CONGRATULATING THE DENTON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL HEALTH TEAM

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate four members of the Denton County Correctional Health Team for being accredited “Certified Correctional Health Providers” by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. The four health care providers are Medical Lt. John Kissinger, Medical Sgt. Shannon Sprabary, Standards and Quality Assurance Provider Dr. Randall Kesseler, and Juvenile Health Supervisor Caren Curtis.

The National Commission on Correctional Health Care certification is the highest level of certification for correctional health providers. This is a great honor as there are only 2,000 certified health care providers in all of the correctional facilities in the United States. The Health Department runs a full medical facility in the Denton County facility, and provides emergency, routine and chronic care for over 1,000 inmates.

The individual and team accomplishments of these members contribute greatly to the safety and security of all inmates of the facility. I am very proud of their dedication to their community and country. It is my honor to represent these men and women, and I wish them continued success in the future. Their persistence and commitment should serve as an inspiration to us all.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ALISHA HASTILOW FOR PLACING SECOND IN THE MANCHESTER UMBRO INTERNATIONAL CUP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Alisha Hastilow completed in England’s largest youth soccer tournament; and

Whereas, Alisha Hastilow showed hard work and dedication to the sport of soccer; and

Whereas, Alisha Hastilow has broadened her abilities and skills in the sport of soccer; and

Whereas, Alisha Hastilow was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Alisha Hastilow always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Alisha Hastilow on placing second in the Manchester Umbro International Cup. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated.

A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM TURNER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor the work and achievements of William Turner. William is the second child born to the union of William and Mary Turner of Tampa, Florida. William spent his childhood years in Tampa and later migrated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with his uncle Samuel Turner. He left Pennsylvania for New York where he studied at Pace University, Long Island University, Columbia University, New York University, Hofstra University and Brooklyn College.

William has been an entrepreneur in the Bedford-Stuyvesant Community for more than 45 years, primarily as President of Cross Boro Realty. He is also a licensed insurance broker, certified general appraiser and tax consultant. He has served on the Bedford-Stuyvesant Real Estate Board as president, chairman, vice-president, and secretary. He has also served as president of the Real Estate Non-Profit Housing Company, chairman of the Legal Defense Fund, chairman of the Journal Committee and elected to the honorary position of ambassador at large.

William has initiated and coordinated several programs, among them: The development of a strong educational program for members of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Real Estate Board which allows them to survive one of the worst housing crises in our Nation’s history; assisted members in winning 7 of 9 Housing and Urban Development area managers’ contracts; and; presented testimony on redlining in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area to a legislative panel chaired by the Honorable Shirley Chisholm.

William is married to his lovely wife, Melanie Turner. He is the proud father of 3 daughters, Sheila, Joyce, and Karen; three granddaughters, Fallon, Melanie, Jazmine; and 1 grandson, Ronald Cartlidge III.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the contributions of William Turner. He has been a pillar of the Bedford-Stuyvesant business community for years.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to William Turner.

COMMENDING Q’S CREW FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

HON. SCOTT GARRETT OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the team members of Q’s Crew, which was recently honored by the Greater North Jersey Chapter of the National MS Society for raising the most money as a rookie team during the annual MS walk this past April. They also received the Mission Possible Award for raising more than $25,000 in the MS walk.

Q’s Crew gets its name from Gloria Marquis, who succumbed to MS just prior to the walk. Her son, Joe, and his then-fiancée, now-wife, Tatiana, jointly captained this team. Gloria lived with MS for many years. And, her family lived through it with her with courage and grace and dignity. In the end, Gloria regretfully was unable to make it to Joe and Tatiana’s wedding in August; but her spirit was everywhere and she would surely be watching over this young couple’s life together.

Tatiana also serves as my district director and I know firsthand of her extraordinary sense of public service. The energy and determination that Tatiana and Joe have demonstrated in raising funds for and awareness of multiple sclerosis is an example they have provided for other families living with MS are a tremendous contribution to the community in which they have grown up and now live as husband and wife.

I was proud to join Tatiana, Joe, and the rest of Q’s Crew at the MS walk in April. And, I continue to be proud of all that they do to fight MS.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE HENRY HYDE OF ILLINOIS

SPEECH OF
HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my deepest condolences on the loss of Congressman Henry Hyde. It is a great honor to have known him and served with Henry, a dedicated public servant whose devotion to his constituency, values, and country was rivaled by few.

Though I only shared a single term in the House with Congressman Hyde, I felt privileged to serve with him in the Illinois congressional delegation. A man well-known for his eloquent speeches, Henry Hyde was a legend throughout Illinois and the entire country.

Throughout his 32-year tenure in the House of Representatives, Congressman Hyde proved to be an intellectual powerhouse, commanding respect for the strong arguments and stimulating debate that he brought to the House. A true statesman, Henry was known for his ability to bring opposing sides of a debate together to find a consensus for the good of the country.

In the House, Congressman Hyde was influential on matters of international importance, having chaired both the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on International Relations. I have particularly great respect for his eloquent voice on American foreign policy during the Cold War.

For his public service and great contributions to America throughout his career, not the least of which was his brave service in the Navy during World War II, Congressman Hyde was recently recognized with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Awarded by the President and given only to those individuals who have made an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, this is the Nation’s highest civilian honor.

A man who always stayed true to his faith, Henry Hyde was unwavering in defending his values and beliefs with every word he spoke.