

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY (VCU) FOR ITS VICTORY IN THE COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL (CBI)

**HON. ERIC CANTOR**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) for its victory in the College Basketball Invitational (CBI) Championship on March 31, 2010.

VCU is located in Richmond, Virginia and is one of the premier institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The University fosters an enrollment 32,436 total students, including 21,149 undergraduates. VCU maintains a Division I athletic program offering 14 varsity sports which includes a men's basketball team that rosters 12 talented young men from around the world. In March of 2010, VCU junior Larry Sanders was named Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Defensive Player of the year and earned first team ALL-CAA honors while teammate Joey Rodriguez earned second team ALL-CAA honors.

On March 31, 2010, the VCU basketball team rallied from a 9 point deficit at halftime to defeat Saint Louis University for the second straight game by a score of 71 to 65 in the best of three championship series, capturing the CBI championship. The VCU basketball team won the CBI championship under the guidance of their first year coach, Shaka Smart. During the final game, Junior Brandon Rozell scored a game high 27 points and his teammate Joey Rodriguez scored 13 points on his way to capturing Tournament MVP honors. The VCU basketball team finished their season with 27 wins, the second most wins in school history.

VCU President Michael Rao and Athletic Director Norwood Teague have done an exemplary job of supporting this successful athletic program and the gifted student-athletes of the Rams basketball team. The VCU athletes and coaching staff have earned the pride and respect of the VCU students, faculty, alumni, all Rams fans and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Rams for their successful 2010 basketball season and their achievement as CBI champions.

A TRIBUTE TO THE CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great news source in the Commonwealth of Kentucky—the Central Kentucky News-Journal. This year, the Central Kentucky News-Journal will celebrate its 100th anniversary.

After a series of changes in ownership, Mrs. T. W. Buchanon became the editor-manager of the journal and it was launched as the Central Kentucky News-Journal in January of 1910. The newspaper now, one hundred years

later, is in circulation twice a week, providing unparalleled coverage for the citizens of Taylor County.

As a community paper, the Central Kentucky News Journal plays an important role bringing readers news and articles that directly affect their readers. Campbellsville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky are fortunate to have such an outstanding newspaper with a proven history of providing exceptional news coverage.

I am proud to represent the employees at the Central Kentucky News-Journal and thank them for the countless contributions they have made.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Central Kentucky News-Journal and congratulating them on 100 amazing years.

CONDEMNING TERRORIST ATTACKS IN KAMPALA, UGANDA

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1538, which condemns the terrorist attacks that took place on July 11, 2010, in Kampala, Uganda. This terrorist behavior is simply unacceptable and our nation must express our disapproval of the responsible parties who committed these horrible attacks.

Mr. Speaker, the situation in East Africa is grave. Unfortunately, the situation isn't getting any better either, given that this is the worst terrorist attack that this region has witnessed since 1998. The responsible party for these horrifying terrorist attacks is the hard-line Somali militant group, al-Shabab. Even more frightening is the fact that this group has threatened further attacks, if Uganda and Burundi continue to supply troops to an African Union peacekeeping force in Somalia. This continued threat of terrorist attacks is not only a dire concern in this area of East Africa, but also for our nation. Uganda, a key U.S. ally, is also a training ground for soldiers for Somalia's transitional government, the government which al-Shabab is seeking to overthrow. Both the United States and the United Kingdom support this mission. Consequently, we have responsibility to support and protect the peacekeeping forces that are working to provide stability in Somalia. In order for strength to be restored in the failing state of Somalia and the surrounding countries like Uganda, we must also find a way to remove the terrorist group al-Shabab from its destabilizing role.

Mr. Speaker, as the trend in globalization continues to increase, the connections among nations become more and more intertwined. Therefore, as Representatives of Congress, we must pass this resolution to call on our administration to work with the international community to address the security threat emanating from Somalia. This will hopefully ensure that this violence doesn't overspill more into other nations.

Again, I fully support this resolution and I urge my colleagues to support it as well.

HONORING LINDER'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Linder's Garden Center in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Linder's is a family-owned greenhouse that began as a small business selling fresh produce to local restaurants, and has grown into a Garden Center selling more than 25 million plants each year.

In 1910, a Swiss immigrant with humble beginnings named Albert Linder brought his horse drawn wagon filled with celery stalks and restaurants. Linder soon found success as a result of his hard work and dedication to plants. At its peak, this burgeoning small business operated six greenhouses for celery seedlings.

By the 1940's, Linder had stopped using horse drawn wagons because trucks enabled him to expand his business to customers located farther away. Facing strong competition and celery blight, Linder was eventually forced to change the model of his business. He decided to move away from celery seedling and focused on cut flowers and bedded plants. This change proved profitable for Linder's and allowed Linder to remain successful even during difficult economic times.

Modern day Linder's continues to focus on flowers and plants, but has expanded to include green houses, and a garden center which hosts educational classes that allow budding urban gardeners to learn more about plant care. In 1970, the third generation of the Linder family took over the business. Robert, Dave and Lillian Linder have successfully continued their grandfather's business and continue to make our community beautiful.

Madam Speaker, please join me in rising to honor Linder's 100th Anniversary. I am honored to submit this statement recognizing this resilient and successful Saint Paul family-owned business. They are truly an example of the American dream being fulfilled. Their hard work and dedication have made them a successful Minnesota business.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,247,793,649,102.86.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,609,367,902,809.06 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.