

RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF
THE ST. CHARLES GOLF TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus, Ohio. St. Charles is in my congressional district, and I am proud to recognize a school that not only excels in academics but also distinguishes itself in athletics. The St. Charles Golf Team recently won the 2009 Division I Ohio State Golf Championship. In the championship meeting, St. Charles came from behind to defeat Cincinnati St. Xavier, Cleveland St. Ignatius and Columbus Dublin Coffman. This was the first ever state title for the school's golf program.

The golf team exemplifies outstanding hard work, determination and perseverance. Such a win stands as a reflection of the many hours of practice and level of commitment exhibited by all team members.

Their victory was directed by such talented golfers as Senior Andrew Steffensmeier, Juniors Alex Carpenter, Michael Ricaurte and Daniel Wiegandt, and Sophomore Nate Yankovich.

Coached by Anthony Mampieri, this St. Charles alumnus helped instill in his team a commitment to excellence and culture of teamwork.

It is an honor to represent such a fine group of young people who have a strong dedication to teamwork and academics. I know each one of them will treasure the memories of their championship season and I commend them, and the St. Charles community, for this truly great achievement.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR
AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I and others have spoken at length on the ways that this bill will improve health care for all of our constituents. Another significant benefit of this legislation which has not received as much attention will be the creation of new high-paying jobs in this country. Let me repeat that for some of my friends on the other side of the aisle, this bill will create high-paying, high-quality jobs in health care delivery, technology, and research in the United States.

First, this bill will create enormous demand for health care workers, especially in the area of primary care. Insuring millions of Americans in this country who currently have no insurance will allow them to see primary care providers and receive the wellness and preventive care they have been denied for too long. This influx of new patients will need doctors, nurses and technicians for their care, while reducing overall health care costs because they will not need much more expensive hospitalizations. I support channeling resources that for too long have been used to treat peo-

ple once they become sick into jobs and services that will prevent people from getting sick in the first place.

Second, this bill will continue the efforts we began in the stimulus package to deploy new health information technologies that better manage both the quality of care patients receive and the cost at which they receive it. New health care exchanges and new demands on the health system to provide high-quality and cost-effective health care will create new opportunities and markets for our brightest minds in technology. They will be incentivized to create and develop products that will be a win/win for Americans: high-quality health care at an affordable price.

Third, this bill will create high-quality research opportunities in this country. The Energy and Commerce Committee enacted a framework for allowing biosimilar competition in this country. This new class of medicines will help lower costs and bring competition to one area that is key to the future of our health care system. Biotechnology is on the cutting edge of efforts to reduce costly invasive procedures and allow our constituents to live healthier and more productive lives. The creation of this new class of medicines comes with requirements for new clinical research and testing, especially in the area of whether a new biosimilar can be interchangeable with an innovator's product. This research will create high-quality and high-paying jobs and it is imperative that we keep this research and these jobs in this country. We cannot allow these research opportunities to leave the United States and we must ensure that these new medicines are safe. I intend to work with the Secretary of HHS and the Commissioner of the FDA to ensure that the testing and research on these biosimilars occur in this country to make certain that it is done properly and safely and to benefit our economy.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is an investment and an exciting opportunity to create the kind of jobs we so desperately need in this United States while at the same time improving the lives of all Americans. This bill will improve health care, create jobs, and grow our economy.

EMERALD PEOPLE'S UTILITY
BOARD

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, at a time when our economy is focused on recovery, adopting renewable sources of electricity will spur job creation and economic growth, save consumers money, and reduce greenhouse gas pollution. People's Utility Districts (PUDs) have consistently been at the forefront of this effort.

Emerald PUD, in my congressional district, is an excellent example of People's Utility Districts that have consistently demonstrated a commitment to delivering clean energy and conservation resources to their customers. Due to their relatively small size and local consumer ownership, PUDs are able to meet the unique energy needs of their community while also investing in local renewable energy resources.

For more than a decade Emerald PUD has offered clean renewable energy options to their customers. Their customers have the option to purchase a percentage—or all—of their energy from clean wind power sources. In addition, Emerald PUD regularly assists customers in gaining access to solar energy. Through generous assistance programs they have helped numerous area schools, businesses, and homes to install solar energy systems.

Beyond this investment in sustainable energy, Emerald PUD has made a priority of aiding local residents, industry, and businesses with energy conservation efforts. These projects range from weatherization of homes to the large-scale installation efficient lighting in industrial facilities. Through this sort of individually tailored energy consultation, Emerald PUD has facilitated significant energy savings for many customers who otherwise may not have had access to such resources.

Emerald PUD has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to bringing clean energy and energy conservation resources to all of their customers. Notably, Emerald—and other PUDs—have shown that this can be done while still holding energy costs well below the national average.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF DENNIS SHUMAN FROM THE
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DE-
FENDER FOR THE FIRST JUDI-
CIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Paul Dennis Shuman, a Northwest Florida leader who is retiring after a lifetime of public service to his country and his community. Dennis spent his career serving others, and I am proud to honor this dedication and service.

After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1965, Dennis Shuman began a career in the United States Navy. He earned his Naval Aviator Wings of Gold in December of 1966, and his first operation was as a bombardier in Observation Squadron Sixty-Seven in Vietnam. Subsequent Navy tours took Dennis across the globe in service of his country. For his efforts, Dennis earned the Meritorious Service Medal, three Air Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal with four stars. In May of 2008, Dennis and the other surviving members of Observation Squadron Sixty-Seven were presented with the Presidential Unit Citation at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC for their actions over the jungles of Southeast Asia in 1967 and 1968. This is the highest award given to a United States military unit.

Dennis retired from the Navy in 1985 after twenty distinguished years. He graduated from the Florida State University College of Law in 1989 and began his second career as a public servant by joining the Office of the Public Defender in Pensacola, Florida. For twenty years he served the people of Northwest Florida, and he retires as the Chief Assistant Public Defender for the First Judicial Circuit.