

HONORING NATALIE DELL AND  
CHRISTA HARMOTTO FOR MAK-  
ING THE USA OLYMPIC TEAM

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring two outstanding athletes selected to the United States Olympic Team from the 9th Congressional District of Pennsylvania: Natalie Dell and Christa Harmotto.

Natalie Dell, raised in Clearville, PA was a standout track star throughout her high school career. Upon attending Penn State University, Dell decided that she had reached her full potential in track and field and wanted to pursue another competitive sport. She chose to begin rowing where she quickly fell in love with the sport. After graduation, she continued to hone her strength and technique and joined the Riverside Boating Club in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Although Natalie was less experienced than the rest of her peers, her talent and status advanced rapidly as she soon became a member of the U.S. National Rowing Team. Her rigorous training and the perfection of her skill proved to be well worth the effort. Dell achieved a position on the 2012 Olympic Women's quadruple skulls boat and is the first alumnus from Penn State to row for the USA National Rowing Team. Her six day per week, two-a-day training has aptly prepared this courageous woman to represent the United States and the 9th district of Pennsylvania.

The second great Olympian from our district is Christa Harmotto. Harmotto was brought up in Hopewell Township, PA where she excelled at sports from a young age. In high school, as a multiple year letterman for volleyball and basketball, Christa won the Pennsylvania Gatorade Player of the Year. She then transferred her high school success to that at Penn State, where she chose to continue her pursuit of volleyball. Her student athlete career was one of great success and achievement, as she acted as an integral member of a two-time national championship team, while simultaneously attaining All-American status for four straight years. A prominent figure on the squad as a middle blocker, Christa makes her Olympic debut in 2012. I am positive she will fight valiantly and work hard for her side in their journey to win the gold medal.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate these two heroes of Pennsylvania's 9th district. With their effort and determination, these two women are destined to do great things for our country and the 9th district of Pennsylvania. I am very proud of their hard work and determination to win for the United States Olympic Team. I hope you join me in wishing them and the rest of our Olympic athletes well in their respective competitions at this year's Games.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 125th Anniversary of the

Historic Town of Eatonville, the Oldest Incorporated African American Municipality in America. Eatonville is a source of pride for the entire State of Florida and it gives me great pleasure to represent them in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Eatonville is a town rich in black history, tucked away just north of the city of Orlando and home to more than 2,000 people.

Eatonville is known as one of the first incorporated black towns and was formed after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Eatonville is named for Union Army Captain Josiah Eaton. He owned the land and sold it to a group of African-American men who wanted to start their own city.

On August 15, 1887, twenty-seven registered voters—all African-American men—met and voted to incorporate their parcels of land, creating the first African-American town in America.

The city thrived in music and arts and in 1897, the Robert Hungerford Normal and Industrial School was founded. For years, the school was the most important school for blacks in the state of Florida. Boys and girls from all over the state came to Eatonville to learn about great poets, writers, painters, and composers.

It stayed a private school until 1950 when the courts gave it to Orange County as a public trust, and is now known as Robert Hungerford Preparatory High School—Orange County's first all-magnet high school.

Eatonville hosts the annual Zora Neale Hurston Festival. Indeed, the Zora Neale Hurston Festival of Arts and Humanities in Eatonville, Florida is simply a prize for Eatonville and for the State of Florida.

People come from throughout the country and from around the world to visit and to participate in this great annual event, to celebrate not only the legacy of Zora, but of the cultural contributions made by African Americans around the globe. There have been twenty-three annual festivals and I have yet to miss one!

Please join me in honoring the Town of Eatonville, and I look forward to celebrating this town and its rich history for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY OF ALA-  
BAMA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MAL  
MOORE

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Coach Mal Moore, the respected, longtime Athletic Director of The University of Alabama who was recently named the 2012 recipient of the John L. Toner Award from the National Football Foundation (NFF) and the College Hall of Fame.

The Toner Award is presented annually by the NFF to an Athletic Director who has demonstrated superior administrative abilities and shown outstanding dedication to college athletics, particularly college football.

For those who closely follow University of Alabama athletics, there is little doubt that Mal Moore deserves this tremendous honor. As

Alabama's Athletic Director since 1999, he has guided the University's sports program to a new era of success, made improvements to athletic facilities and overseen numerous conference and national championships. This year alone, under his leadership, Mal Moore has been instrumental in the Crimson Tide winning four national championships in football, women's gymnastics, women's softball and women's golf.

Long a prominent figure in the "Alabama family," Coach Moore played quarterback under legendary head football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, beginning in 1958, and was a member of the 1961 national championship team. A secondary and, later, quarterbacks coach for Coach Bryant's Crimson Tide, Coach Moore became a fixture on the 'Bama coaching staff until Coach Bryant's retirement in 1982 when he was hired to be an assistant coach at The University of Notre Dame. In 1990, he returned to Alabama to serve as offensive coordinator under Coach Gene Stallings. All total, Coach Moore has been a part of nine of Alabama's 14 national championships.

As Athletic Director, Mal Moore directs a \$100 million budget and 21 men's and women's varsity sports teams. His record of leadership speaks for itself. Since 1999, the University has notched countless NCAA championships and even more SEC championships. Also during Coach Moore's tenure as Athletic Director, the Crimson Tide football team has won two national championships (2009 and 2011), posted six 10-win seasons, a 5–4 bowl record, appearances in four Bowl Championship Series (BCS) bowl games and SEC championships in 1999, 2009 and 2011.

Winning is not his only legacy; however, the face of the University of Alabama campus has also been transformed during Coach Moore's tenure with more than \$200 million in improvements to the athletic infrastructure. Alabama has erected new stadiums for soccer, softball and tennis; new facilities for women's basketball and volleyball; a new golf clubhouse; and improved facilities for every other sports team, in addition to the renovation of the Bill Battle Center for Athletic Student Services and Coleman Coliseum. In 2007, The University of Alabama Board of Trustees officially dedicated the facility formerly known as the Football Building as the Mal M. Moore Athletic Facility. Coach Moore also oversaw the expansion of Bryant-Denny Stadium in 2006 and 2009, pushing the venue's capacity to 101,821, which ranks fifth nationally.

Mal Moore will be officially honored at the 55th NNF awards dinner at Waldorf-Astoria in New York City on December 4, 2012. He was elected to the State of Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Alabama and the entire Alabama Congressional Delegation, I would like to commend Coach Mal Moore for his exemplary leadership and congratulate him for receiving the John L. Toner Award. I know Coach Moore's daughter, Heather, his granddaughter, Anna Lee and grandson, Charles, as well as his many, many friends and associates around the country share in this proud and well-deserved honor.