

and friends, he will be remembered as a man of great faith and compassion, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Commissioner Jim Williamson. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our sincerest condolences and our prayers to his wife, Paulette; sons, Jayer, Jeremy, Jarrod, Randy, and David; 11 grandchildren; and the entire Williamson family. Jim's presence will be deeply missed, but his example will always be with us.

A TRIBUTE TO SACRED HEART
PREP'S FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Football Team of Sacred Heart Prep in Atherton, California for winning the Central Coast Championship and the Northern California CIF Championship. They made history by being the first team in San Mateo County to play in the California CIF Championship Game.

The Sacred Heart Prep Football Team is a combination of talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship and has established itself as an exceptional group. With great dedication, the Gators worked diligently and ended their season on this historic note.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Head Coach Pete Lavorato, Assistant Head Coach Matt Moran, and Assistant Coaches Ed Larios, Mark Modeste, and Greg Sutter on an extraordinary season! The entire team can look back on this season with tremendous pride. I wish the seniors the best of luck in your next endeavors, and their younger teammates the best of luck in next year's season. Go Gators!

TRIBUTE TO DAVE HAUGEBERG

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dave Haugeberg, community stalwart, citizen activist, Newberg-Dundee Bypass champion—and today, 2013 Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Former Oregon Governor Tom McCall once said, "Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say, 'This is my community, and it is my responsibility to make it better.'" Dave Haugeberg epitomizes this spirit—combining great determination with a hero's tendency toward humility.

In addition to a lengthy and distinguished legal career, Dave has a remarkable track record of community service. He is currently Chair of the Board of Trustees at Linfield College and serves as President of the Board at Mid-Valley Rehabilitation, which provides employment, community inclusion services, residential support, and transportation services to

adults with disabilities in order to maximize their potential.

His imprint on Yamhill County is enormous, and soon to be very visible along a several mile section of Highway 99W. Nearly three decades ago, Dave began his legendary volunteer efforts for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass, hoping to summon enough community, regional, and State resolve to construct a new highway, circumventing traffic around the historic and traffic-plagued cities of Newberg and Dundee. This effort, forged through decades of teamwork, frustration, partnership, and dogged persistence in the face of doubt, has now paid off. On August 29, 2012, Dave dug his ceremonial shovel into the ground, kicking off construction of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass.

To be sure, he had partners along the way, but it is no accident that Dave Haugeberg is affectionately known as the 'Grandfather of the Bypass.' With Phase I construction well underway, I'm hopeful he took a brief victory lap before, undoubtedly, redoubling his efforts to complete the entire corridor.

Dave Haugeberg is a remarkable citizen, the kind of person who willingly, even eagerly, gives more to his community than he anticipates receiving in return. His contributions to Yamhill County will always be remembered fondly by those he worked with—and for, including the hundreds of thousands of people who will eventually traverse the Newberg-Dundee Bypass, and the local citizens who will live in transformed communities where it is safe to work, live, and play.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Dave on this eminently deserved award, and wish him and his wife Kathy, and his children and grandchildren of whom he is so proud, continued health, happiness, and prosperity.

TRIBUTE TO NIKI DePHILLIPS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Niki DePhillips of Kum & Go for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 600 business leaders and growing.

Niki DePhillips began her career with Kum & Go 12 years ago as an administrative assistant. Today, Ms. DePhillips is the youngest female executive in the company's history and serves as the Senior Vice President of Store Development and Interim Vice President of Human Resources. Niki credits her impressive and expeditious climb to senior management at such an esteemed company to utilizing the strong work ethic instilled by her mother to pursue her inspiring passions for both real es-

tate and the people she assists every day. As a 2012 recipient of the Industry Impact Award from the Iowa Commercial Real Estate Association, Niki's influence in her company and the state of Iowa as a whole cannot be understated.

