

When it came time to recruit players, Coach Woodard made good on his promise to attract local talent. Nine of his starters come from the area and he has eleven additional local backups. Leading the offense is Quarterback Andre Bevil, who played high school football a short drive down the road at West Orange-Stark. The defense is headed by former West Brook High School standout Jacody Coleman. Lamar is a young team with no senior starters, leaving the Cardinals with a bright future.

The Cardinals opened their returning season in Lake Charles, Louisiana, with a nail-biting 30-27 loss to longtime rival and nationally ranked McNeese State University. There was little time to lament, as the following week was sure to be one of the biggest events in Southeast Texas sports history—the return of football to Lamar University.

As I made my way through the Lamar campus on September 11, the sights I saw amazed me. Fans wearing red and white were lined up as far as the eye can see, enjoying the spirit of community that only college football can bring. I met some alumni who had been there battling the intense Texas heat since noon, others who flew in from across the Nation to witness the first home game in 21 years.

By kickoff time, the standing room only crowd of 16,600 was as loud and excited as I have ever seen. Less than two minutes into the game, Quarterback Bevil hit wide receiver J.J. Hayes for a 25-yard touchdown pass that had the newly remodeled Provost Umphrey stadium rocking. The Warriors evened the score at 7-7 in the first quarter. Then, both defenses stood strong, not allowing a score until Bevil threw a 57-yard touchdown pass to receiver Kendrick Prejean towards the end of the third quarter. In the end, the Cardinals prevailed 21-14, lead by Bevil and another local talent, former Lumberton running back Cody Hussey on the offense. Linebacker Asim Hick led the defense with 8 tackles and a sack.

Madam Speaker, after years of rumors and false starts, football has returned to Lamar University in grand fashion. The team is loaded with local, talented players. They have beautiful new facilities that help bring in the “big game” college experience. I am proud to celebrate the hard work that numerous people put in to bring college football back to Lamar University. I wish them the best of luck in the future. Finally, GO BIG RED!!

And that's the way it is.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
NASA'S OBSERVANCE OF 2010
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of NASA Glenn Research Center's annual observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, which was organized by the Hispanic Advisory Group at NASA Glenn. As employees at NASA celebrate the heritage, culture and numerous contributions of Hispanic Americans in Greater Cleveland and throughout our

country, we reflect on this year's theme: “Heritage, Diversity, Integrity and Honor; The Renewed Hope of America.”

Americans of Hispanic descent have served our country in numerous ways. Their rich and diverse culture has touched the life of every American and has been an invaluable component of Cleveland's diverse social fabric.

I also rise in honor of this year's keynote speaker, NASA astronaut Jose M. Hernandez, who was part of the crew aboard the space shuttle flight, *Discovery*, from liftoff on August 28, through touchdown on September 11, 2009. His leadership and expertise in the fields of chemical, computer and electrical engineering have promoted great strides in several areas of scientific study.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, of the NASA Glenn Research Center and of Astronaut, Jose Hernandez. The innumerable contributions made by Hispanic Americans have added immeasurably to NASA Glenn's unparalleled global record of success.

HONORING LAKE PARSIPPANY
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company, District #3 located in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

In 1935, a group of concerned citizens, recognizing the need for fire protection in the Lake Parsippany area, began taking steps toward the formation of the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company. The Fire Company was formally organized in early September with incorporation formalities approved on November 2, 1935.

Determined to start the company off successfully, members loaned money to purchase some fire equipment and a committee was formed to investigate the possibility of purchasing a used fire truck. By December 1935, just one month after organizing, the company had acquired its first fire truck from the Livingston Fire Company. The Morris Plains Fire Association provided fire rings with which to summon members to a fire.

In the early days, meetings were held in the residences of Mr. Peter Yeager and Mr. Edward Flanagan. The Lake Parsippany Property Owners Association Club House eventually became the gathering place.

After establishing a place to meet, the next step members took was to obtain a suitable location to house the fire truck. Land was purchased from the New York Daily Mirror and construction was started on the firehouse in August 1936. Through the efforts of its members organizing dances and raffles and the help from generous contributors, the Fire Company had become a fully functioning fire company just one year after organizing.

Shortly after their first anniversary in December 1936, the Fire Company welcomed

the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company. The Auxiliary performed remarkable work for the firefighters and are credited with the company's steadfast progress. The Ladies Auxiliary spent many nights supplying hot coffee in the freezing weather while the members were engaged with firefighting duties.

The passing years have seen continued improvements for the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company. In the year 2002, the company moved across the street to their new home. However, the old firehouse still continues to serve the community as a substation for the Parsippany Rescue and Recovery Unit. In 2007 the Company added a 75 ft. Pierce Ladder Truck.

The Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company continues to welcome new members into an organization dedicated to protecting their community and living out their motto: “Neighbor protecting and helping neighbor.”

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company, District #3 as they celebrate 75 years of community service.

RECOGNIZING REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA'S
AMBASSADOR CAROLINA BARCO

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks on my own behalf and on behalf of my fellow co-chairs of the Congressional Colombia Caucus which includes Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART, Representative HENRY CUELLAR, and Representative AARON SCHOCK. As co-chairs of the Caucus, we recognize today the tremendous work and legacy of the Republic of Colombia's outgoing Ambassador to the United States, Carolina Barco. Since 2006 Ambassador Barco has been an exemplary representative of the government and people of Colombia. She has worked tirelessly to deepen the ties between the United States and the nation of Colombia, a key South American ally.

Ambassador Carolina Barco has been an effective advocate on behalf of her country ensuring that we are well aware of the many ways that the United States can support a promising vision for the future and the continued progress of our ally, to the benefit of our entire hemisphere. There has been much progress for us to support. While she has been Ambassador to the United States, we have seen evidence of the commitment of Colombia to continue efforts to reestablish and maintain government control over its territory, fight drug trafficking and terrorist activities, reduce poverty, and become a more inclusive society. Despite Colombia's decades long conflict with guerrilla forces and paramilitary groups, public security has been restored in many areas previously under siege, and a stable environment for investment has been created.

As Ambassador Barco passes the baton to her successor, we know that her country is on