

The 2004 McGraw High School Girls Soccer team members include: Roster: Sarah Bilodeau, Taryn Bilodeau, Laura Buerkle, Monica Byron, Caroline Byrne, Megan Camillo, Jamie Harriger, Rachel Harriger, Natasha Ignatowski, Ashley McAdam, Allison Murray, Christy Mott, Diane Ralyea, Amanda Reynolds, Heather Rogers, Jen Rutan, Amanda Stevens, Sandra Suomikallio, and Kaci Williams. Coach: John Rutan, Assistant Coach: Kathy Rutan.

A TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN C.W. BILL YOUNG AT THE CLOSE OF HIS REMARKABLE TENURE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**HON. KATHERINE HARRIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 6, 2004*

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my distinguished friend and Florida colleague, Congressman C.W. BILL YOUNG, as he concludes his remarkable tenure as Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations.

During his 17 terms in Congress, Chairman YOUNG has set the benchmark for integrity, compassion, and diligence in serving his constituents, our State, and our Nation. With his steady hand at its tiller, the Appropriations Committee has remained a sanctuary of comity and productivity as it navigated the heavy winds of terrorism, recession, the stock market crash, and corporate scandals, as well as the budgetary pressures that these crises produced.

Of course, we Floridians were extremely fortunate that this island of calm resolve was serving as Appropriations Chairman when our State suffered the devastating, unprecedented blows of four hurricanes earlier this year. Within days after we returned from the August District Work Period, Chairman YOUNG built a consensus around a \$2 billion relief package that the victims of this disaster desperately needed—just as FEMA's available funds were exhausted.

During our consideration of the subsequent \$12.6 billion supplemental relief bill, the pressure to include other disasters naturally arose. Exhibiting the same empathy and fairness that served as the hallmark of his chairmanship, Chairman YOUNG managed to address these concerns while achieving swift passage of this legislation.

Our Nation has been just as fortunate that Chairman YOUNG headed the Appropriations Committee as we confronted the daunting challenges of a changed world in the aftermath of September 11. A veteran of the Army National Guard, Chairman YOUNG has garnered national recognition for his expertise on defense and security issues. He had previously chaired the House Appropriations Subcommittee on National Security, and he has served the longest term on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of any member in history.

While ensuring that our military has the best resources available to fight the War on Terror, Chairman YOUNG has always placed his highest priority upon the men and women who risk their lives to preserve our freedom. He regu-

larly meets with enlisted personnel and officers to assess their needs. As a result of his unflinching efforts on their behalf, Congress has invested in improved base housing, better medical care, increased pay, and more modern equipment.

Chairman YOUNG has also successfully fought for the health security of every American. A leading advocate for increased biomedical research, he has worked to double Federal medical research over 5 years. He has striven to increase the immunization rate for preschoolers, improve public health programs, and provide the resources necessary to find cures for scourges like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases.

In 1986, Chairman YOUNG played a leading role in founding a national registry for bone marrow donors, which now bears his name in his honor. Today, the registry contains more than 4 million volunteer donors for patients with leukemia and other life-threatening diseases and serves as a model for similar diseases around the world.

Mr. Speaker, we look forward to many more years of effective, caring service from this dedicated public servant, who exemplifies the appellation, "the gentleman from Florida."

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO'S MEN'S AND WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPION CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 6, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams of the University of Colorado for claiming the NCAA National Championship titles on November 22, 2004.

While the University of Colorado has won the title for both teams before, the men's squad in 2001 and the women's team in 2000, never before have teams of the university claimed both titles in the same year. In fact, this remarkable feat has happened only four times in NCAA cross country history. Both teams achieved their goal of winning the national championship by all five of the female runners finishing in the top thirty, and all five of the male runners in the top fifty.

These athletes are the epitome of dedication and hard work. I join the University of Colorado in taking pride in this noteworthy accomplishment.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these student athletes and ask all our colleagues to join me in congratulating the University of Colorado Men's and Women's Cross Country Team on their National Championships.

HONORING 35 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 6, 2004*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Martin Luther King Observance Committee of Morristown, New Jersey in

my Congressional District, which this year is celebrating its 35th Anniversary.

The Committee, a local public service group, has solicited the involvement of the total Morris County community, and especially its young people, in its annual services commemorating the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr. since 1970. This celebration of faith, endurance, and commitment is a tribute to the rich legacy of the life and works of Dr. King.

The Observance for 2005 marks the Twentieth year that Dr. King's birthday will be commemorated as a national holiday. As an expression of local unity and in recognition of this important event, the Martin Luther King Observance Committee is inviting the Morris Clergy Council to cooperate with the Committee in jointly sponsoring the commemorative services on Monday, January 17, 2005.

The Martin Luther King Observance Committee will use for a theme "The Dream of Peace Is Dedicated Wholly to Truth." Each of us still makes a difference. Each of us needs to trust, to hope, to care, and to have the courage to make our democracy work for all of us. Yes, today we face great uncertainty and trepidation. Nevertheless, we will pull together as a community and nation during time of crisis. We are Americans indeed.

From those individuals who spearheaded the initial celebration, the late Rachel Viola Jones and Dr. Felicia B. Jamison, the planning efforts has broadened to include members of the Morris Area Clergy Council, with representatives from all major faith traditions. In addition to the two founders, other volunteers who assisted in the early years included Emma L. Martin, George Dorsey, William "Jack" Harris, Reginald and Emanueline Smith, Flora Webb, Norman Jean Matthews, Woody Huff, Elizabeth Lubar, Cecelia Dowdy, Rabbi Z. David Levy, and Rev. Charles Marks.

The core planning committee is continuing to carry on a tradition of excellence for this great program and has grown to include dedicated volunteers. Some of those individuals include Charles Jamison, Jr., James Mack, Janet Bonar, Patricia Johnson, Esq., Barbara Klingsporn, Mae Williams, Ronnie Rogers, Elie Sims, Nadine Alston, Rabbi Donald Rossoff, James Vance, Horace Melton, Marian Sykes Johnson, Gerald Martin, Dorothy C. Parker, Agnes Boyd, Rev. Paul Ratzlaff, and Rev. Jerry M. Carter, Jr., Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I am quite certain that the Martin Luther King Observance Committee will continue in the years ahead to promote the cause of equality and educate our community in helping to promote opportunities for our young people to pursue productive, fulfilling lives. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Martin Luther King Observance Committee of Morristown as they celebrate 35 dedicated years of serving our community, and especially Chairwoman Dr. Felicia Jamison.

THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

**HON. VITO FOSSELLA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 6, 2004*

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, sixty years ago this week, one of the greatest battles of