

For the second consecutive year, the Phoebus High School Phantoms football team had a remarkable season. On December 12, the Phoebus High School Phantoms won their fifth state football championship this decade, defeating Stone Bridge High School of Ashburn 15–10, at Scott Stadium in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Taking over from coach Bill Dee, new head coach Stan Sexton led the Phantoms another 15–0 season. Their winning streak now stands at 30 wins. No other Group AAA school has won back-to-back championships since Phoebus did it in 2001 and 2002; now Phoebus has done it again. This has truly been Phoebus' decade in football, having won five state championships this decade with a record of 120–12 (.909). No other AAA school has won more than 102 games. This latest championship is just another accolade for the City of Hampton's youngest school, founded in 1975.

Phoebus High's legacy of excellence is not limited to just the field of athletics. Under the Direction of Principal Robert Johnson, the Phoebus faculty seeks to inspire students to strive for excellence and achievement in the classroom, in their extracurricular activities and in their communities. Phoebus has two innovative programs that expand the learning experience outside of the traditional classroom. Phoebus hosts the Hampton School Division's Center for High Technology. This magnet career academy includes classes in pre-engineering, design and 2 drafting, and Cisco network administration, preparing students for college classes and jobs in the technology sector. Phoebus is also home to the Blue Phantom Inn. This student-run restaurant gives students an opportunity to develop their culinary arts skills, and was nationally recognized in Southern Living magazine.

The Phantom's excellence in football is also characteristic of the quality of athletics in the Peninsula District of Virginia. Phoebus High School's championship this year marked the 11th time in the last fifteen years that a Peninsula District team has won a state title in football. To quote from our hometown newspaper, the Daily Press, "High school football on the Peninsula is championship football."

We would like to extend our enthusiastic congratulations to Coach Stan Sexton, his coaching staff and all of the players on the Phoebus High School Phantoms, the 2008 and 2009 Group AAA Division 5 Virginia High School League state football champions.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF DAVE
LAUGHTER

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a valued staff member of the House Committee on Science and Technology, David Laughter, on his retirement.

Dave has served as Financial Administrator for the Committee since 2001. He has been on the Hill since 1994, working for the House Committee on Ways and Means and Congressman DAN BURTON of Indiana. Before coming to the Hill, he served as the Deputy Administrator for Management and Policy Sup-

port for the United States Department of Agriculture, USD; Rural Electrification Administration, REA; and as the Vice President/General Manager for an OEM manufacturer supplying large sheet metal stamping dies and special machinery to domestic and transplant auto assembly plants in North America.

Dave received his B.A. in Economics from Hillsdale College in Michigan. He is from Dayton, and, as a native Ohioan, he has a special place in his heart for the Bengals, the Reds, and Skyline Chili.

Madam Speaker, Dave is the first person new employees meet on their first day, and the last person they see when they are leaving on their last day. Dave handles all the Committee staff benefits and payroll, he maintains our budget to ensure we're on track, and he makes sure that all our bills get paid. Dave has provided a steady hand on the Committee's financial tiller for these past 8 years, and I want him to know how much I appreciate his hard work.

I know Dave has wrestled with this decision, and while I don't expect him to turn into a "Nature Boy," I'm sure he's looking forward to having a little more time to pursue his other hobbies and interests.

I know that all of the Science and Technology Committee's members and staff wish him well. He'll have more time to spend with his lovely wife, Marsha, his children, Carrie, David, and Brittany, his grandchildren Peter and Meredith, and his other family and friends. We hope Dave enjoys a relaxing retirement filled with fishing, grilling, and listening to classic rock.

Dave, thank you again for your years of service.

HONORING WILLIAM H. CASSIDY

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of William H. Cassidy of Calais, Maine.

A native of Calais, Bill has dedicated himself to public education for the past 36 years, serving as president of Washington County Community College since 2003. Under his strong leadership, the college added new academic programs, undertook significant capital improvements and formed new partnerships with many other universities and colleges in Maine and New Brunswick, Canada.

He has previously served in a number of senior administrative posts within the Maine Community College System as an associate commissioner within the Maine Department of Education, director of the Waterville Regional Vocational Center, and a teacher at the middle, high school, and college levels.

