

James Kelly did not survive the sinking of the Titanic. His body was discovered by the Mackay-Bennett, which was one of the ships chartered by White Star Lines to recover bodies. Each body discovered was given a number and entered into a ledger—James Kelly was number 70. The ledger indicates he was buried at sea on April 21, 1912 wearing a dark suit, vest, trousers, white socks, black boots and a set of rosary beads.

Even in the face of this tragedy and the loss of their patriarch, the Kelly family did not waiver. James' widow, Catherine, and their other children left Ireland and arrived in New Haven in June of 1912. While life in America was not without its challenges, they took it upon themselves to fight through the hardship and build a better life for their respective families. There are now more than 100 proud descendants of James Kelly living in our great country. The Kelly motto, "God is My Tower of Strength," perfectly reflects the will power and vigor of the Titanic Kelly's and I am proud to join them as they celebrate their remarkable history.

HONORING MR. EUGENE CHIN YU,
24TH PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION OF KOREAN ASSOCIATIONS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Eugene Chin Yu, the 24th president of the Federation of Korean Associations. Mr. Yu has dedicated his time and energy to representing Korean Americans on the local, regional, and national level for his entire adult life.

Starting as a young man, Mr. Yu has steadily risen in prominence as he championed the causes of his fellow Korean Americans. As president of the Federation of Korean Associations, Mr. Yu continues his diligent work ensuring the success of Korean culture in America.

Mr. Yu also serves the greater community as a leader and a role model. Having served in the United States Army, Mr. Yu embodies the virtue of defending the freedom of our great nation. As a former Georgia State Trooper, Mr. Yu was committed to protecting the safety of his community. And as a successful business owner, Mr. Yu shows us that with hard work and dedication, anything is achievable in America.

Mr. Speaker, Eugene Chin Yu's legacy as a community leader is well recognized and deserving of our honor. I join the Korean American community of Southern New Jersey in honoring Mr. Yu and his many great accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE J.M. TATE HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM AS THE 22ND FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize J.M. Tate High School and

to congratulate Asia Cravens, Sarah Barlow, Tanner Newman, Hannah Malone, Matthew Bailey, Chance Sturup, Tatiana Teate, Amy Sapp, Brianna Riddell, Andrew Belt, and Ryan Colburn as the 22nd Florida High School Mock Trial State Champions. This award is evidence of their tireless work and steadfast dedication to excellence.

On the road to state championship, Tate's Mock Trial Team was tasked with defeating teams from eighteen judicial circuits across the state. Following four rounds of intense competition, Tate High School defeated the Community School of Naples in the final round and prevailed as Florida State Champions.

No single component by itself renders a champion, but rather to be a champion requires a combination of discipline, desire, focus, and determination. The Tate High School Mock Trial Team bounded together by their passion for justice and dedication to the rule of law found the perfect blend of these elements and made Northwest Florida proud.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize the Tate High School Mock Trial Team and their coaches, Angie Sapp and Travis Johnson, on their leadership and accomplishments. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating them, and we wish them all of the best for their continued success.

HONORING CAPTAIN ROBERT C. GRANT

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Captain Robert C. Grant, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Coast Guard Reserve. For over 30 years, Captain Grant has dedicated his life to serving our nation and protecting South Florida, and it is truly an honor to represent him here in Washington.

Captain Grant is an exceptional public servant. As Deputy Chief of Staff of the seventh Coast Guard District, he served as a senior advisor to eight admirals, and provided support to Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield. And as Congressional Liaison for Florida's 19th district, Captain Grant assisted Congress in passing legislation that has proved instrumental in addressing new maritime smuggling tactics.

But Captain Grant's work also extends to the realm of community outreach. He helped strengthen the relationship between the Coast Guard and the Cuban and Haitian communities in South Florida through a dedicated public outreach initiative. Furthermore, he was able to assist with relief efforts in the wake of the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti, and has received numerous awards and accolades for his exemplary service.

Captain Robert C. Grant's service in the United States Coast Guard has made an extraordinary local, national, and international impact, and has made South Florida a safe place where families can grow and thrive. It is my hope that his example will inspire others to serve their communities for generations to come.

