

Health and Human Services Department. Lori has served as a social worker in Montgomery County Child Welfare for 21 years and has been involved in Adoption Services since 1991. She has been instrumental in finding permanent loving homes for more than 160 children.

Lori is a tireless advocate on behalf of the children with whom she works. She ensures that the clinical needs of her children are met and she works with families to resolve difficulties that arise during the adoption process. Indeed, she is known for her adept handling of conflicts that arise from cultural differences. Thanks to her exceptional skills and professionalism, many families have specifically requested Lori's assistance in the adoption process.

Lori is also dedicated to finding ways to improve the systems for handling adoption cases. For example, she developed a database system that better facilitates adoptions by carefully tracking milestones. Lori is known as a respected leader by her colleagues and others working on adoptions in Montgomery County.

Lori's compassion, determination and commitment to her important work have made her a true Angel to countless children and families. I am pleased to name Lori Weinstein a 2009 Angel in Adoption.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING SHANNON McCOMB FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Shannon McComb showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Shannon McComb was a supportive coach; and

Whereas, Shannon McComb always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Shannon McComb on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I was unavoidably absent and unable to vote on rollcall votes 740, 741, and 742. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Nos. 741 and 742, and "nay" on No. 740.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, yesterday evening, I was unfortunately detained and missed the recorded vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 905, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 740.

HONORING THE HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SISTERS IN THE UNITED STATES

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution to honor the historical contributions of Catholic sisters in the United States.

In 1727, nine Ursuline Sisters from France arrived in New Orleans to live and work. Since then, Catholic sisters have contributed to the vitality of this country through their dedication to education, health, and social justice. Today the approximately 59,000 Catholic sisters in the U.S. continue to educate our youth, nurse the sick, and serve the most vulnerable in our society.

Catholic sisters have provided a well-rounded education to millions of students across the U.S. They established the nation's largest private school system and founded more than 110 colleges and universities. Attending an all day Catholic kindergarten gave me a strong start in my own education. Later, I attended the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, now St. Catherine's University. It was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1905 and for more than 100 years has educated students of diverse ages and backgrounds in a tradition of the liberal arts and social justice. At St. Catherine's, I had the opportunity to student teach at St. Luke's Catholic School in St. Paul and worked with educators who enriched students' lives through academics and spiritual development.

As the United States expanded westward, Catholic sisters not only built schools but also established hospitals and other charitable organizations. St. Paul is home to Minnesota's first hospital—St. Joseph's. It was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1853 in response to the cholera epidemic afflicting the Minnesota territory. My two children were born at St. Joseph's and to this day this hospital provides quality care to the people of Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District.

It is with gratitude for their commitment and efforts that I rise to thank Catholic sisters for their valuable contributions to our nation.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MIKE SMITH FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Mike Smith showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Mike Smith was a supportive team player; and

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

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Mike Smith on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 740 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 905), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 741 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 16), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 742 (on motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2997).

A TRIBUTE TO SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINT COMPANY IN GARLAND

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional group of people at a superb company, Sherwin-Williams, in Garland, Texas.

This summer Sherwin-Williams in Garland marked two special-milestones—50 years of service and their historic 1 billionth gallon of paint produced at the nation's largest paint plant.

Founded in 1958, the plant opened with a production starting at 4 million gallons of paint a year. The company has grown to produce, on average, 20 million gallons a year. That translates to roughly 125 gallons per minute, 7,500 per hour, or 180,000 per day. The Garland plant now boasts 235 associates who work three shifts seven days a week.

With 1 billion gallons and a 4-inch paint brush you could: circle the earth 9,200 times; make 480 round trips of the moon; travel to Mars and back three times; cover Maryland and Delaware; paint the Golden Gate Bridge