

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF DR. FRANK SPLITT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the work of Dr. Frank Splitt, a McCormick Faculty Fellow at Northwestern University. As a member of The Drake Group, Dr. Splitt has worked to bring attention to the need for reform in college athletics. I would like to submit this article, "Why Congress Should Review Policies that Facilitate the Growth and Corruption of Big-Time College Sports" for the review of my colleagues. I hope that during this session of Congress we can begin to work to improve the system for the sake of our athletes, teachers, fans, and entire educational system.

"Why Congress Should Review Policies that Facilitate the Growth and Corruption of Big-Time College Sports" by Dr. Frank Splitt

Despite many wakeup calls and warnings over the years, the situation with big-time college sports is much worse than many could ever have imagined. Two questions loom large: What's going on? And, where are the people who are willing to speak the truth about the academic corruption spawned by the college-sports entertainment colossus and to do something about it? To find the answer to the first question, one need only look at the usual suspect—money. Big money, together with greed, avid sports fans, an apathetic public, and governmental policies make college sports a lucrative and growing tax-free business enterprise. Key enablers for the continuing growth of this business are higher education professionals in a state of denial over the unflattering reality of academic corruption, a relatively ineffectual NCAA, and facilitating government policies involving privacy law and the subsidy of athletic departments and favorable tax treatment of related projects.

The Drake Group (TDG), a grass-roots faculty organization, provides a partial answer to the second question. It works on the premise that college sports aren't themselves evil, but rather, it's the related academic corruption that should be exposed and eliminated. TDG has sponsored the publication of two papers on college-sports reform, "Reclaiming Academic Primacy in Higher Education," and a sequel, "The Faculty-Driven Movement to Reform Big-Time College Sports," see www.ece.northwestern.edu/EXTERNAL/Splitt/. The first paper served as another wakeup call to university presidents, trustees, administrators and faculties. The sequel focused on a TDG initiative to help restore academic integrity by working to change the Family Educational Rights and Privacy of 1974 (FERPA)—also known as the Buckley Amendment.

As an unintended consequence of the Buckley Amendment, evidence of academic corruption and shenanigans in big-time college sports are hidden from real public scrutiny and the NCAA and schools (via waivers) can exploit and control their athletes while only releasing news favorable to themselves.

In their Wisconsin Law Review article, "Cleaning Up Buckley: How The Family Edu-

cational Rights and Privacy Act Shields Academic Corruption In College Athletics," Matthew Salzwedel and Jon Ericson make a compelling case for simple changes that would permit an appropriate level of disclosure. It is my view that those changes would lead to exposure of institutional misbehavior via publication of information about the academic courses that athletes take, as well as their choice of professors and academic majors. Over time, that disclosure would work to ensure that college athletes are getting a legitimate college education.

Changes to the Buckley Amendment require governmental intervention. TDG made a formal request for a review of the amendment to LeRoy S. Rooker, Director of the U.S. Department of Education Family Policy Compliance Office. In his response, Director Rooker stated that TDG's concerns were largely those that can only be addressed by Congress. Follow up with the chairs of the appropriate Congressional Committees has been initiated by TDG.

It should be clear that, no matter how bad college sports related scandals may become, how appropriate any one of a number of reform measures may be, or, how intense the urging of the Knight Commission, there is little likelihood that these kinds of measures would be adopted on a voluntary basis. The reason is simple: Universal adoption would likely prove to be successful in curbing the rampant excesses of the college sports and level the playing field, but put at risk the big, tax-free money flow into the NCAA cartel. Substantive reform measures all seem to make sense to the reform minded, but not to those that are to be reformed—setting the stage for endless debate. Nothing of consequence happens.

The NCAA's proposed reforms in the wake of the University of Colorado-Boulder recruiting scandal came under critical review at a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on May 18, 2004. That hearing, titled "Supporting Our Intercollegiate Student-Athletes: Proposed NCAA Reforms" was called to examine the NCAA response to the recruiting practices and policies of intercollegiate athletics. The Subcommittee expressed concern that some of the NCAA's new proposals don't go far enough and mentioned a possible motivational tool for Congress to get what it wants: the tax-exempt status of NCAA programs. Those remarks spawn hope that the NCAA and its members will be forced to pay serious attention to reform and enforcement as well as tell the truth about their financial operations.

