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CONGRATULATING BUTLER UNIVERSITY ON REACHING THE NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my hometown Butler Bulldogs on their first ever run to the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship Game.

While their loss to Duke was painful for fans of the Bulldog faithful, it was a great ride and the entire State of Indiana was ecstatic to be a part of it.

The game itself was nothing short of epic. Fifteen lead changes. Two shots to win it in the final thirteen seconds.

But most importantly, both teams represented the peak of success on AND off the court.

While many athletic programs focus on attracting NBA prospects instead of student athletes, we saw two schools with 90-percent-plus graduation rates playing for the national championship.

This run allowed the Bulldogs to introduce America to something we know as the Butler Way—which means playing with character and toughness, and placing team above self.

In the end, Duke took home the championship, but Butler won the hearts of the American people.

Mark my words—Butler will be back again next year running with the big dogs—winning their way. The Butler Way.

ESMERALDA VALDEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Esmeralda Valdez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Esmeralda Valdez is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Esmeralda Valdez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Esmeralda Valdez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO DEREK MUIRDEN

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career of Mr. Derek Muirden, a veteran of the armed forces and one of northern New York's most recognizable voices, for his decades of service to the North Country.

For years, Derek has produced quality programming for Mountain Lake PBS, Plattsburgh's public television station and has reached millions of viewers in New York, Vermont and Quebec.

Derek has been a regional storyteller for decades through the many series he has produced and hosted including: People Near Here, Roadside Adventures, Roadside Recipes and Rustic Living. He is also noted in the region as a documentary filmmaker with productions such as: A Castle in Every Heart: The Arto Monaco Story, Voices of Scotland, Then Again: Reliving History at Fort Ticonderoga and Reach for the Sky: Inside the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

Mr. Muirden is admired by many throughout our community for his in depth and entertaining reporting of the history of the North Country. He is held in high regards by many in our region because of his balanced reporting and his dedication to preparation and professionalism. Creating hundreds of hours of television chronicling our region, he is a prolific producer and host of programs that capture the unique feel and environment of the Adirondacks and our North Country region.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate and thank Derek Muirden for his decades of effort to immortalize our community and honor our Nation. He is a great entertainer and a source of pride for our region, and the North Country would not be the same without him.

ERIKA LOPEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Erika Lopez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Erika Lopez is an 8th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Erika Lopez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Erika Lopez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF GRANT GENZMAN ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Grant Genzman of Perrysburg, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Grant's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming midshipmen Class of 2014. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Grant brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of midshipmen. While attending St. John's Jesuit High School in Toledo, Ohio, Grant attained an impressive grade point average that placed him first in his graduating class. Grant earned the AP Scholar Award, the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, the Claver Scholar Award and he was inducted into the National Honor Society.

Outside the classroom, Grant was a member of the football, wrestling, and tennis teams. Grant utilized his leadership skills by participating in St. John Jesuit's Integrity Committee, Ambassadors Core Team, Marine Science Club, and Student Council. I am confident that Grant will carry the lessons of his student leadership to the Naval Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Grant Genzman on his acceptance of appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Grant will excel during his career at the Naval Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

ERIC JIMENEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Eric Jimenez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Eric Jimenez is a 12th grader at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Eric Jimenez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.