

HONORING SERENA LAINE-
LOBSINGER, SPELLING BEE
CHAMPION IN FLORIDA

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Serena Laine-Lobsinger, an accomplished 7th grader from my congressional district, who recently won the regional finals of the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Florida. Serena competed against 8 opponents for 36 rounds of tense competition, to win as the area's top speller. She will now travel to Washington, DC, to represent Palm Beach, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee counties at the Scripps National Spelling Bee, the largest and longest standing spelling bee in our country.

Serena is a bright and talented young woman and her hard work and dedication to her studies will surely help her succeed in any endeavor she pursues. I wish Serena the best of luck in the finals of the Scripps National Spelling Bee, and continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MARLENE LEE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a grateful heart to pay tribute to a selfless American, Marlene Lee of Boyds, Maryland.

In 2003, Marlene developed "Operation Atlas", a community outreach program for injured soldiers and their visiting families at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. It is through this program that I have been able to work with Marlene on a nearly monthly basis as she escorts soldiers and their families on tours of the Capitol.

Marlene is an incredibly giving person, both of her time and talents. Her son, Greg, has served two tours in Iraq, so she knows intimately the pains military families go through. Yet, she is always ready with a willing hand, a kind heart, and a new way to serve others. Named as one of the American Red Cross Volunteers of the Year in 2003, Marlene was recognized again in 2004 by the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. She is also on the board of directors of "Operation Support Our Troops" and the committee for Wheels for Warriors.

Through her time spent with wounded and recovering soldiers, Marlene recognized the need to reach out to children "who know of, care about, or just plain love a wounded warrior." She went back to school, earning a master's of arts in thanatology, the study of death, dying, and bereavement, from Hood College.

With the motto of "Children 'serve' and sacrifice, too", Marlene has written two books for children on dealing with the loss of a loved one in the Armed Services: *The Hero In My Pocket* and *That's My Hope*. She donates a portion of the proceeds from book sales to selected organizations that assist military families.

I am honored by the time that I have been able to share in service with Marlene. She is

a dedicated and humble person who goes out of her way to bless the lives of the men, women and the children in our military families and communities. May God continue to bless her and America.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF JAMES MADISON
UNIVERSITY

HON. BOB GOODLATE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODLATE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor James Madison University on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

James Madison University, surrounded by the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, has proved to be a catalyst for growth in western Virginia, building on the agricultural base of the region to create a center for higher education.

It has been a true pleasure to work with former president Dr. Ron Carrier and current president Dr. Linwood Rose as they have skillfully guided James Madison University into the twenty-first century.

From its inception, James Madison University has been at the forefront of education. Originally a teachers college, today James Madison provides ground-breaking research in information technology, security and alternative fuel sources, and offers more than 100 degree programs for its more than 17,000 students.

Madam Speaker, James Madison University's alumni have impacted the Commonwealth of Virginia, the United States and the world. Madison graduates travel to the farthest corners of the earth to perform research and provide leadership in corporate boardrooms, State legislatures and even here on Capitol Hill.

I am pleased to introduce today, along with the entire Virginia delegation, a resolution recognizing the rich history and accomplishments of this remarkable institution on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. I urge all the Members of this body to join us in congratulating James Madison University on its 100th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO TOM AND CHRISTINE
BUTLER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of Tom and Christie Butler of Lexington, Missouri. Together, the Butlers have contributed over 100 years of outstanding service to the Boy Scouts of America. Their contributions to the young people of Missouri have helped them learn leadership skills and self-confidence that will last a lifetime.

Tom has been involved with the Boy Scouts for the past 56 years and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1961. Christie earned the Gold Bar Award from the Girl Scouts of America and became the first female to serve as scout-

master in the Big Muddy District of the Heart of America Boy Scout Council. Both serve their district by serving as a resource for Scoutmasters, providing training to fellow adult leaders, and attending meetings of different area troops.

The Butlers believe strongly in the values and lessons learned from scouting. Throughout the years, the Boy Scouts have remained one of America's finest organizations in helping young people learn both practical skills and life lessons. Thanks to the work and dedication of people like Tom and Christie Butler, many more young people will have the opportunity to be involved in Scouting.

As an Eagle Scout myself, I understand the impact leaders such as the Butlers have in guiding America's youth. I hope Members of the House will join me in honoring and thanking the Butlers for their work with the Boy Scouts.

CONGRATULATING BILL BOSS ON
RECEIVING THE TENNESSEE TI-
TANS 2007 COMMUNITY QUARTER-
BACK AWARD

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, this January, Bill Boss of Tullahoma, Tennessee, received the Tennessee Titans 2007 Community Quarterback Award, and I rise today to congratulate his service to our community, our state, and our country.

Nearly thirty years ago, Bill completed his service to our armed forces and retired as an officer of the United States Air Force. For Bill, his time as one of America's finest was only the beginning of a life dedicated to his community and the betterment of those around him.

After retiring from the Air Force, Bill began a career as a research engineer for the University of Tennessee Space Institute. It was there that Bill met with friends and colleagues to discuss how they could use their scientific expertise to give young students in Coffee County, Tennessee, and across the state an opportunity to discover the sciences for themselves. Only seven years later, Boss's diligence proved successful and helped open the Tullahoma Hands-On Science Center.

Today, 10,000 eager young learners visit the Hands-On Science Center every year as it continues to provide a forum that engages and enthalls the scientists of tomorrow. I commend Bill for his efforts, and proudly stand to congratulate him today for an award well earned in service to Coffee County students and all those aspiring scholars across the State of Tennessee.

CONGRATULATING THE INDIANA
WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONS
AT MISHAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the victory of the Mishawaka