of hope, opportunity and achievement rests partly in the hands of our teachers. Today I would like to recognize a teacher from Battle Creek, Michigan that most influenced and motivated exceptional students in academics and leadership that were winners of the LeGrand Smith scholarship.

Mr. Dana Johnson teaches mathematics at the Battle Creek Area Mathematics & Science Center. He is credited for instilling in students an enthusiasm for mathematics. In one student's own words, "Mr. Johnson made math come alive, and he always gave real-world examples of even the most abstract topics." The respect and gratitude of his students speaks well of Mr. Johnson's ability to challenge young minds to stretch the mental muscles and strive to achieve the best that is in them.

Mr. Johnson's excellence in teaching challenges and inspires students to move beyond the teen-age tendency toward surface study and encourage deeper thought and connections to the real world. No profession is more important in its influence and daily interaction with the future leaders of our community and our country, and Dana Johnson's impact on his students is certainly deserving of recognition.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to extend our highest praise to Mr. Dana Johnson as a master teacher. We thank him for his continuing dedication to teaching and his willingness and ability to challenge and inspire students for leadership and success.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION FOR  
 A U.S. POSTAGE STAMP COM-  
 MEMORATING ANNE FRANK

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2003*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution that expresses the sense of Congress that the United States Postmaster General should issue a postage stamp commemorating the 75th birthday of Anne Frank.

As we all know, Anne Frank documented her life during the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam in a diary that she called "Kitty." The diary became her confidant, and she wrote about her experiences before the occupation, going into hiding, and the tortuous years in hiding. She has come to be a girl we all feel we know well, a personification of good in the face of hatred, murder and genocide.