

and interests. From Special Olympics to Nursery Olympics, Police Departments to Fire Departments, and Festivals to Historical preservation, the Civitans have a vast range of activities that they plan, organize, and contribute their services to.

The Civitan Club of Westland was chartered on June 19, 1978, and led by Charter President Candice Addis. The organization has continued its purpose of knowledge, service, and fellowship for thirty years and has been successful in all its endeavors. To all those who have been touched by Civitan Club of Westland, a legacy of determination and community support has been established.

Madam Speaker, the Civitan Club of Westland is an organization that should be recognized for its 30 years of service, devotion, and kindness to the Westland community. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Civitan Club of Westland for reaching this spectacular milestone and honoring the group's loyal service to the community and our country.

**HORSE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY
ACT OF 2008**

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, today Representative STEVE COHEN and I introduced the Horse Transportation Safety Act of 2008.

In Wadsworth, Illinois, on Saturday October 27, 2007, a double decker cattle truck carrying 59 Belgian draft horses overturned when the driver ran a red light and hit another vehicle.

Residents at the scene could hear the animals kicking and screaming, panicked by their inability to escape. Eight horses died on the scene while another 10 had to be euthanized. After the crash, Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of The Humane Society of the United States said, "What a gory mess we saw recently in Illinois. It must never happen again. . . ."

It is time that we heed these words by putting an end to using double decker trucks to transport horses. This legislation, endorsed by the Humane Society, Animal Welfare Institute, Hooved Animal Rescue and Protection Society, and the Communication Alliance to Network Thoroughbred ExRacehorses would take steps toward preventing this disaster from occurring again.

This bill prohibits the interstate transport of horses in a motor vehicle containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another as well as creates civil penalties between \$100 and \$500 for each horse involved.

In my own State of Illinois, the State General Assembly has already moved forward and passed similar legislation. I urge my colleagues to become a cosponsor of this bipartisan commonsense legislation.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY CLYMER

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Larry Clymer, an outstanding

public servant with a long and distinguished career of service in Southwest Michigan. Larry passed away unexpectedly this week and will be greatly missed by our community.

As the longtime mayor of Niles he was a valued and trusted friend. Upon my election to Congress, part of Larry's legacy came to Washington with me, in the form of his son, Jeff, who served as my first Legislative Director.

Though Larry was an active Republican, he was not afraid to create coalitions to put the best interests of Niles first—a lesson I learned from him and follow still today. He was indeed "Mr. Niles" and I always appreciated his thoughts and interests, regularly weighing in on behalf of the greater community good.

I would be hard pressed to find someone with a greater dedication to Niles and Berrien County, MI. Larry faithfully served our community for a combined 28 years—14 as the mayor of Niles and 14 as a Berrien County Commissioner. Outside of his official duties, Larry earned the nickname "marrying mayor" after performing more than 250 marriages, and was known for his sense of humor.

Larry was an exceptional public servant, and a gentleman. He has given a lifetime of service to our community, and our thoughts today are with his wife, Eleanor, and his family. We lost a treasure in Niles, and we will all miss him sorely. God bless "Mr. Niles."

**HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MR. LES CASH, FIRE CHIEF
OF THE LYON TOWNSHIP FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge Mr. Les Cash, Fire Chief of the Lyon Township Fire Department, upon reaching his retirement after 35 years of loyal service.

Mr. Les Cash was born in 1943, the sixth of ten siblings to Floyd and Leona Cash. In 1960, Mr. Cash enlisted in the Army, served 16 months in Korea, and was later stationed in Missouri at Fort Leonard Wood where he worked as a battalion mail clerk. In 1963, Les was honorably discharged and married his lovely wife, Renate, in July. Together, the blissful couple had two sons, Dan and Brian, and one daughter, Lisa.

In 1964, Mr. Cash began a career for the Ford Motor Company where he remained until his retirement over 30 years later. During this time, Les volunteered with the Lyon Township Fire Department. In 1973, Mr. Cash was honored to accept the position of Fire Chief and became Full-Time Fire Chief in 1998. Les was a devoted and determined leader and served his community with utmost ability.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Les Cash will retire from Fire Chief of the Lyon Township Fire Department on June 30, 2008. To his wife, Renate; his children, Dan, Brian, and Lisa; his grandchildren, Devin, Taylor, Brianna, and Nicole; and to everyone whose lives have been enriched by him, Les is a man of courage, vigor, and guidance. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Les Cash for his 35 years as Fire Chief and honor Mr. Cash's

honorable service to the community and our country.

**A TRIBUTE RECOGNIZING SARAH
LOWE AND SONJA STEPTOE ON
THEIR RECENT APPOINTMENT
TO THE KNIGHT COMMISSION ON
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS**

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarah Lowe and Sonja Steptoe, two residents of California's 34th District, on their recent appointment to the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

The Knight Commission was created by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in 1989 with the purpose of recommending a reform agenda that emphasizes academic values in college sports. The commission, which presented recommendations in a series of reports in the early 1990s and in the subsequent A Call to Action in 2001, continues to monitor and report on progress in increasing presidential control, academic integrity, financial integrity and independent certification of programs in college athletics.

Many of the commission's recommended reforms have been enacted by the NCAA. For example, the NCAA recently announced that 218 teams at 123 institutions will be sanctioned for failing to meet minimum academic benchmarks established as part of the Academic Performance Program. In 2001, the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics advocated that teams be ineligible for postseason competition if they failed to graduate at least 50 percent of their athletes. Although the current benchmarks are lower than those advocated by the Commission, the Commission has supported the full implementation of the NCAA's program since its adoption in 2004.

The commission convenes several times a year to highlight important issues facing intercollegiate athletics, including academic integrity and the rising costs of college athletic programs.

The Commission is comprised of prominent leaders in higher education and journalism as well as former collegiate athletes who have achieved excellence throughout their careers. I am proud to announce that Sonja Steptoe and Sarah Lowe are two of the Knight Commission's newest members.

Sonja Steptoe serves as client development manager at O'Melveny & Myers LLP, an international law firm based in Los Angeles. Prior to joining O'Melveny in 2007, Steptoe served as a senior correspondent and deputy news director for Time Magazine for 5 years following a successful career in sports journalism. Steptoe reported and wrote for CNN's sports network, HBO's RealSports with Bryant Gumbel and Sports Illustrated. Her investigation of East Germany's systematic doping of Olympic athletes earned her an Emmy Award for Outstanding Sports Journalism. Steptoe earned degrees in economics and journalism at the University of Missouri. She received a law degree from Duke University.

Sarah Lowe graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of