TO THE 10TH POWER, A TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN DAVID WOODARD, FOURTH BRIGADE TENTH MOUNTAIN, UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker I rise today in honor of Captain David Woodard: a strong son of the south, one of Georgia's finest, and member of the 4th Brigade 10th Mountain of the United States Army. April 28th marks the three year anniversary of an IED explosion in Sadr City, Iraq that almost took Captain Woodard's life. Although Captain Woodard lost his leg in the attack, he has not missed a beat. His recovery and "can-do" attitude has helped sustain him and inspire us all. With the help of his lovely wife Danielle and their beautiful son David, who is a carbon-copy of his dad, Captain Woodard is past the road to recovery and is preparing to embark on the next phase of his heroic life.

TO THE 10TH POWER

How high can a heart so climb?
To what heights may we so reach in time?
But, to the very top to teach us we find!
To the 10th Power!
Throughout our nation's history . . .
Have come such fine men of faith and courage, so indeed . . .
Strong Georgia Men, who are but our Nation's best friends . . .
Who've worn the title of, 10th Mountain Men . . .
Who go off to war, and but for all of us . . .
so much endure . . . and depends!
Who but only with their Beliefs, so gallantly fight for our peace!
Who above all others so tower, as up to new heights they reach!
Like the Tenth Mountain Men, whose courage upon us showers . . .
Showers, us with great courage and heroic faith!
Men of the hour, who will not fade . . .
Who in the moment of truth, their fine hearts rise, to the 10th Power . . .
Men, who upon battlefields of honor, death, and glory . . .
While, lying gravely wounded . . . close to death, they tell their story . . .
Who give up their fine arms and legs . . .
And come back home to write another great chapter . . .
Another chapter, all in their life's most heroic page!
As they must somehow start all over again!
Men like David, these most heroic to 10th Mountain Men . . .
Whose, great hearts much somehow grow even greater than!
Men who teach us!
Who so beseech us!
All in how they so reach us!
As they start their lives all over again . . .
Just like his brother Bob Dole, Captain Woodard too has such a fine soul!
As both are cut from the same mold!
In life, how high can a heart so rise?
As to what heights will it so climb?
When it all depends on . . . what is so found deep down inside!
As to the 10th power, your heart so begins to rise!
Bringing tears even to the angel's eyes . . .
As David, yours has so!
And if I ever have a son!
David, I but hope and pray he could be like you . . . this one!

By Albert Carey Caswell . . . Bless You All, as you have blessed so many Heroes and our Nation!

HONORING THE ROCK BRIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL LADY BRUINS
SWIMMING AND DIVING 400-YARD
FREESTYLE RELAY TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rock Bridge High School Lady Bruins Swimming and Diving 400-Yard Freestyle Relay team on its Missouri State Championship.

Madeline Simon, Libby Walker, Kortney Betz and Chelsea Tatlow gave a tremendous showing in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:33:37, allowing them to pull ahead by less than two-tenths of a second of the runner-up. These young ladies and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and helping bring home their school's first overall team state championship.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Rock Bridge High School Lady Bruins for a job well done!

RECOGNIZING THE ANNIVERSARY
OF THE VIRGINIA TECH SHOOTING

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, today, April 16, 2012, marks the fifth year anniversary of the Virginia Tech shooting in which 32 innocent lives were lost. Today I rise to observe the anniversary and I urge all Americans to join me in keeping all those who were injured, and the families of those who lost their lives in this tragedy in their thoughts and prayers.

More than 30 members of the Virginia Tech family perished that day. Among them were future lawyers, doctors, teachers, engineers, soldiers, business men and women, mothers, fathers, and leaders. The loss of life at Virginia Tech is a tragedy that all Americans mourn.

On this day, I salute the strength and resilience of the Virginia Tech community. Those belonging to "Hokie Nation" include nearly 30,000 students, 1,300 faculty members and 200,000 living alumni who take pride in their school and in their accomplishments as an institution.

Days after the shooting, Nikki Giovanni wrote a moving poem about the events and her words still ring true today.

We are Virginia Tech.

We are sad today, and we will be sad for quite a while. We are not moving on, we are embracing our mourning.

We are Virginia Tech.

