

activities to encourage kids to “get in the game” on and off the court.

Jake Herbert graduated from North Allegheny High School in Pittsburgh. The two-time NCAA Champion studied communications at Northwestern University, where he was the best wrestler in the school’s history. Herbert posted a perfect 34–0 record in his final season and a 149–4 career record, the fifth best percentage in NCAA history. He was a recipient of college wrestling’s top honor, the Hodge Trophy. Herbert went on to win silver at the 2009 World Championships and to compete at the London Olympics, where he just missed out in the repechage on a shot at the bronze medal match. This fierce competitor sported a hefty fan club of about 65 friends and family members waving terrible towels in the crowd.

Amanda Polk grew up in Pittsburgh and graduated from Oakland Catholic High School, where she first began rowing. She studied biochemistry at the University of Notre Dame where she was part of the first NCAA team bid in the team’s history and was a four time All-American. Polk took silver in the four at the 2009 World Championships, then won gold in the eight in 2010 and 2011. She recently won gold and set a world best time in the women’s eight at the 2012 World Rowing Cup in Lucerne. Polk has consistently been a strong part of the eight that is dominating women’s rowing and she was an alternate in London. Unbeaten since 2006, the women were golden again in London, successfully defending their title from Beijing and solidifying what Polk’s teammate, Susan Francia, has rightfully dubbed an “American Dynasty.”

Lauren Crandall grew up in Doylestown, PA and went to school in North Allegheny. She was first named to the U.S. National field hockey team when she was a sophomore at Wake Forest. In 2006, Crandall was named the ACC Tournament Most Valuable Player. A veteran of the international field hockey scene, she has 173 international caps, or tournament appearances, which is the second most on the team. Now a two-time Olympian, she helped the team to an 8th place finish in Beijing and captained Team USA in London to come in 12th place. Crandall is going to DeVry University to pursue a master’s degree in public administration with a concentration on non-profit organizations.

Christa Harmotto was originally recruited to play volleyball from a 6th grade gym class. She went on to play at Hopewell High School and then at Penn State where she studied education. She and her team won national titles in 2007 and 2008 and she ended her career with a .433 career hitting percentage, the second best in NCAA history. Harmotto played basketball abroad professionally, where she sharpened her skills gearing up for the Games and now she has a silver medal from the London Olympics indoor volleyball competition to show for it. She plans to continue playing and training for Rio in 2016.

Lauryn Williams, a track and field star, was born in Pittsburgh. Williams studied finance at the University of Miami, where she was the 2004 NCAA Champion at the 100 meter. A three-time World Champion, Williams took home the silver medal in the 100 meter at the 2004 Games and came in fourth in the event in 2008. She competed in the 4x100 meter relay in Beijing but an incomplete pass of the baton put the team out of medal contention. In London, Williams ran the anchor leg of the

women’s 4x100 meter in the qualification round, and the team went on to win gold in event. Williams aims to finish 100 meter races in under 11 seconds. Every time she goes “sub 11,” she has pledged to give out a \$1000 scholarship to a female athlete in her senior year of high school. The 2006 Visa Humanitarian of the Year, she is deeply invested in her community as part of USA Track and Field’s “Be a Champion” community outreach, through volunteering with hearing impaired elementary school students, and through her female athlete scholarship fund.

I applaud all of these extraordinary athletes for their unbreakable spirits, their indomitable will to win, and their thrilling achievements. Training involves serious sacrifices. These athletes put in the work day in and day out, then they put it all on the line on the world stage with gutsy performances full of heart. I want to commend their family and friends who have supported their Olympic dreams and helped them keep striving to be stronger, get faster, and reach farther. And to these Olympians, I want to wish you a hearty congratulations and I want you to know that we in Pittsburgh are proud of yinz!

#### OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

#### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Too many American women—sisters, daughters, nieces, wives, friends, neighbors, and coworkers—are losing their lives to this disease. This year alone, more than 20,000 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and more than 15,000 will die of the disease.

Ovarian cancer is the ninth most common cancer among women, and the deadliest of gynecologic cancers. If ovarian cancer is treated before it spreads, the five-year survival rate is 93 percent. But, because there is no ovarian cancer screening or early detection test, many women won’t learn their diagnosis until the odds are against them.

We must do everything we can to make women aware of the risk factors, signs, and symptoms of ovarian cancer before it is too late. Doctors recommend that women see a gynecologist if they experience any of the symptoms of ovarian cancer daily for more than a few weeks. We must all become familiar with the early symptoms and share this information.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting investments in medical research. We must ensure that the National Institutes of Health, the National Cancer Institute, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are receiving the funding they need to put an end to ovarian cancer. Investments in medical research will lead to breakthroughs in screening, early detection, and treatment.

Today, I stand with the ovarian cancer community in their efforts to increase awareness of the symptoms, boost federal funding for ovarian cancer awareness, and expand federal research to improve treatments and develop a desperately needed screening or early detection test.

Please join me in recognizing September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month to increase public knowledge about this deadly disease and save lives.

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL CORLISS GADSDEN’S 29 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

#### HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel Corliss Gadsden, for her extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Colonel Corliss Gadsden will retire as the Army Reserve Medical Command’s Operations Officer (G–3) on October 1, 2012. Her service spans over twenty-nine years of military duty to the United States Army Reserve.

Colonel Corliss Gadsden has served her country with integrity, dedication, and visionary leadership for over 29 years. She has constantly and consistently achieved and surpassed every mission assigned to her. During the early days of the Global War on Terrorism, while assigned as the United States Army Reserve Europe Medical Plans Officer, she was responsible for activating three medical units to support the European Regional Medical Command resulting in the right mix of medical professionals deploying to hostile environments to ensure the highest quality medical care for deployed United States service members.

Ever conscious of maintaining the operational posture of Army Reserve Soldiers’ she focused and honed in on the medical and Soldier skills. In 2002, she was responsible for increasing the United States Army Reserve Force Projection footprint to support the ever-growing Overseas Deployment Training missions from 400 Soldiers to over 1,000 Soldiers. During 2003 and 2004 she led the efforts to deploy over 800 individual healthcare providers in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, and OPERATION JOINT GUARDIAN while sourcing medical units for all active operations in United States Central Command, European Command, and the continental United States based support missions.

In 2006, while serving in the United States Army Reserve Command’s Surgeon Office as the Chief, Medical Plans and Operations her planning was critical in maintaining the continuity of operations while transitioning from the ten Regional Readiness Commands to four Regional Support Commands and simultaneously maintaining the United States Army Reserve Command’s medical operations in light of the ongoing base realignment and closure mission. She planned, coordinated, and conducted quarterly synchronization meetings ensuring the prioritized, timely, and maximized use of the Individual Ready Reserve and Individual Mobilization Augmentation Soldiers in support of global Overseas Contingency Operations.

In 2007 she was recognized by the Commanding General of the Army Reserve and Secretary of the Army for her herculean efforts in the mobilization and deployment of thousands of Army Reserve Soldiers. Colonel