

Wilkinson, Mack, an honor student, was taught by one of my staffers who remembers him as being a very intelligent, well mannered and driven young man. While in high school Vorn had a particular interest in computers, mathematics, and serving in the military. His high school guidance counselor said "he always had an interest in the military, because he wanted to see the world and because his father and sister had careers in the Army."

Vorn belonged to a family known for its military service and patriotism. Six of his aunts and uncles are military retirees, and five members of his family currently serve, including his older sister Aquanette who is currently stationed in the Middle East.

After his graduation from high school, Vorn enlisted in the United States Army and underwent basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. After successfully completing basic training, Vorn was sent to Fort Gordon, Georgia where he received advanced infantry training in information systems management. After this training, Vorn was assigned to Fort Carson, Colorado where he served in Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Three months after his arrival in Colorado, Vorn and his regiment were deployed to Iraq.

While in Iraq, Vorn belonged to a force assigned to guard the Hadithah Dam, west of Ar Ramadi, Iraq. This dam was crucial to the United States operation because it provided electricity to a large portion of Iraq and was viewed as a possible target for terrorist acts.

In his obituary, Vorn's family stated "He had no fear, never afraid to accept a challenge, whether it was work, school, or even in the United States Army, Vorn excelled in every aspect of his short life."

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in this tribute to Vorn Mack for the outstanding service and contribution he provided the Nation, the State of South Carolina and his beloved community of Orangeburg. Vorn will always be remembered for his dedication and commitment to freedom.

HONORING DON MILLER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a selfless community servant and dedicated coach from Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Don Miller is being inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's Hall of Fame for his 31 years of outstanding dedication and commitment to the Glenwood Springs Football, Track and Wrestling teams. I would like to join with the National High School Athletic Coaches Association and the Glenwood Springs Community in recognizing Don's accomplishments.

Don is a graduate of Western State College, where he excelled as a member of the football team. He began his career at Glenwood Springs High School in the early 1960's and has remained a loyal member of the faculty ever since, mentoring generations of young GWS athletes.

Don has provided thousands of Glenwood students with a coach and mentor; a man they

could respect and learn from. Don's record as a football coach speaks for itself. With 204 wins, 17 appearances in the state tournament, and two state titles, Don is certainly a deserving inductee. Don is known for his "old school" form of coaching; he was a hard-nosed, in-your-face type of coach who expected a "never give up" attitude from his players. Don will be the twelfth coach from Colorado to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, and was the fifth coach to reach the 200 win landmark.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in applauding Don's service to Glenwood Springs High School. This recognition is long overdue, and I am proud to recognize him here today. Congratulations, Don, on this prestigious honor; you have made Colorado and the Glenwood community very proud.

CONGRATULATING THE SAUGUS AMERICANS

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Saugus American Little League team for their outstanding achievement in the 2003 Little League World Series. From their district championship to the U.S. Championship game, this terrific team captured the hearts of the town of Saugus and, over the past few weeks of summer, all of New England.

This is a team whose unique skill was equaled only by their flair for the dramatic. Saugus' first four victories in the Series were by one run. We will long remember their epic victory against Texas East's Lamar National, when Saugus rallied, scoring four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning, to advance to the U.S. championship. These boys were only the second team in Massachusetts' Little League history to advance to the U.S. title game.

Most impressive is the manner in which this team conducted themselves throughout their time in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. They acted with maturity beyond their years. Working hard, playing fair, and never, ever giving-up, the Saugus Americans—Ryan Bateman, Tyler Calla, Craig Cole, Anthony DiSciscio, David Ferreira, Tyler Grillo, Joseph Kasabuski, Matthew Muldoon, Sebastiano "Yano" Petruzzelli, Dario Pizzano, Mark Sacco, and Michael Scuzzarella—were a model team and excellent representatives of their hometown.

Saugus Manager Rob Rochenski and coaches, Mike Ferreira, Rob Calla, and Charlie Bilton must also be commended for their professionalism, their positive rapport with the players, and the countless hours they invested in this team. They rightfully recognize that Little League baseball should be about having fun, and it is clear they instilled that in this Saugus team.

A special thanks needs to be extended to the parents, family members, and friends of this team, many of whom traveled to Williamsport, donned orange jerseys, and vocally supported their Saugus Americans.

It is appropriate that the House recognize the remarkable performance of the Saugus Americans. I am proud of their accomplish-

ments, and wish them the best of luck in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER TERESA

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, Mother Teresa, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, was born on August 27, 1910 and died in 1997 after a lifetime of devotion to the poor. Born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910 in Skopje, Yugoslavia, she joined the Sisters of Loreto in 1928. She took the name "Teresa" after St. Teresa of Lesiux, patroness of the Missionaries.

In 1948, she encountered a half-dead woman lying in front of a Calcutta hospital. She stayed with the woman on the street until her death. From that point on, she dedicated the majority of her life to helping the poorest of the poor in India, thus gaining her the name "Saint of the Gutters." She founded an order of nuns called the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India, dedicated to serving the poor. Almost 50 years later, the Missionaries of Charity have grown from 12 sisters in India to over 3,000 in 517 missions throughout 100 countries worldwide.

In 1952, she founded the Nirmal Hriday Home for the Dying in a former temple in Calcutta. It was there that she cared for the dying Indians that were found on the streets. Mother Teresa showed the love of Christ to all she met. Whether they were dying of AIDS or Leprosy, she wanted them to die in peace and with dignity. For over 50 years, she worked selflessly in service to the poor. That devotion to the needy won her respect throughout the world and the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

For many years, Mother Teresa labored in loving dedication to the sick and dying in India. Her compassion for the suffering knew no boundaries and has served as an inspiration to the world. Mother Teresa was a living saint and since her death has been greatly missed.

HONORING EVA FRANCHI—WIFE OF THE LATE SERGIO FRANCHI

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of my community and a revered member of the community of music lovers around the world. I honor Eva Franchi for keeping alive the memory and tradition of her late, great husband, Sergio Franchi and I honor her for her work on behalf of aspiring musicians through the Sergio Franchi Music Scholarship Foundation.

Sergio Franchi was one of the greatest romantic, popular tenors of the 20th Century. This, the 10th anniversary of the memorial concert, fulfills a dream of Eva Franchi's—the dream for romantic classical music to live on through future young tenors and sopranos, so that through them, the memories and music of Sergio can live on.