With a public now fatigued with terrorist related threats and numbed by grievous wrongdoing, scandals, and cover ups in their financial and political worlds, the challenge for Congress is to take on the tasks of working for disclosure via "cleaning up Buckley"—penetrating the closed society of higher education and its "See no evil, Speak no evil, Hear no evil," modus operandi—and calling for an IRS audit of the NCAA cartel. When buttressed by compelling arguments for reform and intensive scrutiny by the media, these efforts can surmount the formidable barriers that have thus far shielded intercollegiate athletics from serious reform.

IN MEMORY OF HON. GLENN BOX

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, Mr. HENSARLING and I rise to honor the memory of the late Honorable Glenn Box. Glenn served his fellow citizens with distinction on the Dallas City Council from 1989 to 1995. We are greatly saddened by his passing, as Dallas lost one of its strongest advocates to cancer.

Glenn passed away from a rare form of cancer, mesothelioma, on February 17, 2005 at Baylor University Medical Center. We mourn the loss of such a great civic leader for the people of Dallas. At the age of thirty, Glenn had already been elected to the Dallas City Council, and would serve as the chairman of the Public Safety Committee from 1991 to 1995. Upon his retirement from public service, Glenn joined the Coca-Cola Company and most recently served as a regional vice-president for Coke sales throughout eleven Midwestern states.

Glenn was born and raised in Dallas, graduating from W.T. White High School and then attended Southern Methodist University for his undergraduate degree. After earning his law degree from the University of Texas at Austin, he returned to Dallas to join the law firm of Jackson & Walker.

In addition to his loving wife and mother, Glenn is survived by his two sons and his brother and sister. We join the Box family in honoring the memory of Glenn's life and his tireless service to improving the lives of the citizens of Dallas.

CODIFICATION OF TITLE 46 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE "SHIPPING"

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to complete the codification of title 46, United States Code, "Shipping", as positive law. This bill is an updated version of H.R. 4319 which was introduced in the 108th Congress.

This bill has been prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives in accordance with 2 U.S.C. 285b(1). That Office received comments on the predecessor bill and made appropriate changes which are reflected in this bill.

Questions about this bill should be addressed to Richard B. Simpson, Senior Counsel, Office of the Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, H2-304 Ford House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. The telephone number is 202-226-9059. Additional information can be found on the Law Revision Counsel website at <http://uscode.house.gov/cod/t46>.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SAN MARCOS CITY COUNCILMAN JOHN A. DIAZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of San Marcos City Councilman John A. Diaz, of my Congressional District.

John Diaz is lifelong resident of San Marcos and has been an active participant in the community throughout his lifetime. He is a proud graduate of San Marcos High School, and also attended the Austin School of Fine Arts. He is an inspiring businessman, and is the self-employed owner of Sign-Arts.

Mr. Diaz works constantly to ensure the people of San Marcos, Texas get the services they need from the local government. John is a board member of the San Marcos Area Chamber of Commerce and San Marcos Hispanic Chamber Board of Directors.

John has served on the City Planning and Zoning Commission, the Central Texas Higher Education Authority, and the San Marcos School Board. He has been a constant fixture of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). Throughout his years with the organization he has served as President, State Secretary, and District Director.

Mr. Speaker, Councilman John A. Diaz understands the concerns of the citizens, small businesses and everything else that is the great city of San Marcos. It is because of this connection with the populace and his long standing record of public service that I am proud to let the people know of the commitment of John Diaz to the community.

A TRIBUTE TO ALICE LAN-HUA HWANG 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2005

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women during the month of March. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an outstanding woman in my Congressional District, Alice Lan-Hua Hwang. For many years, Alice has brought an abounding spirit and energy to her service in the community. Those fortunate enough to meet and work with Alice instantly recognize her dedication and commitment to education.

Raised in a diplomatic family, Alice lived in Asia and Latin America before coming to the United States in 1967 when her father was assigned to the Los Angeles Chinese Consulate. Her parents, who were educators, instilled in Alice the spirit of altruism and the importance

of education. Alice received her education under 5 different educational systems on 3 continents.

