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HONORING OF THE MAGNIFICAT HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Magnificat volleyball team for their tremendous accomplishments this year. Their spirit and good sportsmanship throughout the season has inspired us all.

Magnificat, an all-girls, Catholic high school in Rocky River, Ohio, sent their Bluestreaks off to the state volleyball tournament for the first time since 1991. Their theme this year was “to get the monkey off their back” and make it out of regionals. Since 1993, when Jenny Kathe took over the team, the Bluestreaks have made it to regionals each year, but never advanced. In order to keep their goal of making it out of regionals, they incorporated monkeys into everything. There were stuffed monkeys everywhere, as well as monkey logos on shirts and practice shorts.

The girls were able to truly get the monkey off their back by becoming, first, the District Champions, and then the regional Champions for Division I. While at the State Championships, Jenny Kathe was named Coach of the Year for Division I volleyball as they went on to capture the title of State Runner-up. The Magnificat, an all girls, Catholic high school in Rocky River, Ohio, sent their Bluestreaks off to the state volleyball tournament for the first time since 1991. Their theme this year was “to get the monkey off their back” and make it out of regionals. Since 1993, when Jenny Kathe took over the team, the Bluestreaks have made it to regionals each year, but never advanced. In order to keep their goal of making it out of regionals, they incorporated monkeys into everything. There were stuffed monkeys everywhere, as well as monkey logos on shirts and practice shorts.

The girls were able to truly get the monkey off their back by becoming, first, the District Champions, and then the regional Champions for Division I. While at the State Championships, Jenny Kathe was named Coach of the Year for Division I volleyball as they went on to capture the title of State Runner-up. The girls closed their season with the dignity and excellence that makes us all very proud of them.

Throughout the year, the girls showed team spirit, togetherness, and good sportsmanship. This year they were an extremely close knit team. There was never a moment when an individual was singled out. They shared their successes together, as well as their few defeats. They showed courage and strength both on and off the court. The team should be a role model for all sports teams today.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating this extraordinary group of girls and their coaches, parents and classmates who cheered them on and made this year a tremendous one.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, since October 1924 over three million men and women have benefited from the superb communication and leadership programs of the Toastmasters. I am one of those 3 million. Today, I want to recognize Toastmasters International now in their 75th year of existence, and wish to commend the Savannah, Georgia, Toastmasters Club 705 on their own 50th anniversary.

Seventy-five years ago, Dr. Ralph C. Smedley, met with a group of men in the basement of a YMCA in Santa Ana, California and formed a club “to afford practice and training in the art of public speaking and in presiding over meetings, and to promote sociability and good fellowship among its members.” Since 1924 that small group of men has grown into a remarkable non-profit organization with over 174,900 members representing 6,642 clubs in more than 60 countries around the world.

Toastmasters International has been referred to as “the world’s premier self-improvement club.” Through seventy-five years, millions of men and women have improved their leadership skills, self-confidence and communications abilities through the public speaking programs of Toastmasters International. “Home Improvements” star Tim Allen, Miss America 1996 Tara Dawn Holland, and Georgia Senator Sam Nunn are credited with being “celebrity Toastmasters.” But it is our local businesses, Governments, and communities that benefit from the abilities gained by those who choose to become better listeners, thinkers, and speakers through involvement in this organization.

The Savannah, Georgia, Toastmasters Club 705, was chartered in 1949 and recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary. The third oldest of 179 chapters in Georgia, Club 705 members pride themselves on the long history of the organization, their outstanding members, and their standards of conduct that have improved many individuals communications and leadership skills. The old stories of the six foot tall street traffic light that was used as a timer, the Claxon that provided a deafening overtime sound, or the infamous “AH Bucket” a tin can into which marbles were thrown whenever a speaker used a “non-word” reflect some of the tools of the trade to build talent in a fun, exciting atmosphere.

Over the past 50 years the many members of Club 705 have developed their talents over time and have mentioned many a rookie in their communications ability. These are extraordinary members like Fred Stephens, Dick Piazza, Jack Homans, bill Kearny, Maggie Edrinfel, Linda Cole, the current senior member Neil Bodenstein, and many others. Rookie’s like myself sincerely appreciate what Toastmasters has done for us and for our communities, improving the listening, thinking, and speaking abilities of millions through their dedication and time. Special thanks to the current officers of Club 705, President Earl Berksteiner, Vice Presidents Peggy Kelsker Gunn and Teresa Martinez, Secretary Debbie Cameron, Treasurer Michael Dubberly, and Sergeants at Arms Mark Stall and Neil Bodenstein. Congratulations to Toastmasters International and to Savannah Club 705—Happy Anniversary—here’s to you!

Personal Explanation

HON. MIKE McIntyre
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mr. McIntyre. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, November 16, 1999, I was with my father, who had open-heart surgery in the hospital, and therefore was unavoidably absent for rollcall votes 587 through 595. Had I been present I would have voted “yes” on rollcall votes 587, “yes” on rollcall vote 588, “yes” on rollcall vote 589, “no” on rollcall vote 590, “yes” on rollcall vote 591, “yes” on rollcall vote 592, “yes” on rollcall vote 593, “yes” on rollcall vote 594, and “no” on rollcall vote 595.

The Wireless Telecommunications Sourcing and Privacy Act

HON. CHARLES W. “CHIP” PICKERING
OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Wireless Telecommunications Sourcing and Privacy Act, and am pleased to be joined in introducing this legislation by several of my colleagues, including Mr. Markey, Mrs. Wilson, and Mr. Largent.

This legislation is about nothing other than developing a fairer and simpler way to assign a wireless call to a jurisdiction for tax purposes. Let me be crystal clear at the outset—...