

RECOGNIZING DR. KUMAR
MAHADEVAN

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent, Dr. Kumar Mahadevan, for his many contributions to marine science.

Dr. Mahadevan is retiring in May from his position as chief executive and president of Mote Marine Laboratory, which is a private research center and aquarium based in Sarasota, Florida.

Dr. Mahadevan joined Mote Marine in 1978 as a senior scientist and became chief executive and president in 1986.

Under his leadership, Mote has grown from a small research facility to an internationally recognized laboratory of marine science and a local treasure teaching children and adults about sea life and conservation.

During his tenure, Mote has added an aquarium that attracts more than 350,000 annually and expanded to include a 200-acre Aquaculture Park in eastern Sarasota County, research field stations on Pine Island in Charlotte Harbor and Summerland Key in the Florida Keys, satellite offices in Punta Gorda and Boca Grande and a second public outreach exhibit dedicated to coral reefs in the Eco-Recovery Center in Key West.

The nonprofit's annual operating budget has increased from approximately \$2 million in 1978 to more than \$17 million and its staff has grown from 52 members to 192 members, including 31 doctorate-level scientists who are leaders in their fields.

I was proud to serve on the board at Mote prior to my election to Congress. I have seen firsthand the positive impact that Dr. Mahadevan has had on public policy to revitalize and sustain marine resources through science based outreach and education.

Although he is stepping down from his current position, I am pleased that Dr. Mahadevan will stay on as president emeritus, which will allow him to continue to promote the lab's research and development.

In the meantime, I appreciate this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for his outstanding contributions to Mote Marine Laboratory and the field of marine science.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOPKINS
GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE
CHAMPIONS

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hopkins Girls Basketball Team.

On March 16, 2013 the Hopkins Girls Team won the Minnesota State High School Basketball tournament for the third consecutive year, making them the first Class 4A School to win three consecutive championships since the tournament expanded to four classes.

Head Coach Brian Cosgriff has undoubtedly accomplished something great with this program. During Cosgriff's era, Hopkins has had

only four seasons with seven or more losses. This year, Hopkins completed the season winning 28 games and losing just one.

The path to achieving greatness is never uncontested, as the girls found out. But despite the one loss, this team took the state tournament with more than a ten point win over each opponent they faced.

All of these student athletes, their parents 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!

CONGRATULATING HOPWOOD JUNIOR
HIGH SCHOOL ON ITS 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, just over 50 years ago, in the fall of 1962, the first school to offer secondary education in the Northern Mariana Islands was renamed Hopwood Junior Senior High School, in honor of Admiral Herbert Gladstone Hopwood, a Naval officer with 42 years of distinguished service to our country, including 3 years as Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet.

The school had been founded following the end of World War II, as our community turned from the harrowing years of desperate survival to the work of rebuilding our islands and improving the lives of those who lived there. The American administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands directed that uniform public education be implemented throughout Micronesia; and in September 1949 secondary education was introduced in the Northern Mariana Islands with the establishment of Saipan Intermediate School, offering classes for grades seven through nine.

At first, the small school shared a campus with Chalan Kanoa Elementary School, but Saipan Intermediate moved to its own campus in the village of Chalan Piao in 1952, where classes were held in reconconditioned wartime Quonset huts. The original curriculum included arithmetic, English, native languages, science, history, geography, domestic arts, crafts, vocational training, and music. Teacher training courses were also established.

During these early years in the reconstruction of the Northern Mariana Islands educational options beyond ninth grade were limited. There were few private high schools and, prior to 1962, no public high schools. But the desire for formal educational advancement had already established a foothold in our society.

In the late 1950's, Saipan Intermediate School was renamed Hopwood Intermediate School. And then in 1962, it was renamed Hopwood Junior Senior High School to recognize the enrollment of tenth grade students. This first class of public high school students in the Northern Mariana Islands then graduated from Hopwood in 1965.

But Hopwood's time as a senior high school was short. In 1969 a new and larger public high school opened on Saipan; and Hopwood assumed its current name of Hopwood Junior High School.

In the years since, the school has greatly expanded. The campus now includes vocational education buildings; an alternative school, Lina'la Malawasch Academy; and a performing arts building. Hopwood now has the second largest student body of any Saipan school, serving nearly 1,200 young scholars.

Along with improvements in the physical facility, so too have academic opportunities, student achievement and faculty development evolved. One significant milestone reflective of this ongoing advancement was reached in 1993, when the school was granted preliminary accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. It continues today as a fully accredited member of WASC.

Hopwood's motto is "We Make Everyday the Best." This upbeat attitude is reflected in the faces and in the actions of the school's students, teachers, and staff alike. This drive to be the best is also reflected in the wide range of co-curricular and sports activities in which students participate and represent their school so well. By way of example, in recent years Hopwood Junior High students have won awards in the National Junior Forensic League regional competition, regional spelling bees, Academic Challenge Bowls, regional thespian competitions, and local essay and logo contests. This diversity extend to the athletic fields, as well, where Hopwood students have won numerous track and field, cross country, soccer, volleyball, and basketball competitions.

From its humble beginnings in 1949 and to this day, Hopwood is recognized as an institution that has played a historic role in our community and that continues to serve a vital role in the lives of our students and our community. I have great confidence that the school will continue to distinguish itself in the years to come. And I offer my congratulations to all those who have been affiliated with Hopwood Junior High School over these many years—teachers, staff, students, alumni, and parents.

RECOGNITION OF RYAN DAHMER

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2013

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of my constituent, Ryan Dahmer, a young man from Franklin, West Virginia, who recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Ryan's accomplishment is the result of years of hard work and service, which has undoubtedly benefitted his neighbors and the community in which he lives.

Ryan Dahmer began serving his community as a young boy by joining the Cubs Scouts, eventually earning the Arrow of Light, the organization's honor society and Eagle Scout equivalent. Since becoming a Boy Scout, Ryan's community involvement has only increased. Last year, he participated in the 2012 Youth and Government Seminar and met State Senator Clark Barnes and Delegate Allen Evans, his local representatives in the state legislature.

In December 2012, Ryan completed the requirements to become an Eagle Scout and will be officially recognized during an Eagle Court of Honor on April 21, 2013. In order to become an Eagle Scout, Ryan completed a community service project focused on safety and