

throughout the contest. "This is a very surreal moment," Southwest senior Shannon Buchanan told the (Greensboro) News & Record, "We've all worked since forever. This is what you dream of when you're a little kid, and now this is finally here."

The Southwest Guilford Cowgirls finished the season with a 30–2 record and an undefeated 12–0 record in their conference. The win marked their second consecutive season as Regular Season Conference Champions and Conference Tournament Champions. With 9 points and 14 rebounds, senior Shannon Buchanan earned 4–A All Conference, News & Record 2nd Team, and All District 2nd Team accolades. Junior Zena Lovette had 14 points and 7 rebounds and was named 4–A Piedmont Triad Player of the Year, State Regional Tournament Most Valuable Player, State Championship Most Outstanding Player, and to the News & Record 1st Team as well as the All-District 1st Team. Another junior, Jessica "JP" Pone had 13 points and 3 rebounds and was named the game's Kay Yow Most Valuable Player and was also named to the 4–A All Conference Team. Head Coach Jessica Bryan was named District Coach of the Year, the News & Record Coach of the Year, and to top it all, she was named as the Associated Press 2010–11 girls high school basketball coach for all of North Carolina.

The Cowgirls were led by seniors Shannon Buchanan and Brittany Connor, along with Jasmine Pinnix, Briana Burgins, Duncan Hackney, Kennedy Porter, Shanel Lawrence, Aja Mott, Zena Lovette, Jessica Pone, Jessica Bridges, Jenea Rogers and Ayana Rivers. Of course, they could not have achieved the state championship without outstanding coaching led by Head Coach Jessica Bryan and Assistant Coaches Samuel D. Warren I, Tashocka Belk and Nick Scarborough.

Also deserving mention are Quierra Lovette (Scorekeeper), Jasmine Rogers (Statistician), JaNiya Williams (Statistician), Alexis Couch (Water), and Shay Barr-Poole (Film).

Congratulations are also warranted for all of those who supported the girls' basketball program at Southwest Guilford High School including Principal Alan Parker, Assistant Principals Enid Barnum, Joseph Johnson and Michael Hettenbach as well as Athletic Director Brindon Christman.

Again, on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate the Southwest Guilford High School girls' basketball team, along with the faculty, staff and students for their championship season.

CONGRATULATING THE WINTER PARK HIGH SCHOOL WILDCATS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2010–2011 Wildcat boys Basketball team of Winter Park High School, the reigning state champions from Central Florida.

Long before the first whistle blew in the regular season, the Wildcats aspired to the highest standard with their mantra, "Make History." As the reigning 6A State Champions,

the boys were determined to exceed all expectations and become the first team from Central Florida to win back-to-back state titles. Recognized by USA Today as one of the top four teams in the country, these scholar-athletes persevered through a daunting schedule of nationally ranked opponents, with courageously fought losses and inspiring victories, to gain their fourth birth in five years to the Florida state Final Four. Facing their cross town rival in the final game of the state championship for the second consecutive year, the Wildcats were victorious; ending the season with a 28–5 record.

I am happy to recognize the contribution of coaches and players to the Wildcats' historic season. Assistant coaches Eric Faber, David Jacobin, David Stock, and Tom Beard and their longtime head coach David Bailey, offered wisdom and careful instruction to develop the team's innate talent. The starting lineup, all seniors, all going onto college next year, includes Brett Comer, Alex Swanson, and Austin Keel. The Captains, James Ferrell, recipient of the Coaches Achievement award, and Austin Rivers, future Duke University athlete and ESPN #1 ranked player in the nation, also deserve recognition here today. I wish only the best for these young men, as they apply their dedication and work ethic towards even higher pursuits.

As the seniors graduate and move on from Winter Park High, they will pass the mantle of leadership along to the younger players whose consistent effort proved invaluable all season long. Brian Klusman, Perry Klusman, Michael Merlano, Billydee Williams, Josh Williams, Malcom Laws and Kyle Brown, will provide the direction and experience to guide the Wildcats team next year.

In conclusion, I wish the Wildcats success in the upcoming ESPN Rise National High School Invitational. I know that whatever the final score, these players have performed with excellence for a truly extraordinary season.

A TRIBUTE TO NEBRASKA'S WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of 19 women who were inducted into the Nebraska Aviation Hall of Fame on January 27, 2011. These women served as Women Airforce Service Pilots, or WASPs, during World War II.

