

TRIBUTE TO ANDREA BOCELLI

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the remarkable achievements of singer, writer, and producer Andrea Bocelli.

Growing up on his family vineyard in Lajatico, Tuscany, Mr. Bocelli displayed a talent for music from an early age. Andrea developed a passion for opera recordings and dreamed of following in the footsteps of celebrated Italian tenors. A graduate of the University of Pisa, Mr. Bocelli practiced as a state appointed defense attorney for a short time before leaving behind a legal career to pursue his musical dream.

The best-selling classical soloist of all time, Mr. Bocelli has experienced unprecedented international success. He has staged concerts at the Eiffel Tower, the Pyramids in Egypt, and the Statue of Liberty. Andrea has performed at Olympic closing ceremonies and over the devastation of Ground Zero. He has sung for kings, queens, princes, premiers, prime ministers, presidents, and Popes. The recipient of numerous awards, Mr. Bocelli has been globally recognized for his achievements in music and for his philanthropic efforts.

Andrea Bocelli has used his talents and stardom to bless many lives. Partnering with worthy charities like The Vision of Children Foundation, an organization committed to the eradication of hereditary childhood blindness, Mr. Bocelli has raised millions of dollars to help children all over the world. Funds raised by his benefit concerts have gone towards research to improve the lives of the visually impaired and aid the families of children who require organ transplants.

Mr. Speaker, whether influencing lives with his musical talents or inspiring countless individuals to overcome adversity, Andrea Bocelli is honored and admired for his many accomplishments. We recognize and commend him today for his extraordinary dedication and service.

HONORING CHICAGO ASTRONAUT  
JOAN HIGGINBOTHAM

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Astronaut Joan Higginbotham. Higginbotham is a member of the crew on the Space Shuttle Discovery that is scheduled to launch tonight from NASA's Kennedy Space Center. Additionally, she is a fellow Chicagoan, and I wish her the best of luck as she prepares for her first mission, STS 116.

Higginbotham graduated from Chicago's Whitney Young High School in 1982, and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1987. She will be the third African-American woman aboard a NASA mission, and she and her fellow astronaut Robert Curbeam will make history this week on STS 116, the first Space Shuttle mission with two African-American astronauts.

Higginbotham previously worked as a payload engineer at the John F. Kennedy Space Center while also earning two master's degrees from the Florida Institute of Technology.

As a Mission Specialist on board Discovery, Higginbotham's responsibilities will include a complete rewiring of the International Space Station's power supply. She will also have the responsibility of operating the robotic arm to deploy several satellites and to direct payload transfers.

Higginbotham will be joined by mission commander Mark Polansky, as well as Robert Curbeam, Sunita Williams, Nicholas Patrick, William Oefelein, and Christer Fuglesang from the European Space Agency, who is the first Swedish astronaut.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing my fellow Chicagoan as well as her fellow astronauts, and to wish them all the best on their launch tonight and their 12-day mission.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAROLE  
MANCHESTER PILLAY

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I wish to submit for the RECORD the following tribute that appeared in the Winsted Journal on October 27, 2006. Mrs. Pillay began her career in fashion at Vogue, later becoming fabric editor at Glamour, and fashion director at Seventeen and Elle. Mrs. Pillay was also the author of French Tea and Tea in the East. I'm honored to submit this for the RECORD. My heart goes out to her entire family.

[From the Winsted Journal, Oct. 27, 2006]

CAROLE MANCHESTER PILLAY

WINSTED—Carole Manchester Pillay, author of two distinctive books on the preparation and drinking of tea and a former editor of leading women's magazines, died Oct. 21, 2006, in Manhattan. She lived in Manhattan and Winsted and was the wife of Shunna Pillay.

Mrs. Pillay started her fashion career with Vogue and later became the fabric editor for Glamour and then fashion director at Seventeen and Elle magazines. Her articles on fashion, the decorative arts and tea appeared frequently in national magazines.

Her two books are "French Tea" (Hearst Books, 1993) and "Tea in the East" (Hearst Books, 1996). The latter publication took her on journeys throughout Asia, where she met and interviewed "staunch devotees of tea—planters, pluckers, brokers, blenders, producers, promoters, and tea lovers."

She wrote that "there were many trying times rummaging through the obscure domains of tea, but at journey's end I look back on the adversities as fond adventures." More recently, she authored the book for the forthcoming musical, "Pansy."