An accomplished academic, Bill holds credentials from Northern Maine Technical College, the University of Maine at Machias, Husson College, the University of Maine and Nova Southeastern University. Bill has been recognized for his achievements and leadership in collaborative international education, receiving the Lady Dunn Award of Excellence by the St. Andrews Campus of the New Brunswick Community College. Most importantly, Bill has left a lasting mark at Wash-

ington County Community College with his emphasis on volunteerism and the role of the college in the life of the local community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring William H. Cassidy for his life-long dedication and service to his community and the education of Maine's students.

IN HONOR OF MR. MARVIN N.
SCHOENHALS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Marvin N. Schoenhals, former Chairman of the Wilmington Savings Fund Society (WSFS). Mr. Schoenhals, through his leadership, hard work and dedication, has accomplished a great deal for the state of Delaware, and I am honored to recognize him for his achievements, both personal and professional.

Skip joined WSFS in 1990 as President and Chief Executive Officer of both WSFS Financial Corporation and its principal subsidiary, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, located in Wilmington, Delaware. He was named Chairman in 1992 and served in this capacity until November 1, 2009, when Skip assumed the role of non-employee director. Skip's nearly 20 years as WSFS Chairman are marked by many noteworthy accomplishments; during his tenure, Skip led the \$3.6 billion financial services company to world class service levels and significantly increased shareholder value.

But Skip's impact on others is not limited solely to his professional career. He is a role model for others and is actively involved in his community, lending his knowledge and expertise to worthy causes and organizations. Skip is Chairman of Vision 2015, a coalition of Delaware leaders working towards making Delaware's public education the best in the world. He serves on, and from 2003 to 2004 was Chairman of, the Board of Directors of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce and is also a member of the Delaware Business Roundtable, Chairman of its Education Committee, and a Trustee, and former Chairman, of the Delaware Public Policy Institute.

A cause very dear to Skip's heart is the Sunday Breakfast Mission, our state's largest shelter and rehabilitation facility. Each fall, WSFS partners with the Sunday Breakfast Mission to sponsor the Great Thanksgiving Food Drive, and, as Chairman of the Mission, Skip spearheads the effort, working diligently on behalf of his fellow Delawareans. With Skip's direct involvement in this initiative, the drive has experienced exponential growth, collecting a total of 37 tons of food for 2008. In 2009, Skip was awarded the Delaware State Chamber's Josiah Marvel Cup. This distinguished award is given annually in recognition of outstanding contributions made to the state, community and society; I applaud the Chamber's selection of Skip for this recognition and can say without hesitation that the honor which has been bestowed upon him is one he most truly deserves.

Skip's career in the financial industry has been nothing short of exemplary, and anyone that knows Skip knows that he is, and no doubt will remain, very active in his many professional, business, community, and advisory

organizations. Moreover, Skip is truly a great guy—dedicated to his wife, Linda, and to his church. Today, I commend Mr. Marvin N. Schoenhals for the service which he has rendered our state as not only Chairman of WSFS, but as a caring and devoted member of our society. In recognition of his tireless dedication and immeasurable contributions, I thank Skip and offer my best wishes on this momentous occasion.

CAPTAIN BOB BERNAZAL

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, in July of 2008, a courageous mission was undertaken to rescue 15 hostages who were being held by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as FARC. Three of these hostages were American civilians. The operation was code named, Operation Willing Spirit, a perfect description of the valor demonstrated by all of the rescuers involved. Captain Bob Bernazal, a Kingwood, Texas native, was especially vital to the success of the operation in his role as the Information Operations Integration Strategy Division chief of the 612th Air Operations Center.

Captain Bernazal's ability and dedication was clearly shown through his comprehensive planning of Operation Willing Spirit. The nine-year Air Force veteran has proved a fine example of the aptitude of our Armed Forces by ensuring mission success.

He is praised by his superiors as an outstanding Information Operations expert, and is recognized for the development and implementation of a plan for utilizing IO duty officers. We are fortunate to have great men like Capt. Bob Bernazal at our side to outwit our enemies and protect our nation.

It is with great pride and admiration that the Second District of Texas is able to commend Captain Bernazal as the Air Force-level Outstanding Information Operations Active Duty Company Grade Officer of the Year. This Kingwood, Texas native is truly deserving of this award as well as the respect of our nation. We thank him for his service. He is a great Texan and a true hero.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE CHARLES
FOLEY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Charles Foley on the occasion of his retirement from the bench of the General District Court. Since 1986, Judge Foley has faithfully served the 20th Judicial District which includes the counties of Fauquier, Rappahannock and Loudoun in Virginia.

