

for botanicals, but seek to share this joy with fellow citizens and surrounding communities.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the history and service of the Norristown Garden Club as they celebrate their 95th anniversary.

KEVIN CALKINS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kevin Calkins who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. Kevin Calkins is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kevin Calkins is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Kevin Calkins for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his high school career to his college career and future accomplishments.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
LAYLA MILLER FOR WINNING  
THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE  
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Layla Miller showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Layla Miller was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Layla Miller always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Layla Miller on winning the Girls' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

A TRIBUTE TO WENDY CRAMER

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Wendy Cramer, recently awarded the 2008 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the 2nd Con-

gressional District of Maryland's Veterans Advisory Council.

Wendy Cramer is a dedicated employee with the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) Supplies, Processing and Distribution (SPD) program. In her physically demanding role in the program, Wendy is responsible for the retrieval of supplies from the Baltimore VA Medical Center and the distribution of the supplies to various centers. When she has an idea for a way to improve a service, she devotes her free time to making the improvements a reality.

Aside from her numerous work-related responsibilities that benefit our Nation's veterans, she also volunteers several hours a month for the veterans. She has volunteered her time toward such activities as National Salute, Veterans Day, and welcome home events. Every Christmas, she brings her family to VA hospitals to deliver gifts to wounded or ill veterans.

Members of the Veterans Advisory Council as well as patients and staff she interacts with every day praise her attitude and energy with the veterans. She is supportive and encouraging, and patients say her genuine enthusiasm is so infectious she can put everyone around her in a positive mood. The veterans Wendy interacts with can feel her honest empathy for them, and their appreciation for her work is obvious with the awarding of this honor.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Wendy Cramer. She is a remarkable volunteer for Maryland's veterans. Through her ongoing efforts, she has helped hundreds of veterans receive the supplies they need and served as a positive influence in their lives. She has gone above and beyond the call of duty to aid those who have dedicated their lives to serve our great country.

CONGRATULATING THE INDIANA  
BOYS' BASKETBALL STATE  
CHAMPIONS OF TRITON HIGH  
SCHOOL

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, today I rise today to extend congratulations to the Triton High School Boys' Basketball Team. The Trojans succeeded in clinching the IHSAA 1–A State Championship on March 22, 2008, at Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis with a thrilling 50–42 victory over Indianapolis Lutheran.

The Trojans' tireless efforts in practice resulted in a season of firsts: the team won their first-ever Semi-State Championship, made their first trip to the State Championship game and won their first State Championship title. For the team's seven seniors, it was the perfect ending for their high school basketball careers.

The Triton team is led by seniors Jake Everett, winner of the Class 1–A Trester Mental Attitude Award; Troy McIntyre; A.J. Harrison; Reggie Davis; Blake Schori; Patrick Smith, and Bart Christian. Other members of the team include juniors Colton Keel, Cody Carpenter, Joel Meister, Zac Moriarty, and Dustin Krefit; sophomores Ben Montalbano and

Camron Garey and freshmen Griffyn Carpenter, Austin Davis, and Jordan Everett.

Also, I should acknowledge the wonderful support the team had. Head Coach Jason Groves and Assistant Coaches Tommy Mascari, Dave Carpenter, and Matt Landis guided the Trojans to victory. I would also like to thank Principal Michael Chobanov, Athletic Director Mason McIntyre, and, above all, the fans in the community, many of whom traveled to Indianapolis for the game and gathered to welcome the team home after their victory.

I offer my congratulations to the members of the boys' basketball team of Triton High School, the coaching staff, the school administration, and the surrounding community for their accomplishments this season on the road to the 1–A State Championship.

COMMENDING DON BUTTRESS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud Don Buttress of Little Elm, TX, for his commitment to bettering the environment. Don applied for a rebate through the Texas Emissions Reduction Program (TERP) to replace an early-model dump truck with one that is cleaner and more efficient. Don's efforts demonstrate the effect a single person's actions can have on the planet.

Buttress' rebate will keep 11,1793 tons of nitrogen oxides from polluting our skies throughout the next seven years. TERP is committed to replacing 4,500 older diesel engines with newer, less polluting models, and Don's participation moves them one engine closer to reaching that goal.

The Texas Emissions Reduction Program presents businesses with the opportunity to go green by trading in their vehicles for cleaner, more economical diesel engines. TERP provides rebates and grants to help replace aging diesel engines that consume more fuel and generate more pollution than newer models.

North Texas businesses have saved over \$3.3 million and reduced nearly 353 tons of pollution to date. The Texas Emissions Reduction Program serves as a national model for replacing and retrofitting older diesel engines.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Joel Estrada of the 26th District of Texas. His efforts are something I encourage other small businesses to follow, and I gladly congratulate him for his contribution to the betterment of North Texas.

URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT  
AND OBSERVATION OF A LEGAL  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN HONOR OF  
CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I fully support Representative BACA's legislation to encourage the establishment of a national holiday in honor of César Chávez and wish to thank him for introducing this important bill.