

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL
O'KENNEDY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and celebration of Michael O'Kennedy—distinguished barrister and public servant of Ireland, and former prominent member of the Dail Eireann, representing North Tipperary—as we welcome him to Cleveland, Ohio, on St. Patrick's Day.

For the past 25 years, Tim Collins and Thomas Scanlon have organized the St. Patrick's Day Party, a joyous event that brings people together for an enchanted evening of renewing old friendships and discovering new ones. Moreover, this event serves as a living bridge that extends across the blue Atlantic—from the north coast of Cleveland to the shores of the Emerald Isle.

Mr. O'Kennedy has dedicated his life to public service, social leadership and activism. Though retired from the political stage, Mr. O'Kennedy continues to volunteer his time to the people and causes of Ireland. Similarly, Mr. Collins and Mr. Scanlon, distinguished attorneys, continue to preserve and promote the history and culture of their beloved Irish homeland.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Honorable Michael O'Kennedy, for joining us in Cleveland as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Please also join me in recognition of Tim Collins and Thomas Scanlon for organizing this wondrous St. Patrick's Day Party each year for the past 25 years. "Ni dheanfaidh smaoineamh an treabhadh duit—You'll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind"—Old Irish Proverb.

HONORING THE WILLIAMSVILLE
NORTH SPARTANS HOCKEY TEAM

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to congratulate the Williamsville North High School Spartans of Amherst, New York. On March 21, 2004, the Spartans brought home the school's second Division I State Hockey Championship.

Williamsville North, playing in their record fourth-straight Division I championship game, defeated Seton Catholic 5–2. The Spartans displayed dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the entire season, and the Championship is a testament to the hours of hard work they put in during practice and the effort and desire to win they brought to the rink each game. The State Title was achieved by a team of 27 devoted young men. They

are: Vincent Amigone Jr, Eric Bennett, Tim Burow, Jason Burzik, Jason Dodson, Ryan Geary, Steven Jacobs, Kenny Joseph, Robert Klein, Ryan Kovel, Ryan Lydon, Ryan Moskal, Matt Nigro, Tyler Waiser, Kurt Ziemann, John Cavagnaro, Ryan Clifford, Kevin Dunn, Dan Hartman, Alex Morrison, Alex Ponitowski, Matt Ruckdaschel, Nathan Ruckdaschel, Shane Sims, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Chris Keller, and Ben Sawicki.

I would like to offer this Congress' congratulations to the team, including the Head Coach, Bob Rosen; his Assistant Coaches, Dan Mancuso, Tim Digiulio, David Smith, and John Burns; the Williamsville North Athletic Director Steve Ferenczy; and the Principal, Dr. William Krone.

The entire Western New York community is proud of all that they have accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in honoring and recognizing the Williamsville North Spartans Hockey team for bringing home the school's second Division I State Championship.

HONORING COACH CEAL BARRY

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Ceal Barry of the University of Colorado Women's Basketball Team. On February 24, 2004, in a decisive 75–56 victory over Kansas, Coach Ceal Barry distinguished herself and her team as one of the highest placed coaches in Division I history—winning her 500th game.

This is Coach Barry's 21st season with the University of Colorado. The mainstream popularity of women's basketball has certainly grown over the past couple of decades. But those of us who are fans of women's basketball have long known that when folks talk about the game, they are more often than not talking about Ceal Barry's Lady Buffs.

A generation of female athletes has grown up admiring the CU women's basketball team. The success of the Lady Buffs has served as an inspiration and a source of pride for athletes throughout Colorado. With Coach Barry at the helm, the Buffs have secured four league titles and five conference tournament wins. Her Lady Buffs have made 10 appearances in the NCAA tournament, five trips to the Sweet 16 and three journeys to the Elite Eight.

Coach Barry demands that her players develop strength of character both on and off the court. She certainly walks her talk in this regard. Her players consistently meet high academic standards that can be held up against any program in college sports. It is a testament to this expectation that in all of the years that Barry has coached at CU, all but one player who stayed until her senior year has graduated. She builds her players up by set-

ting high expectations and tolerating nothing less. She has said that she holds the belief that "people build confidence through results," meaning you not only get strong to prepare for success, but that it is only through success that you ultimately believe in your strength.

I have had the opportunity to know Coach Barry through the years and certainly consider Ceal to be a friend. Not long ago, I was partnered with Ceal against another twosome in a round of golf. I can honestly say that I have first hand knowledge of the motivating power that this fierce competitor inspires. Suffice it to say, I quickly fell in line with the obvious if not stated expectation that I bring my best possible game. And this was a "friendly" round of golf.

So I congratulate you, Ceal, on your 500th win, but I cannot say that I am surprised. Your talent, vision and leadership are undeniable. You and your Lady Buffs are a source of pride for women's basketball, for CU and for all of Colorado. Colorado salutes you. Well done, coach. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Coach Ceal Barry on this laudable achievement. I wish you continued success in the future.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
LEONE MANTZ ON HER 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

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Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Leone Mantz was born in Hocking Hills, Ohio on March 24, 1904; and

Whereas, Leone Mantz is celebrating her 100th birthday today; and

Whereas, Leone Mantz, a devoted wife to Howard Mantz, was a nurse for 58 years, and is a longtime active participant in the social and civic life of the community; and

Whereas, Leone Mantz has exemplified a love for her family and friends and must be commended for her lifelong dedication to helping others in Barnesville, Ohio.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in wishing Leone Mantz a very happy 100th birthday.

IN HONOR OF MARY H. MURPHY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Mary Murphy of Brooklyn, Ohio, as she is honored as the City of Brooklyn's "Democrat of the Year."

With family central to her life, Mrs. Murphy and her late husband, Thomas Murphy, Sr.,

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