From 1942–1944, more than 1,100 women left behind their homes and jobs for once-in-a-lifetime opportunity—to serve as civilian pilots for the U.S. Army Air Forces. As the first women to fly military aircraft during World War II, WASPs towed aerial gunnery targets, transported personnel and cargo, and ferried airplanes to training fields and embarkation points. At the height of the war, WASPs flew more than 60 million miles which freed male pilots for combat and played a critical role in our victory.

The Nebraskans who served as WASPs were: Dorothy L. Bancroft, Lincoln; Mary B. Beecham, Omaha; Lois V. Boien, Omaha; Lois A. Bristol, Bayard; Grace "Betty" E.

Clements, Elmwood; Mary A. Jershin, Omaha; Eileen "Ikey" A. Kealy, Omaha; Marybelle J. Lyall, Hastings; Esther L. Mueller, Thayer; Roberta E. Mundt, Berea; Margaret "Peggy" L. Nispel, Lincoln; Millicent A. Peterson, Chappell; Alice L. Riss, Omaha; Evelyn G. Sharp, Ord; B. Kristin Swan, Minden; Helen A. Turner, Cairo; Isabel E. Tynon, Peru; Jane E. Waite, Scottsbluff; and Mary E. Williamson, Omaha.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the distinguished service of Nebraska's Women Airforce Service Pilots to our nation.

PROHIBITING FEDERAL FUNDING OF NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

SPEECH OF

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1076.

Without so much as a single hearing, the legislation being debated today would dismantle a public radio system depended upon by 34 million Americans weekly, many of whom are from rural America.

In fact, in many rural areas of our country like the one I represent, public broadcasters are among the few journalists still around who actually deliver local news to residents.

One needs to look no further than last week's massive earthquake in Japan and the resulting tsunami that devastated communities on the west coast to understand how important public broadcasting is in these rural areas.

A small community in my district, Crescent City, California was hit the hardest. Eight foot waves of water destroyed the city's harbor, caused over \$36 million dollars in damage, and took the life of an individual who was swept into the sea.

When the tsunami warnings were first issued, KHSU public radio, the most-listened-to station on the North Coast of California, broadcast essential information to the people of Crescent City and the surrounding areas.

KHSU was on the air with tsunami warnings by 6 a.m. local time—telling residents to evacuate the low coastal areas, announcing school closings, and letting people know where emergency shelters were located in both Humboldt and Del Norte counties.

KHSU kept up with this information until the warning was lifted later in the afternoon.

This critically important local coverage was coupled with breaking news from NPR about the earthquake in Japan, the tsunami warning for the entire west coast, and the science and analysis behind this event and how it can affect us—immediately and in the long run.

If H.R. 1076 is passed into law, KHSU would be prohibited from using CPB funds to acquire this necessary programming in the future, even though it was critically important during this local emergency.

There is no doubt that public radio's ability to effectively serve rural America will be permanently impaired if this legislation is signed into law.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to protect this critically important resource and vote against H.R. 1076.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House Floor during five rollcall votes taken on Thursday, March 17.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcalls 189, 190, and 192, and "no" on rollcalls 191 and 193.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF HIS EXCELLENCE LE CONG PHUNG, AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of my good friend, His Excellency Le Cong Phung, who in October 2007 was appointed by President Nguyen Minh Triet as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the United States of America.

Prior to his appointment, the Honorable Le Cong Phung served as the First Deputy Foreign Minister, the second-highest ranking official in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during which time he assisted the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister regarding Vietnam's foreign policy.

From 2001–2004, he served as Deputy Foreign Minister and as the Assistant Foreign Minister from 1999–2000. During his 39-year career, Ambassador Le Cong Phung served in foreign posts in England, China, and Indonesia. He was also Vietnam's Ambassador to Thailand.

While in Washington, Ambassador Phung became a key figure in strengthening the U.S.-Vietnam partnership. At the Ambassador's request, it was my privilege to join him, former President Bill Clinton, Senator JOHN KERRY, Senator JOHN MCCAIN and Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell in offering keynote remarks on July 14, 2010 as Vietnam celebrated 15 years of diplomatic relations with the United States.

With the support of Ambassador Phung and in my capacity as the newly elected Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, I returned to Vietnam in 2007 for the first time in 40 years, having previously served at the height of the Tet Offensive in 1967. The visit changed me.

