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the exciting new programs she has planned for the City of East St. Louis.

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COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT

**HON. MATTHEW G. MARTINEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 1999

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a minute this morning to discuss the Community Reinvestment Act. For years, the CRA program has had a tremendous positive impact on low- and middle-income individuals all across America. CRA has let countless citizens achieve the American Dream by enabling them to own a home or business.

Because of CRA, blatant discrimination in lending is declining. Banks are now held responsible for how they use the community's wealth and deposits. CRA has given hope to our inner cities and rural areas by enabling home ownership and small business opportunities to increase.

Not only is CRA good for working people, it's good for the banking industry. Banking officials have told me that, because of CRA, banks have tapped into a "new market" in low- and moderate-income communities.

In the greater Los Angeles region, including my district in East L.A., the Bank of America Community Development Bank and its affiliates have made more than \$3.2 billion in new community development loans, and more than \$650 million in low-income-housing tax credit investments.

But now CRA is under attack. I urge my colleagues to protect CRA by supporting the Gutierrez Amendment to the Financial Modernization Act.

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HONORING THE DALLAS STARS—  
STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 1999

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the newest source of pride for north Texas—The Dallas Stars.

Although the city of Dallas is no stranger to winning championships, there was something especially exciting about watching the Stars with the Stanley Cup.

Hockey was a relatively unknown sport in north Texas when the Stars arrived from Minnesota in 1993.

But in the short 6 years since then, the Dallas Stars have developed a loyal following of fans, including myself. As a devoted fan of the Texas Rangers, the Dallas Cowboys, and the Dallas Mavericks I am proud to add the Dallas Stars to my list of hometown teams—Excuse me, Hometown "Championship" teams.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GLENN SCHATZ: AN  
EXEMPLARY YOUNG MAN

**HON. JIM KOLBE**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 1999

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the outstanding accomplishments of Glenn Schatz, a senior at University High in Tucson. Glenn has been named winner of the 1999 Tucson Citizen Student Athlete-of-the-Year Award, which is presented annually to a high school senior who excels in scholarship, leadership and extracurricular activities. I met Glenn when I appointed him to be a Congressional Page last spring, a job he approached with the same commitment and zeal as he has the rest of his academic career. A four-sport letterman who has managed to maintain a 3.92 grade point average, while at the same time participating in the school's marching, jazz, and concert bands. He served as president of the school's Distributive Education Club of America, the school chairman of the Young Republicans Club, and a recruiter for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Additionally, he has been named a Presidential Scholar Award semifinalist and a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

Glenn will be heading off to the United States Naval Academy in the fall, eventually to join the Navy's Judge Advocate General (JAG) corps. I have no doubt that Glenn has the intelligence, commitment, and ability to accomplish whatever goals he sets for his future. I congratulate him on his enormous accomplishments, and wish him all the good fortune in the future. I am enclosing an article from one of the newspapers in my district, which further details the accomplishments of this impressive young man.

IT'LL BE ANCHORS AWEIGH WHEN SUPERBUSY  
SENIOR LEAVES UNIVERSITY HIGH

Some students have a full plate in high school. University High senior Glenn Schatz goes back for seconds.

He has balanced a busy athletic schedule with the Rincon/University Rangers with his studies, his music, and on-campus and off-campus activities to post a 3.92 grade-point average.

An impressive list of achievements has made this four-sport letterman the winner of the 1999 Tucson Citizen Student Athlete-of-the-Year Award.

"You never expect to win this type of award," Schatz said. "There are so many quality nominees, it's a honor just to be nominated."

But Rangers football coach Jeff Green isn't surprised Schatz is this year's winner.

"He certainly deserves the award," Green said. "With all he's involved in, his grades, his leadership on and off the field . . . the future is bright for this young man."

Some of his academic highlights are: Scoring a 1,590 out of 1,600 on his SAT, getting a perfect score on the verbal and missing just one math question; received a Congressional appointment from Jim Kolbe to the United States Naval Academy, which he will attend in the fall; a National Merit Scholarship finalist; recently named a Presidential Scholar Award semifinalist; awarded a Cornell University summer dean's scholarship; and won a Dow Jones Newspaper Fund writing award.