Outside of work, Niki gives back to her community in numerous ways. She volunteers on the United Way of Central Iowa Retail Committee, is a member of the Commercial Real Estate Women, helps lead the Iowa Expo Committee, and chairs Couture for a Cause—a benefit for Children's Cancer Connection. Niki, a graduate of Valley High School, now resides in Waukee with her husband Joe and their daughter Samantha. In all aspects of her life, Ms. DePhillips is an example of service, hard work, and Iowa values that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it's an honor to represent leaders like Niki in the United States Congress and it is with great pride I applaud Ms. DePhillips for utilizing her talents to better both her community and our state. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Niki on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

CONGRATULATING CHANCELLOR
DEBRA SAUNDERS-WHITE IN
RECOGNITION OF HER INSTALLATION
AS THE 11TH CHANCELLOR
OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL
UNIVERSITY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate my dear friend Dr. Debra Saunders-White on her installation as the 11th Chancellor of North Carolina Central University. Dr. Saunders-White will be formally installed as Chancellor on April 4, 2014 and will become the first female to hold that post at NCCU.

Great leaders motivate others to reach their full potential and show others through their actions that they can make a difference. Dr. Saunders-White is a great leader who will lead current and future generations of NCCU Eagles by motivating them through her leadership, her words, and her actions. Like many students at NCCU, she is a first-generation college graduate. Her mother grew up a sharecropper in North Carolina while her father was a car salesman. Dr. Saunders-White's journey to become leader of a world-class research university will show students what is possible through lifelong commitment to bettering the lives of others.

As institutions of higher learning like NCCU face pressure to do more with less, we increasingly rely on strong leaders with innovative perspectives to shape the future of education. Dr. Saunders-White brings valuable business experience, administrative knowledge from outstanding institutions like Hampden University and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and a comprehensive understanding of higher education from serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S.

Department of Education. Those experiences will enable NCCU to become more connected to the Durham community, the state, and our global economy. Her vision of leveraging resources, preparing students for an ever-changing world, and guiding NCCU to the forefront of affordable and quality academics will position the University to excel for years to come.

Dr. Saunders-White understands that quality higher education has never been as important to succeeding in a global economy as it is for today and tomorrow's young minds. I congratulate Dr. Saunders on her installation. NCCU is blessed to have such an experienced, innovative, and inspirational leader as its 11th Chancellor.

LOU DURANTE

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and service of Lou Durante. Lou was a beloved member of the Bronx community and passed away this year at 85 years of age.

Lou was born in East Harlem and lived most of his life in Pelham Bay. He was immensely proud of his country and served with distinction and valor during World War II, when he was stationed in Europe. After finishing his service, Lou returned to the United States and began his career as an electrician. He also joined the Lawrence Keane Memorial Post 1458, where he was a member for 65 distinguished years, recently serving as Commander.

I will never forget the passion that Lou displayed for his fellow veterans, past and present, including his efforts to recognize deceased veterans on a monument in Keane Square Park. While visiting the monument during one of the annual ceremonies that Lou put together, I could see firsthand how lucky the Lawrence Keane Memorial Post and the Bronx were to have someone like Lou, who did so much for his community.

Lou's efforts went far beyond the monument at Keane Square Park. He also made sure current Bronx veterans and residents had a second home at the Lawrence Keane Memorial Post. Year after year, Lou worked with local leaders and elected officials to ensure the post had the funding necessary to remain a place where both veterans and community members could come together.

Mr. Speaker, Lou's commitment to both community and country was, and will continue to be, an inspiration to all of us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Commander Lou Durante. May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING THE 95TH BIRTHDAY
OF MR. FRED A. CURLS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the 95th birthday of Mr.

Fred Curls, a pioneer for civil and political rights and a resident of the Fifth District of Missouri, which I am honored to represent. On March 31, 2014, Mr. Curls turned 95 years young. Last weekend on March 29th, he was honored in Kansas City, Missouri, by family, friends, and acquaintances.

Mr. Curls is one of the original founders of Freedom Incorporated, an African-American political organization which at one time could generate nearly 70,000 votes. Freedom Inc. was and has been a very influential political action group. The organization has been at the forefront in serving as a catalyst for change in civil rights, public accommodations, and the election of candidates at all levels of government. Freedom Inc.'s office has been visited by City Councilpersons, Jackson County Executives, Mayors, Missouri State Senators and Representatives, Governors, Congresspersons, Senators, Presidents, and those who have Presidential aspirations.

