

of Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) on May 5, 2012, after 22 years. Just the fourth president in the 94-year history of SRJC, Dr. Agrella has overseen a period of substantial change in an institution now recognized as a national leader in community college education. His management and foresight have benefitted us all by bringing higher learning closer to the people of the North Bay.

Serving over 36,000 students each semester, and drawing on the expertise of some 3500 faculty and staff, Santa Rosa Junior College is amongst the oldest and most widely recognized two-year colleges in California. It is also a large and growing institution, with two main campuses and a number of career-specific facilities dedicated to public safety, agriculture, technology, culinary arts, and more.

It is a proud part of Dr. Agrella's legacy that many of the SRJC facilities have been built, expanded, or refurbished during his tenure. In the 1990s, classes first began at the Petaluma campus, and SRJC moved into several new buildings in Santa Rosa. In the past decade, during a time of increasing budgetary difficulty, the new Frank P. Doyle Library, a new student services center, and vast new improvements at the Petaluma Campus and elsewhere have all been completed or undertaken. These are the products of Dr. Agrella's tireless work to unite SRJC staff and a Sonoma County community committed to the funding and planning necessary for continued growth. SRJC has also become a model for environmental consciousness, supporting green construction and a thoughtful, collaborative approach to development.

As the North Bay has grown and diversified, so too has the training and education SRJC offers to meet the needs of our community. While opening new facilities in agriculture and public safety—areas of historic strength in Sonoma County—Dr. Agrella has also overseen an expansion into new areas that will strengthen our economic base and serve the needs of a modern workforce. High technology, green energy and green building, tourism and hospitality, and performing arts offerings have all been upgraded. At the same time, scholarships have been greatly expanded to serve a diverse and inclusive College community.

Dr. Agrella's role in realizing these changes has been widely recognized in Sonoma County. He has been named Santa Rosa Citizen of the Year, and he is the recipient of the Spirit of Sonoma County Award. In appreciation of his longstanding service to SRJC and Sonoma County, Dr. Agrella has also been named the College's first president emeritus.

Mr. Speaker, we ask you to join us in thanking Dr. Agrella for his contributions to Santa Rosa Junior College, and in wishing him all the best in his retirement. Dr. Agrella leaves SRJC with a remarkable legacy of service, and with a firm footing for a strong, progressive future.

HONORING THE BRAVE FIRST RESPONDERS OF HACKLEBURG AND PHIL CAMPBELL

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2012*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the courage and dedication of the

first responders of Hackleburg and Phil Campbell in the wake of the deadly tornadoes of April 27, 2011. Furthermore I want to honor the heroic actions of these volunteer firefighters, law enforcement officers and paramedics for their selfless devotion to their communities.

On Wednesday, April 27, 2011, the State of Alabama experienced the worst tornado outbreak since 1974 and possibly the deadliest the State has ever seen. The small Northwest Alabama towns of Hackleburg and Phil Campbell were completely devastated by the storms. The storms left a path of destruction through the towns at least half a mile wide, destroying numerous houses and businesses as well as both high schools, the fire and police stations in Hackleburg and severely damaging the city hall in Phil Campbell. Worst of all, the tornadoes took the lives of 18 people in the Hackleburg area and 27 people in Phil Campbell.

During the difficult hours and days immediately following the tornadoes of April 27, 2011, the first responders of Hackleburg, Phil Campbell, Marion County and Franklin County acted with the utmost professionalism and bravery when called to duty. Despite the carnage, they performed their duties with valor and perseverance. Many of them were working to assist others while not knowing whether their own families were safe. During the first frantic hours—and even days—of the search and rescue effort, sleep was not an option. They had a mission to do: to coordinate emergency work and retain order even while the debris-littered streets were the same route used to carry out the wounded and deceased and to welcome in relief workers from neighboring communities. But through it all, they never lost sight of the people they had sworn to serve and the spirit that has held their communities together.

On behalf of the citizens of the Fourth Congressional District of Alabama, I commend the brave men and women of the volunteer fire departments, law enforcement agencies and paramedics for their courage, selflessness and commitment to their communities. They, along with the resilient folks they serve, have begun to pick up the pieces of their shattered towns. I have every confidence that the Towns of Hackleburg and Phil Campbell will fully rebuild and be better than ever.

TO RECOGNIZE BATTLEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE STOCK MARKET GAME'S "CAPITOL HILL CHALLENGE"

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2012*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Battlefield High School's Participation in the Stock Market Game "Capitol Hill Challenge."

The Stock Market Game (SMG) program is an extension of SIFMA and the SIFMA Foundation for Investor Education and has provided financial literacy, including personal financial skills and global economic education, to 13 million students and hundreds of thousands of teachers. Through this program, students further their performance and understanding of such financial and economic topics.

The "Capitol Hill Challenge" (CHC) poses a challenge to participating student teams by having them manage a hypothetical \$100,000 online portfolio and investing in bonds, real stocks, and mutual funds. CHC would also engage Members of Congress with the constituents participating in SMG. The top five teams will travel to Washington D.C. to meet with their Congressman or Congresswoman. Again, CHC is an investment in our students' financial literacy for their future.

Battlefield High School will participate under the guidance of Michele Adkins and is among the more than 3,000 teams participating in the Ninth Annual Stock Market Game "Capitol Hill Challenge."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Battlefield High School on the occasion of its participation in the Stock Market Game's "Capitol Hill Challenge" and in congratulating the students, educators, administrators, and parents on working together as a team for the benefit of all.

A TRIBUTE TO DREW MINARD

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2012*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize West Des Moines Crossroads Park Elementary student Drew Minard, for his brave efforts to combat bullying in his school, state, and country.

Bullying is a problem for millions of school children every day in every corner of America. As adults we are well aware of the damage and pain that bullying causes, but it is the children of our country that live through this grim reality every day. Eleven-year-old Drew Minard understands the state of bullying firsthand and is using his talents, perspective and his big heart to motivate students across Iowa to change this reality, rather than accept it.

The 2012 documentary "Bully" is being viewed by millions as a heartbreaking look into our nation's bullying problem, but to Drew the film was his call to action. Drew knows that the solution to bullying does not lie with a select few, but instead lies with each and every one of us. When it comes to bullying, as Drew says, "There is no such thing as an innocent bystander."

To get his fellow students actively involved in combating bullying, Drew launched a student-led bully prevention initiative called ABC, or Anti-Bullying Club, for sixth-graders at Crossroads Park. ABC currently boasts roughly 30 members that gather to write and perform anti-bullying lessons that are presented at school assemblies. ABC also creates and places posters around the school to encourage students to speak out against bullying and report acts of bullying to an authority figure immediately when witnessed. The members of ABC are also readying a "Declaration of Non-Bullying" that they hope every student will sign to affirm their commitment to putting a stop to bullying in their school. Drew readily acknowledges that bullying is not just specific to Crossroads Park, and he plans to expand ABC to other elementary schools in his area and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, the actions Drew has shown to a cause greater than himself speaks volumes