

the Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2011, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 224, on passage of H.R. 1255, the Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2011, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNITION OF REITZ MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Reitz Memorial High School Girls Basketball Team from Evansville, Indiana. On March 5, 2011, the Lady Tigers won the Indiana High School Athletic Association's Class 3A State Championship for the first time in school history. Today, I would like to congratulate Coach Bruce Dockery and the 16 young ladies for their success.

After a regular season of 21 wins and only 1 loss, Coach Dockery led his #1 ranked team to the school's second appearance in the state finals in Fort Wayne, Indiana where it took a 58 to 50 overtime victory against #3 ranked Benton Central to bring home their first championship. I would also like to commend Coach David Baxter and his team for their exceptional season.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Lady Tigers of Reitz Memorial High School for their hard work and dedication that culminated with a record of 28 wins and 1 loss in Coach Dockery's 23rd season and their first ever Indiana High School Athletic Association's Girls Basketball Title.

MEMORIAL LADY TIGERS

Rachel Davidson
Nicci Bland
Ruth Hedrick
Maggie Minnette
Sarah Stone
Grace Shymanski
Natalie Cohlmeier
Jena Lutz
Anna Hackert
Marie Hackert
Emily Nesbitt
Mallory Ladd
Head Coach: Bruce Dockery
Asst. Coaches: Monica Auker, Whitney Jenkins, Thom Endress, Joan Miller
Student Managers: Emily Purdue, Kelsey Falls, Jessica Durcholz

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, I missed rollcall vote No. 202. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

HONORING MEMORABLE FACTOR'S
OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. TIM SCOTT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, to recognize and honor Memorable "Mem" Factor of Charleston, SC and to congratulate him for winning first place in the first grade division at the State MathFest competition and for being named a National Champion of Le Grand Concours 2010 French Competition.

Whereas, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Memorable "Mem" Factor took first place honors at the State MathFest competition and was named a national champion of Le Grand Concours 2010 national French competition; and

Whereas, six-year-old Mem Factor's two favorite activities are math and basketball, and he thinks "being good at math is really cool"; and

Whereas, he had very big shoes to fill at MathFest because last year's first grade winner was his sister Cailley Factor, and for the first time in the six years of the competition's history, siblings became State winners in the same year when his sister took top honors this year for the second grade; and

Whereas, his sister also won a national first place in the 1A category of Le Grand Concours in 2008, and "Mem" followed her once again in the 1A category for children in the first through third grades by winning it this year; and

Whereas, also fluent in Mandarin and Spanish, he earned the highest score in the United States in his category and says he loves everything French, especially the food; and

Whereas, the national French exam, consisting of oral and written portions, is given by the American Association of Teachers of French to over one hundred thousand French students in all fifty States and abroad; and

Whereas, this year's South Carolina MathFest was held in Columbia, and four thousand math students from around the State competed in the State's competition of the national math contest; and

Whereas, a group of elementary educators created MathFest in 2001 to provide an extended math initiative that would motivate students, parents, and teachers to raise the standards and expectations in math; and

Whereas, the founder of MathFest, Dr. Ron Boykins, hopes to generate enthusiasm for math in the elementary years in order to provide students with necessary skills to compete in middle and high school; and

Whereas, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives are pleased that talent and hard work have brought this success to Mem Factor, and they are grateful for the pride and recognition he has brought to his home school and to his community. Now, therefore, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Memorable "Mem" Factor of Charleston, SC and congratulate him for winning first place in the first grade division at the State MathFest competition and for being named a national champion of Le Grand Concours 2010 French competition.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Memorable "Mem" Factor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICK BERG

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. BERG. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 210, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 216, I inadvertently voted "no," when I meant to vote "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—ANDREW BALDWIN

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives that the students of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the Third District's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the