Her friends regarded her as possessing an exquisite aesthetic sense, a wonderful joie de vivre, an indomitable spirit and a keen commitment to social justice. In addition to her husband of 33 years, Mrs. Pillay is survived by a brother, Dudley Manchester of West Hartford; a sister, Ann Shubert of Acton, Mass.; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Lois.

There will be a private service in late spring.

HONORING DR. JOHN CONDON, RECIPIENT OF THE 2006 SACRED HEART MEDICAL CENTER SISTER PETER CLAVER AWARD

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. John Condon, recipient of the 2006 Sacred Heart Medical Center's Sister Peter Claver Award. In receiving this award, Dr. Condon joins the ranks of many like himself who have gone out of their way to help and serve others, doing it humbly and without seeking recognition.

The Sister Peter Claver Award is given in honor of its namesake each year. Sister Peter Claver gave nearly thirty years of her life to Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, Washington. She led this institution by her example of charity, service, and integrity. Today, Dr. John Condon exemplifies the mission and message of Sister Peter Claver.

Dr. Condon has maintained a pediatric dentistry practice in Spokane for more than 40 years. Because the community in which he works and serves is a rural one, Dr. Condon travels throughout the community, making a special effort to reach those who would not normally have access to such quality dental care. Dr. Condon has also devoted much of his time to providing dental care to underprivileged children and adults with mental and physical challenges.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and thank Dr. Condon for his compassionate service to the citizens of Eastern Washington. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. John Condon on receiving the "Sister Peter Claver Award" and in thanking him.

IN HONOR OF SISTER JULIE HYER

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Julie Hyer, O.P., whose uncommon mixture of faith, benevolence and business savvy has seen the Dominican Hospital of Santa Cruz through twenty-two years of exceptional service and growth.

As president and CEO of Dominican Hospital, Sister Julie sat at the helm of Santa Cruz County's largest health care facility. With 1,700 employees, 500 doctors on staff and more than 500 volunteers—to say nothing of the hundreds of patients Dominican Hospital serves daily in its 369 beds—Sister Julie has overseen a considerable operation and done so without compromising individualized care and treatment.

Under Sister Julie's leadership, Dominican Hospital has implemented numerous programs and services which address the particular needs of our community; from the Infant Hearing Assessment program, to Occupational Rehabilitation, to the ShareCare Health Plan for Older Adults, Sister Julie has ensured that Dominican Hospital is prepared to see patients through every stage of their lives. Other services, such as Dominican's Tattoo Removal

Program which gives former gang members a chance to start a new phase of their lives, reflect Sister Julie's all-embracing approach to the health of our community.

To accommodate such a bold and comprehensive vision of health care, she has driven the hospital's steady institutional growth by continuously improving its facilities and establishing relationships with other distinguished healthcare organizations. Under Sister Julie's guidance, Dominican Hospital has seen three major building expansions, multiple remodels, and affiliation with Catholic Healthcare West, the eighth largest hospital system in the Nation.

The laurels of her tenure are as numerous as they are invaluable. They are the realization of Sister Julie's faith in action and a testament to the power of earnest and solemn goodwill.

Mr. Speaker, for all that she has done and all that she will undoubtedly continue to do, I extend my most sincere thanks and warmest wishes to Sister Julie in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MASSACHUSETTS  
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SUPER  
BOWL CHAMPIONS: EVERETT,  
WAYLAND, AND WINTHROP

**HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that this weekend Massachusetts crowned three state football champions all from the Seventh Congressional District.

The Crimston Tide of Everett, led by Coach John DiBiasi finished the season a perfect 12-0 after a 35-6 win in the Division 1 title game to capture its second Super Bowl victory since 2003.

Later that afternoon, the Wayland Warriors, led by their coach Scott Parseghian took to the same field and knocked off their opponent with a convincing 28-0 victory to take home the Division IA crown, finishing the season with an unblemished 13-0 record.

Finally, the mighty Vikings of Winthrop, led by their coach Tony Fucillo, rallied to a 25-8 victory in the Division 2A championship game also finishing the season a perfect 13-0. This was a huge boost to a program and a school which only a few short years ago was facing possible elimination of high school athletics all together.

Each of these teams finished the season ranked among the top three in Massachusetts polls.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the communities of Everett, Wayland and Winthrop and their student athletes and coaches for their commitment to excellence in their sports and for their hard-earned, well-deserved championship seasons.

