

The vision, leadership, and caring spirit of Jack Anderson will be sorely missed not only by our East Ramapo community, but by thousands of students and parents throughout Rockland County.

Author Horace Mann once wrote, "The common school, improved and energized as it can easily be, may become the most effective and benignant of all the forces of civilization." Thanks to Jack Anderson, our East Ramapo schools are improved and energized, and it is our children, the future of our Nation, who have benefitted.

CONGRATULATING LIONEL D. BROWN WINNER OF CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, after weeks of deliberation, I am pleased to announce Lionel D. Brown, of Bolivar County, Mississippi, as the winner of "Artistic Discovery 2001". This annual art competition is a real opportunity for our students all over Mississippi's Second Congressional District, which encompasses twenty-four counties, to showcase their talents. I was not surprised to see that we have a lot of young talented artist in the district. Lionel's magnificent block print painting, titled "A Long Journey Ahead" edged out the stiff competition to win this years contest. This year we had seventy-four entries from worthy participants. I am sure the judges had a tough job choosing just one. I am proud of Lionel and I will take great pleasure in displaying his artwork in the Capitol subway for all to see.

Lionel spent several months in preparation and effort in order to complete his piece. He is to be commended, not only on his winning piece, but on his success in life to date. Lionel is a recent graduate of East Side High School and plans to attend a college somewhere in the State next year. I urge him to apply and hopefully attend my alma mater Tougaloo College in Central Mississippi. He would be a welcomed addition.

Lionel is not only a talented artist, he is also a superb baseball player. He plans to pursue both of these endeavors in the future, where ever he goes. I wish Lionel the best and I am confident that he will do well in his "Long Journey Ahead".

HONORING THE NATIONAL ACADEMIC TEAM OF THOMPSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Thompson Intermediate School National Academic Team, on the occasion of recent victory in the National Academic League Finals.

The National Academic League is a nationwide contest between middle school academic teams that is set up like an athletic game. Each competition is broken into four quarters, and students answer questions about math, science, social studies, and language arts. The competition is a fun and educational way to develop fundamental skills.

Thompson Intermediate School's victory marks their third championship and fifth trip to the National finals. The victorious 7th and 8th graders included Tiffany Lily, Vishal Patel, Christine Tran, Van Nguyen, Lam Lei, Wesley Bennett, Minh Bui, Ana Lopez, Justin Lai, Courtney Grimes, Grace Kim, Michael Cole, Adrian Ingalls, Tracie Thompson, Rustain Abedinzadch, Ryan Fox, Ryan Dawson, Bruce Lee, Henry Dao, and Richard Quach. The team was under the veteran leadership of coach Carolyn Carmichael, and Thompson Intermediate School Principal Greg Jones.

The finals were the culmination of hard work and rigorous training by the students. The Pasadena School District, the only Texas school district to compete, adopted the program in 1993 in order to motivate students and encourage academic achievement. After thirteen matches with the nine other district teams, Thompson went on to the National Competition with the strong support of all of their classmates. The students prepared for the competition in a separate National Academic League class. This advanced level class prepared the students for competition with a fast-paced and diversified curriculum.

Mr. Speaker, the members of the Thompson Intermediate National Academic League Team have seen their dreams and hard work come to fruition as they have captured the National title. I applaud the hard work and diligence of these students, and wish them continued success in their studies.

TRIBUTE TO THE FULLER HAMLET UNDER-11 GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Sutton, Massachusetts in celebrating the success and triumph of the Fuller Hamlet Under-11 Girls Soccer Team. On Sunday, June 10, 2001 the girls won the Massachusetts State Championship by defeating Charles River United by the score of 1-0.

The achievement is impressive in itself, considering the fact that these young women were able to band together and earn an honorable achievement at such an early age. Attaining a championship is a feat that is cherished by all athletes, yet even at the professional level of sport not all are able to understand the exultation and excitement that these young women have just enjoyed. It is also worth mentioning that the Under-11 Girls team has joined the great tradition of winning, which has made the Fuller Harrilet organization a perennial force in girls soccer.

I would like to recognize the contributions of each individual who has taken part in such an

exceptional accomplishment. The team was comprised of 17 players: Ashley Cubbedge, Erin Fleury, Brenna Flynn, Heather Gosnell, Karina Gregoire, Caitlin Lachowski, Marissa McCann, Robin Deschke, Rachel Norberg, Lauren O'Connor, Briana Paris, Melissa Stomski, Courtney Sturgis, Alexandra Tauras, Courtney Talcott, Nfichelle Cavalieni, and Suzanne Jensen. Recognition must also be extended to the head coach, Marc Bowden, whose prominence was clearly demonstrated by guiding these young ladies to the Under-11 Massachusetts State Championship.

Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pride that I acknowledge the outstanding young women athletes of the Under-11 Fuller Hamlet Girls Soccer Team for a noteworthy season. I congratulate them, with great promise of future excellence, on their most exceptional accomplishment and wish them the best of luck in years to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HARRY FORD, BRIAN FAHEY AND JOHN DOWNING

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of 3 New York Firefighters, the bravest of the brave. This past Father's Day, Harry Ford, Brian Fahey and John Downing died in the service of New York. These men were prepared for and paid the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives to save others. Far too often the courage and selflessness of firefighters go unnoticed and unrewarded. Unfortunately, it takes a tragic fire in Astoria, Queens, to remind us of just how important they are. Firefighters personify courage and all that we as a nation hold dear. My prayers are with their families and their fellow firefighters. They will be missed but not forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN L. STOKESBERRY ON THE CELEBRATION OF HIS RETIREMENT ON JUNE 21, 2001

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2001

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a distinct privilege to rise and pay tribute to one of my community's unsung heroes, Mr. John L. Stokesberry, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County Alliance for Aging, Inc. His friends and admirers will honor him on June 21, 2001 at a retirement dinner in Miami, Florida in recognition of the longevity of his service to the elder citizens of Florida.

Mr. Stokesberry is truly one of the noblest public servants of my community. Having dedicated a major portion of his life to making the health care system work on behalf of Florida's senior citizens, he has been relentless in his development of innovative elderly service programs that responded to the crying needs of