

are expected to climb further, we have an obligation to act now to shore up our public education system. The School of the Future is leading that journey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to The School of the Future as it strives to bring our public education system into the next millennium. The School's important work with New York City's children is priceless. It is an honor to have the School in my district.

TRIBUTE TO COACH ROBERT  
"BOB" HUGHES

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and give honor to a Texas legend: Coach Robert "Bob" Hughes whose name is synonymous with the game of basketball. Coach Hughes has a winning reputation that stretches far beyond the great State of Texas and the mark he continues to make on the sporting culture of this great country is without argument an indelible one.

This remarkable man's career spans almost four decades. He began his career at the proud and the historic I.M. Terrell school. After the unfortunate closing of I.M. Terrell, Coach Hughes carried on his winning tradition at Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School where he continues coaching today and is an exemplar of integrity and sportsmanship. Among his many outstanding accomplishments: 19 district championships, 3 State championships, Coach of the Year 22 times. He has been featured in Sports Illustrated, and seen on the CNN. He also has more wins than any other high school coach in America at 1,120 and counting.

People in Fort Worth often associate Bob Hughes with his young Wildcat teams, but it needs to be noted that this man has been directly responsible for producing many of the fine business and community leaders who contribute so much to our city and country every day.

Congratulations Coach Hughes on the well-deserved honor you are receiving from Dunbar High. This is yet another momentous occasion in a life filled with them.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL COWBOY  
POETRY AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Sixth Annual Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival that took place at the historic Melody Ranch in Santa Clarita, CA. For 4 days, cowboy enthusiasts such as myself, were entertained by local residents, as well as individuals from 22 different states and 2 foreign nations.

This ranch has a significant historical background, Mr. Speaker. Once owned by Gene

Autry, the Melody Ranch was used for some of the greatest western movies featuring legendary stars such as Tom Mix, Hopalong Cassidy, Gary Cooper, John Wayne, and Ronald Reagan.

In celebration of our Western Heritage, this festival brought together communities from around the nation and around the world to my hometown to enjoy in a bygone era of cowboys, campfires, and country music. Cowboy music, poetry, and food provided everyone with what Santa Claritans know to be true, that country and western tradition are among the very best that our nation has to offer.

Whether it was the special performances at the Autry Museum of Western Heritage, the mansion of silent film star William S. Hart, or the Heritage Junction Historic Park this festival can be called nothing less than an overwhelming success. I would like to applaud the organizers, the participants, and the community as a whole for their participation in this event.

Mr. Speaker, as I end these remarks and I reflect back on the Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival, I am reminded of the end of so many of the western movies that show the cowboy riding off into the sunset. We sure hope that he returns next year to make certain that future generations never forget this indispensable history.

HONORING WEBSTER HIGH  
SCHOOL'S VICTORY IN THE NYS  
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mrs. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to take a moment to call attention to the outstanding accomplishments of a dedicated team of students from the Rochester region. In March 1999, the Webster High School Science Olympiad team competed in the New York State Science Olympiad championship and finished in first place. This is the second time in 3 years that students from Webster have been victorious in this challenging and difficult competition. In addition, this year's victory is the 5th year in a row that the team has placed first or second state-wide.

The Science Olympiad focuses on confronting the critical situation of declining academic achievement in science classes nationwide. The rigorous academic competitions are dedicated towards the goals of improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science, and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers. The atmosphere surrounding these events strikes a balance among science facts, concepts, skills, and applications, while simultaneously encouraging teamwork and enthusiasm. Since the first national tournament in 1985, this organization has helped to create a significant increase in student interest in science.

As members of the Student Olympiad, this group of Webster students have committed themselves to these goals. Their exemplary

performance is a clear indication of their hard work and dedication, as well as an example of their commitment to academic excellence and intellectual achievement. In March they competed against 40 high schools in 25 events focusing on topics such as biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, problem solving, and technology.

