

RECOGNIZING THE ATHLETES OF
THE XX WINTER OLYMPICS
FROM COLORADO'S THIRD CON-
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and commend the twelve Winter Olympic athletes from Colorado's Third District.

Their devotion to country and athletic excellence is truly exemplary and is deserving of our fullest respect and gratitude. And so, I honor the following persons as great athletes, great Coloradans, great Americans . . .

Gretchen Bleiler from Aspen, who competed in the Women's Snowboarding competition; Jason Smith from Basalt, who competed in the Men's Snowboarding competition; Lanny and Tracy Barnes from Durango, who competed in the Biathlon competition; Rebecca Dussault from Gunnison, who competed in the Cross-Country Skiing competition; Clint Jones from Steamboat Springs, who competed in the Skiing Jump competition; Caroline Lavive from Steamboat Springs, who competed in the Alpine Skiing competition; Todd Lodwick from Steamboat Springs, who competed in the Nordic Combined Skiing competition; Travis Mayer from Steamboat Springs, who competed in the Freestyle Skiing competition; Tommy Schwall from Steamboat Springs, who competed in the Skiing Jump competition; Johnny Spillane from Steamboat Springs, who competed in the Nordic Combined Skiing competition; and Ryan St. Onge also from Steamboat Springs, who competed in the Freestyle Skiing competition.

Their hard work and determination has earned them the title of Olympic athletes and sports heroes. They have made all of us in Colorado and the United States very proud. Once again, I would like to extend a hearty congratulations to all of them.

HONORING MT. OLIVE MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH ON ITS 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the congregation of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church on the 50th anniversary of their church. This congregation has served the Del Paso Heights neighborhood and Sacramento region since 1956. As members of the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist congregation gather to celebrate 50 years of community service, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting this outstanding congregation.

The Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church was founded in Del Paso Heights in February of 1956. The Church was established and organized by Reverend Je Petiway, Reverend Powell and Reverend Eddie Phillips. Reverend Mack Smith was the parish's first Pastor and the church became a member of the St. Johns District association. The church bought its cur-

rent facility in October 1956 and became incorporated in 1959.

Reverend White Henderson became Pastor in 1960 and took steps to greatly expand the church. Under his leadership a new edifice was constructed and a chapel was purchased and relocated to its current site. The church continued to expand in 1968 when Reverend Eugene Washington became Pastor. His leadership and guidance resulted in the construction of additional classrooms and a social hall.

Throughout the history of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, the congregation has been dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of Sacramento residents. The Church has always been a comforting place of refuge for people in need, providing assistance spiritually, mentally and physically. During the current tenure of Pastor Washington, the church has established numerous ministries in the Sacramento region. These outreach programs have included prison ministry, convalescent ministry, youth outreach and counseling programs.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly privileged to congratulate the congregation of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church as they gather to celebrate their 50th church anniversary. The Sacramento region has greatly benefited from having their strong community leadership and compassionate hearts. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me today in wishing Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church continued success and happiness in all future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING AL AND KATHY
MAZZA OF SONOMA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two extraordinary individuals who have jointly been named the City of Sonoma's 2006 Alcalde and Alcaldesa, or Honorary Mayors.

Al and Kathy Mazza are the ultimate power couple. Al was the Fire Chief for the City of Sonoma when he met and married Kathy, a city employee, 18 years ago. Between them, there has scarcely been a special event or project in which they have not been involved.

Al was born and raised in Sonoma. After he retired as Fire Chief, he was elected to the City Council, where he twice served as mayor.

He has been President of the Sonoma Fire Chief's Association and developed the Sonoma Valley Firemed System, which integrated existing emergency response agencies into one system.

His civic activities include membership in the Chamber of Commerce, the "Field of Dreams" Committee to build ball fields for city youth, the Sonoma Valley Athletic Club and Sonoma Valley Little League.

Kathy worked for the City of Sonoma for 17 years. Since her retirement, she has served as Vice President of the Sonoma Plaza Foundation's Red & White Ball, which has raised more than \$750,000 for downtown improvements and to local non-profit organizations.

Kathy has also been actively involved with the Valley of the Moon Teen Center and the Sonoma County Mental Health Clinic.

Both Al and Kathy were instrumental in leading the citizen's committee that successfully turned out voters to approve a parcel tax to help pay the operating expenses of the local hospital four years ago.

Mr. Speaker, Al and Kathy Mazza represent the character and spirit of the City of Sonoma and it is therefore appropriate that we honor them today as the 2006 Alcalde and Alcaldesa.

IN MEMORY OF DR. PHILLIP
O'BRYAN MONTGOMERY, JR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to Dr. Phillip O'Bryan Montgomery, Jr. from Dallas, Texas in the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for his lifelong contributions to his community and to medicine. Dr. Montgomery passed away on Saturday, December 17, 2005.

I would like to recognize and celebrate Dr. Montgomery's life today. Dr. Montgomery graduated from Southern Methodist University with a BS in engineering in 1942 before attending medical school at Columbia University in 1945. Upon completing his internship at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Coopers-town, NY, Dr. Montgomery became a Captain in the Army Medical Corps.

When Dr. Montgomery returned to Dallas, he became a tenured professor of pathology in 1961 at UT Southwestern Medical School. From 1962-1963, he was President of the Dallas County Hospital District Medical Staff. In addition, Dr. Montgomery was the Executive Director of the Cancer Center and ultimately named the Ashbel Smith Professor of Pathology in 1991. During his time as Special Assistant to the Chancellor of the University of Texas, he was responsible for planning the campuses of UT Dallas, University of Houston Medical School, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, and the expansion of UT Southwestern Medical School Campus.

Dr. Montgomery had published over 100 scholarly papers in the course of his prolific career. One of these published papers of his evolved out of an experiment on NASA's Skylab in which he himself was the principal investigator of living cells in zero gravity. Dr. Montgomery was an avid traveler who had a very devout love of nature. His magnetic and vivacious personality has allowed him to be sorely missed by friends and family.

I respected him as a fellow doctor and was honored to represent him here in Congress. I extend my sympathies to his family and friends.

CELEBRATION OF GRENADA'S
INDEPENDENCE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the tri-island state of Grenada which celebrated its 32nd anniversary of independence Tuesday, February 7 and to enter