

STALEY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL  
TEAM

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the outstanding achievement of the Staley Falcons High School football team on defeating the Kirkwood Pioneers, by a score of 35–21, to win the Class 5 State Championship.

The Falcons finished their incredible season by posting an undefeated 14–0 record. In a hard-won championship game, Staley scored an 80-yard drive in the 4th quarter, taking 7 minutes off the clock. Staley then made a defensive stop to win the school's first-ever state title, and the first football title for the North Kansas City School District. Staley's football team also became the first in Missouri history to have two-2,000 yard rushers, with Morgan Steward earning 2225 yards and Trent Hosick 2054 yards.

I want to recognize the great leadership of the team, including Head Coach Fred Bouchard and the work of his assistant coaches. I also want to acknowledge the work of Superintendent Todd White, and Principal Clark Mershon as additional keys to success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating the Staley Falcons High School football team on their perfect season and State Championship. It is an honor to represent this team in the United States Congress and I wish them the best of luck in the seasons to come.

CELEBRATING RON SZAFARCZYK'S  
RETIREMENT

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Mr. Ronald Szafarczyk on his retirement from his position of Clerk-Treasurer for the town of Griffith, Indiana. Ron has dedicated his life to public service and the interests of the residents of Griffith. For his lifetime of serving the people of Griffith and Northwest Indiana, Ron will be honored at a celebratory reception on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at Andorra Banquets in Schererville, Indiana.

Ron's interest in local politics began in 1967, when he became a precinct committee-man for the town of Griffith. For the past twenty-four years, Ron has served the town of Griffith in numerous elected capacities. In 1987, Ron ran for a position on the town council and was elected as a councilman, serving from 1988 to 1996. Ron was then elected Clerk-Treasurer, and served in this capacity for sixteen years. Ron's passion, devotion, and continuous support to the town of Griffith are remarkable and he is to be commended.

In addition to his impressive career with the town of Griffith, Ron is a member of the Griffith Rotary, the Griffith Chamber of Commerce,

and serves on the committee for Griffith's "Park Full of Art" event. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and Saint Mary Catholic Church, where he serves as a Eucharistic Minister. Mr. Szafarczyk is the most generous of gentlemen.

Ron's dedication to the town of Griffith is noteworthy; however, it is his commitment to his family that is most impressive. Ron and his wonderful wife, Janice, have six beloved children and fourteen grandchildren.

I am proud that Ron Szafarczyk is my friend and I cannot thank him enough for all that he has done for me over the years. I am even more grateful for what he has done for so many for so long; strangers and friends alike.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Mr. Ronald Szafarczyk for his outstanding contributions to the town of Griffith and the community of Northwest Indiana, and to wish him well upon his retirement. Ron has given his time and efforts selflessly to the community and his service is worthy of the highest praise.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. TIMUEL D. BLACK, JR. OF CHICAGO

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 2012*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of my friend and constituent Dr. Timuel D. Black, Jr. on the occasion today of the unveiling of the "Timuel D. Black Jr. Papers" at the Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature of the Chicago Public Library's Carter G. Woodson Regional Branch.

The grandson of slaves, Dr. Black was born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1919. He and his family, who were part of the first big wave of African-Americans to migrate from the South, came to Chicago when he was just 8 months old. He is the product of the Chicago Public Schools system, graduating from DuSable High School and completed his undergraduate degree at Roosevelt University and graduate degree at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Black taught in the Chicago Public Schools for 40 years, served as a Dean of Transfer Programs and Vice President in the City Colleges of Colleges. He is Professor Emeritus of Social Science at the City Colleges' Harold Washington College. Dr. Black is a revered political and social activist, community leader, oral historian, and philosopher.

It was while teaching in the City Colleges system that Black trained himself to be an oral historian. His collection includes the extended versions of the 400 interviews that were excerpted for Black's celebrated two-book series, *Bridges of Memory: Chicago's First Wave of Great Migration*, which chronicled black Chicago history from the 1920s to the present.

Dr. Black was a pioneer in the independent, progressive black political movement in Chicago which eventually saw the rise of Chicago's first Black Mayor, the late Harold Washington. Black has spent his life furthering

the cause of social justice, and promoting the political, educational and social empowerment of African Americans.

The "Black Papers", containing nearly 260 archival boxes, is the largest collection assembled at the historic Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection in more than two decades. It contains material from the 1963 March on Washington, rare photos of Black with the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and a vast jazz collection featuring Duke Ellington and others.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Timuel D. Black, Jr.'s life has been seen through the lenses of discrimination, restrictive housing covenants, marches and protests for human rights and dignity, and struggles for social and political self-determination and empowerment that have been preserved and will be unveiled for Chicago, this nation, and indeed the world to now see. I commend him and the Chicago Public Library for their forethought in capturing, recording, and displaying an important part of American history. I am privileged to enter these words in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING DR. FELICIA MOSS  
MAYFIELD

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 18, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation,

Whereas, Thirty-six years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, Dr. Felicia Moss Mayfield began her educational career in teaching, she rose to the rank of Associate Superintendent for Student Support Services and has served the DeKalb County Public Schools System well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator, Administrator and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Dr. Mayfield is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Dr. Felicia Moss Mayfield on her retirement from the DeKalb County Public Schools System and to wish her well in her new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim December 16, 2011 as Dr. Felicia Moss Mayfield Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, This 16th day of December, 2011.