We are strong enough to stand tall tearlessly, we are brave enough to bend to cry, and we are sad enough to know that we must laugh again.

We are Virginia Tech.

We do not understand this tragedy. We know we did nothing to deserve it, but neither does a child in Africa dying of AIDS, neither do the invisible children walking the night away to avoid being captured by the rogue army, neither does the baby elephant watching his community being devastated for ivory, neither does the Mexican child looking for fresh water, neither does the Appalachian infant killed in the middle of the night in his crib in the home his father built with his own hands being run over by a boulder because the land was destabilized. No one deserves a tragedy.

We are Virginia Tech.

The Hokie Nation embraces our own and reaches out with open heart and hands to those who offer their hearts and minds. We are strong, and brave, and innocent, and unafraid. We are better than we think and not quite what we want to be. We are alive to the imaginations and the possibilities. We will continue to invent the future through our blood and tears and through all our sadness.

We are the Hokies.

We will prevail.

We will prevail.

We will prevail.

We are Virginia Tech.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the horrible tragedy that occurred five years ago today and as we remember the events of that dreadful day, let us not forget those who lost their lives. I extend my deepest condolences again to the families of all the victims. On this five year anniversary of the horrible tragedy at Virginia Tech, let us extend our thoughts and prayers to all those who were injured or have suffered as a result of this senseless act of violence.

Today, we are all members of the Hokie Nation. We are Virginia Tech.

RECOGNIZING FRANK BECKWITH
AS THE 2012 HURLBURT AFA
CHAPTER 398 MIDDLE SCHOOL
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Frank Beckwith, the 2012 Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Middle School Teacher of the Year.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and a veteran of Desert Storm, Mr. Beckwith continued his service and leadership in a different capacity—this time as a teacher. He began teaching in 1993 in North Carolina, and in 2001, he moved to Santa Rosa County to teach at Avalon Middle School in Milton, Florida.

Mr. Beckwith has engaged his students through his passion for science and its use as a tool for problem solving. To enhance their learning, he procured data processing equipment for the classroom and has motivated students to excel in science, technology, engineering, and math education through innovative programs. He founded the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Activity, and Math) program, where students are af-

forded the opportunity to spend the day on Blackwater River, competing in various categories, including measuring water chemistry, mapping river depth, and racing to haul one person's daily water consumption from the river to a tank. He is also the sponsor and coach for the school's BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology) Robotics team.

Aside from teaching at Avalon Middle School, Mr. Beckwith also serves as a faculty associate at the University of West Florida and is President of the Santa Rosa County Science Teacher's Association.

Frank Beckwith's desire to teach is rooted in his family, through his father and grandfather, and was also inspired by his high school science teachers. Their guidance, enhanced by his experience and understanding of the importance and power of education, help built the strong foundation from which Mr. Beckwith teaches and empowers his students to strive for excellence. His greatness lies well beyond his title as Hurlburt AFA Chapter 398 Middle School Teacher of the Year—it lies in the hearts and minds of those who have been deeply impacted by his dedication to the teaching profession and service to our great nation.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Mr. Frank Beckwith for his great achievements and honorable service. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing him all of the best.

64TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2012

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize the 64th anniversary of the establishment of the modern State of Israel.

On May 14, 1948, the British Mandate for Palestine expired, and the Jewish People's Council approved the Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel. That document encapsulates centuries of hopes, hardships, dreams, persecutions, tenacity, and faith. And it signifies the fulfillment of the prayer of the Jewish people: To return once again to their homeland and build a nation based on the principles of freedom, justice, and peace.

It is fitting that on that same day, President Harry Truman signed his name to the announcement recognizing the provisional government of the new Jewish state as the de facto authority of the State of Israel, thus making the United States the first nation to recognize Israel as a nation.

In that moment 64 years ago, and in every moment since, the Jewish people have persevered in the face of adversity, thriving as a nation and as a people, and contributing globally to advancements in areas ranging from academia, economics, and business to arts, culture, and politics. And all the while, the Jewish people have continued to live as a people who, as the Declaration states, love peace but know how to defend themselves.

In the decades that have passed since that momentous event, Israel has remained the United States strongest ally in the Middle East, and the United States has stood steadfastly with Israel. Today, and in the days that