

CONGRATULATING COCOA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL AND RALPH M. WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BEING DESIGNATED AS 2009 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and extend my congratulations to two schools in the 15th Congressional District of Florida that have been designated as 2009 Blue Ribbon Schools: Cocoa Beach High School and Ralph M. Williams Elementary School. I am honored to represent a district that is home to these schools that have achieved so much. These schools will serve as models for other schools throughout the country.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program commends public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that are either academically superior by scoring in the top 10 percent on state assessment tests or that demonstrate extraordinary gains in student achievement, specifically in students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Florida's success in the realm of education is nothing new. Florida's education system is frequently boasted as the best in the Nation. In a recent publication by the Heritage Foundation, Florida public education is described as "remarkable." The paper goes on to say that, "Over the past decade, National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) reading scores for Florida fourth graders have soared nine percentage points—more than twice the national gain. Florida's eighth-grade reading gains were also almost double the national average. Math scores also registered solid gains, exceeding the national average . . . Most impressive has been the success of minorities. Scores among Florida's low-income black and Hispanic students have risen much faster than the national average. Hispanic fourth-graders in the Sunshine State now boast reading scores higher than the all-student average in 15 states, including California." These achievements are truly remarkable.

I would also like to take a moment to thank the principals and teachers of these two fine schools. Your leadership and service have made these achievements possible. Most fundamentally, education is the province of parents, teachers, and local and state governments. This award demonstrates that the innovation and hard work of parents, teachers, local administrators, and the community as a whole can produce efficiency, accountability, and achievement in our Nation's schools. These two schools have served their students well and are effectively preparing them for the challenges awaiting them as adults through an effective education system.

Madam Speaker and my colleagues, I ask that you join me in honoring the students, teachers, and administrators at Cocoa Beach High School and Ralph M. Williams Elementary School for their extraordinary accomplishments. They have made Florida's 15th Congressional District proud.

TRIBUTE TO LIZ ANDERSON

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to a good friend of mine and a great servant of Missouri's Eighth Congressional District, Liz Anderson. Mrs. Anderson, born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, passed away on September 9th, and she is being sorely missed by her family, friends, colleagues and the citizens of Southern Missouri.

For 30 years, Southern Missourians have been accustomed to getting the news of the day from Mrs. Anderson. First as a reporter, then as editor and co-owner of The Enterprise-Courier in Charleston, Missouri, and The East Prairie Eagle in East Prairie, Missouri, Mrs. Anderson brought her considerable skills to the newsroom. In our communities, she is remembered for being tough, fair, inquisitive, patriotic, and—above all—for taking the time to become at least twice as informed as she needed to be on any issue that earned a place in her newspaper.

Separate from her vocation in the newsroom, Mrs. Anderson put her considerable talents to work on issues she felt were important to Mississippi County, Missouri, as well as to the rest of the state and to the nation. On flood control, river transportation, and economic development issues, the positive effect of her efforts will endure along with our memory of her.

To Liz Anderson's family, I extend my heartfelt condolences. To the members of this U.S. House of Representatives, I commend her strong community spirit and her dedication to the principles of a free press. Mrs. Anderson put that free press to work in an exemplary way in Southern Missouri—and we should all take her tremendous contributions to heart as we honor her memory.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MANGANARO

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. John Manganaro upon his retirement after 17 years serving as head baseball coach at Wayne State College.

Manganaro came to Wayne State as an assistant in 1990 and took the helm in 1993, inheriting a sport with less than one scholarship and a \$12,000 budget. He built Wayne State into one of the top programs in NCAA Division II, winning the last six Northern Sun Conference regular season titles while guiding the Wildcats to six straight NCAA tournament appearances.

Manganaro tallied a 506–309–1 record and was 198–54 in Northern Sun Conference games. Manganaro is a four-time Northern Sun Conference Coach of Year award recipient and led Wayne State to five Northern Sun Conference Tournament titles. Manganaro produced All Americans in six of the last seven seasons and had two players selected in the Major League Baseball Draft over the past three seasons.

In July of this year, the Omaha World Herald selected John Manganaro as the 2009 Midlands College Coach of the Year for men's sports. This was a fitting award for a coach that built a baseball program from scratch and turned it into the 12th winningest team this decade in NCAA Division II baseball.

Many of my constituents have been members of his teams through the years and they have all benefited from the experience. He is a credit to his sport, his college, and all of Nebraska.

I wish John Manganaro, his wife Janice, and their six children and two grandchildren all the best in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on September 14, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall Nos. 696–98. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 696: Yea—Recognizing the significant contribution coaches make in the life of children who participate in organized sports and supporting the goals and ideals of National Coaches Appreciation Week;

Rollcall No. 697: Yea—Expressing support for designation of "National Safety Month;" and

Rollcall No. 698: Yea—Supporting the goals and ideals of senior caregiving and affordability.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING STRASBURG HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Strasburg High School has displayed incredible dedication to creating well-rounded students; and

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

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

Whereas, the Strasburg High School has always promoted sportsmanship on and off of the field: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with their friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the Strasburg High School on supporting their Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous amount of support they have given to their athletes.

