

as President of the Forestville Fishing Club, and encourage all of my colleagues to join me in wishing him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING J.D. HALE FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, J.D. Hale showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, J.D. Hale was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, J.D. Hale 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 J.D. Hale on winning the Boys' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 basketball season.

HONORING BERNARD OLIVE

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bernard Olive, a respected and noble citizen of the city of Baytown.

Mr. Olive has been devoted to serving his community and through his devotion has been nominated for The Baytown Sun's Citizen of the Year award. Serving as the Fire Marshall for the city since 1992 as well as the Emergency Management Coordinator from 1999 to 2007 he has displayed a true commitment in aiding his fellow neighbors in times of need.

Along with his service Mr. Olive has shown an enthusiasm in volunteering throughout his community. Speaking to different organizations concerning hurricane preparedness, fire prevention, and other various topics he has become a source of knowledge that others seek for advice. Mr. Olive is a member of Cedar Bayou Masonic Lodge 321, a member of the 6th Cavalry Association of Living History, and is a board member on the Hill of Rest Cemetery, as well as the Baytown Heritage Society.

For his invaluable service to the City of Baytown community I extend my deepest gratitude, and honor Mr. Bernard Olive.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JIM SCHMIT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the numerous organizers and volunteers of the 2009 Special Olympics

World Winter Games in Idaho. It was because of the hard work and dedication of the volunteers from Idaho and elsewhere and their commitment to Special Olympics that this great event was possible. I would like to recognize one volunteer in particular, Mr. Jim Schmit. Mr. Schmit served as the Chairman of the Games Fundraising Committee, and he did an exemplary job.

The Special Olympics World Winter Games attracted more than 2,000 athletes from nearly 100 countries. It was the largest multi-sport event ever held in the State of Idaho. While my home state was proud to host this prestigious event, we faced many unique challenges along the way. Host sites are typically named four years in advance of the Games, but Special Olympics International awarded the Games to Idaho just 24 months in advance. This left the Fundraising Games Committee with an extremely condensed timeframe in which to raise money and prepare for the event. The Committee faced an even greater challenge created by the difficult economic times that our businesses, corporations, and citizens confronted, which caused donations to charities and non-profits to drop significantly.

Working on an unpaid volunteer basis, Mr. Schmit worked tirelessly with businesses and corporations in Idaho and throughout the country to secure both monetary donations and in-kind donations of food and beverages for the athletes as well as supplies needed to run the events. He coordinated with the state and local governments to obtain assistance from them. In addition, Mr. Schmit worked closely with Senator Craig and me to help us in our efforts to secure federal funding in support of the Games. Faced with such a difficult economic environment, Mr. Schmit and his team were able to raise sufficient funds to put on the hugely successful Games and still have funds left over to donate back to the community.

Madam Speaker, I have had the honor of knowing and working with Mr. Schmit in his position as President of Qwest Idaho for many years. Today, I am honored to commend him for his tremendous work as the Chairman of the Games Fundraising Committee. His commitment and dedication were critical to making the Games such a huge success, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize him for all of his hard work.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE RESTORATION ACT

HON. CAROL SHEA-PORTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce today the Family and Medical Leave Restoration Act. Since its enactment in 1993, the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) has helped workers and family members to balance the responsibilities of the workplace with their or their family's medical needs. This job protected leave provides workers with the comfort of knowing that their job will be safe while they tend to their health needs, or the health needs of a loved one.

FMLA leave is unpaid leave, but it provides the worker with the basic assurance that their

job will be protected while taking the family or medical leave that they need. Unfortunately, the previous Administration issued new rules regarding the use of FMLA leave that place additional burdens on workers. Workers who find themselves in a position that requires FMLA leave should not have to worry about meeting additional requirements for accessing their FMLA leave.

The Family and Medical Leave Restoration Act will repeal the most restrictive of the new regulations, restoring the common sense—and fair—regulations that were previously in place. It also directs the new Secretary of Labor to revisit and revise other FMLA regulations that were promulgated under her predecessor.

I look forward to working with Secretary Solis—a proven champion for workers' rights—on this issue, and on behalf of the workers of New Hampshire and the nation.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING KYLE ONDERA FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Kyle Ondera showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Kyle Ondera was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Kyle Ondera 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 Kyle Ondera on winning the Boys' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 basketball season.

HONORING MELVIN GOINS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor a great West Virginian, Melvin Goins. Like Jimmy Stewart's character in "It's a Wonderful Life," this Friday, surrounded by friends and family and the love and admiration of his community, Melvin Goins will be the richest man in Bramwell—a town noted for the millionaire coal barons who called it home at the turn of the 20th Century.

A phenomenally talented bluegrass musician, Melvin Goins has spent a lifetime making music and gaining fame throughout all of bluegrass country. His photo once graced the cover of Smithsonian Magazine. He was named an "Appalachian Treasure" by Morehead State University in 2000, and he was inducted into the "Bluegrass Hall of Fame." But I suspect that the recognition by his hometown of a local boy done well is, to him, the most sublime of all possible honors.

As a youngster, Melvin, along with his brother Ray who passed away in 2007, worked and