

15 and 0 season. The game was highlighted by a gifted performance by a young man named Reid McKinney, who earned honors as the game's most valuable player. McKinney displayed great talent and leadership exemplary of all his teammates on both sides of the ball, throwing three touchdowns and running for three more, including a fumble recovery for a touchdown that sealed the game.

Their impressive 26-year-old head coach, Bo Hembree, led and inspired his team to perform at a championship level throughout the season. With each game, these young men demonstrated amazing hard work, dedication, and character. I commend the entire team and the coaching staff both collectively and as individuals for a remarkable season, and I applaud Coach Hembree for instilling in his players the characteristics of leaders and champions that they will be able to draw from for the rest of their lives.

These students and their success are a tribute to their parents, their school, and the entire Warren community. Not only the coaches and players, but also the band, cheerleaders, students, teachers, and all those who supported this team can take pride in their role in bringing about this accomplishment. I congratulate Warren High School and the city of Warren as they celebrate this momentous achievement.

A TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER
WILLIAM EBBS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Commander William Ebbs, who provided invaluable service to Congress on national security issues for two years as a congressional liaison in the Office of the Navy's Director of Budget, and who will soon be on the front lines of our nation's defense as commander of a submarine.

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, CDR Ebbs enlisted in the Navy in May 1976. He completed boot camp at the Naval Training Center, San Diego and attended Nuclear Power Training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Florida. At the completion of his qualification as a nuclear propulsion plant operator, he was assigned to USS *Von Steuben* SSBN 632, a Lafayette class fleet ballistic missile submarine. After four strategic patrols on *Von Steuben*, he was detailed in 1979 as a member of the ship's refueling/overhaul crew. It was during this time that CDR Ebbs applied for and was accepted to participate in the Navy Enlisted Commissioning Program. Under this program, CDR Ebbs attended Auburn University and graduated with honors with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering.

Commissioned an Ensign after attending Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, CDR Ebbs was designated a submarine officer and assigned to the USS *Key West* SSN 722, then the Navy's newest Los Angeles Class Fast Attack submarine. During this time, the Commander, Submarine Squadron Eight, recognized him as the "1989 Junior Officer of the Year."

After a tour in the Manpower division on the Staff of the Commander, Submarine Force, US Atlantic Fleet, he attended the Submarine Office Advanced Course and was assigned as the Chief Engineer on USS *Atlanta* SSN 712, a Los Angeles class submarine stationed in Norfolk, Virginia.

Following a tour as the submarine special operations officer at the United States Atlantic Command, CDR Ebbs was assigned as Executive Officer of USS *West Virginia* SSGN 736, a Trident class Fleet Ballistic Missile submarine stationed in Kings Bay, Georgia.

In the spring of 1999, CDR Ebbs was assigned to the Office of the Navy's Director of Budget as a Congressional Liaison. During his time as a Congressional Liaison, CDR Ebbs provided invaluable support to me, the Appropriations Committee, and the various Members and personal staff of the Subcommittee on Defense. He displayed a unique ability to explain complex military requirements in the context of an appropriations framework, serving this Committee well and reflecting great credit on the Department of the Navy. CDR Ebbs left the Office of the Navy's Director of Budget earlier this year for a new assignment.

Mr. Speaker, I have the great honor to inform the Members of the Committee and the Congress that on January 11, 2002, CDR William Ebbs will take Command of the Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine USS *Louisiana* stationed in Kings Bay, Georgia. We thank him, his wife Patricia, and their boys Arthur and Parker, for their years of service and sacrifice. We wish William God's speed and protection.

HONORING DR. THEODORE LORING,
M.D., OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Theodore W. Loring of Humboldt County, California, who is being honored with the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Redwood Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Loring served his country in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1948, attaining the rank of Captain. In 1951, he began his obstetrics practice in Eureka, California, and since that time he has delivered over 5,000 babies in the community. He and his wife Ruth have raised four fine sons of their own and enjoy five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dr. Loring has consistently gone beyond the call of duty to serve his profession. He is the founder and past President of the Humboldt Del Norte Foundation for Medical Care. He has held a variety of offices with the California Medical Society, including Secretary, Councilor, Member of the House of Delegates, Program Planner and Moderator and Chairman of the OB-GYN section. He has served with distinction on the American Medical Association and the Pacific Coast OB-GYN Society. Additionally, Dr. Loring is Chairman and Director Emeritus of the Union Labor Hospital Association Board, and he has served on the Board

of Directors of Blue Shield of California and as a Director and Secretary of the Norcal Mutual Insurance Company.

The unparalleled work Dr. Loring accomplished in his professional career is matched by his dedication to service within the community. He has been an active member of numerous organizations including the Rotary Club of Eureka, the Boy Scouts of America, Christ Episcopal Church, KEET Public Television and the Salvation Army. His vision, enthusiasm, and commitment are admired throughout Humboldt County.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Theodore W. Loring, M.D. for his leadership and commitment to the well being of the citizens and community of Humboldt County, California.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2001

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, due to business in my District, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall No. 499, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3379, the Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building; and rollcall No. 500 on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3054, the True American Heroes Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 499 and 500.

JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE OF
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2001

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and commend the Junior Service League of Panama City, Florida as that group celebrates its 50th anniversary of service to our community. The Junior Service League is a remarkable organization, dedicated to training women for leadership in serving their communities. It is committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The women of Panama City have certainly demonstrated during the past half century that hard work and good spirits can make a powerful difference in the community that we live in.

The Junior Service League of Panama City was founded on October 12, 1951 and had twenty charter members. The founding members' goals were to foster interest in the social, economic, educational, cultural, and civic conditions of the community; to promote the interest of its members in volunteer service to the community; and to work in harmony with the policies of the Association of Junior Leagues. The group began making a strong impact then, and I am proud to report that their work