

IN RECOGNITION OF TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY'S TABLE TENNIS TEAM

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the teamwork and spirit of the Texas Wesleyan University's Table Tennis program. These individuals have established themselves as true champions, emphasized no less by their devotion and passion to the sport. Texas Wesleyan is home to the National Championship Team for Collegiate Table Tennis, a title they have held since 2002. Texas Wesleyan University has won 16 out of 25 possible collegiate titles in 4 years.

The Texas Wesleyan table tennis players have exhibited their commitment to each other and their common goals this past season by diligently competing and overcoming any adversity in their way. Throughout the season these outstanding individuals have shown the success that comes from working as a team to achieve a great goal.

Under the leadership of former coaches and players such as Christian Lillieroos, the team has continued its championship status. It is with great honor that I stand here today to recognize this group of individuals who have made their community so proud: Interim Coach Keith Evans; Interim Assistant Coach Jasna Reed; Program Assistant Michael Meier; Volunteer Assistant Coach James Rautis; and Women's Junior Varsity team members Johnese Evans and Kareema Styles; Women's Varsity team members Jasna Reed and Sabrina Worrell; Men's Junior Varsity team members Andre Scott, Aldis Presley, Michael Meier, David Livings, Peter Lindsay-van der Puije, Sadiq Khan and Tim Aikay; and Men's Varsity team members Eric Owens, Courtney Roberts, Dinko Kranjac, Abdul Rahman Khan, Ludovic Gombos and Carlos Chiu.

The table tennis program of Texas Wesleyan University has demonstrated the essence of the American spirit of sportsmanship.

ACADEMIC ALL-STAR TEAM

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

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Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize nominees for the Regional Academic All-Star Team from the Pennyroyal region in western Kentucky.

The regional academic All-Star program's purpose is to recognize top academic scholars and performers. Students from Caldwell, Christian, Trigg and Todd Counties of Kentucky were nominated based upon their academic performance in seven disciplines: English, foreign language, journalism, mathematics, science, social studies and the creative and performing arts. The students are judged on their core academic score, the curriculum of the student, their grade point average, academic honors earned, unique accomplishments and achievements, extracurricular activities, both school related and outside

school activities, employment history, and an autobiographical essay.

Mr. Speaker, education is the foundation upon which we reach our human potential. Students in my district are developing their talents, furthering their education and pursuing their aspirations in life through programs like the Academic All-Star program. Encouragement and recognition develop confidence and achievement among young Americans—the future leaders of our country.

The following students have been nominated for their academic excellence:

David Keith Greene III, David Aaron Griffith, Brian Matthew Harrell, Kenton Mark Henderson, Matthew Thomas Hightower, Nicole Liane Paul, Michael Wayne Rowe, Lindsey Michelle Storm, Allison Rae Hudson, Steven Kurtis McGhee, Samantha Jean Moore, Daniel Stephen Richard, Elizabeth Alice Riley, Dustin Alan Shaw, Sarah Nicole Becker, Amanda Josephine Collett, Jessica Elizabeth Joy Gapp, Samantha René McIntyre, Cody James Noffsinger, Hilary Dawn Pate, Mary Rachel Ray, Paul Allen Reed, Thomas Andrew Burkhead, Amanda Leigh Hall, and Lindsey Nicole Hancock.

Eric Anthony Money, Kelsey Paige Pendleton, John Luke Schirtzinger, Sarah Ann Stokes, Christie Marie White, Bethany Ann Cooper, Caitlyn Taylor Hughes, Kari Jaclyn Keech, Patrick Ross Metcalfe, Denver Andrew Sizemore, Caitlyn White, Betsy Camille Austin, Barrett Ray Boyd, Garrett James Ebel, Hunter Wood Hayes, John David Heisterberg, Garrett Richard Sharp, Stacey Brooke Sholar, James Gregory Williams II, Justin Keith Cavanaugh, Courtney Lynn Greenfield, Joshua Dwayne Jenkins, Aleia Lynne Judd, and Palak Manoj Majmudar.

