RECOGNIZING THE BATTLEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BOBCATS AS THE 2012 BCS NATIONAL CHAMPION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, March 9, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Battlefield High School Marching Bobcats from Haymarket, Virginia, for winning the honor of Grand Champion at the 2012 BCS National Championship Marching Competition.

The Battlefield High School Marching Bobcats completed their regular season with a perfect record, winning Grand Champion titles at every competition in which they competed. The mission of the Marching Bobcats is to serve the community through high level performances that all can enjoy. They competed against top Honor Bands from around Virginia. They traveled to New Orleans to compete in the BCS National Championship Bowl Game, where they earned the title of National Grand Champion in the high school marching band competition. In addition, they received a superior rating at the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association state marching assessment, qualifying them for the opportunity to earn the title of National Grand Champions in the high school marching band competition.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the names of the staff, instructors, and marchers who helped Battlefield High School win the Grand Champion title at the 2012 BCS National Championship Marching Competition.

Principal: Amy Ethridge-Conti.
Band Director: Matt Brodt.
Assistant Band Director: Steve Ballas.
Drumline Instructor: Brandon Neal.
Colorguard Instructors: Stephanie Neldzweitke, Alicia Brodt.
Drum Majors: Glendon Mohan, Lianna Smith.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Battlefield High School Marching Bobcats for winning the honor of Grand Champion at the 2012 BCS National Championship Marching Competition. This is a well-deserved title that could not have been won without an extraordinary team effort. These young people represent our community on the national stage with distinction and embody the promise of our next generation.

MARKING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. CARNAHAN of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Boy Scouts of America Troop 1501 on the occasion of its 45th anniversary. Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest youth organizations in the United States, with more than 4.5 million current members. Since its founding, nearly 84 million boys have participated in scouting.

Established in 1966, Troop 1501 has taught boys and young men in Springfield, Virginia, the skills that will serve them well throughout their lives. During the last 45 years, more than 1,000 scouts have been members of Troop 1501 and more than 115 scouts have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Nationally, about 2 percent of boys earn scouting’s highest honor, but Troop 1501 shatters the national average with more than 11 percent of its scouts achieving that goal.

The extraordinary success of Troop 1501 is due in large part to exceptional troop leadership, dedicated families, and community support from local churches, businesses, and charitable organizations. Troop 1501 exemplifies the values and tenets of the Boy Scouts of America and supports the character development that encourages responsible citizenship and self-reliance through a wide range of outdoor activities, educational programs, and community service. Members of this troop adhere to the Scout Law: “A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrive, brave, clean, and

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Francesco Bellini who has been honored on numerous occasions for his major contributions in the fields of entrepreneurship, research and economy.

MR. FRANCESCO BELLINI

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Dr. Bellini immigrated to Quebec, Canada, in 1967. With a handful of English words, a non-existent French vocabulary and empty pockets, Dr. Bellini began his journey to achieve the American dream. In 1972, he graduated from Loyola University with a Bachelor of Science degree. Five years later, he completed his Doctorate in organic chemistry from the University of New Brunswick. In 1986, he co-founded BioChem Pharma, an innovative biopharmaceutical company focused on infectious diseases and cancer. Under his leadership as chairman and chief executive officer, CEO, he helped develop and commercialize BioChem Pharma's first therapeutic drug, 3TC, the earliest anti-HIV compound drug ever commercialized. Today, 3TC remains the cornerstone of combination HIV/AIDS infection therapies.

Dr. Bellini’s company went on to become one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in Canada. After several years, he sold the company and became the current chairman of BELLUS Health, ViroChem Pharma, Picchio International, Picchio Pharma, Prognomix and Molson Coors. Additionally, Dr. Bellini is the author or co-author of over 20 patents and published numerous articles and papers based on his research.