Alice moved to South Pasadena, California in 1983. In 1989, Alice was elected to the South Pasadena Board of Education and was the first Asian American woman to be elected to that body. She served on the board for 8 years, serving as President for one term, until her retirement in 1997.

Together with her late husband, Dr. Karl J. Hwang, and former South Pasadena City Councilman Paul Zee, Alice co-founded the South Pasadena Chinese American Club. The club has been successful in fostering understanding between the Chinese American community and other ethnic groups, raises funds to provide grants to South Pasadena teachers, and awards college scholarships.

After her husband's untimely death, Alice returned to school and earned a multiple subjects and bi-lingual teaching credential in 1993. Currently an ESL teacher in the Adult Division of the Alhambra School District, she is also a member of the California Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages and a presenter at their annual state conference in 2003.

Alice has served as a board member of the Young Men's Christian Association, the South Pasadena Educational Foundation and the South Pasadena Chinese American Club, and on the committee to protect the South Pasadena Public Library system. She is also a volunteer for the Pacific Asia Museum and serves as an interpreter for parents in the local schools. In 1993 she received the Outstanding Woman of the Year Award from the Kiwanis Club and an award from the Los Angeles County Commission on the Status of Women in 1996.

In addition to her service to the community, Alice sings in her church choir, is a classical pianist and guitarist and a former member of the Arroyo Singers. She is the proud mother of Victor and Michael.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Alice Lan-Hua Hwang. The entire community joins me in thanking Alice for her success and continued efforts toward making the 29th Congressional District a more enjoyable place in which to live and work.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MERTIS LOUISE FLOYD SCOTT

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, Mertis Louise Floyd Scott, Deputy Chief Nurse of the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Veterans Administration Medical Center in Jackson Mississippi, passed away unexpectedly after a very short illness on October 15, 2004 at the young age of 48. She dedicated her life to the care of others and I take this opportunity to remember that life that so blessed us.

Mertis exemplified the meaning of nursing and received numerous professional awards

during her twenty-six years of service at the VA Medical Center. In May of 1989, Mertis was named recipient of the Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nursing, presented to her by Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs Edward J. Deriwinski in Washington, DC. She also received a citation from President George H.W. Bush.

Mertis held high the values of leadership and exhibited a continual quest for knowledge. She had a commitment to service through any challenge with a positive attitude.

Mr. Speaker, Mertis always remembered her faith and commitment to serve God and man. She defined her humanity by her service to patients and health providers alike. Her colleagues defined her life with these words: loving, caring, nurturing, generosity, patience, angelic personality. She was an inspiration to the lives she touched both personally and professionally. We mourn her passing, but we remember and celebrate her life.

A TRIBUTE TO PAMELA M. JUNIOR

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Pamela Mary Johnson-Junior who has committed herself to strengthening her community through her work on the Community Planning Board.

Pamela was born in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn and still resides there today. Pamela and her twin brother are the last of 10 children born to Booker T. Johnson and Ina L. Johnson.

At age 16, Pamela graduated a year early from high school and attended Long Island University. Later, she transferred to John Jay College of Criminal Justice and majored in Criminal Justice Administration and Planning.

Pamela learned at a very early age the importance of community involvement and as a teenager, she became actively involved in her Block Association. Soon thereafter, she was elected President of the Teenage Association of the 500 Decatur Street Block Association. However, her interests in politics extended beyond the local level. When Jesse Jackson ran for the Presidency of the United States, she took a two month leave of absence from her position as a Legal Assistant at one of Wall Street's top law firms, where she had been employed for over 16 years, to volunteer her services at Jesse Jackson's Bedford Stuyvesant based campaign headquarters. Nearly twenty years later, Pam continues to maintain a 50+ hour work week at the firm.

In the 1990's, Pamela became actively involved in Bedford-Stuyvesant community affairs and began attending monthly community meetings at Community Board No. 3 and at the 81st Precinct. This opportunity provided her with first-hand experience and knowledge of the needs of the community. In 1996, she was appointed to Community Planning Board No. 3 by then Borough President Howard Golden. In 2000, she was elected to the position of 2nd Vice President of the Board and in 2001 she was elected to the position of 1st