RECOGNIZING HON. PAULA L.  
FEROLETO

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Western New York's State

Supreme Court justices. Hon. Paula L. Feroletto will be presented with the 2006 Lawyer of the Year Award by the Women Lawyers of Western New York. Judge Feroletto has been on the State Supreme Court bench for 2 years and previously served as an attorney for over 20 years. Over this course of time, Mrs. Feroletto has quietly broken barriers within the legal field.

Judge Feroletto began her career at Brown & Kelly, in Buffalo, where she was the first woman attorney named as partner to the firm and acted as the firm's pro bono coordinator for several years. In addition, she was also the first woman president of the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association. Her humble demeanor sets her apart from many and she has undoubtedly been a quiet trailblazer for women. Judge Feroletto balances family, career, and community obligations including participation in the Lawyers for Learning program.

It is clear, this award is long overdue, and Judge Feroletto's accomplishments exemplify the great strides women have made within the legal profession and specifically within the Western New York community. The award will be presented to her on December 14 in Buffalo and I would like to extend my congratulations.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and gratitude that I stand here today to recognize the work of Hon. Paula L. Feroletto, a leader and admired community member of the Western New York region.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FAY-  
ETTEVILLE-MANLIUS HIGH  
SCHOOL GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY  
TEAM

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give much deserved praise to the Fayetteville-Manlius High School Girl's Cross Country Team on their first place finish at the Nike Team Nationals, defeating 19 other teams and beating the second place team by 50 points to earn a national title.

The Nike Team Nationals put together a race of 20 teams of the highest caliber to compete in Portland Oregon in a 5-kilometer race. The young women of Fayetteville-Manlius worked extremely hard this year to put together a team that was capable of competing at this level, and their hard work paid off with a first place finish and two runners within 20 seconds of first place.

On behalf of all my constituents, I would like to congratulate this special team on their amazing athletic prowess, and especially Coach Bill Aris for leading them throughout the year. I wish them every success in the 2007 season, and look forward to watching them defend their national title.

The team members are: Mackenzie Carter, Kathryn Buchan, Jessica Hauser, Hilary Hooley, Courtney Chapman, Molly Malone, and Ashley Higginson.

A TRIBUTE TO AMY EDINGER

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to honor Amy Edinger, the recipient of the great state of New Jersey's No Child Left Behind 2006 American Star of Teaching award.

Throughout her distinguished career, Amy has worked with special education students at the James Fenimore Cooper Elementary School in Cherry Hill. Her efforts to improve the educational atmosphere of her students have earned her both admiration and praise from her colleagues, students, and parents. Her extraordinary innovation and commitment has enabled her to assist her students in moving forward both academically and through improvements in their social skills. Amy's expertise can be measured through the many achievements by the children in her classroom.

I would like to commend and congratulate Amy Edinger on this impressive honor. She is an example of excellence in the classroom, and she serves as an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE CAMPION

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2006*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the patriotism and military service of Mr. Charlie Campion of Loveland, Colorado.

He joined the United States Navy on September 7, 1954, and was sent to Great Lakes, Illinois, for boot camp.

In 1958, Mr. Campion's ship, the USS *Summit County*, pulled into Chennai, Korea where Mr. Campion served as a gunner's mate during his first enlistment. Shortly after arriving, Mr. Campion and 2 other soldiers were ordered to drive a jeep from the base to pick up supplies at a different military supply location off base.

While on this mission Mr. Campion's jeep hit an explosive device throwing out the Lieutenant and the Seaman, flipping the jeep and himself upside down in the canal nearby. The jeep ended up landing on Mr. Campion and he sustained several injuries, including a broken back.

At the age of 21, Mr. Campion re-enlisted and started his studies at the Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Illinois. Mr. Campion went on to serve a total of 16 years in the United States Navy as Hospital Corpsman and FMF Corpsman with the Marine Corps.

For "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action" while serving with Company C, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division near the village of La Chau, Republic of Vietnam on 5 June 1965, Mr. Campion was awarded the Silver Star. While giving medical aid to several sick villagers, Mr. Campion was attacked by other villagers at the same time that his platoon was attacked by the Viet Cong. Fighting his way free, he ran to the platoon position and immediately began medical treatment of two wounded Marines.