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Out of the classroom, Schatz has served a semester as a Congressional page in Washington; attended the Athletics In Public Service Forum in Washington; was selected by the Academy of Achievement for the Banquet of the Golden Plate, one of 400 students in the nation chosen; a member of the school's marching, jazz and concert bands; and served as president of the school's Distributive Education Club in America, school chairman of the Young Republicans Club and as a recruiter for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"I like to keep busy," said Schatz, a budding master of understatement.

With only 22 players on the Rangers varsity roster football team last fall, Green kept the versatile Schatz busy at numerous positions on offense and defense.

"Because Glenn is quick to learn and such a good athlete, we played him at a lot of different positions," Green said. "On offense, we used him at fullback, tight end, wide receiver and flanker. On defense, we used him at linebacker, end, middle guard and tackle. He never complained. He was willing to do whatever it took to help us win. He showed his leadership abilities every day."

Prior to the football season, Green, in his first year as coach of the Rangers, didn't know what he had in the 6-foot-3, 215-pound Schatz. The senior missed spring practice because he was working as a Congressional page, and he missed most of the summer passing league because he was taking college courses at Cornell.

"I didn't expect Glenn to come back to us in great shape and wasn't expecting that much of him," Green admitted. "He was a pleasant surprise for us. He did a nice job in the brief time we had him for the passing league, but a passing league isn't football. I didn't know how tough he was, both physically and mentally, so I wasn't sure what he could give us."

But Schatz, who lettered three years in football, two in basketball, one in baseball and one in track, showed Green he could be an impact player and impressed the Navy football coaches, who would have offered Schatz a scholarship if he hadn't received a Congressional appointment.

"Can he play at Navy? I think he can because he's so versatile and because he can run well for his size," Green said. "At the next level it's difficult, but his goal is to make the traveling squad as a freshman, and I don't think there are too many goals that Glenn has ever missed."

Schatz already had planned to serve in the armed forces after graduating from college, intending to take ROTC.

"At the beginning of the year, the Naval Academy was a side thought for me," he said. "But the more I thought about it, the more it appealed to me, the way the system works, how everything has a set structure, because that fits my character."

"I have an uncle who went to West Point. My whole family has served in one capacity or another. It's always been part of my background and heritage."

Schatz hopes to become a lawyer and join the Navy's Judge Advocate General (JAG) corps.

"The nice thing is that the Navy will pay for graduate school and law school," he said. "Through ROTC, I would have only served four years, but coming out of the Academy, I think I'll advance pretty quickly, so now I'm thinking about making the Navy my career."

And perhaps later, a career in politics might come along. Schatz called his semester in Washington as a Congressional page

"the best experience of my life" and said he might run for Congress some day.

"The experience of working with Congressman, people who control the way the country works, was wonderful," he said. "I worked in the Clerk's office and worked on the House floor. I interacted with all the Congressmen. I had to answer calls, take messages to the Congressmen. It was really something special."

As is the 1999 winner of the Citizen's Student Athlete-of-the-Year award.

**ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL CROWNED  
1999 CLASS 4-A TEXAS BASEBALL  
CHAMPIONS**

**HON. LARRY COMBEST**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 1999*

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Andrews, Texas in celebrating the Andrews High School baseball team's victory in the 1999 4-A State Championship. Their triumph on June 11 marks the first time that the Mustangs of Andrews High School have brought home the Texas state title, an accomplishment that is truly deserving of recognition and praise.

The Andrews High School baseball program has been built upon a firm foundation of hard work and sportsmanship. In its 22 years, Mustang baseball has steadily grown and developed into a force to be reckoned with in Texas athletics. The group of young men who claimed the state crown for Andrews displayed what can be accomplished when West Texas determination and teamwork take the field.

It is with pride that I recognize the members of the Andrews High School baseball team for their hard-fought victory, as well as the coaching staff, faculty, and fans that rallied behind them. Thanks to their tremendous efforts, a corner of West Texas is now home to the 1999 Class 4-A Texas High School Baseball Champions. I wholeheartedly extend my congratulations to the Andrews High School Mustangs, with every best wish for the seasons to come.

**HONORING KATHERINE DUNHAM  
UPON 90TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 1999*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Katherine Dunham as she celebrates her 90th birthday.

Ms. Dunham has made immeasurable contributions to American art and culture. She is an accomplished writer and performer, with appearances in films, theatre, opera houses and on television; however, she is probably best known for her work as a choreographer and dancer. Her choreography incorporates the ethnic and cultural dances she learned of during her travels to Africa and the Caribbean, as well as through her anthropological studies of these cultures.

