

leading the way in North America, especially in Canada where they are consistent winners.

Competitive sport, often called the product of western civilization, a people's desire for conquest, empires and exploration have spawned the Olympics and other major competitions, giving Blacks the chance to show that they can thrive in any area, where ability rather than skin color or place of birth is the means to success.

HONORING THE PALESTINE  
WILDCATS GOLF TEAM

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the Palestine Wildcats golf team who recently won the Texas University Interscholastic League 3A State Championship.

On Friday, May 12, 2006, the Wildcats golf team competed at the Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin, Texas, for the High School Boys State Championship. The Wildcats shot a 2-day total of 594 to claim the University Interscholastic League Class 3-A Title. The Wildcats, who represented four out of the top five players in the tournament, were the only team not to have a single round in the 80's.

Today I would like to congratulate Head Coach Tommy Allison, and players Jacob Taylor, Nicholas Verela, Joseph Totah, Jeremy Lambright, and Steve Harrington.

As the Congressional representative of the players, families, coaches, and supporters of the Palestine Wildcats, it is my pleasure to recognize their tremendous victory and outstanding season.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN  
CLAYTON L. ADAMKAVICIUS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Captain Clayton L. Adamkavicius, who died on April 21, 2006 in Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Captain Adamkavicius, who was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 149th Armored Brigade, 35th Infantry Division of the Army National Guard was killed by small arms fire in the Uruzghan Province in the central part of Afghanistan. He was in the process of investigating a weapons cache when he fell.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Captain Clayton L. Adamkavicius. Captain Adamkavicius made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while fighting the War on Terror and defending democracy and freedom.

RECOGNIZING KYLE MURRAY FOR  
ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Murray, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 98, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Murray for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PANAMANIAN HONOR DR. MARCO  
A. MASON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2006*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Marco A. Mason for all that he has done for the Panamanian community here and abroad. A distinguished academic, Dr. Mason has been directly involved in the community through various educational services and youth development for many years. He is very deserving of the honor being given to him.

Due to the fact that Dr. Mason has remained committed to the community for so long, The Panama Canal International Alumni Association Inc. (PCIAA) and The Panamanian American Community Center honored him for Distinguished Community Service at their fourth annual Spring Dinner Dance and Distinguished Awards Presentation, held at Crystal Manor in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Mason is also a medical sociologist and serves as an assistant professor of social and behavioral sciences at Medgar Evers College in New York City. He is also a member of an array of associations and councils including being a charter member of the Caribbean Women's Health Association (CWAHA), the Caribbean American Medical and the Scientific Association, the Caribbean American Social Workers Association as well as various other community action groups.

An academic at heart, Dr. Mason's primary field of study includes very pertinent topics such as the impact of United States immigration policy on ethnic communities, and the delivery of culturally competent health services to ethnic groups. He is well versed in his field and has written extensively on the subject.

He has contributed so much to not only the Panamanian people in the United States, but to those at home, too. Former New York State Senator Dr. Waldaba Stewart, who currently heads the Diaspora Research and Develop-

ment Center presented the award to Dr. Mason and he noted that, "under Dr. Mason's leadership for the past two decades, facilitate the growth of CWAHA to become a noted urban problem solver that creates innovative solutions to community issues with a focus on breaking the cycle of poverty".

Dr. Stewart makes it clear that Dr. Mason knows what it takes to keep one's community strong for future generations, and it starts with as Dr. Stewart points out, "grassroots initiatives".

I enter into the RECORD with great admiration the article published in New York's CaribNews for its recognition of such a true humanitarian. Dr. Mason without a doubt is deserving of the acknowledgment for all that he has done over the years. He should be recognized for his commitment to the fundamental belief that changes start at home in the community and he did his best to make others see just how much power they really had.

PANAMANIAN HONOR DR. MARCO A. MASON

The Panama Canal International Alumni Association Inc. (PCIAA) and The Panamanian American Community Center Inc., recently honored Dr. Marco A. Mason, for Distinguished Community Service. At their Fourth Annual Spring Dinner Dance and Distinguished Awards Presentation, held at Crystal Manor in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Mason is a Medical Sociologist. He serves as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, at Medgar Evers College. He is the President of the Panamanian Council of New York Inc. He is also a charter member of the Caribbean Women's Health Association (CWAHA) the Caribbean American Medical and the Scientific Association, the Caribbean American Social Workers Association, among other community and professional organizations.

Dr. Mason also serves as a consultant to a number of private, community, public and international sector organizations. He is accredited to practice Immigration Law.

His principal scholarly interests include: U.S. Immigration Policy Impact on Ethnic Communities, and the Delivery of Culturally Competent Health Services to Ethnic Groups. He has written extensively on these topics.

He has a Doctorate in Social Welfare (Immigration and Health Policy) from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

Former New York State Senator Dr. Waldaba Stewart, head of the Diaspora Research and Development Center, presented the award to Dr. Mason and lauded Dr. Mason's solid track record in the Panamanian community at home and abroad.

He also stated that, under Dr. Mason's leadership for the past two decades, facilitate the growth of CWAHA to become a noted urban problem that creates innovative solutions to community issues with a focus on breaking the cycle of poverty through building diverse partnership and grassroots leadership initiatives.

CWAHA has concentrated its efforts on a variety of issues: Immigration, Youth Development, Public Health, Welfare Reform, Economic Revitalization and Community Empowerment.

Ms. Laura Thomas James, PCIAA's President stated that, PCIAA's objective is to keep the Panamanian Antillean culture and heritage alive and pass it on to future generation through cultural, educational, and social programs. She also stated that Panamanian American Community Center is a non-profit information and referral service that provides services to approximately 500