

co-founded the Keumkil Cultural Society, which promotes Korean American culture. He was Executive Director of the Chicago Korean American Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Village of Skokie's Immigrant Advisory Task Force and a committee member of the Skokie Festival of Cultures. He works hard on behalf of the community and has been recognized and honored by the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Republic of Korea and Mayor Richard M. Daley's office. He also served as goodwill ambassador for "Visit Korea 2001" and served as Vice President of the Korean American Association of Chicago. He recognizes the importance of promoting cultural diversity and supporting the immigrant community.

As a first generation American and as a Congresswoman who is honored to represent one of the most richly diverse districts in the country, I have a deep appreciation for the invaluable contributions Korean-Americans have made to the United States. Korean-Americans, like Mr. Lee, contribute so much to and are an inspiration to others seeking to share in the American dream. This resolution provides much needed and deserved recognition to the Korean-American community for the invaluable mark they have had on the diversity and prominence of our great nation.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL VICTOR SAMUEL UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY

**HON. JOHN M. McHUGH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Sunday, December 18, 2005*

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional officer in the United States Army, Lieutenant Colonel Victor H. Samuel, upon his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service. Throughout his career, Colonel Samuel has personified the Army values of duty, integrity, and selfless service across the many missions the Army provides in defense of our Nation. As a Congressional Legislative Liaison Officer in the office of the Secretary of the Army, many of us on Capitol Hill have enjoyed the opportunity to work with Colonel Samuel on a wide variety of Army issues and programs, and it is my privilege to recognize his many accomplishments.

Lieutenant Colonel Victor H. Samuel, the son of Mr. Hasker B. and Sylvia P. Samuel of Silver Spring, Maryland attended Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School in Greenbelt, Maryland and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, after graduating from Hampton Institute in 1984. Colonel Samuel's first assignment was in Bad Hersfeld, Germany as an Engineer Platoon leader. He was subsequently assigned duties as the Executive Officer and Assistant G3 in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment that was charged with defense of the Fulda Gap in Europe during the Cold War. Colonel Samuel went on to Command an Engineer Company in the 31st Engineer Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. In 1992, Colonel Samuel was selected to complete advance studies in Civil Engineering at the University of Maryland where he received a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering (Construction Management).

In 1994, Lieutenant Colonel Samuel served as the Project Engineer for the Vicksburg, Mississippi District. He was subsequently assigned to the XVIII Airborne Corps, Airborne Combat Engineer Brigade, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he served as the Brigade Logistics Officer and Battalion Executive Officer. Thereafter, Colonel Samuel was assigned to the Army Staff in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, where he honed his expertise in the field of personnel management.

In 2002, Lieutenant Colonel Samuel was assigned to the Office of Chief of Legislative Liaison, Programs Division where he assumed duties as a Legislative Liaison managing the Personnel and Human Resources portfolio. Colonel Samuel served as the Policy Branch Chief for Programs Division where he oversaw the promulgation of legislative policy initiatives in operations and logistics, depot maintenance, personnel, education and training, medical, and military construction.

Through these varying assignments, Lieutenant Colonel Samuel has provided outstanding leadership, advice, and sound professional judgment on numerous critical issues of enduring importance to both the Army and Congress. His actions and counsel were invaluable to Army leaders as they considered the impact of important issues. On behalf of Congress and the United States of America, I thank Colonel Samuel, his wife, Janice, and his entire family for the commitment, sacrifices, and contribution that they have made throughout his honorable military career. Congratulations on completing an exceptional and successful career.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

**HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Sunday, December 18, 2005*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of myself, Congresswoman JO ANN DAVIS and Congresswoman THELMA DRAKE to call attention to a group of young students from Hampton, Virginia, who have distinguished themselves, their school, their community and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Hampton High School Crabbers football team had a remarkable season, and we believe the Crabbers deserve formal recognition for their accomplishments. On December 10, 2005, the Hampton High School Crabbers won their 17th state football championship, defeating Stone Bridge High School of Ashburn 15-8, at Todd Stadium in Newport News, Virginia.

The Crabbers finished the season with a 12-1 record. Hampton High holds a Virginia record of 17 state football championships. This is also the 12th state championship for Hampton High Head Football Coach Mike Smith.

This latest championship is just another accolade for the City of Hampton's oldest school. Hampton High School is also the direct descendent of the Syms-Eaton School, the first free school established in the American colonies. Syms Free School was founded in 1647. The school has existed in many incarnations and buildings since then, with Hampton's current school building being constructed in 1956.

The legacy of Hampton High is not limited to just the field of athletics. Under the Direction of Principal Anthony Woods, the Hampton faculty seeks to inspire students to strive for excellence and achievement in the classroom, in their extracurricular activities and in their communities. Hampton High has the second highest percentage of accredited teachers in the state of Virginia. Hampton High received the Award of Academic Excellence from the Department of Education in 1985. Hampton students meet rigorous academic requirements, and they take responsibility for their own academic progress, behavior and attendance. It is clear that this drive for excellence in academics goes hand in hand with excellence in athletics.

The Crabber's excellence in football is characteristic of the quality of athletics in the Peninsula District of Virginia. Hampton High School's championship this year marked the 10th time in the last fifteen years that a Peninsula District team has won a state title in football. To quote from our hometown newspaper, the Daily Press, "High school football on the Peninsula is championship football."

We would like to extend our enthusiastic congratulations to Coach Mike Smith, his coaching staff and all of the players on the Hampton High School Crabbers, the 2005 Group AAA Division Virginia High School League state football champions.

RECOGNITION OF MR. CHARLES "CHUCK" KLYBER

**HON. RAY LAHOOD**

ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Sunday, December 18, 2005*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer a few words today in recognition of Mr. Charles "Chuck" Klyber, a sportsman with a high degree of cooperative spirit and exceptional athletic ability. At 68 years old, Charles competes in the Illinois Senior Olympics games alongside men and women senior athletes in many different events.

The Illinois Senior Olympic Games bring together regional athletes 50 years of age and older. The games consist of 26 different sporting events in which participants compete in traditional Olympic-style events, such as track-and-field, basketball, and cycling.

Charles celebrated a spectacular 2005 season, setting several records, and winning a combined total of 23 medals. Mr. Klyber reached Gold status in the 10K run and 5000 and 1500-meter running events. Charles also earned Silver medals in the 200, 400, 800, 1500-meter runs, discus, shot put, and javelin. Performances in the 1500-meter, Football Accuracy, discus, and shot put also earned Charles Bronze medals throughout this season. Following outstanding performances, he has been nominated for the 2005 Illinois Senior Olympic Games Athlete of the Year.

Charles has admirably demonstrated exceptional athletic ability bringing great honor and pride to the State of Illinois, the senior community, and the Illinois Senior Olympics Games of Springfield, Illinois. Continuing his lifelong athletic participation, Charles has set his sights on the 2007 National Senior Olympic Games in Lexington, Kentucky, in which he will run his last race.