

Program which gives former gang members a chance to start a new phase of their lives, reflect Sister Julie's all-embracing approach to the health of our community.

To accommodate such a bold and comprehensive vision of health care, she has driven the hospital's steady institutional growth by continuously improving its facilities and establishing relationships with other distinguished healthcare organizations. Under Sister Julie's guidance, Dominican Hospital has seen three major building expansions, multiple remodels, and affiliation with Catholic Healthcare West, the eighth largest hospital system in the Nation.

The laurels of her tenure are as numerous as they are invaluable. They are the realization of Sister Julie's faith in action and a testament to the power of earnest and solemn goodwill.

Mr. Speaker, for all that she has done and all that she will undoubtedly continue to do, I extend my most sincere thanks and warmest wishes to Sister Julie in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MASSACHUSETTS
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SUPER
BOWL CHAMPIONS: EVERETT,
WAYLAND, AND WINTHROP

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that this weekend Massachusetts crowned three state football champions all from the Seventh Congressional District.

The Crimston Tide of Everett, led by Coach John DiBiasi finished the season a perfect 12-0 after a 35-6 win in the Division 1 title game to capture its second Super Bowl victory since 2003.

Later that afternoon, the Wayland Warriors, led by their coach Scott Parseghian took to the same field and knocked off their opponent with a convincing 28-0 victory to take home the Division IA crown, finishing the season with an unblemished 13-0 record.

Finally, the mighty Vikings of Winthrop, led by their coach Tony Fucillo, rallied to a 25-8 victory in the Division 2A championship game also finishing the season a perfect 13-0. This was a huge boost to a program and a school which only a few short years ago was facing possible elimination of high school athletics all together.

Each of these teams finished the season ranked among the top three in Massachusetts polls.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the communities of Everett, Wayland and Winthrop and their student athletes and coaches for their commitment to excellence in their sports and for their hard-earned, well-deserved championship seasons.

RECOGNIZING HON. PAULA L.
FEROLETO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Western New York's State

Supreme Court justices. Hon. Paula L. Feroletto will be presented with the 2006 Lawyer of the Year Award by the Women Lawyers of Western New York. Judge Feroletto has been on the State Supreme Court bench for 2 years and previously served as an attorney for over 20 years. Over this course of time, Mrs. Feroletto has quietly broken barriers within the legal field.

Judge Feroletto began her career at Brown & Kelly, in Buffalo, where she was the first woman attorney named as partner to the firm and acted as the firm's pro bono coordinator for several years. In addition, she was also the first woman president of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Her humble demeanor sets her apart from many and she has undoubtedly been a quiet trailblazer for women. Judge Feroletto balances family, career, and community obligations including participation in the Lawyers for Learning program.

It is clear, this award is long overdue, and Judge Feroletto's accomplishments exemplify the great strides women have made within the legal profession and specifically within the Western New York community. The award will be presented to her on December 14 in Buffalo and I would like to extend my congratulations.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and gratitude that I stand here today to recognize the work of Hon. Paula L. Feroletto, a leader and admired community member of the Western New York region.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FAY-
ETTEVILLE-MANLIUS HIGH
SCHOOL GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY
TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give much deserved praise to the Fayetteville-Manlius High School Girl's Cross Country Team on their first place finish at the Nike Team Nationals, defeating 19 other teams and beating the second place team by 50 points to earn a national title.

The Nike Team Nationals put together a race of 20 teams of the highest caliber to compete in Portland Oregon in a 5-kilometer race. The young women of Fayetteville-Manlius worked extremely hard this year to put together a team that was capable of competing at this level, and their hard work paid off with a first place finish and two runners within 20 seconds of first place.

On behalf of all my constituents, I would like to congratulate this special team on their amazing athletic prowess, and especially Coach Bill Aris for leading them throughout the year. I wish them every success in the 2007 season, and look forward to watching them defend their national title.

The team members are: Mackenzie Carter, Kathryn Buchan, Jessica Hauser, Hilary Hooley, Courtney Chapman, Molly Malone, and Ashley Higginson.

A TRIBUTE TO AMY EDINGER

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to honor Amy Edinger, the recipient of the great state of New Jersey's No Child Left Behind 2006 American Star of Teaching award.