Brittney Michele Metts, Forrest Samuel Pittman, Amanda Jane Sweet, Brittney Michelle Addison, Alana Freeman Baker, Kyle Mark Dettro, Leonard Gordon, Jr., Jennifer Lee Robinson, Derrick Shane Strong, Jillian Katherine Terhune, Kelsi Micolle Austin, Amanda Baker, Hadley Burns, Shantinna Marie Hartum, Mackenzie Isenberg, Emily K. Kelley, Lyndsey McClain, Cody Warren Nance, Stephanie M. Radford, Brandon Thomas Stanley, Hannah Elizabeth Stokes, Kanisha Paige Frye, Keishla A. Garcia, and Tanner James.

Justin Jatzak, Jordan Lee Johnson, Aaron Michael Laurent, Leslie Denise Peck, Brittany Sweet, Kevin Tyler Wiseman, Preston Workman, John Wright, Marty Stuart Asbridge, Taylor Davis, Lyndsey McClain, Anna Miller, Kendra Angela Montejos, Carly Jo P'Pool, Michelle Schulz, Thomas Shaheen, Chelsea Smith, Sarah Tucker, Josh Villafranca, Matthew P. Clark, Will Farmer, Thomas James Gilkey, Casey Haley, Austin Porter Hart, Jessica Nichole Jobe, Emily Anne Koehler, Tierra L. McShan, James Lile Rummage, Ashton Spangler, and Kelsey Elizabeth Thomason.

Mr. Speaker, these students embody the spirit, commitment and sacrifice that we all should strive for in our daily lives. I am proud to represent them in my District. I extend my thanks to these students for their efforts, and I am proud to bring their accomplishments to the attention of this House.

TRIBUTE TO MR. EDDIE WALTER JACKSON, JR.

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

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Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a great individual and community leader, Mr. Eddie Walter Jackson, Jr., and to thank him for his contributions to the greater Waco community and this great Nation.

Mr. Jackson is one of three children born to the late Ed W. Jackson, Sr., and the late Lula Mae Bowman Parker.

Mr. Jackson graduated from Corsicana Public Schools and later Paul Quinn College where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and business. He served this Nation honorably as a member of the U.S. Navy, World War II veteran.

Following his service in the military, Mr. Jackson's exemplary work history includes working as a teacher and coach at the Anderson High School in Mart, TX; 34 years of outstanding service at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Waco, TX, and Nick's Restaurant for over 30 years.

Mr. Jackson has a deep love for his family. He shared wonderful years of marriage to the late Lonnie B. Taylor Jackson. They had one son, Ronald Wayne Jackson, Sr., and three daughters, Sara L. Pimpton, Doris Laverne Jackson, and Portia Elaine Jackson. He is a proud and devoted grandfather of nine, great-grandfather of eight, and great-great-grandfather of two.

For over half a century today, Mr. Jackson has been a devoted member of the Pleasant Olive Missionary Baptist Church. He is a life member of the American Legion, a member of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute, the American Federation of Government Employees, AFGE, Local 1822 for over 40 years, a dedicated member of the Central Texas Labor Council for 50 years and the Masonic Family-Mason.

Within the community, Mr. Jackson has shown a deep commitment by serving as a deputized voter registrar, poll watcher for elections, precinct 2, volunteer for the Democratic Party, and a candidate for the Silver Haired Legislature.

Mr. Jackson is a man of energy and action. He is the past president of the North Junior School PTA, past vice-president of AFGE Local 1822 and the immediate past president of the Central Texas Labor Council. He has dedicated his life to working to make Waco a better community.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Mr. Eddie Walter Jackson, Jr., and offer my heartfelt appreciation for a life dedicated to service to the Central Texas Labor Council, his community and the people of Central Texas.

TRIBUTE ON THE RETIREMENT OF AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT RICHARD J. DAVIDSON

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dick Davidson, President of the