On May 15, 2008, in close cooperation with Ambassador Phung, I held a Subcommittee hearing entitled, "Our Forgotten Responsibility? What Can We Do to Help Victims of Agent Orange?" This was the first time in the history of the U.S. Congress that a hearing had been held on Agent Orange which included our Vietnamese counterparts as witnesses. Two more hearings followed on June 4, 2009 and July 15, 2010, paving the way for

renewed commitment on the part of the U.S. to clean up the mess it left behind.

I am proud of Ambassador Phung and what we have accomplished together. Ambassador Phung has made an indelible mark on furthering U.S.-Vietnam relations and is to be commended for his exemplary service for and on behalf of the government of Vietnam. I am also appreciative of all he has done to promote religious freedom.

On a personal note, I will miss Ambassador Phung, and I extend to him, his wife, Nguyen Thi Nhan, and their two sons my highest regards and well wishes in all their future endeavors.

## RECOGNIZING COACH NATALIE RANDOLPH

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Coach Natalie Randolph, the first female boys varsity head football coach at Calvin Coolidge Senior High School in Washington, DC, where she also teaches.

As we commemorate Women's History Month this year, I want to celebrate the coach for becoming the first permanent female boys varsity head football coach in the District of Columbia and the only current female boys varsity head football coach in the nation.

Natalie Randolph, a native Washingtonian, is not only a football coach, she also is a superb athlete. Coach Randolph made her mark with the DC Divas of the Independent Women's Football League. After playing five seasons there, she became an assistant boys varsity football coach at H.D. Woodson Senior High School in the District for two seasons.

In her youth, Natalie nurtured her athletic skills in track and field at Sidwell Friends School and later at the University of Virginia. Her love of football grew after her father first introduced her in high school to women football players.

Natalie began her professional career as an educator, after receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Science and a Master's degree in Education from the University of Virginia. She first taught at H.D. Woodson and currently teaches Environmental Science and Biology at Calvin Coolidge.

Calvin Coolidge's winning record of 6–4 in Coach Randolph's debut season vindicated the decision to make her head coach. At the same time, the new coach required mandatory study halls and SAT prep courses to improve the team's academic performance. Coach Randolph is committed to winning, both inside and outside the classroom.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Natalie Randolph for her accomplishments as a teacher who encourages strong academic achievement, as a world-class athlete, and as the first permanent female boys varsity head football coach in the District of Columbia. May we wish Coach Randolph and the Calvin Coolidge Senior High School Colts the best on the upcoming season, both on and off the field.

## RECOGNIZING THE FIFTH ANNUAL CESAR CHAVEZ MARCH

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 24th anniversary of the naming of Chavez Drive and the fifth annual Cesar Chavez March in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. A celebration and fundraiser for the United Farm Workers members was held on March 26th to coincide with what would have been the late Cesar Chavez's 84th birthday.

Born on a family farm, March 31, 1927, Cesar Chavez witnessed firsthand the suffering of migrant workers. When the family lost the farm during the Great Depression, Cesar toiled in the fields following crops across the Southwest. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II he returned to farm work and began his lifelong commitment to justice for migrant workers.

During the 1960s Cesar Chavez, in reaction to the conditions he witnessed in the fields, became a union activist. Adopting the techniques of industrial unions like the UAW, Cesar fought against agribusiness and unfair laws that forbade farm workers from organizing. A nationwide boycott of table grapes and a 25-day hunger strike brought the United Farm Workers international attention. His leadership and personal commitment forced agribusiness to sign the first union contract with the United Farm Workers. He labored to improve the health and safety of the workers. He fought successfully to end the use of harmful chemicals like DDT and benefited not only the workers but the consumers as well.

When Cesar Chavez died in 1993, over 40,000 people attended his funeral. In a show of respect for the man who had changed so many lives, our nation posthumously awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Mr. Speaker, Flint Michigan was the first community in our nation to honor this great humanitarian by naming a street after Cesar Chavez. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the memory of Cesar Chavez and his legacy to the American people.

## IN HONOR OF DONNA PAINTER

**HON. JOE BARTON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 29, 2011*

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Donna Painter for her dedication and contributions to nephrology nursing and kidney patients in Texas and across the country.

Donna is one of my constituents from Corsicana, Texas and she served as President of the American Nephrology Nurses' Association (ANNA) in 2010 and 2011.

Donna earned her Masters of Science in Health Care Administration from Texas Women's University in Dallas, Texas. She is a Registered Nurse and a Certified Nephrology Nurse.

Donna has worked for Fresenius Medical Care in various positions since 1983. Over the course of her career, she has served as a