Throughout her distinguished career, Amy has worked with special education students at the James Fenimore Cooper Elementary School in Cherry Hill. Her efforts to improve the educational atmosphere of her students have earned her both admiration and praise from her colleagues, students, and parents. Her extraordinary innovation and commitment has enabled her to assist her students in moving forward both academically and through improvements in their social skills. Amy's expertise can be measured through the many achievements by the children in her classroom.

I would like to commend and congratulate Amy Edinger on this impressive honor. She is an example of excellence in the classroom, and she serves as an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE CAMPION

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the patriotism and military service of Mr. Charlie Campion of Loveland, Colorado.

He joined the United States Navy on September 7, 1954, and was sent to Great Lakes, Illinois, for boot camp.

In 1958, Mr. Campion's ship, the USS *Summit County*, pulled into Chennai, Korea where Mr. Campion served as a gunner's mate during his first enlistment. Shortly after arriving, Mr. Campion and 2 other soldiers were ordered to drive a jeep from the base to pick up supplies at a different military supply location off base.

While on this mission Mr. Campion's jeep hit an explosive device throwing out the Lieutenant and the Seaman, flipping the jeep and himself upside down in the canal nearby. The jeep ended up landing on Mr. Campion and he sustained several injuries, including a broken back.

At the age of 21, Mr. Campion re-enlisted and started his studies at the Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Illinois. Mr. Campion went on to serve a total of 16 years in the United States Navy as Hospital Corpsman and FMF Corpsman with the Marine Corps.

For "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action" while serving with Company C, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division near the village of La Chau, Republic of Vietnam on 5 June 1965, Mr. Campion was awarded the Silver Star. While giving medical aid to several sick villagers, Mr. Campion was attacked by other villagers at the same time that his platoon was attacked by the Viet Cong. Fighting his way free, he ran to the platoon position and immediately began medical treatment of two wounded Marines.

In order to protect the wounded men, Mr. Campion seized an automatic rifle from one of the men and turned it against the enemy, killing one Viet Cong and driving the others to flight. After the wounded men were evacuated he fearlessly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire so he could render aid to a critically wounded Marine and assist in his evacuation.

Additionally, he was awarded four good conduct medals and 12 further medals for his service to our country in the Korean War and in Vietnam.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Mr. Campion's selfless service to our Nation. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing a man worthy of our honor, a true American hero, Mr. Charlie Campion.

THE SUZANNE GONZALES SUICIDE PROMOTION PUNISHMENT AND PREVENTION ACT OF 2006

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Suzanne Gonzales Suicide Promotion Punishment and Prevention Act of 2006 on behalf of families across the United States who have lost loved ones to suicide through information provided on Internet forums.

On March 22, 2003, 19-year-old Suzanne Gonzales told her father, "I love you, Dad. I'll see you soon." Hours later, she was dead. As a student attending college thousands of miles from home, Suzanne had become involved in an online discussion group that promotes suicide as a personal choice and a "civil right." Other members of the group, using anonymous screen names, encouraged Suzanne to commit suicide and gave her step-by-step instructions on how to obtain and use potassium cyanide, a lethal substance used by jewelers to polish metal.

It is difficult for most of us to imagine the grief of Suzanne's parents when they learned of their daughter's death. Their distress was only increased when prosecutors told them that there was no law under which the members of the online group, who had given Suzanne the necessary information to commit suicide, could be charged. While many states have laws prohibiting assistance to suicide, the individuals responsible for Suzanne's death could be residents of any state.

Suicide is not just another personal choice. It is final and irreversible. Victims of suicide do not have an opportunity to learn from their mistake. And their actions have a lasting impact on their family and friends. The same Web site whose members encouraged Suzanne Gonzales to take her own life has been implicated in well over a dozen other suicides. Mr. Speaker, I believe it is time for Congress to take a stand. These sick and twisted individuals who prey on the despair and emotional distress of others ought to be held responsible for their actions.

The legislation I am introducing would make it a federal crime to use facilities of interstate commerce, including the Internet, to provide a particular person with information or material support to commit suicide. It is narrowly tailored to avoid infringing on speech protected

by the first amendment. And it recognizes the role of state governments as the primary sources of laws relating to suicide.

