

Coach Crean comes to Indiana University from Marquette University. At Marquette, Coach Crean led the Golden Eagles to five NCAA Tournament appearances and a Final Four berth in 2003. Coach Crean also consistently graduated his players. Marquette's graduation rate was often ranked in the Top Ten amongst major NCAA conferences.

Indiana's 9th Congressional District is in the heart of Hoosier Hysteria. Tiny Milan High School defeated Muncie Central High School in 1954, creating inspiration for one of the greatest sports movies of all time, "Hoosiers." Many young men and women grow up dreaming of walking into Assembly Hall in Bloomington and playing for the Hoosiers.

Coach Crean is ready to embody and embrace the tradition that is Indiana basketball. From the five national championship banners that hang in Assembly Hall to the famous candy striped warm-up pants, Indiana University is steeped in basketball tradition. When asked why he left Marquette, Coach Crean simply responded, "It's Indiana, and that's the bottom line." Coach Crean understands the tradition.

Again, congratulations to Coach Crean. I know Hoosier fans across the 9th District are looking forward to seeing him on the sidelines.

GEORGIA AND UKRAINE NATO MEMBERSHIP

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution, which expresses the sense of Congress that Ukraine and Georgia should enter the NATO Membership Action Plan (MAP) as soon as possible. I visited Ukraine just two weeks ago, and the visit was an opportunity to witness the country at a unique time. Many will say that it is a country divided, but I believe it is simply a country experiencing the growing pains of blossoming democracy. The process has often been ugly and chaotic—like democracy itself. But Ukrainians are committed to democracy and to a place in Europe. They want a modern country that plays a constructive role in the international community.

But while they are universally committed to achieving a place in Europe, the Ukrainian people are still deeply ambivalent on the issue of NATO because they have not yet had the opportunity for an open discussion, or education on the matter free from propaganda. The issue has successfully been cast by its detractors as one of antagonism toward the East. This is, of course, utterly false.

The MAP process is critical because it presents an opportunity to allow all factions of Ukrainian society to get a complete picture of what NATO membership means. Of course Ukraine should not join NATO until the country stands as one on the issue. But it will never reach consensus without education and honest debate. That's what MAP is all about, and why it is so important for Ukraine to begin that process at the upcoming NATO summit in Bucharest, Romania.

We all want to see Ukraine in NATO one day. We want to see Ukraine solidify its demo-

cratic tradition, strengthen its institutions, modernize its defense systems, grow its economy and play an important and constructive role in both the West and the East. The name "Ukraine" itself means "borderland." It has the opportunity to be a bridge between Europe and Asia, and NATO can only be strengthened by such a key player. But NATO membership cannot be undertaken prematurely, and the time will never be right without the work that is done via the MAP process.

Georgia still has a long way to go as well before it is ready for NATO membership. But its people are committed to beginning down this path, and we should not deny them the opportunity to formally begin the process at Bucharest. Like Ukraine, Georgia experienced a democratic "color" revolution, and has since had to deal with the great challenges of implementing the goals and ideals of that revolution. They have also experienced growing pains, and have learned that the day-to-day work of building a democracy is not easy. But the Georgian people remain utterly committed to this work. They are working to ensure that critical institutions, including defense and security institutions, are strong, transparent and democratically governed.

Both Georgia and Ukraine must solidify their gains and begin the MAP process. The road to NATO membership is often long and challenging, and no one would benefit—not the U.S., not NATO, nor the region—from delaying the start of this process.

INTRODUCTION OF THE POISON CENTER SUPPORT, ENHANCEMENT AND AWARENESS ACT OF 2008 (H.R. 5669)

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleague, Congressman TOWNS (NY-10) on the introduction of the Poison Center Support, Enhancement, and Awareness Act of 2008 which provides the necessary funding to operate poison control centers across the country.

First, I want to thank Mr. TOWNS for his leadership on this issue. As a fellow member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, and a member of the Health Subcommittee, his expertise and experience with public health matters is much appreciated.

