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A PROCLAMATION HONORING NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL'S BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Newark High School has displayed incredible dedication to creating well-rounded students; and

Whereas, the Newark High School has been supportive of their athletes; and

Whereas, the Newark High School has broadened the abilities and skills of their athletes in the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, the Newark High School has always promoted sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with their friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the Newark High School on supporting their Boys' Basketball team in winning the Boys' Division I State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous amount of support they have given to their athletes.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LATE CHARLES W. DURHAM OF OMAHA, NEBRASKA

**HON. LEE TERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles W. Durham of Omaha, who died this past weekend at the age of 90.

Charles "Chuck" Durham was one of Omaha's outstanding residents. He was a community leader, visionary, philanthropist, businessman, and family man. He loved the City of Omaha, and all of us in the community loved Chuck and Margre Durham for their humble, genuine ways, in addition to their many gifts to our city.

Chuck Durham was raised in Ames, Iowa and attended Iowa State University, where he acquired two important assets—a degree in engineering and his wife and lifelong companion, Margre Henningson. He joined the Omaha-based engineering firm of Margre's dad and built the firm into one of America's largest engineering firms—HDR Inc.

HDR Inc., under the leadership of Chuck Durham, became an international powerhouse architectural and engineering firm, designing medical, military, and public works projects around the world. One area of expertise of the firm was designing hospitals and medical facilities, and many of our Omaha hospitals, notably Omaha Methodist Hospital were designed by HDR Inc.

The Durham Research Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in midtown Omaha is one of the most advanced medical research centers in the world, but it is just one

of the facilities in Omaha that benefited from the generosity of Chuck and Margre Durham. The Henry Doorly Zoo, the Durham Museum, and the Durham Science Center at the University of Nebraska—Omaha are among many facilities that Chuck Durham brought to reality. Finally, we will always remember the many photos of Chuck with his faithful dog, Tina, at his side—a lasting symbol of his love and concern for animals and their welfare.

Madam Speaker, Chuck's vision, energy, and the sharing of his resources with our community will be a part of Omaha forever. We mourn his passing, as we celebrate his life among us. Robyn and I extend our heartfelt sympathies and prayers to his children, Steve, Sunny, Lindy, and Debby during this time of loss.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, I was unavoidably detained due to a death in the family and thus I missed rollcall votes No. 161 through 163. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On roll vote No. 161, on H.J. Res. 70, congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial, which will be formally celebrated on April 23, 2008, and commemorating the historic contributions of its veterans and continuing contributions of its soldiers to the vital national security interests and homeland defense mission of the United States, I would have voted "yea."

On roll vote No. 162, on H.R. 2464, the Wakefield Act, I would have voted "yea."

On roll vote No. 163, on S. 793, the Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2008, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY CANCER INSTITUTE IN WASHINGTON, DC, IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL GW CANCER INSTITUTE GALA

**HON. CLIFF STEARNS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute provides groundbreaking biomedical and clinical research, high quality educational programs, and effective outreach and outstanding patient care to the Washington, DC, area; and

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute seeks to understand why certain cancers disproportionately affect vulnerable populations, and to eliminate cancer disparities among minority citizens in the District; and

Whereas the GW Cancer Institute's Executive Director Dr. Steven Patierno cochaired the AACR-MICR, American Association for Cancer Research and Minorities in Cancer Research, national conference titled, "The

Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial and Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Under-served"; and

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute is working to uncover genetic clues that help explain cancer disparities through a grant awarded by the National Cancer Institute's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities to establish a Genomics of Cancer Disparities Center; and

Whereas the GW Cancer Institute offers an Office of Cancer Prevention and Control, an Office of Cancer Education and Outreach and an Office of Cancer Survivorship;

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute offers resources to citizens in the form of advocacy, support groups, education, outreach and clinical care;

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute leads the Community-by-Community Cancer Control Campaign aimed at decreasing the cancer burden of Washington, DC;

Whereas, nearly 40 area churches participate in the GWCI's congregational cancer wellness initiative;

Whereas, the GWCI served as a founding member and leader of the DC Cancer Consortium;

Whereas the GW Cancer Institute's Dr. Paul Levine cochaired the Early Detection Subcommittee of the DC Cancer Consortium and Dr. Donald Henson serves as cochair of the DC Cancer Consortium;

Whereas the GW Cancer Institute, together with the GW Medical Faculty Associates, operates the GW Mammovan which offers digital mammography to more than 2,500 women per year;

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute partners with local Washington DC based sports teams including the Washington Redskins and Washington Nationals, offering free prostate cancer screenings;

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute works with local, Washington DC media partners, reaching thousands with messages about the importance of getting screened for prostate, breast and colorectal cancer.

