

The Minnetonka Girls took first place in the Minnesota State High School Alpine Ski Meet earlier this month in Biwabik, Minnesota. This is the Minnetonka Girls' second state title in four years.

Head Coach Steve Lindemer won his fifth state championship with the school since becoming Head Coach of both the Minnetonka Boys and Girls Alpine teams in 1998.

Megan Greiner, Anna Ewald, Megan Gartner, and Marlee Gartner all finished in the top 20 to secure the top team performance.

All of these athletes and their coaches deserve praise for their dedication and determination.

It's an honor to be able to represent, and recognize, such all-star athletes. Congratulations.

HONORING HAROLD O. BOUCHARD

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Harold O. Bouchard of Hermon, Maine, who passed away on February 22, at the age of 77. Harold will be long remembered as an astute businessman who was well known for his philanthropy and community service.

From a single dump truck he purchased in 1958, Harold grew a business that today employs 175 people and stands at 100 trucks strong. He became an innovator and fierce advocate for the trucking industry. Harold worked tirelessly to develop safer and more efficient trucks. As an advocate, he sought to ensure lawmakers understood that heavier six axle trucks were safe and important for businesses to compete. Because of Harold's efforts, Maine's roads are safer and Maine's businesses are stronger.

Harold also maintained a strong presence in the community, helping to found the American Loggers Council and the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine. Harold was also involved with the Maine Forest Products Council, the Forest Resource Association, Maine Motor Transportation Association, the Maine Better Transportation Association, and the Associated General Contractors of Maine. The Northeast Loggers Association, of which he was also a member, named him Outstanding Logger of the Year in 1991.

Few people can claim to embody the spirit of charity and community engagement as completely as Harold. He was instrumental in helping to raise \$13 million to improve cancer treatment services at Eastern Maine Medical Center. In 2003, Harold received the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce's Norbert X. Dowd Award for his contributions to his industry and for his community service.

I was fortunate to have Harold as a supporter and ally in my ongoing efforts to allow states to increase the weight of trucks allowed on their highways. The work he did on this cause was instrumental in helping to make this goal a reality in Maine today.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Mr. Harold O. Bouchard.

IN RECOGNITION OF RON CRITELLI

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ron Critelli as he is honored as the "Man of the Year" by the Amerigo Vespucci Society of Long Branch, NJ. Mr. Critelli is truly deserving of this recognition for his exceptional service to the Amerigo Vespucci Society and the entire community.

Born and raised in Long Branch, NJ, Mr. Critelli has a strong connection to the community. He excelled in soccer and was elected as team captain of the Long Branch High School Varsity team for three years, leading the team to the NJ State Finals in his senior year. Mr. Critelli was the first in his family to graduate college, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. In college, Mr. Critelli maintained his sense of community, joining the soccer team, serving as a member and Treasurer of the Pi Lamda Upsilon fraternity and participating in various campus events.

Introduced to the Amerigo Vespucci Society by his now wife, Loredana's family, Mr. Critelli became a member and remains active in the Society. Previously serving as a Councilor on the Executive Board, Mr. Critelli is the current Recording Secretary for the Society. He often assists with various Society events, including the Wine Tasting Gala and the Family Picnic, for which he served as co-chair and chair respectively. Furthermore, Mr. Critelli co-chaired a fundraiser on behalf of Amerigo Vespucci Society members who were affected by Superstorm Sandy.

In addition to his community service, Mr. Critelli works as a Financial Advisor at Wells Fargo Advisors. He was recently honored by New Jersey Monthly Magazine as a 2013 New Jersey Select Wealth Managers.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Ron Critelli on his selection as "Man of the Year" by the Amerigo Vespucci Society for his continued dedication and service to the community.

COMMEMORATING EDWARD H. LOCKWOOD

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Edward H. Lockwood, an American veteran from Long Island. Edward recently passed away and our community is mourning this profound loss.

Corporal Lockwood enlisted in the Army in 1942, and remained for the duration of World War II. He served in the 824th and 691st Tank Destroyer Units at Normandy, the Rhineland, Central Europe, and finally Ardennes, the Battle of the Bulge. Upon returning home to Glenwood Landing, Corporal Lockwood joined the American Legion Post 336 in Glen Head, New York, and worked for the Long Island Lighting Company until his retirement.

Mr. Lockwood joined the Glenwood Fire Company when he turned 18 and his only in-

terval in service was substituted by his time in the Army. He served as Chief twice before being named Chief Emeritus, joining a privileged few who have been Glenwood Fire Company Chief three times.

Corporal Lockwood leaves behind three daughters and will be sorely missed by the Glenwood Landing community of which he was a part of for almost 92 years.

Edward was a true American patriot. In the wake of his passing, we should all remember the sacrifice our veterans make to keep us safe here at home. I am forever grateful for Edward's contributions as a serviceman and leader in his community on Long Island. I offer my sincerest thoughts and prayers to his family.

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SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, on this day in 1863, 150 years ago, President Abraham Lincoln signed a congressional act creating the Idaho Territory. Twenty-seven years later, part of that territory would become the 43rd State, the State of Idaho.

The Idaho Territory was initially much larger than the borders of Idaho today; it included most of what would later become Montana and Wyoming. The territory, to be governed by William H. Wallace, an old friend of Lincoln's, was previously part of the Washington Territory.

Western Washington politicians moved to discard large tracts of land in eastern Washington Territory partly because the population in those areas was increasing rapidly and they wanted to assure Olympia would remain the capital of the region. That population increase was mostly gold miners seeking out their fortunes in the Clearwater region, now Idaho's panhandle. This goes to show you, Mr. Speaker, gerrymandering is not a new phenomenon; it is in fact one of the reasons the Idaho Territory was created in the first place.

However, the land mass for the Idaho Territory was so expansive that within a year Montana broke away, and four years later Wyoming did the same, leaving the Idaho Territory looking very much like the State does today.

In 1890, after 27 years as a territory, Idaho became the 43rd State. However, much of what distinguishes Idaho today came about during its territorial years, including the creation of its main highways, many of its public schools, its tax system, its tribal laws, its universities, its water laws, and indeed, its eventual Constitution, written in the summer of 1889 in Boise. Idaho's Constitution remains today almost exactly how it was written, and it still forms the basis for all Idaho laws to this day.

The citizens of Idaho have always demonstrated a unity and sense of pride in their traditions and history, and this rich history is what makes them who they are today. From the Canadian border to Yellowstone, from Craters of the Moon to Coeur d'Alene Lake, Idahoans celebrate today. It is my privilege today to commemorate Idaho's territorial sesquicentennial.