HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD BOWERS

At the University of South Florida as well as in all of Florida, Dick Bowers’ contributions were abundant in and out of the University of South Florida’s first ever athletics director position.

During his tenure, Bowers oversaw the creation of the university’s baseball field, golf course, and SunDome basketball arena. He was honored in 1982 for his Outstanding Contribution to the SunBelt Conference, which he helped form. After 17 years, Bowers moved from the athletic director position and became involved in the University of South Florida’s college of business, where he was associate dean, professor, and director of development.

Bowers was also very influential in the Tampa Bay area through his philanthropic work. He served as president of the Gold Shield Foundation for 18 years, which raises money for families of fallen police officers and firefighters. In addition, Bowers took leadership roles in numerous other community organizations including the United Way, the National Youth Sports Program, the Tampa Chapter National Football Foundation, the Hall of Fame Bowl Selection Committee, the Northside Bank Board, the Florida State Department of Education Task Force in Physical Education, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the Tampa Sports Club, and the Hispanic Business Institute.

We honor the life of Richard “Dick” Bowers for his outstanding contribution to our wonderful Tampa Bay community, the University of South Florida and the entire State of Florida. Dick Bowers’ life serves as an inspiration to all who knew him and his contributions and achievements will impact the lives of all Floridians in the future.

TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL ANTHEM PROJECT

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER
OF MARYLAND

In the House of Representatives

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize The National Anthem Project a 3-year national education campaign led by our Nation’s music educators, to raise awareness of the importance of music programs in our Nation’s schools.

The National Anthem Project was launched by the National Association for Music Education in 2005, in response to a survey conducted by Harris Interactive. The Harris Poll showed that two out of three Americans did not know the words to “The Star-Spangled Banner.” The National Association for Music Education believes that this lack of knowledge, concerning the words and history of our national anthem, is a direct reflection of the quality of music education in our Nation’s schools.

Music programs are considered an important part of a well-rounded education. Research shows that music programs help students perform better in math and science. Music education also provides students with a greater appreciation of America’s musical heritage and history, as most Americans learn the national anthem and other patriotic songs at school.

The goal of the National Anthem Project was to “restore America’s voice,” by re-teaching Americans to sing “The Star-Spangled Banner” and by spotlighting the important role of music programs in our Nation’s schools.

The 3-year project began on March 10, 2005, with a kick-off celebration on Capital Hill. The kick-off was followed by a nationwide Road Show tour in 2006 and hundreds of additional project-inspired events. The National Anthem Project came to a close in June of 2007, with a 3-day Grand Finale on the grounds of the White House Monument布朗斯 over 5,000 participants, including celebrities, Drum Corps International, music teachers, and students from all across the United States, who gathered together to celebrate the achievements of the National Anthem Project and, of course, to sing the national anthem.

The National Anthem Project has been a great success. Not only has the project succeeded in re-teaching the words and history of our national anthem, but it has also inspired people all over the country to have a greater appreciation of America’s musical heritage and the importance of music education in our Nation’s schools. The National Anthem Project has garnered significant news coverage from thousands of news outlets across the country, including Fox News, CNN, and Good Morning America.

The success of the National Anthem Project has even received the attention of the Senate, which passed a Resolution in July of 2007 in support of the project’s goals and ideals. It is my pleasure to share with you today the achievements of the National Anthem Project.

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

SPEECH OF
HON. VERNON J. EHLERS
OF MICHIGAN

In the House of Representatives
Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my respects to our departed colleague, Representative Henry Hyde. I am saddened by the death of this exceptionally fine and honorable man. The loss to our Nation is incalculable, as is the loss of one of the staunchest defenders of the Constitution. Henry Hyde was a hero in the pro-life movement, a leading authority on constitutional law, and as a distinguished statesman who promoted peace and justice. Of course, given the passage of the Hyde amendment during his first term in Congress in 1974—Henry Hyde was a hero in the pro-life fight.

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