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute, working with the GW Medical Faculty Associates, has conducted free prostate cancer screenings for over 2000 men in 18 months, including nearly 700 DC area men at the 15th Annual NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo at the Washington, DC, Convention Center;

Whereas the GW Cancer Institute's Outreach Program works with barbershops in DC's Wards 4, 7 and 8 offering an outreach program in which lay health workers are trained in prostate cancer education and relay information to customers about the importance of early detection;

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute recognizes leaders in the field every year at the annual GW Cancer Institute Gala;

Whereas, past GW Cancer Institute Gala recipients have included Carolyn R. "Bo" Aldige, the American Cancer Society, Lance Armstrong, Ray Michael Bridgewater, Zora Brown, Margaret M. Bush, Sam Donaldson, Andrew C. von Eschenbach, MD, First Lady of the Republic of Panama Vivian Fernandez de Torrijos, Harold P. Freeman, MD, Elmer Huerta, MD, LaSalle D. Leffall Jr., MD, FACS, the Honorable CONNIE MACK and Mrs. Priscilla Mack, Michael Milken, Nueva Vida, and Ellen Sigal, PhD;

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute will honor Margaret Foti, MD, PhD, Robert Siegel,

MD and Mrs. Paula Siegel, RN; Sean Swarner, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu on May 3, 2008.

Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the U.S. House of Representatives—

(1) honors and salutes the accomplishments of the GW Cancer Institute and recognizes its important work throughout the Washington, DC area;

(2) recognizes the accomplishments and achievements of the GW Cancer Institute in research and community outreach; and

(3) based upon the Institute's service, extends its appreciation to The George Washington University Cancer Institute in recognition of its Fifth Annual GW Cancer Institute Gala.

HONORING CAMERON MICHAEL  
KIEFFER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cameron Michael Kieffer of Liberty, Missouri. Cameron is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1214, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cameron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cameron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cameron Michael Kieffer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MIKE  
NEWMAN FOR WINNING THE  
BOYS' DIVISION II STATE BASKETBALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Mike Newman showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Mike Newman was a supportive team player; and

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

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Mike Newman on winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT  
OF CHINA TO END ITS CRACK-  
DOWN IN TIBET

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 8, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1077, and I thank Speaker PELOSI for bringing this important piece of legislation to the floor.

I am deeply troubled by the violence that has erupted in Lhasa and the rest of the Tibetan Autonomous Region. The enduring human rights consequences have the potential to devastate Tibet and completely abolish any chance of peaceful reconciliation. According to news reports, Beijing has sent thousands of soldiers to the region to quell the violence, and Beijing's long-term plans for the region include ramped up ideological education for youth, restrictions on worship, and even harsh retribution for Tibetans who do not demonstrate fidelity to the official party line. This is not a matter of politics; this is not even a matter of international relations; this is a matter of basic human dignity. Tibetans, as we do here in America, ought to have the right to worship freely and live in peace, without fear of punishment.

I add my voice to the rising chorus of international leaders encouraging the Chinese Government to engage His Holiness the Dalai Lama in substantive dialogue. His Holiness has committed his life to social justice and nonviolent conflict resolution. If a lasting peace is to be achieved in Tibet, the Chinese Government must also commit themselves to these ideals.

120TH ANNIVERSARY OF TWIN OAK  
ESTATES

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere congratulations to the Government of the Republic of China, Taiwan, for celebrating the 120th anniversary of the Twin Oaks Estates.

Built in 1888 by Mr. Gardiner Greene Hubbard, founder of the National Geographic Society, the estate has served the Taiwanese Government in the United States since 1937.

Twin Oaks Estates has been instrumental in allowing the people of Taiwan to establish a dynamic and mutually beneficial relationship between our two countries. The people of Taiwan continue to be our partners in economic matters, democracy, and the pursuit of peace.

I look forward to continue working with the Government of Taiwan and congratulate them again on the 120th anniversary of the Twin Oaks Estates.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately last night, April 8, 2008, my plane was delayed due to a delay in my plane arriving from its previous destination and I was unable to cast my vote on suspending the rules and passing H.J. Res. 70 and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 161 on suspending the rules and passing H.J. Res. 70, Congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING ERIC STAVES

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eric Jordan Staves of Kearney, Missouri. Eric is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Eric has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Eric Jordan Staves for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING NATHAN  
WOODWORTH FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION II  
STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Nathan Woodworth showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Nathan Woodworth was a supportive team player; and

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

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Nathan Woodworth on winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.