

and a charity bike ride have attracted thousands of supporters; a testament to what I'm certain was a wonderful and bright young woman.

Mr. Speaker, while the events at Platte Canyon are tragic, the Keyes family has carried the memory of their daughter and support the actions made by law enforcement that day.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WELDON'S  
SADDLE SHOP AND WESTERN  
WEAR

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Weldon Burgoon and his business, Weldon's Saddle Shop and Western Wear, for 50 years of outstanding service in the Denton community.

Weldon Burgoon began hand-tooling leather goods during his teenage years while attending a class at Sanger High School, in the 26th District of Texas. There he met and later married his wife, Joy. His own business evolved after hand-tooling leather belts as a side job to working in his father's plumbing business. After opening its doors on the outskirts of Denton in 1957, today Mr. Burgoon's saddles are known worldwide for their quality and craftsmanship.

Mr. Burgoon's generosity and commitment to the Denton community has remained strong during the past 50 years. His shop is a principal supporter of the Denton County Livestock Association's Annual Youth Fair and Rodeo. Weldon's Saddle Shop is a family affair and will continue its successes under the capable assistance of his daughter Kippie Wilkerson, and her two sons.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand here today and congratulate the 50th year of business for Weldon's Saddle Shop and Western Wear. I am honored to serve Mr. Weldon Burgoon in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF LT.  
TOM BROWN

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Lt. Tom Brown, my high school classmate, who died in service to his country on the 20th day of November, 1944, during combat in World War II. Having recently celebrated Veterans Day, we remember and honor the brave men and women who have sacrificed for this country. These veterans, such as Lt. Brown, gave their lives in the defense of those freedoms that we enjoy today.

On the 19th of November, 1944, American forces were attacking positions in and around Schleiden, Germany. Part of Company "K" became pinned down under heavy enemy fire

and was in danger of suffering heavy casualties. Lt. Brown, a platoon leader at the time, recognized the gravity of the situation and leapt to his feet. Shouting words of encouragement to his men, he charged the enemy, firing as he ran. Upon seeing this courageous example set by their leader in the face of the enemy, the rest of the men followed his lead and took up the assault. So surprised was the enemy that a large number were either destroyed or taken prisoner. Led by Lt. Brown, the platoon moved into its' sector of the town with a minimum of casualties. On the basis of these heroic actions, Lt. Brown was recommended for the Silver Star.

Tragically, the following day, while attacking Neidermer, Lt. Brown, leading his men, was moving through the left side of the town when an enemy machine gun opened fire from a basement window and killed him instantly. Although his men immediately destroyed the enemy position, his loss was a great blow to the Battalion and was keenly felt by the men.

In a letter to his family, Lt. Col. Roger S. Whiteford noted, "The courage, initiative, leadership, and indomitable fortitude displayed by Lt. Brown at the time definitely saved the lives of some of his men and materially aided in the successful continuation of the attack. By his outstanding devotion to duty in accomplishing these heroic deeds, Lt. Brown gained the greatest respect and admiration of all the officers and men and the Battalion mourns his loss not only as that of a highly capable and exceptional leader but also as a true friend."

Lt. Tom Brown reminds us of the great sacrifices made by the many men and women of our armed services who regard the safety of this nation more highly than their own personal comfort and safety. I ask my colleagues to honor the service of one who gave his life in service to our Nation—Lt. Tom Brown.

RECOGNIZING UNC'S NATIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIP IN WOMEN'S SOC-  
CER

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Women's Soccer Team. Under the leadership of Head Coach Anson Dorrance, the team won its 18th National Championship on Sunday, December 3, defeating Notre Dame 2-1.

The Lady Tar Heels won 27 games in a row on their way to claiming the championship trophy. Led by senior Heather O'Reilly and freshman Casey Nogueira, this outstanding group of athletes was the embodiment of tenacity, determination, and teamwork. Their passion, talent, and success have inspired us all, and they have been the perfect role models for younger female athletes all across our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize Coach Anson Dorrance. In the 27 years that women's soccer has been an official NCAA Division 1 collegiate sport, Coach Dorrance has led the UNC women's soccer team to an astounding 18 National Championships. To

put this number in perspective, John Wooden, legendary coach of the UCLA men's basketball team and one of the greatest coaches of all time in any sport, coached his team to 10 National Championships. Coach Anson Dorrance's success is truly unprecedented, and it is a testament to his remarkable leadership, vision, and skills.

The women's soccer program at UNC-Chapel Hill has a long and distinguished history of winning and producing some of the best soccer talent in the world. Mia Hamm, Cindy Parlow, Lori Chalupny, and a host of other players started at UNC before going on to excel in national and international competitions like the FIFA World Cup. The players on the 2006 team are no exception. Today, I officially congratulate the Lady Tar Heels for winning the 2006 NCAA Championship, and I wish them the best as they continue to be leaders of women's collegiate soccer.

REMEMBERING AMBASSADOR  
JEANE J. KIRKPATRICK

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, we learned some sad news this morning. Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, the first woman appointed to serve as permanent representative of the United States to the United Nations and as a member of President Reagan's cabinet and National Security Council, passed away yesterday at age 80. At the time of her death, Ambassador Kirkpatrick was a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) for Public Policy Research.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with our colleagues the following statement posted today on the Web site of AEI:

IN MEMORIAM: JEANE J. KIRKPATRICK, 1926-  
2006

AEI senior fellow Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, who joined the Institute in 1978, died yesterday. As a young political scientist at Georgetown University, Kirkpatrick wrote the first major study of the role of women in modern politics, *Political Woman*, which was published in 1974. Her work on the McGovern-Fraser Commission, which was formed in the aftermath of the Democratic Party's tumultuous 1968 convention and changed the way party delegates were chosen, led to *Dismantling the Parties: Reflections on Party Reform and Party Decomposition*, which AEI published in 1978.

Yet it was an essay written for *Commentary* magazine in 1979, "Dictatorships and Double Standards" (later expanded into a full-length book), that launched her into the political limelight. In the article, Kirkpatrick chronicled the failures of the Carter administration's foreign policy and argued for a clearer understanding of the American national interest. Her essay matched Ronald Reagan's instincts and convictions, and when he became president, he appointed her to represent the United States at the United Nations. Ambassador Kirkpatrick was a member of the president's cabinet and the National Security Council. The United States has lost a great patriot and champion of freedom, and AEI mourns our beloved colleague.