It is my distinct privilege to recognize the members of the Webster High School Science Olympiad team as residents of my district. Their accomplishments create an academic standard which all students should strive to attain. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating the students and the coaches on their victory in the 1999 Science Olympiad New York State championship.

HOME EDUCATION

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join the Missouri State Senate and Missouri House of Representatives in support of home education. The Missouri General Assembly has designated the first week of May as Home Education Week. Missouri is looked to as a leader nationwide in home education movement.

Home education in Missouri has enjoyed considerable success in recent years because of the tremendous support received from countless citizens who realize the significance of family participation in the education process. Home education allows parents to ensure that the positive character traits and moral values instilled in their children at home are reinforced by the educational process.

Home education is successful and history proves it. Since the founding of America many famous Americans have been home educated. That list includes George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Booker T. Washington, Thomas Edison, Andrew Carnegie, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mark Twain and Sandra Day O'Connor. Home education is practiced by over 4,600 citizens of Missouri.

Without hesitation, I thank each parent who is at home teaching their child the skills they will need to succeed in the competitive world we live in today. I hope that my colleagues will join me today to let you know that your efforts are generally appreciated.

HONORING McDONALD'S RESTAURANT OWNERS FOR THEIR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the nearly 200 independent McDonald's Restaurant Owners of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut for launching the Arching into Education Scholarship program. These locally owned and operated restaurants have a long-standing commitment to the communities they

serve. The Arching into Education Scholarships is just the latest example of the great work our area McDonald's owners are doing. Through this program, the owners are providing \$175,000 in college scholarship money to high school seniors in the New York Tri-State area. Arching Into Education encompasses three distinct scholarship programs: one offers scholarships for all students; another provides scholarships for students wishing to attend a United Negro College Fund member institution; and a third, the GospelFest Music Scholarships, awards scholarships for students interested in majoring in music.

The Tri-State McDonald's Owners have also partnered with Ronald McDonald House Charities to offer an additional \$175,000 in scholarships for HACER, a scholarship program for area students of Hispanic heritage. Combined in these four scholarship programs, McDonald's owners will contribute \$350,000 in college scholarships to students in the Tri-State community.

These scholarship programs are just one part of the McDonald's Owners' continuing commitment to education and the communities in which they operate. The Tri-State Owners support reading incentive programs and other initiatives for elementary school students. Additionally, they sponsor programs that teach parents the importance of immunizing young children, and instruct children on bicycle safety, helmet use, and fire safety. The Tri-State McDonald's owners also help support the great work that the Ronald McDonald House does for families of young cancer victims.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the important contributions Tri-State McDonald's owners are making to our communities. I urge you and all Members of Congress to join me in applauding the McDonald's Restaurant Owners of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut for their continued commitment to education and dedication to programs that help ensure a successful future for our children.

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TRIBUTE TO THE KATHRYN SEVERYNS DEMENT SLEEP DISORDERS CENTER

**HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 1999*

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Kathryn Severyns Dement Sleep Disorders Center located in Walla Walla, Washington. I was very pleased to visit the sleep clinic and recently had the honor of accepting an award on behalf of Walla Walla, Washington being recognized as the Healthy Sleep Capital of the Nation.

The Walla Walla sleep center is the result of Dr. William C. Dement's efforts to educate others on sleep awareness and its disorders. Dr. Dement is a Walla Walla native and sleep medicine pioneer. He is the director of the Stanford University Sleep Research and Clinical Programs, and was the founding President of the American Sleep Disorders Association. Dr. Dement, along with Dr. Richard Simon, Jr.,

director of the sleep center, and doctors Michael Bernstein, Jennings Falcon, and Eric Ball have all made sleep problems a fundamental focus of their medical practices. These doctors have become experts in the field of sleep disorders and lead the world in sleep disorder treatment.

