

For five decades, the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama have provided safe, positive places for children and adolescents. B.R. "Babe" Wilson Jr., Arthur Tonsmeire, and Jack Harris formed the area's first Boys Club of Mobile on McDuffie Island with 20 boys as members. Today, the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama have 11 clubs and a 150-acre day camp.

The clubs are open year-round and offer members help with homework, classes on computers, organized athletics, arts and crafts, and life-skill programs such as the Job Ready Program. In 2006, there were over 17,000 registered members, and youth served in Mobile and Baldwin counties through the Boys and Girls Clubs' community outreach.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of America began in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1860. At a time when parents labored 12 hours a day, six days a week, many of their children were left unsupervised. Elizabeth Hamersley, along with sisters Mary and Alice Godwin, encouraged others to invite these boys into their homes for refreshments—an effort which eventually grew into the Dashaway Club. In 1906, 53 of the organizations united in Boston to form the Federated Boys' Clubs, now known as the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

It is my sincere hope that the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama will continue its vital service to the children of south Alabama for another 50 years. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama, along with executive director Mary Zoghy, the staff and many volunteers for their dedication and hard work as well as for being a positive influence on the lives of so many young men and women throughout south Alabama.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT BRUCE
HORNER, UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2007

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage of one of the bravest and most dedicated heroes of our Nation.

Sergeant Bruce Horner was part of the search and recovery operations for American soldiers captured by Al Quaida terrorists in southern Baghdad when he was killed by an enemy sniper on June 1, 2007.

An 18-year veteran of the Army, Bruce Horner was a proud non-commissioned officer, mentor and leader to younger soldiers.

He came from a family with a long tradition of military service and did not take his responsibilities to lead younger soldiers lightly.

Sergeant Horner is survived by his wife, parents and the soldiers he left behind, who are continuing the hard work of protecting our Nation's freedoms in Iraq.

SGT. Bruce Horner is gone, but he will never be forgotten.

His memory lives on through the family he left behind and in the soldiers that he so ably led.

Our community and Nation honor Sergeant Horner's memory and we are grateful for his 18 years of faithful and distinguished service to America.

COURTNEY AMAYA CROWDER
MAKES HER MARK ON THE WORLD

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2007

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Courtney Crowder, formerly of my staff, and his wife Byinna on the birth of their first child, Courtney Amaya Crowder. Courtney was born on June 17, 2007 and weighed 8 pounds. Faye joins me in wishing Courtney and Byinna great happiness during this very special time in their lives. A Raleigh native, Courtney served on my district staff in several capacities with distinction and will always remain a member of team Etheridge.

As a father and grandfather myself, I know the joy, pride, and excitement that parents experience upon the entrance of their child into the world. Representing hope, goodness, and innocence, a newborn allows those around her to see the world through her eyes as a new, fresh place with unending possibilities for the future. Through a child, one is able to recognize and appreciate the full potential of the human race. I know Courtney and Byinna look forward to the changes and challenges that their new daughter will bring to their lives while taking pleasure in the many rewards they are sure to receive as they watch her grow.

I welcome young Courtney into the world and wish Courtney and Byinna all the best as they raise her.

HONORING BRODIE CLARK

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Brodie Clark, a student at Greenwood High School in Kentucky's Warren County School District. Brodie is the recipient of the spring 2007 Outstanding Student Award from Carnegie Learning, a publisher of research-based math curricula for middle school and high school students. Brodie received this award for his success in math, and also for his ability to appreciate the practical applications of math concepts—not just memorized formulas—in his everyday life.

Brodie is a 10th grade Algebra II student, and enjoys using the Carnegie Learning curricula in Ms. Lee's Algebra II class. Brodie has excelled beyond Ms. Lee's expectations and has challenged himself to complete every Algebra II unit before the end of the school year; a task which is nearly complete. He has emerged as a leader in his Algebra II class, helping other students understand the material and stay on task.

In his spare time, Brodie enjoys playing disc golf, a sport in which he constantly uses math. "Whether I am trying to figure out the distance to the basket, or my score, addition and subtraction are constantly being performed. I have to think about the angle I am going to throw the disc, and what speed I want to throw it," said Brodie. "Thanks to math, I am able to do all of this in my head with ease. Playing disc

golf and doing math allows me to combine my two favorite things."