In addition, Ms. Dunham has spent a significant portion of her life dedicated to the betterment of her community, East St. Louis. She founded the Performing Arts Training Center in East St. Louis to provide area youths with an artistic and culturally diverse activity.

Also in East St. Louis, the Katherine Dunham Museum provides others with the opportunity to share her cultural and artistic knowledge. The museum is expanding to include the African Artisanal Village, which will offer a performing center for children and the teaching of African Arts by Master Artisans, fulfilling one of Ms. Dunham's lifelong goals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing a happy 90th birthday to Katherine Dunham, a truly remarkable woman.

**MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS ACT**

**HON. RON PACKARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 1999*

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H.R. 2308, the Millennium Classrooms Act, authored by my Californian colleague DUKE CUNNINGHAM.

The Millennium Classroom Act will provide increased tax relief to companies who donate computers especially those with Multi-Media capabilities, to schools and public libraries, particularly in low-income areas. In today's age, anyone entering the workplace needs to have an understanding of computers. This bill will make it easier for children to have the necessary education they deserve.

Our nation is facing many challenges as we enter the new millennium and I believe it is the responsibility of citizens and elected officials alike to find solutions to these problems. The Millennium Classrooms Act is a fine example of laws that promote cooperation between private sector businesses and their communities.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Congressman CUNNINGHAM for authoring this bill. I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

**IN RECOGNITION OF BOBBY J.  
ROBINSON**

**HON. RICHARD H. BAKER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 1999*

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished law enforcement officer. Bobby J. Robinson, Vice President of the National DARE Officer's Association Board of Directors, was sworn in as President on June 10, 1999. Mr. Johnson's dedication to law enforcement and drug education has extended for over 17 years. As President of the Officer's Association, Mr. Johnson will lead over 35,000 officers and educators in DARE program classrooms across the United States and around the world. Their important message to young people across this nation is to "Just Say No" to drugs.

Bobby Johnson's law enforcement career has moved him throughout Louisiana and

across the nation. Beginning in 1982, Mr. Johnson worked for the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office in Shreveport, LA, serving in areas of corrections, patrol, public relation, and DARE; finally ending his 10 year tenure at the rank of Sergeant. In 1993, Bobby was recommended to be the Coordinator for the Louisiana DARE Training Center operated by the Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council. After serving 6 years at this facility, the Louisiana DARE Officer's Association nominated Bobby for the office of 1st Vice President on the National DARE Officer's Association Board of Directors. Mr. Johnson won this election in Salt Lake City that would be a four year position on the board, progressing from 1st Vice President, to Vice President, to President, and concluding with Past President. Presently, the National DARE Officer's Association is holding their annual conference in Washington, DC between the 7th and 10th of July.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education program is our nation's most prominent and visible attempt to educate young people to resist drug abuse. It reaches over 60% of elementary school children in the United States, and is far and away the most prevalent drug education program in use today.

Mr. Speaker, Bobby Johnson not only serves his country diligently, but also is a fine husband and proud father. He and his wife of 17 years, Kathy, have three beautiful daughters between the ages of 6 to 12.

I, along with his family, and all of the citizens of Louisiana, salute his accomplishments and his active leadership in educating the children of America to "Just Say No." Thank you Mr. Bobby Johnson.

**THE CRUISE INDUSTRY**

**HON. MARK FOLEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 1999*

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to address an issue that is central to our nation's economy, the tourism industry. As co-chairman of the Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus, I believe this issue is worth bringing to the attention of the American public. The issue I wish to discuss is the vital role which the cruise industry plays in relation to our nation's economy and tourism industry.

In regard to our nation's economy, the cruise industry has made significant contributions. With more than five million annual passengers, the industry is a major contributor to the overall U.S. economy. In 1997 in my home state of Florida, the cruise industry was responsible for direct spending of \$2.1 Billion dollars and generated almost 59,000 jobs.

Companies such as those outlined below are but a few examples of domestic U.S. companies that depend on the cruise industry as a steady and important source of income:

Tourism support services such as provided by Amadeus, Strategic Cruise Line Services, and Image Photo Services;

Purchases of ship equipments, and supplies from vendors such as General Hotel and Restaurant, Harbour Marine Systems, International Paint, Mobil Aviation and Marine Sales and Ecolab;