Judge Foley was born in Richmond, Virginia and in 1968 he married Ms. Janice Foley, with whom he has two children, Page and James. Judge Foley graduated from the University of Richmond in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

In 1971, Judge Foley received his Juris Doctor from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond where he was the President of Phi Delta Theta legal fraternity. From there he moved into private practice until 1974 when he was elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Fauquier County Virginia.

Judge Foley served as a Commonwealth Attorney for 12 years until 1986 when he was appointed to the General District Court for the 20th Judicial District where he has served for the past 23 years.

All of his life, Judge Foley has been a positive influence on his community and his profession. In addition to being a founding member of the Young Lawyers Conference of the Virginia State Bar, he coached Youth baseball, basketball and soccer for 15 years. He also served as a board member, and later, as President of the Board of Directors of Fauquier Hospital, Inc. He has been a member of the American Judges Association as well as the Warrenton Fauquier Jaycees.

I continue to be impressed by Judge Foley's selfless contributions to his community in an effort to enrich those lives around him. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Judge Charles Foley on his retirement from 36 years of public service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I request that for rollcall vote #963, the Marshall Amendment to H.R. 4173, I inadvertently voted "no" but I intended to vote "aye."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VILLAGE
OF TINLEY PARK, IL

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Village of Tinley Park in Illinois, which was recently named "America's Best Place to Raise Your Kids" by Business Week Magazine. The village was recognized primarily for its top-rated schools, low crime, beautiful parks, affordable housing, and easy access to jobs.

Founded in 1892, Tinley Park rests just a Metra ride from the city of Chicago, and a short drive from Illinois' vast farmlands. Established on the Rock Island Railroad, Tinley Park grew over the years through both agricultural industries, including a grain elevator and a windmill, and manufacturing plants, including a soft-drink bottling plant. The population grew slowly prior to World War II; however, it grew rapidly after the war, doubling every decade from 1950 to 1980.

In recent years Tinley Park has grown in recognition, with all three main high schools ranking among the top 100 in the state. Students of Andrew High School help at neighborhood shelters, libraries, and nursing homes through a requirement they complete 24 hours of community service. This requirement keeps

the students closely tied to their community and, as a result, only three percent of the student body of 2,400 move away during high school, compared with the state average of 14 percent. Tinley Park is also home to many exceptional citizens, including Olympic swimmer Christine Magnuson and former Major League Baseball player Kevin Sefcik.

IRAN REFINED PETROLEUM
SANCTIONS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, yesterday, the U.S. House of Representatives voted and passed H.R. 2491, the Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act. While Iran has been noncompliant with both United States and United Nations demands that it stop nuclear enrichment efforts, I could not, in good faith, support this initiative. My vote of "present" on this measure should not be interpreted nor misunderstood about a lack of concern regarding the prospect of a nuclear armed Iran. It does not.

Like many of my colleagues, I have significant reservations regarding Iran's violations of its obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The recent rejection by Iran of international organizations to inspect their nuclear capabilities and the threat of expanded nuclear enrichment programs continuing unchecked practically mandate that Congress and President Obama continue to work together. This combined effort must be toward increasing pressure on Iran if multilateral diplomacy reaches no reward. Congress must support President Obama's diplomatic efforts to help curb Iran's activities relating to their nuclear program. Congress must also support this administration's efforts to guarantee human rights and democracy for all people, especially women, in Iran. Congress must continue to forge with the President an all-out effort for diplomacy that is often difficult, but necessary.

H.R. 2491, as enacted, could very well threaten the diplomacy sought by the President. If enacted, the bill could punish the people of Iran who are suffering from its denial of democracy. Over the past few months, we have seen firsthand the discontent amongst Iranians with their government. As a nation, we have a responsibility to ensure that our policy decisions, particularly sanctions, are implemented in a manner which does not detrimentally impact those not at fault. Broad, wide-reaching sanctions on gasoline will not only hit the people of Iran the hardest, but are unlikely to directly impact the government at all. I am not against sanctions. In fact, I think sanctions in light of Iran's dissonance are not only appropriate but needed. However, targeted sanctions that impact those with whom we are at odds versus those that target an entire country are the best way to approach such an important decision.

While it is essential to curtail nuclear threats world-wide, sanctions must be seen as an option only after diplomacy has failed. In his letter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week, Deputy Secretary of State James