Most people do not realize the seriousness or extent of the sleep disorders problem. Statistics show that between 50 and 100 million people in the United States have diagnosable sleep disorders. This is not just limited to adults, sleep disorders affect people of all ages. These disorders are severely underdiagnosed in children. The National Transportation Safety Board points to chronic sleep deprivation as being the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal heavy truck accidents. The estimated annual cost of untreated sleep disorders due to preventable morbidity and accidents is \$100 billion.

The work the Walla Walla sleep center has done in treating and diagnosing sleep disorders is unparalleled. Compared to doctors from outlying areas, Walla Walla doctors are referring as many as six times the number of patients for sleep disorders treatment. This is mostly due to the training these doctors have received. Prior to sleep disorder training, a survey of more than 750 patient charts found that just six patients mentioned having problems sleeping, and of those, two patients were diagnosed with disorders. One year after the training, 130 to 140 people were diagnosed with sleep apnea, a treatable disorder where the sleeper repeatedly stops breathing for an instant. Between 1994 and 1998, the center saw 1,421 new patients and performed 1,711 sleep studies.

The doctors at the Walla Walla sleep center continue to make advances in sleep study research. They are responsible for training physicians throughout the area and have helped two other hospitals start sleep centers. They are also currently working with Stanford University to apply for a grant to determine whether mild sleep apnea should be treated. Everyone at the Walla Walla sleep center deserves to be recognized for their hard work and commitment to the silent epidemic of sleep disorders. Thanks to them, this serious problem is not going unnoticed, and their efforts will save lives.

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TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE TOM BANE—DECEMBER 28, 1913—APRIL 10, 1999

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 1999*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. WAXMAN, and I rise today to remember the Honorable Tom Bane who died last Saturday, April 10, 1999. Tom was not only a great legislator and politician, but also a mentor and friend.

Tom represented the San Fernando Valley in the California Legislature for 24 years, during which time he authored ground breaking legislation that improved the lives of all Californians—fighting to protect the environment, the poor, the elderly, and also working to enhance public education.

Perhaps Tom's best known legislative victory was a 1988 law mandating heavy punishment for hate crimes committed in California—the first Hate Crimes legislation passed in the United States. Tom also authored legislation that prohibited the "cop killer" Teflon bullet; the Tom Bane Civil Rights Act; and significant banking and savings and loan legislation. He also worked with his colleagues to co-author California's first Lemon Law, Seat-Belt Law and the Paramedic Bill.

Whether it be on the floor of the Assembly or walking through his district talking with constituents, Tom exemplified democracy at its finest. He took great pride in his friendships with members from both sides of the aisle, and played a significant leadership role as the Chairman of the powerful Assembly Rules Committee. And even late in his political career, Tom often walked his district during campaigns instead of relying on focus groups and advertisements to rally support—that type of grass roots accessibility is the way democracy is supposed to work.

Tom's vision, leadership and tenacity were an inspiration to all who knew him. He dedicated his career to enriching every aspect of our lives and our communities—making our streets safer from criminals, improving the quality of education received by our children, and ensuring that as a society we would not tolerate crimes committee because of race, religion or gender.

Our thoughts are with Tom's wife Marlene, their children Bruce, Lisa and Neil; and grandchildren Ryan, Eric, Shai, Dean, Ziv, Evan, Paul and Adriadne.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join us in remembering a great friend and outstanding man, a true mensch, Tom Bane.

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A TRIBUTE TO DR. PAUL SALMEN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 1999*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize the career of one of Colorado's fine physicians and outstanding individuals, Dr. Paul Salmen. In doing so, I would like to pay tribute to a man who has shown, time and again, that it pays to give a little back to the community. In our Community Dr. Paul Salmen is fondly referred to as Dr. Paul.

Dr. Paul Salmen is a long time resident of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, who has made a large impact on his community. Aside from his contributions as a physician, Dr. Salmen takes time out of his day to get involved with many local organizations such as Healthy Beginnings, the Youth Recovery Center, Glenwood Medical Associates, the Sunlight Mountain Resorts Ski Patrol and the Pediatric Crisis Committee. In addition to the many organizations