Brodie received the Outstanding Student Award from Carnegie Learning, a developer of math programs for middle school, high school, and postsecondary students. Carnegie Learning is helping students across the Commonwealth of Kentucky increase their achievement in math, and in a recent evaluation by the Kentucky Committee for Mathematics Achievement, was the only one of nine curricula to receive the top ranking in every category in the committee's assessment of intermediate and middle grades math intervention programs.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Brodie's achievement in math education, and in encouraging more students to appreciate the importance of math and science education. In the global economy of the 21st century, knowledge of math is absolutely critical. While our Nation is concerned by reports that our students are falling behind in basic math skills, Brodie Clark is proving that our students can succeed if they have access to quality resources, and the support of dedicated family and teachers. I would also like to thank Carnegie Learning for recognizing his exceptional efforts.

HONORING LINCOLN FALLS AND
MILLVIEW WESLEYAN CHURCH

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2007

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lincoln Falls and Millview Wesleyan Church and their commitment to serving the Sullivan County area for well over 100 years.

The Millview Church was established in 1843 and Lincoln Falls was established in 1877. They celebrated their first annual Camp Meeting in 1907. On July 15, they will celebrate that 100th anniversary.

Dr. Harry F. Wood, the district superintendent, will speak at the celebration service. An old-fashioned picnic will follow.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Lincoln Falls and Millview Wesleyan Churches for their 100 years of joint camp meetings and for over 100 years of distinguished service to Sullivan County, PA, and the United States of America.

NATIONAL HERITAGE FELLOW
HAZEL DICKENS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2007

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the National Heritage Fellowships.

The National Heritage Fellowships are a proud tradition that honors our Nation's diverse cultural heritage and West Virginia has been truly blessed by the music of Heritage Fellow Hazel Dickens, who was awarded this lifetime achievement recognition in 2001.

As we celebrated West Virginia's birthday last week, the words of Hazel Dickens were

close to all of our hearts, "On the green rolling hills of West Virginia, Are the nearest thing to heaven that I know."

Hazel is a living legend, a spirited, talented daughter of West Virginia, and an important part of our musical heritage. Her legacy will be preserved for future generations when our efforts to create a Mountain Music Center are completed.

There is something about her plain and sometimes painful poetry that makes us all think, if just for a moment, what a treasure home is, especially West Virginia.

To Hazel, and all of the Heritage fellows, I extend my greatest thanks for their continued contributions to our Nation's arts heritage. They have given us a great gift.

IN RECOGNITION OF HERBERT
WOODARD, SR.

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2007

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on July 8, 2007 there will be a grand celebration honoring the 100th birthday celebration of Mr. Herbert Woodard, Sr., a resident of my Congressional District—Wilson, North Carolina. On this special occasion, Mr. Woodard's family, friends and members of the community will join together to pay special tribute to this extraordinary man.

Mr. Woodard is a remarkable person with an entrepreneurial spirit. Although he only received a fourth grade education, his work ethic demonstrates that diligence and determination produce lifetime rewards. As a self-employed businessman, Mr. Woodard's businesses have ranged from that of a gas station to baseball parks and hotels. He sold and delivered coal to local businesses, and has even cleaned septic tanks. As an accomplished and humble businessman, he has gained the respect and admiration of his community.

Madam Speaker, although a skilled and savvy businessman, Mr. Woodard always makes a practice of giving back to the community. Each holiday season, Mr. Woodard gives turkeys to senior citizens at his church. He also donates to charitable organizations that provide services to children and veterans.

It is with great pride that I acknowledge the achievements of Mr. Woodard. His many accomplishments have made him a well recognized figure in Wilson, North Carolina. It is with sincere pride that I ask my colleagues to rise and join me in marking this monumental occasion in the life of Mr. Herbert Woodard, Sr.

HONORING FORMER CONGRESS-
MAN GUY ADRIAN VANDER JAGT

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2007

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former Congressman Guy Adrian Vander Jagt, who passed on June 22 at 75 years old.

Although I prevailed in a contested primary election with Congressman Vander Jagt in

1992, I hold him in the highest regard for his gifted oratorical skills and his ability to advance the cause of the Republican Party.

Congressman Vander Jagt was born in Cadillac on Aug. 26, 1931 to Dutch immigrant Harry Vander Jagt, a livestock dealer and rancher, and his wife Marie.

He began preaching at Tustin Presbyterian Church while still a student at Cadillac High School.