Furthermore, Dr. Bellini is known for his philanthropy. In November of 2011, he donated over one million dollars to the Alzheimer Society of Laval in Italy. His donation helped construct a new, much larger residence and treatment center for those suffering from Alzheimer’s disease. In addition, Dr. Bellini donated ten million dollars towards the new Life Sciences building at McGill University in Quebec.

Mr. Speaker, by dedicating his life to furthering medical research and pharmaceuticals, Dr. Francesco Bellini stands as an icon not only to those in Italy and Canada, but also to those in the United States as well. Therefore, I join my fellow Italian-Americans in honoring Dr. Bellini for his lifetime of achievements.

TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND COMMEMORATE THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSING OF PASTOR LENWOOD GRAHAM, SR.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 9, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and commemorate the 15th anniversary of the passing of Pastor Lenwood Graham, Sr.

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Services, OSS. The OSS was America's first centralized intelligence agency and the foundation of our nation's Special Forces units. In the cabins, the laughter of children was replaced by the booms of demolition ranges and the tapping of Morse Code. At Chopawamsic, the art of spying and enemy infiltration was honed by a new agency that helped America succeed in World War II.

In 1948, Chopawamsic was renamed Prince William Forest Park. Since its inception the park has been a magnet for outdoor recreation for young people and adults alike and a true asset to our community and nation. The park's 375,000 annual visitors enjoy 37 miles of hiking trails, 21 miles of bicycle accessible roads and trails, 4 campgrounds, 5 historic cabin camps, and 15,000 acres of pristine Piedmont Forest.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the 75th anniversary of Prince William Forest Park, and I urge all residents of Northern Virginia to explore this gem of the Park Service in our own backyard.

IN HONOR OF RONALD H. TYLER

HON. SAM FARR
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, March 9, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career and public service of Ronald H. Tyler. Mr. Tyler passed away on January 27. He will be remembered for his several decades of work to improve the agriculture industry in Monterey, Santa Clara and San Benito Counties.

Ronald graduated from the University of California Davis with a degree in Pomology in 1955. After graduating, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army, and served two years active duty before rising to the rank of Captain in the California National Guard. In 1957, he joined the University of California Agricultural Extension Service where he became Farm Advisor to San Benito, Santa Clara and Monterey Counties.

Among his many elected and appointed positions, Ronald was a member of the Agricultural Board of Directors, and a founding member and president of the Agricultural History Project. He served as County Director and Farm Advisor in Santa Cruz for three decades, from 1971 until his retirement in 1991.

Ronald exhibited a passion for agricultural development on California’s Central Coast. His research involved rootstocks and training for high density apple orchards, irrigation, pest and disease control, and cranberry production. In honor of his research, he was cited for distinguished service by state and national Agricultural Extension organizations and was the first recipient of the Al Smith Friend of Agriculture Award from the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Ronald Tyler. I know I speak for the whole House as I recognize his life and work. I commend him for all he accomplished and contributed to California’s agriculture industry, and the communities he lived and worked in. I would also like to extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends and those who benefitted from his accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESTON CHILDREN’S CENTER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague, Congressman JAMES MORAN (VA–08), in congratulating the Reston Children’s Center on the occasion of its 45th anniversary.

The education and well being of our children are among the highest priorities that we as a community share. The Reston Children’s Center provides a safe, nurturing, instructional atmosphere that promotes creativity, curiosity, independence, and cooperation.

The Reston Children’s Center, RCC, is a nonprofit, parent-owned cooperative. This structure creates a strong bond and partnership between the staff and the parents. Parents are required to contribute at least 2 hours per month to the school by serving on the board of directors or a committee, providing office support, chaperoning field trips, or assisting with fundraising activities.

Because of this holistic approach and the communal efforts to benefit the children, many of the teachers have been at RCC for more than 10 years. In addition, many parents who once attended RCC themselves have now entrusted the care of their own children to this center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join us in congratulating the Reston Children’s Center on its 45th anniversary and in commending the leadership of Executive Director, Fahemeh Pirzadeh, as well as the staff and parents for their unwavering devotion to our children.