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TRIBUTE TO KENNY PERRY

HON. ED WHITFIELD
OF KENTUCKY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments and contributions of Kentucky native Kenny Perry. Earlier this month, Mr. Perry gave a memorable performance at the 73rd Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia. Looking to become the oldest golfer to win a major championship at the age of 48 years and 8 months, Mr. Perry played superbly during the Masters Tournament and finished second in the tournament following two exciting playoff holes. Throughout the tournament, he exhibited the same grace and class he has always shown throughout his auspicious career.

Mr. Perry grew up in Kentucky’s First Congressional District, attending Franklin-Simpson High School and eventually graduating from Lone Oaks High School in Paducah. He played golf at both schools before attending Western Kentucky University where he continued to excel at the sport. In 1982, Mr. Perry turned professional and has spent the past 27 years building a solid reputation for himself both as a professional golfer and a community leader. He donated a percentage of his winnings to Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN, to provide scholarships to students. Mr. Perry built Country Creek, a public course in his hometown of Franklin. In 1995, he bought 142 acres of land to design and build the only public course in the town. He designed it for mid-to-high handicappers and kept it affordable so that the game of golf could be accessible to all. Mr. Perry is a member of Western Kentucky University Hall of Fame and Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. In 2002, he received the Charles Bartlett Award, given to a professional golfer for his unselfish contributions to the betterment of society by the Golf Writers Association of America.

On the course, Mr. Perry currently ranks 3rd in All-Around Ranking on the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) tour. In 2008, when the Ryder Cup was held in Kentucky, Mr. Perry dedicated himself to qualifying for the event. His hard work paid off when he helped the United States take the cup for the first time since 1999.

Mr. Perry’s contributions both on and off the golf course serve as a shining example of what professional athletes should be and I am pleased to have this opportunity to honor him.

HONORING REVEREND DR. HENRY L. FULLER, JR.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Dr. Henry L. Fuller, Jr. as he celebrates his 11th year as pastor of Great Lakes Baptist Church. A banquet was held on Saturday, April 18th to celebrate this occasion.

Reverend Dr. Fuller was held this post until 2007. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Baptist College of A.B.T.S., Nashville; a member of the Strategic Planning Committee of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education; President of the United Bible Institute of Flint; Member At-Large of Executive Board of National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated; Treasurer of the Todd-Phillip Children’s Home; a member of the Mayor’s Community Advisory Board in Flint; and Governor Jennifer Granholm named him to the State of Michigan Faith Based State Wide Steering Committee. In 2008, he was elected President of the Wolverine State Baptist Missionary Convention at its 88th Annual Session.

Reverend Dr. Fuller, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the work of Reverend Dr. Henry L. Fuller, Jr. I pray that he will continue to bring the good news of Our Lord, Jesus Christ to the Flint community for many, many years to come.

2009 14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ART COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young woman from my Congressional District, Steph Goodrow of West Milfin Area High School. Ms. Goodrow was the winner of the 2009 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania’s High School Art Competition, “An Artistic Discovery.” Ms. Goodrow’s artwork, a chalk, pastel, and charcoal composition entitled “A Walk,” was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year’s competition.

In fact, fifty-five works from twelve different schools in Pennsylvania’s 14th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists. It’s a real tribute to her skill and vision that her work was chosen as the winner of this year’s competition. I am certain that Ms. Goodrow will use her artistic talents and this impressive accomplishment.

Ms. Goodrow’s artwork will represent the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students’ artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year. I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to the Capitol Hill to view Ms. Goodrow’s artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, that will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year’s 14th Congressional District High School Art Competition, “An Artistic Discovery:” from Brashear High School, Nour Qutyan; from the Pittsburgh High School for the Creative and Performing Arts, Sarah Axtell, George Cessna, Dana Laskowski, and Nicoleta Kojadinovic; from Clairmont High School, Chelsea Cryer; from Carrick High School, Jessica Dietz, Kristin May, Kaci Scheidler, and Mandy Tice; from Montour High School, Dominique Deabaco, Diane Elbel, and Hilary Wirkowski; from Northgate High School, Linzie Bussard, Crystal Flora, Alicia Patak, and James Silay; from Penn Hills High School, Julian McClain Hubbard, Carly Otte, Chloe Regan, Lauren Tucci, Sidney Turba, and Chloe Weiss; from South Allegheny High School, Brianna Capiello, Rhett Blieck, Bre Graham, Hollah Brielle Graham, Mollie K. Kish, and Brett Nolfi; from Taylor-Allderdice High School, Shelby Gitchel, Joseph Godovshik, Jasmine Marling, Juan Melena-Robles, Casey Snyder, and Yajie Yang; from West Mifflin Area High School, Steph Goodrow, Elyse M. Larouere, Rachel Lynn Playso, and James Vautier; from the Wilson Christian Academy, Elora Boyd; and from Woodland Hills High School, Candace Davis, Alessandra DeChancie, Elijah Johnson, Sarah Morgan, Maddy Moya, and Sara Savage.

I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are never more than spectacular.

I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING YOM HASHOAH, HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I remember the millions of souls who died at the hands of the Nazis and, specifically, the approximately six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. I remember the approximately one and a half million children who were brutally murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators. In the United States Congress and all over the world, we embrace this solemn day of remembrance. It is Yom HaZikaron laShoah ve-laGvura, ‘Remembrance Day for the Holocaust and Heroism,’ known commonly in Israel as Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day.

I have always aspired to stand by the saying ‘Never be a bystander.’ For that reason, I find it appropriate to recall the story which took place on the 27th of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which is the day in 1951 the Israeli parliament, the Knesset, designated as Yom HaShoah. On this day in 1943, a small group of less than one thousand Jewish rebels in Poland’s Warsaw Ghetto were in the midst of fighting back against the elite Waffen-SS soldiers who had been terrorizing the Ghetto. With only a few firearms, a tiny supply of ammunition, and a small number of makeshift explosives, it took the Nazis nearly a month to defeat the small band of Jewish fighters. Better known as ‘the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising,’ this was the most significant act of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust. They never lost hope and, although the story ultimately ended tragically, it remains today an inspiration to us all of the unshakeable will of human beings to live in freedom.

I quote my friend, the fifth Prime Minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin, when he spoke at the Central Memorial Assembly in Warsaw on the 50th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1993: ‘There were those who believed