By the time he graduated from our mutual alma mater, Hope College in Holland, Michigan, in 1953, he had won the National Oratorical Championship, was undefeated in four years of unscripted speaking competitions at the state and national level and won the Michigan Debate Championships a record three years in a row.

Congressman Vander Jagt's first job after graduating from Hope was as news director and anchor for WWTW in Cadillac. In 1958 he left for Washington, D.C. to accept a position as a public relations assistant to Michigan Congressman Robert McIntosh and commenced the study of law at Georgetown University Law School.

He left Washington shortly thereafter to study law full time at another mutual alma mater of ours, the University of Michigan, where he received his juris doctorate degree in 1960.

After passing the Michigan bar, he entered private practice in Grand Rapids, and in 1964 married Carol Dorn. That same year he began his career in public service by winning election to the Michigan Senate.

In 1966 he went on to win a special election to the U.S. House of Representatives. He worked hard to win the confidence of his Congressional colleagues. In 1974, they reposed such confidence in him that he was elected to lead the National Republican Congressional Committee, working throughout the United States to elect Republican candidates to Congress.

He would tirelessly lead the NRCC, becoming the longest-serving national political party committee chairman in American history.

In what was surely one of the greatest moments in his career, in 1980 he was chosen personally by Governor Ronald Reagan to deliver the keynote address at the Republican National Convention in Detroit. Reagan would later write: "My desire was simple. I wanted the best—Guy Vander Jagt." He was even considered a potential candidate for vice president at the time.

Congressman Vander Jagt would serve 27 years in the House, and when he retired in 1993, he returned to private law practice and became a premier attorney with his firm.

Madam Speaker, the thoughts and prayers of my wife, Diane, and I are with the friends and family of Congressman Vander Jagt at this difficult time.

I respectfully request that my remarks be accepted into the RECORD.

ANDEAN TRADE PREFERENCE ACT
EXTENSION

SPEECH OF

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R.

1830, which seeks to renew the Andean Trade Preferences for 8 months. This legislation is vital to expanding trade between the United States and Latin American countries. We must break down trade barriers with our allies in Latin America. Trade has strengthened the economies of our strongest allies in the region, including Colombia and Peru, and is vital to democracy. Andean countries rely on trade with the United States to bolster their economies and produce jobs; Andean Trade Preferences have provided over 1.5 million jobs in the region. I ask my colleagues to support our allies in Latin America by voting "yes" on H.R. 1830.

HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2007

Mr. SAXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the participants of the House Fellows Program on the completion of their weeklong program. As an initiative of the Office of the Historian, this has been a unique opportunity for a select group of secondary education teachers of American history and government.

This weeklong workshop is designed to help educators improve the knowledge and understanding of the "People's House." One of the goals of the program is to develop curricular materials on the history and practice of the House for use in schools. Each Fellow prepares his or her brief lesson plan on a congressional topic of their choosing, and these plans become part of a teaching resource database on the House.

During the school year following their participation in the House Fellows Program, each Fellow will have the responsibility to present their experiences and lesson plans to at least one in-service institute for teachers of history and government. Over the next 5 years, in selecting a teacher from every congressional district, the House Fellows Program will be able to impact over 10,000 high school teachers, providing an inside account of how the House of Representatives functions, and energizing thousands of students to become informed and active citizens.

I know that all Members will join me in congratulating the following teachers who have successfully participated in this week's program: Ms. Lee Adelizzi, Toms River High School South, Toms River, New Jersey (NJ03, SAXTON). Mr. Anthony Escalera, Montclair High School, Montclair, California (CA26, DREIER). Mr. Matthew Carter, Rialto High School, Rialto, California (CA41, LEWIS). Mr. Herbert Fischer, Wadleigh High School of Performing Arts, New York, New York (NY 15, RANGEL). Mr. Scott Kaplan, Largo High School, Largo, Florida (FL10, YOUNG). Mr. Kent Padgett, Jefferson City Public School District, Jefferson City, Missouri (MO04, SKELTON). Ms. Elaine Tubb, Charles County Public Schools, LaPlata, Maryland (MD05, HOYER). Mr. David Williams, Prince William County Public Schools, Manassas, Virginia (VA10, WOLF). Ms. Valerie Ziegler, Abraham Lincoln High School, San Francisco, California (CA12, LANTOS).

I thank the Office of the Historian for sponsoring this program. Under the leadership of