HONORING DOLPH CHIANCHIANO

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Dolph Chianchiano, Senior Vice President for

Health Policy and Research, for his 30 years of service to the National Kidney Foundation.

As the co-chair of the Congressional Kidney Caucus, I have come to understand the need for kidney patients to have a strong advocate, and they certainly have one with Dolph.

Few people can say they have made a direct impact on the lives of millions of Americans as Dolph Chianchiano can. He has guided the NKF on almost every legislative and policy decision in the history of the Medicare ESRD program, which started 35 years ago.

He helped shape the National Organ Transplant Act in 1984, the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act in 2000, the Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act in 2004 and Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act in 2008. These laws have helped raise the standards for dialysis facilities, establish, regulate and improve the organ donation process, and provide funding for education, early screening and life-saving treatments for kidney patients.

He has been diligent to make sure that the promise of legislation becomes a reality for patients, making sure that the laws are implemented well through rulemakings and that appropriations follow the authorizing legislation. His ability to work to build support in the kidney community and his institutional memory of regulations and legislation over three decades makes his work even more profound.

We know Dolph's work will continue and for that we are thankful. But today, I want to honor him for his passion, commitment and dedication to kidney and transplant patients for the past 30 years and wish him the best as we work together to improve the lives of people touched by kidney disease.

RESTORING RESPECT AND DIGNITY TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, last week, in this chamber, the House hosted the Members of the U.S. Senate and the President of the United States.

The President used that opportunity to address Congress and the American people about this country's health care crisis.

During the speech a member of this body shouted a personal insult—rude and disrespectful words—at the President of the United States that violated the rules of decorum of this House and disgraced this institution.

To insult the President of the United States—an invited guest in this House—in such a manner brings shame on this body and all its members.

Disrespect, incivility, and personal attacks have no place in the People's House if we are to get the people's business done.

As a matter of honor, respect, and common decency the representative of the people of South Carolina's 2nd District should stand in the well of the House and apologize to his colleagues for his words and his conduct.

Since the representative from South Carolina has refused to apologize I urge all Mem-

bers, Democrats and Republicans, to vote in favor of H. Res. 744 and support restoring respect and dignity to the U.S. House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, September 14, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 696 (On the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 6); "yes" on rollcall vote No. 697 (On the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 459); and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 698 (On the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 59, as Amended).

RECOMMENDING TEACHING CONSTITUTION TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to express my support, not only for the principles of House Resolution 686, but for all of the historical foundations of our Nation and its laws. The Constitution is our Nation's most precious and important document. The Constitution spells out the vision that our founders had for this land and its people, while directing us on how to protect the many freedoms and gifts it provides us. A fundamental understanding of social studies, like many other subjects, is imperative for our children, and our Nation, to achieve their greatest potential. That understanding of social studies must include many things, but most importantly an understanding of our Constitution, our Founding Fathers, their vision and ideals for this Republic, and a sense of civic duty that embodies charity and the American spirit of independence. In order for our students to grasp these concepts and relate them to the rest of their educational experiences and daily lives, these concepts and themes must be revisited throughout the education of young Americans and not just for a week in September. As the Constitution is the foundation of our Republic and its laws and principles, in teaching our students about American government and American history the Constitution should provide a foundation and frame of reference throughout the educational process. I am greatly appreciative for all of our teachers and education professionals and thank them for the service they provide to our communities. I would encourage them to include our founding documents and the lessons provided by our Founding Fathers into their classrooms whenever possible.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ROGER McCaULEY FOR 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OHIO AND THE APPALACHIAN REGION

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Roger McCauley served as the Executive Director of the Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development, because of his expertise about and dedication to Appalachian Ohio; and

Whereas, Roger McCauley has been a long-standing advocate of affordable housing for all through his service on the board of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency; and

Whereas, Roger McCauley has, throughout his career, been of invaluable service to community economic development and poverty advocacy groups; and

Whereas, Roger McCauley has been an up-standing and irreplaceable leader in his community, having served on the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council, as President of the Oakdale Water District, and as President of the Burr Oak Regional Water District;

Whereas, Roger McCauley has spent forty years of his distinguished life fighting in the War on Poverty: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I applaud Roger McCauley for her distinguished record of service to Ohio and the Appalachian Region. We are grateful for his dedication and service.

HONORING THE WORK OF ARA PARSEGHIAN

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ara Parseghian for his years of dedication as a loving husband and father, legendary football coach and most notably, an advocate for scientific research to discover cures for two rare diseases which afflict hundreds of thousands of Americans—Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and Niemann-Pick Type C disease.

Ara Parseghian spent much of his career serving as a leader and role model to the many young men who came under his guidance during his tenure as the head football coach at Miami University, Northwestern and the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Parseghian's impressive record at Notre Dame included two consensus national championships and three bowl victories in the 1970 Cotton Bowl, the 1973 Sugar Bowl and the 1974 Orange Bowl. Mr. Parseghian was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1980 in recognition for these tremendous accomplishments.

Many Americans have heard stories about Ara Parseghian's legendary football career, but what many may not know is that some of his most important work began after his football career. For nearly fifteen years, Ara has been fighting Niemann-Pick Type C disease.