For more than fifty years, Mr. Curls has dedicated his life to the Greater Kansas City community, promoting and improving political empowerment and the civil rights of people of color. His children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren have followed in his footsteps in acknowledging their responsibility of giving back to the community. His son, State Senator Phil B. Curls, Sr. was the President of Freedom Inc. during a period when it was recognized as one of the most potent political organizations in the United States and brought about the election of the first African-American Congressman from the Fifth District of Missouri, U.S. Representative Alan Wheat.

Since the mid-1950s, Mr. Curls has been involved in real estate sales and appraisals, most notably in the African-American community of Kansas City. He fought against "restrictive covenants" whereby residential homes could not be sold in certain areas to minorities. He was part of a class action lawsuit which resulted in the United States Supreme Court outlawing such covenants.

In all of his activities, Mr. Curls demonstrates his dedication and commitment to the greater good of others. He is actively involved with his high school graduating class, the Class of 1937, which has been very close to this day. He was honored by Jackson County, Missouri, as one of its "Legacy Awardees" for its 175th anniversary as a political subdivision. He also has been honored by fellow Missourian U.S. Representative William Lacy Clay of St. Louis and myself as an awardee of the "Missouri Walk of Fame" designation, as one of the pioneers of Kansas City's African-American political struggle.

Throughout his life, he has believed in the saying "make it happen." He has put his principles into practice, and the results of his efforts have "made it happen" throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area.

For those reasons and more, it is indeed an honor and a privilege to recognize Mr. Fred Curls on his 95th birthday celebration. Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Mr. Fred Curls and his endless commitment to serving the residents of Kansas City and the State of Missouri. Whatever we, as African-Americans, may attain in the political arena, Fred Curls and those who labored to act on our behalf as political pioneers have helped to change the course of history. He is a true role model not just to the African-American community in Missouri, but to the entire community at large.

IN DEFENSE OF AMERICA'S COAL
MINERS ON THE ANNIVERSARY
OF THE UBB DISASTER

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today, on the eve of the 4th Anniversary of the tragic explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County, West Virginia—a disaster that took the lives of 29 miners. I take this opportunity to remind my colleagues and all Americans of that terrible day, of the good men we lost far too young, of those injured, of the families that still mourn and the communities that were forever altered.

I come here, also, to remind my colleagues that the Upper Big Branch miners are still owed our full energies and every effort to ensure that such a tragedy will never occur again.

And I take this time to caution my colleagues—and the public—not to be duped by the self-serving sack of utter baloney being circulated on the internet. The so-called documentary "Never Again" is nothing more than a piece of carefully crafted fiction—a transparent attempt to white wash history and revise reality.

Four separate studies found that Massey Energy, with Don Blankenship at the helm, created a callous corporate culture in which production was valued over safety, in which profit was valued over people. The families of the victims of UBB are rightly livid over the release of this fantasy film, and I stand with them, sharing their complete disdain.

Failing to legislate to close safety loopholes exploited by Massey is akin to condoning that corrupt culture and its fatal results. And Mr. Blankenship is not alone in his dangerous, fantasy view of mine safety. There are deep-pocketed individuals who have funded studies which actually suggest that mine safety rules are un-needed. Nothing could be further from the truth and it is immoral that the Congress has not acted to protect coal miners further.

So many of my colleagues in this body are defenders against what we sagely see as a war on coal. It is common these days for us to come to this floor, red-faced with anger to shout about the unfair treatment of coal by an overzealous and ideological EPA. We are disgusted and rightly so.

But I believe that to be a champion for coal, one has to be a champion for the coal miner.

Defense of the coal miner cannot stop at the mouth of the mine. It must follow him into the mine, ensuring that working conditions are as safe and healthy as we possibly can make them.

Defense of the coal miner must follow after a miner leaves the mine, so that the promises of retirement and health benefits made to miners and their families are honored. And so that the opportunities every American is entitled to are made available to every coal miner as well.

This Congress, however, has yet to take up a package of reforms I worked on with the late great Senator Robert C. Byrd—reforms that we know are necessary to save lives in the wake of the UBB tragedy. It has, frustratingly, yet to act on legislation to protect the health and retirement security of miners.