Poison Control Centers throughout the United States play a critical role in saving lives, especially of children. Poisoning is the second leading form of unintentional death in the United States and an estimated 60 percent of those exposures are experienced by children under the age of 6 who are exposed to toxins in their home. Commonly ingested items found in the home include cleaning supplies, cosmetics, and pesticides.

Poison centers are manned by medical professionals 24 hours a day. Toxicologists at these centers have access to a computerized information retrieval system with over 800,000 products. These professionals are then able to assess poison risk, advise treatment and/or triage patients, recommend treatment or refer them to appropriate medical facilities.

The Nebraska Regional Poison Center, established in 1957, serves Nebraska, Wyoming,

American Samoa, and Federated States of Micronesia and provides 24-hour emergency and information hotline services. Last year alone, they received 40,129 calls and provided guidance and helped diagnose victims of accidental poisonings. Approximately 75 percent of calls to the Nebraska Regional Poison Center were able to be treated safely at home. In 2007, the Nebraska Regional Poison Center estimates that its services saved patients about \$22 million in healthcare costs. Poison control centers save money by eliminating or reducing the number of unnecessary trips to emergency departments.

Madam Speaker, this bill provides the funding needed to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention. This legislation not only saves lives, but it saves millions of dollars a year in unnecessary costs. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and have it considered on the House floor.

NICOLE SANCHEZ

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 Nicole Sanchez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. Nicole Sanchez is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nicole Sanchez 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 Nicole Sanchez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING CLIFTON CONRAD CURRY III

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Clifton Conrad Curry III, who was taken from us on March 1, 2008, at just 20 years of age.

Trey, as he was known, was a young man who greatly enjoyed life and loved the people that crossed his path. It has been said that he never met a person that he did not like, and, in turn, everyone loved him. His kindness toward others, compassion, and bear hugs for close friends and family will not soon be forgotten.

Trey attended Hillsborough Community College and Tallahassee Community College. He was a 2006 graduate of Newsome High

School and a 2003 graduate of Brandon Academy. He was a member of both the Junior Varsity and Varsity football teams as a freshman at Tampa Catholic High School and played many seasons of South Brandon Little League Baseball. Trey was an avid Florida State University fan who enjoyed golfing with Coach Bobby Bowden and attending home football games with family. He was an outdoorsman who loved fishing, hunting, snow skiing, and golfing.

Madam Speaker, my heart aches for Trey's family. He leaves behind his parents, Terry and Cliff, his brother and sister, Colton and Mary Beth, and many other family and friends who loved him and will forever miss this most remarkable young man. May God bless the Curry family. We shall never forget Trey.

RECOGNIZING CARLENE H. ANDERSON, 2008 WALTON COUNTY RECIPIENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of Carlene H. Anderson, the 2008 Walton County recipient of the Superintendent's Award for Volunteer Community Involvement.

Ms. Anderson has amplified education in the Walton County area, expanding it beyond the classroom and into the community. By building partnerships with the Walton County Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, and various other community organizations, Ms. Anderson has fused a significant relationship that enforces the role of education in the community. Her recent collaboration with the Florida Chautauqua Assembly brought the Hall of Presidents to Walton County. The event was an immense success, drawing national attention and acclaim. More importantly, however, the success of the event proved the importance of education within the community.

Ms. Anderson's shrewdness and exceptional leadership capabilities have enhanced the learning opportunities for the students she overlooks and enriched the community with educational outlets. She is especially involved in the volunteer programs coordinated by the schools in Walton County and is a strong supporter of community involvement. This endorsement has resulted in multiple accolades including the Golden and Silver School Award.

Volunteers play a vital role in the physiology of the classroom. Their presence eases the responsibilities of the teacher and their assistance provides extra services for students who otherwise would not receive extended aide. Ms. Anderson's foresight and devotion to Walton County schools enabled her to recognize the importance of volunteers and their outstanding contributions to the schools. Such discernment has benefited the entire community which prospers from the student's academic success. Ms. Anderson's accomplishments have distinguished her as one of the great people in Northwest Florida. Walton County is greatly indebted to her service and is honored to have her as one of their own.

