

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN BADGERS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team for their outstanding season and their advancement last weekend to the NCAA Final Four.

The Badgers demonstrated outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship at the Final Four. Not since 1941 have the Badgers advanced so far in the NCAA tournament. While they may not have scored more points than Michigan State, they played with heart and spirit. In doing so, they proved to everyone that they have what it takes to win a National Championship in the future. I applaud Dick Bennett and this exemplary team for an amazing season and a truly monumental tournament.

The Badgers are a clear illustration that perseverance, determination, and hard work can take you to great places. The games over the past season have brought together the University of Wisconsin, evoked strong school spirit, and shown to everyone how thrilling it is to be a Badger! It has been an outstanding year for the Badgers and as an alumna it is exciting to be a part of something so special. I commend the basketball team and look forward to many exciting seasons to come!

IN HONOR OF THE NORTH OLMSTED HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND AND EAGLETS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the North Olmsted High School Marching Band and Eaglets, of North Olmsted, Ohio.

This 194 member marching band deserves praise for their hard work and dedication. These committed young people, most having played an instrument since 5th grade, have been practicing every morning and Wednesday evening since the beginning of the year. Because of this devotion, the band had the opportunity to play in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, in Cleveland, winning both the best band and best unit categories. Under the direction of John Kepperley, Martin Witczak, and William Ciabattari, the North Olmsted Marching Band and Eaglets will have the honor of playing in this years Cherry Blossom Festival in D.C. on April 8, 2000.

It takes a special individual to participate in marching band. You must be a team player, sacrificing the needs of the individual for the collective interests of the unit. You must be diligent, precise, dedicated, and focused. The many hours of practice can tax even the most patient of souls. The North Olmsted marching band has made a special mark on the North

Olmsted community and their experience will serve them well, as both fond memories of their trip and in knowing that their efforts have brought pleasure to their audiences.

I ask you fellow colleagues to join me in honoring The North Olmsted High School Marching Band and Eaglets for their hard work and dedication.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLARENCE GRANGE NO. 892

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 100th Anniversary of Clarence Grange No. 892.

More than 250 years ago, George Washington wrote "I know of no pursuit in which more real and important services can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture." Despite the passing of the centuries between our generation and that of our Founding Fathers, their wisdom is eternal.

Since its conception as an agricultural organization, the Grange has grown to be much more than that. It reflects and embraces the spirit of fellowship, community, faith and family.

For the past 100 years, Clarence members have embodied the purposes and the principles of the Grange—"meeting together, talking together, working together," striving to "secure harmony, good will and brotherhood."

As a longtime member of the Grange myself, I've seen the great work they do, their commitment to community, and devotion to faith and family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in extending both our heartiest congratulations on the 100th birthday of Clarence Grange No. 892, and our sincerest best wishes for continued success as they begin another century of service to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, due to an error by the House Tally Clerk, I was incorrectly shown as voting "no" on rollcall No. 103, and "not voting" on rollcall No. 104. I was present during both rollcall votes and during voting for rollcall No. 103, I voted "yes", and during rollcall No. 104, I voted "no."

HONORING DR. SAMI REPISHTI ON HIS SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, today I honor and congratulate an exemplary constituent of mine,

Dr. Sami Repishti, on his seventy-fifth birthday. Throughout his life, Dr. Repishti has been dedicated to fighting human rights violations to which he has been long exposed.

Dr. Repishti was born in Shkoder, Albania in 1925. He and his family were victims of Italian fascist and Nazi terrorism. Despite being arrested and jailed for "pro-American" activities, Dr. Repishti immigrated to the United States in 1962. He continued his college education and eventually received a Doctorate in French in 1977 from the City University of New York and the University of Paris, France. From 1966 to 1991, he taught French and Italian in the Malverne Public School System, serving as District Chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages from 1976 to 1991, and from 1976 to 1991 was an adjunct professor at Adelphi University. He retired in 1991 after a dedicated and fruitful teaching career.

After his retirement, Dr. Repishti founded the National Albanian American Council in 1996 and served as its president until 1998. This organization is dedicated to fighting for freedom and human rights for all Albanians. He has testified before the United States Congress several times, and nobly represented the Albanian American community at the White House and Department of State. He has long been a leader of cultural and political activities and is a well-respected member of his community.

Dr. Repishti currently resides in Baldwin, New York with his wife Diane. They have two children: Daron, a physician, and Ava, a lawyer.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to represent such a respectable man. Dr. Repishti's life should serve as an example for all Americans. It is my pleasure and honor to congratulate Dr. Sami Repishti on his birthday and to sincerely offer him my best wishes.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER EDMUNETTE PACZESNY, HILBERT COLLEGE PRESIDENT

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to pay tribute to my longtime friend and colleague, Sister Edmunette Paczesny, who this evening will be formally recognized and honored for her 25 years of service as president of Hilbert College.

I've had the true pleasure of working closely with Sister Edmunette as a Councilman and Supervisor for the Town of Hamburg where Hilbert is located, and during these past 8 years as a Member of this Honorable Body.

Throughout the past 25 years, Sister Edmunette's tenure as president has been distinguished through the expansion from a 2-year to a 4-year institution. She has seen the college grow, with the completion of Franciscan Hall. A year ago, she added an economic crime investigation degree program, which is one of only two such degree programs nationwide.

Sister Edmunette's long-standing affiliation with Hilbert began in 1962, when she served