

REINTRODUCTION OF SAMPLING
LEGISLATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce legislation that will ensure that future censuses truly reflect the demographic make-up of this Nation. This bill would clarify Section 195 of Title 13 U.S.C. to allow the most accurate numbers to be used for apportionment and all other purposes.

CONGRATULATING THE 2004 FLORIDA
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CLASS 5A STATE
FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the 2004 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA) Class 5A State Football Champion Lakeland Senior High School Dreadnaughts from the 12th Congressional District of Florida.

The championship game victory capped an undefeated season for the Lakeland High Dreadnaughts as they finished 15–0 for the third time in the past nine seasons and won their fourth state championship under Coach Bill Castle.

I commend the champion Lakeland High School football team for a wonderful and magical run this year. The people of Florida and all of Polk County are proud of you. You have all demonstrated that hard work, perseverance and unity are the foundation of success.

I applaud Lakeland Head Coach Bill Castle for being awarded this year's Dairy Farmers Award as coach of the year of the Florida Athletic Coaches Association, but most importantly for his commitment to his players and stressing the important values of preparation, hard work, dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

I pay tribute to Lakeland High School students, teachers, coaches and the entire football team on their outstanding achievement.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE SERVICE OF
TED STRICKLAND

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a significant leader in the Denver, Colorado metropolitan area. Mr. Ted Strickland, outgoing Commissioner for Adams County, will be leaving his post after eight years of diligent service.

Commissioner Strickland was born and raised in Austin, Texas. After serving in the military he came to Colorado and began a successful career in the oil and gas industry, becoming Vice President with the Petroleum Information company.

Drawn towards public service, Ted ran for election to the Colorado House of Representatives. He served two years in the House before being elected to the Colorado State Senate. His 24 years in the Senate, 12 of which he served as President of the Senate, were a notable accomplishment.

During that time, he and his wife, Luann, settled in Strasburg, Colorado, on the southern edge of Adams County. Ted's continued desire for public service then led him to seek and win election as an Adams County Commissioner in 1996. As a county commissioner, he continued his hard work for those he represented. He served on the E-470 Public Highway Authority Board, the Front Range Airport Authority Board, the Adams County Economic Development Board, the Adams County Water Quality Association, and on the Denver Regional Council of Governments. With such a wide scope of reach, Commissioner Strickland has left a mark as a valuable public servant.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Ted Strickland and in wishing him success in all his future endeavors. Wherever his motivations should take him, I am sure success will follow.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN PATRICK
MAHER UPON HIS ACHIEVEMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT COURT
OF HONOR

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent John Patrick Maher of Eagle Scout troop No. 204 in Lafayette, California, as he receives the distinguished honor of the Eagle Scout rank.

The honor of Eagle Scout is given only to those young men who have demonstrated that they have fulfilled its rigorous requirements, including living by the Scout Oath and Law, rising through the Boy Scout ranks, earning 21 merit badges, serving as a leader, and planning and leading a service project for their community. This is not an honor given out lightly: this young man is becoming an Eagle Scout because he is intelligent, dedicated, and principled.

I am proud to call John Patrick Maher my constituent, for he is a shining example of the promise of the next generation. Indeed, he represents the best of the young people in our country. I extend my sincere congratulations to him and his family, on this momentous occasion.

THE POEM, YOUR SON

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, we are all deeply saddened by the loss of life of our brave men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. While we all understand the need to spread freedom and democracy throughout the world, words can barely express the emo-

tions and sorrow felt by the families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

A constituent of mine recently brought to my attention a poem that was written in memory of Sgt. Byron Norwood, USMC, by Gene E. Blanton. While this poem is in memory of Sgt. Norwood, I believe that this poem is a fitting tribute to all servicemen and women who have fallen in combat. I would like to share this poem with my fellow colleagues:

YOUR SON

(By Gene E. Blanton)

To the Mothers and the Fathers
Of United States Marines
Who have fought and bled and died
So that freedom's bell still rings
From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli
From the alleys of Fallujah
To the frozen Yudam-ni
From the sands of Iwo Jima
To the hills around Khe Sanh
From the smoky hell of Belleau Woods
Your Son fought and won
Your Son battled dictatorships
Communism and tyranny
God's Son died to make men holy
Your Son died to make men free
There is a debt we owe Your Son
That we can never repay
We owe Your Son more than platitudes
Heard on Veterans or Memorial Day
Your Son is a son of America
One of the Proud and the Few
Your Son volunteered to do the things
Other men would not or could not do
Your Son was Semper Fidelis
Always Faithful to the end was he
Your Son was a shining example
Of what a man is supposed to be
Now Your Son's been reassigned
To stand guard on Heaven's streets
And when my tour of duty is over
I know that we will meet
I'll thank Your Son for my freedom
For keeping terror on a distant shore
I'll thank Your Son for our way of life
And sacrifice he bore
So tonight when you cry out to God
While praying on your knees
Know that He's a loving God
Who will listen to your pleas
To lose Your Son for freedom's cause
God truly understands
God sent His Son to die for us
So you can see Your Son again

May God continue to bless our soldiers who are currently in harm's way.

FREEDOM FOR ARTURO PÉREZ DE
ALEJO RODRÍGUEZ

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Arturo Pérez de Alejo Rodríguez, a political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. Pérez de Alejo is the president of the Escambray Human Rights Front. Before he became a pro-freedom advocate in a country oppressed by a totalitarian tyrant, he work as a farmer. However, after he realized the true nature of Castro's despotic regime, he joined the pro-democracy movement and began to advocate for a free and democratic Cuba.