

through the direction of Advanced Trauma Life Support, ATLS, education at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Burney's service to the citizens of the State of Michigan in the development of emergency and trauma care has spanned the past three decades. Since May 1982, Richard has provided ATLS in the State of Michigan and has directed over 133 ATLS courses instructing thousands of Michigan physicians in the principles and practice of caring for the acutely injured patient. Richard's efforts earned him recognition from the American College of Surgeons, ACS, as State and Regional ATLS faculty in 1988.

As a member and subsequent chairman of the Michigan ACS Committee on Trauma between 1988 and 1994, Dr. Burney provided leadership in shaping improved quality and access to care initiatives for acutely injured patients in the State of Michigan. During his tenure on the National ACS Committee on Trauma between 1994 and 2004, Dr. Burney participated in the development of the National Trauma Data Bank, which created the largest repository of data on the injured patient and enabled objective comparative research in Trauma.

Dr. Burney has authored 95 articles and book chapters regarding the care of the injured patient and has served on the Editorial Boards of the *Journal of Trauma* and *The Annals of Emergency Medicine* for 14 years each. Between 1985 and 2009, Dr. Burney served as chief of the Division of Emergency Services, medical director of the Survival Flight team, and executive committee of the Transportation Research Institute at the University of Michigan.

With accidental injury remaining the cause of the largest number of years of productive life lost in the United States, Dr. Burney's remarkable contribution to the expert treatment of acutely injured patients has saved countless lives. As a preeminent physician and professor, Dr. Burney has shared his knowledge selflessly and has worked to advance a crucial medical field. Please join me in celebrating Dr. Burney's achievements and in recognizing his legacy of excellence, which will continue to touch patients and students of medicine alike for years to come.

HONORING LONNIE BRAXTON, STUART ENGLISH, AND CHRISTOPHER DUNCAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor three incredible athletes from eastern Connecticut. Lonnie Braxton III of New London, Stuart English of Madison, and Christopher Duncan of Groton all competed in the 2010 Special Olympics National Games in Lincoln, Nebraska earlier this month. These three tennis players, along with every other member of Connecticut's team, made our State proud by bringing tough competition to their opponents and exemplifying sportsmanship.

I want to congratulate Lonnie in particular for winning the gold medal in the singles competition. He went undefeated in the division and gave an incredible performance over the

course of the games. Lonnie's victory is the product of hard work and a great deal of training in Connecticut. All of this training happened as Lonnie continued with his classes and work at Puffins restaurant in Groton. I have had the pleasure of eating at Puffins and Lonnie is very hard-working and pleasant for all the customers. What a great role model for us all.

Stuart and Christopher also took home medals playing tennis for Connecticut—winning bronze and silver in singles, respectively. The Connecticut tennis team gave an excellent performance and I am particularly proud of the strong eastern Connecticut contingent on that team.

Having attended ceremonies and events of Special Olympics Connecticut, I am familiar with the good work they do. These competitions are, above anything else, about the athletes who participate in them. We should be grateful for the unique opportunity they provide and the overwhelmingly positive impact that the competitions have on the lives of the athletes. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lonnie, Stuart, Christopher, and every member of the Connecticut tennis team for their hard work and victory at the National Special Olympics.

RECOGNIZING THE PROGRESS AND INSPIRATION OF NASA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible innovations and inspiring achievements of NASA on the 52nd anniversary of their founding. As the world's space pioneers, NASA has pushed the boundaries of the possible, contributing significant scientific discovery along the way.

NASA was established when President Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act 52 years ago today. Soon after, NASA sent the first U.S. astronaut into space through Project Mercury—Alan B. Shepard, Jr., and shortly thereafter, John Glenn became the first U.S. Astronaut to orbit the earth. NASA built upon this success with Project Gemini, collecting information on weightlessness, space docking, reentry, and executing spacewalks. Finally, in 1969, Project Apollo fulfilled President Kennedy's bold ambition to send a man to the moon before the end of the decade. We all watched as Neil Armstrong took mankind's first steps on the moon and affirmed America's place as the technological leaders of the modern world.

In words that were as poetic as the occasion was meaningful, Armstrong said, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." Buzz Aldrin quickly joined Armstrong on the moon as Michael Collins continued to circle overhead. I was 11 years old that day. I joined people everywhere in watching and celebrating this tremendous collective accomplishment. I remember it clearly. My family was on vacation, but I had persuaded my parents to let me stay in the hotel room alone all day to watch the television, so I could see these giant men take those giant steps. Their mission was a landmark moment for America, for the world, and for all time. Americans are

still inspired by these men and their mission to travel over 250,000 miles of dead space to reach our closest celestial neighbor. I remember thinking then that humankind as a species is capable of true greatness. While wolves howl at the moon, humans visit it.

NASA has conducted many more space flights since that historic day, and it constantly strives to contribute to humanity's knowledge of the universe and ourselves. It inspired a generation to pursue careers in science and engineering, and to believe in the power of American society. Alone in that hotel room, watching TV, I certainly felt a lasting sense of meaning—a connection to those three brave astronauts. Those astronauts represented, in that moment, America's destiny. A destiny shared by the thousands of men and women who worked to make it happen.

NASA's efforts continue today, but their legacy is already assured. From inspiring children to dream to inventing the water filter, NASA has shaped American society in ways we can hardly begin to count. In this, the most competitive, technology-oriented century man has ever known, we are lucky to have an institution like NASA. An institution that will continue to spur us to achieve what was once thought impossible.

Central Florida is proud of NASA and all that it has done. As a member of the Science and Technology Committee, I have great respect and admiration for NASA's contributions to space exploration. NASA has been, and continues to be, a positive and productive force for the advancement of our Nation's interests. I look forward to watching as they continue to carry us into the future.

BEN HUESO HONORED WITH 2010 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a very dedicated public servant on the San Diego City Council. City Council President Ben Hueso considers quality of life issues such as job creation, neighborhood livability and protecting the environment his top priorities this year. Since his 2006 election to the San Diego City Council, Hueso has advocated for District Eight constituents and the city as whole as a Councilmember, developing an open, consensus-building management style. As Council President, he schedules items for consideration by the Council, chairs Council meetings, and selects committee chairs and committee vice-chairs for approval by a Council majority.

In addition to serving as Council President, Hueso chairs the Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, serves on SANDAG's Borders Committee, and as First Alternate for SANDAG's Executive Committee. He is San Diego County's representative for the League of California Cities and sits on the Otay Valley Regional Park Policy Committee. Hueso recently completed his service as a Commissioner on the California Coastal Commission, where he helped protect California's coastal resources.

Prior to becoming a Councilmember, Hueso successfully owned and operated a small business in Logan Heights. His strong community