This legislation is a sensible response to a real and growing problem, one that will bring wrongdoers to justice and hopefully help to prevent future tragedies like Suzanne Gonzales's. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, due to a previously scheduled commitment, I was not present in the House chamber to vote on rollcalls 526 or 527.

Please indicate as such in the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that I would have voted "nay" on rollcall 526 and "yea" on rollcall 527 had I been present.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for your attention to this request.

TRIBUTE TO DAYTONA BEACH MAYOR YVONNE SCARLETT-GOLDEN

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to send my thoughts and prayers to the family of Yvonne Scarlett-Golden, the first black Mayor of Daytona Beach. She had been a very, very close friend of mine for many years, and she will be dearly missed by the community of Daytona Beach and the State of Florida.

I will always remember her for her persistence, her spirited willpower and determination, as well as her extreme dedication to public service. Her admirers and supporters included not just the African American community, but also by those with financial influence in the area. In particular, I will always remember her "respect" campaign, wherein she attempted to tranquilize the somewhat disorderly behavior of the city's special events.

Even though she entered politics somewhat late in life, at all times she devoted her energy to her native city of Daytona Beach. Ironically, this was the same city that disallowed her to go to the beaches because of strict segregation laws. Yet with the inspiration and tutelage of one of our nation's most famous civil rights leaders and founder of Bethune Cookman College, Ms. Mary McLeod-Bethune, who also hails from the city of Daytona, Ms. Scarlett-Golden learned the essence of public service.

Yvonne Scarlett-Golden went on to graduate from Bethune-Cookman College in 1950, where she received academic honors as well as special distinctions for performing as an outstanding athlete. It was in the halls and lecture rooms of this college where she became profoundly influenced by the teachings and philosophy of Ms. McLeod-Bethune. She went on to utilize these teachings in her career as an educator and as an elected official.

Ms. Scarlett-Golden will always serve as an inspiration not only to the local black community in Volusia County, but to African Americans throughout the State of Florida.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP JOSEPH L. IMESCH

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop Joseph L. Imesch who will celebrate 50 years of priesthood on December 16, 2006.

On June 21, 1931 in Gross Pointe Farms, Michigan, Dionys and Margaret Imesch became the proud parents of Joseph L. Imesch. Bishop Imesch spent his early years in Michigan attending the following schools: St. Ambrose and St. Paul Elementary School, Sacred Heart Seminary High School and College. In 1953, the Bishop went to Rome where he attended the North American College and received his STL degree. He attended the Gregorian University from 1969 to 1970. On December 16, 1956, Bishop Joseph L. Imesch was ordained in Rome.

Most of the Bishop's pastoral ministry was spent in Michigan. From 1957 to 1959, he was the assistant pastor to the St. Charles Parish in Detroit, Michigan. From 1959 to 1971, the Bishop served as a secretary to John Cardinal Dearden, Archbishop of Detroit. In 1971, Bishop Imesch became the pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows' Parish in Farmington. On April 3, 1973, Joseph L. Imesch was ordained as Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and was the Regional Bishop of the Northwest Region, Archdiocese of Detroit from 1977 to 1979.

On August 28, 1979, Bishop Imesch was installed as the third Bishop of Joliet. During his tenure, Bishop Imesch served on many committees including: Catholic Relief Services Board, Board of Trustees of Archdiocese of Chicago Seminaries, Chairman of the NCCB Committee on Women in Society and the Church, Chairman of NCCB Committee Writing the Pastoral on the Concerns of Women, the Marriage & Family Life Committee, Committee for Stewardship, Chairman of NCCB Committee for Pastoral Practices, the Retired Religious Grant Review Board, the Society of St. James Board, the USCCB Administrative Board, and Chairman of Bishops of Region VII. Bishop Imesch retired as Bishop of Joliet on June 21, 2006 shortly after his 75th birthday. According to Bishop Imesch his only regret is that he turned 75 much too quickly and could no longer serve.

The Diocese of Joliet was established in 1948 and has a Catholic population of approximately 636,862. It comprises the counties of DuPage, Kankakee, Will, Grundy, Ford, Iroquois, and Kendall.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other persons in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefited and strengthened America's families and communities.