Madam Speaker. on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Superintendent Carlene H. Anderson on this outstanding achievement and for her exemplary service in the Walton County School District.

IN HONOR OF GLENN DORFMAN'S SERVICE TO HOMETOWN MINNESOTANS

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Glenn Dorfman, who recently retired from the Minnesota Association of REALTORS. Having served as the association's Chief Operating Officer for 25 years, his genuine dedication, endless passion, tireless work ethic, and commitment to his community absolutely embody the finest of America's bedrock principles.

Many would tremble at the thought of being responsible for a 26,000 member trade association, but those who have worked with Glenn know he succeeded beyond all expectations. Glenn's colleagues have characterized him as having the unique ability to make complex concepts more understandable; and his ability to help and work with others has directly contributed to his success.

Maybe that's why a 1992 Star Tribune article referred to him as "a major player in shaping state tax policy," and why in the spring of 1995, a Star Tribune survey of Minnesota Legislators recognized Glenn as one of "The Top Eight Most Influential Lobbyists" in Minnesota.

Although Glenn has achieved so much in this line of work, some of his most significant achievements took place earlier in his career. Among those accomplishments, Glenn taught literature and mathematics to 7th & 8th graders in Kentucky, he was a college educator in Duluth, he served as Chief Executive Officer of a Catholic Charities Human Services Agency in Wisconsin, and he even held elective office.

Most recently, he was named the recipient of the 2005 21st Century Leadership Award from Minnesota Legal Aid. This honor recognized Glenn for the countless hours of pro bono work he has done for over 15 years to provide legal assistance to the poorest Minnesotans. A native of New York, Glenn has had a colorful and wide ranging career.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to celebrate Glenn Dorfman's extraordinary and noble career of service. His passion, commitment and enthusiasm for his work truly provide inspiration for us all. I stand today and join his family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him nothing but a fulfilled and blessed retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes I missed on March 31st and April 1st, 2008.

On Monday, March 30, 2008 and Tuesday, April 1, 2008, I was unable to be present in the Capitol due to a family emergency and thus missed rollcall votes Nos. 147 through 152. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On rollcall vote No. 147, on H.R. 3352, the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2008, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 148, on H.R. 2675, the HALE Scouts Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 149, on H. Con. Res. 302, a resolution supporting the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 150, on H. Con. Res. 310, a resolution expressing support for a national day of remembrance for Harriet Ross Tubman, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 151, on H. Res. 1005, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Borderline Personality Disorder Awareness Month, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 152, on H. Res. 1021, a resolution supporting the goals, ideals, and history of National Women's History Month, I would have voted "aye."

CONGRESSWOMAN NITA M. LOWEY STATEMENT ON H.R. 5501 TOM LANTOS AND HENRY J. HYDE UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Chairman, I rise today to urge my colleagues to vote in favor of H.R. 5501, the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde U.S. Global Leadership against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act.

Over the past five years two major initiatives have been created to combat HIV/AIDS and TB: the Global Fund and the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPPAR). These initiatives have provided over \$18 billion and exceeded the President's target of \$15 billion by more than \$3 billion. As we seek to reauthorize this program today, I commend the target of \$50 billion over the next five years for these critical programs. This funding will allow us to prevent 12 million new HIV infections, provide treatment for 3 million people living with HIV/AIDS, treat 450,000 children and provide care for 12 million individuals, including 5 million orphans and vulnerable children. This funding will reduce tuberculosis deaths and disease burden by half, the primary cause of death for those living with HIV/AIDS.

Five years ago, only 50,000 people living with HIV/AIDS were receiving antiretroviral treatment. Today with American leadership, almost 2 million people are receiving treatment. Clearly, we are making a difference.

With this next phase, we need to devote more resources to strengthen the capacity of nations to meet their own health challenges. If any of these interventions are to be sustainable in the long term, it requires that developing countries be able to shoulder more of