

management plan and stream bank instability study by the Board of Trustees; a \$250,000 wetlands remediation project; and the establishment of a community parking district.

Burke Centre was also honored with the 2007 Best of Braddock Award for Neighborhood Enhancement and Beautification.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I commend and congratulate the Burke Centre Conservancy on 30 years of excellence. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the Conservancy on its continued growth and success for many years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA GRAY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia Gray for her unwavering dedication and service as Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Nevada.

Patricia has recently retired from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court after dutifully serving it for over 36 years. Patricia came to Las Vegas in 1968, moving with her family from her birthplace of Carlsbad, New Mexico. She graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1969.

In September of 1970, Patricia was appointed as a deputy clerk for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Her immense talents and indomitable work ethic were recognized and she rose quickly through the ranks, becoming the Chief Deputy Clerk in 1974. In 1979, Patricia was appointed as the Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court under the Bankruptcy Code for the District of Nevada.

During her 36 years with the court system, Patricia has actively served the judicial branch, serving on many committees in both the 9th Circuit and Administrative Office of U.S. Courts. She has served on the Local Rules Subcommittee for Bankruptcy Rules and as Chair of the 9th Circuit Bankruptcy Liaison Committee. Patricia is also a notable member of the Las Vegas community for her service as a member of the Board of Directors for the Clark County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Patricia's enduring legacy is recognized by her peers in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, where they describe her as being a great leader who has shown dedication and compassion for both the members of the court and for the public. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Patricia Gray. I wish her the greatest happiness in her retirement and I offer my sincere thanks for her many years of service.

IN HONOR OF SOUTH BAY STAND DOWN FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation and support for South Bay Stand Down For Homeless Veterans. From September 8th through September 10, 2007, the United States Depart-

ment of Veterans Affairs is reaching out to homeless military veterans living in the South San Francisco Bay region.

Held in Santa Cruz County, South Bay Stand Down aims to reduce the many barriers faced by homeless veterans and to assist them with a wide variety of services. For three days, veterans will be able to access clothing, food, water, and shelter, and can interface with a wide variety of government and public service organizations. Veterans will have the ability to learn about benefits that they may be entitled to, and even access free legal assistance and health services.

I am truly inspired to see that the South Bay Stand Down for Homeless Veterans is a community effort. A diverse array of organizations have come together to ensure that the problem of homelessness among military veterans is properly addressed. Notable participants include the Veterans Transition Center, the County of Santa Cruz Veterans Services Office, Capitola Vet Center, Shelter Network, Not This Time Vets, Easter Seals, and the Red Cross.

Homeless veterans face incredible hurdles in areas of life that many people simply take for granted. Access to shelter, food, and employment are immeasurably more difficult to attain. With as many as 50,000 homeless veterans living in the state of California alone, it is imperative that the government and local communities reach out to assist those who have served our nation. The South Bay Stand Down accomplishes just that. I commend the participating veterans and organizations for their willingness to better the lives of our community members.

Madam Speaker, I wish to express my gratitude to the organizers of South Bay Stand Down and to all of the participating organizations. To the veterans who attend, I offer my most sincere appreciation for your service in the armed forces of our nation. I can think of no other group more deserving of community support and recognition than the men and women who served in the United States military.

HONORING THE 1966 TEXAS WESTERN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR INDUCTION INTO THE NAISMITH MEMORIAL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the Texas Western Miners, the 1966 NCAA championship basketball team that is being inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame today. Texas Western College is now known as the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), and is in the district that I am honored to represent. The victory of the 1966 Texas Western team made a groundbreaking impact on diversity in sports and civil rights in America, and this team is only one of six to be enshrined forever as a legend of the basketball world.

Texas Western was coached by Don Haskins, "the Bear," who has become an El Paso icon and legend and who was himself in-

ducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1997 as a coach.

The Texas Western team, a tight-knit group of blacks, whites, and one Hispanic, finished the 1965–66 regular season with a 23–1 record. The Miners then played their way to the NCAA championship game. On the night of March 19, 1966, in College Park, MD, history was made when Haskins started, for the first time ever, an all-black lineup in the final NCAA championship game against Adolph Rupp's No. 1-ranked Kentucky Wildcats, an all-white team. The Texas Western team won the national title with a 72–65 victory. More important than the basketball victory was the profound statement that was made that night regarding an issue that was causing great national controversy and strife—civil rights.

The win soon became a symbol for the breakthrough of black athletes into college sports and is an event defined by many as the "Brown v. Board of Education of athletics". After the '66 championship, college teams throughout the South began aggressively recruiting black athletes, ending years of shameful segregation. You may recall that the 2006 film "Glory Road" is based on the story of the 1966 Texas Western team. Years later, when recounting his coaching successes and historic contribution to civil rights, Haskins said, "I just played my best guys, like any coach would do."

This team will be remembered forever. This is a great day for El Paso and for basketball enthusiasts all over the world; a great day to remember the civil rights struggle and some of the strides that have been made; and a great day to recognize and honor the contributions of the 1966 Texas Western NCAA championship basketball team as they are inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

I am proud of this team—Bobby Joe Hill (Detroit, Michigan), Orsten Artis (Gary, Indiana), Togo Railey (El Paso, Texas), Willie Worsley (New York, New York), David Palacio (El Paso, Texas), Dick Myers (Peabody, Kansas), Harry Flournoy (Gary, Indiana), Louis Baudoin (Albuquerque, New Mexico), Nevil Shed (New York, New York), Jerry Armstrong (Eagleville, Missouri), Willie Cager (New York, New York), David 'Big Daddy' Lattin (Houston, Texas) and their legendary coach, Don "the Bear" Haskins, and congratulate them on this slam dunk!

CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF LIFE

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a new record for the State of Florida; our first set of sextuplets, born this weekend to new parents Karoline and Ben Byler of Wesley Chapel in my district.

As someone who raised three wonderful girls, I know the joys of motherhood, albeit one at a time. The Bylers, who already have a 4-year-old at home, now get six times the challenge of raising young children, welcoming five little boys and one girl into their home.

The boys were named Brady Christopher, Eli Benjamin, Ryan Patrick, Jackson Robert