

Whereas, occasions such as these illustrate to us the dedication and the support of the many in preserving history and information for the public; and

Whereas, it is the fond wish of this body that you will continue to preserve this history in its State memorial to demonstrate the importance of knowledge, freedom of information, and education. It is also the wish of this body that you maintain your stand as a symbol to this generation that our strength lies in our knowledge and history and the entwinement therefore, so that we may never forget the past; be it

Resolved, That along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the Friends of the Library for your unwavering commitment, recognizing that all great achievements come from great dedication. With great appreciation and respect, we recognize the tremendous impact this library has had in the community and in the lives of those people you have touched.

CONGRATULATING THE TEHACHAPI HIGH SCHOOL WARRIORS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Tehachapi High School Warriors varsity football team. The Warriors have won the 2007 California Interscholastic Federation Central Section Division III championship, also known as the Valley Championship.

The championship game took place on Friday, November 30, 2007. The Warriors defeated Foothill High School, 33-28, in its last game of the season to win the championship. Victory wasn't sealed until the final minutes of the fourth quarter. The Warriors, finishing the season with a record of 12-1, won their ninth CIF championship averaging 33 points per game, giving this year's team the fourth highest alltime points per game in the 78-year history of Mountain Football. Additionally, in its 13 games, the team completed 4,443 yards of offense and scored 62 touchdowns.

I want to extend my congratulations to the Tehachapi High School Warriors student athletes for their impressive championship win and their strong 2007 season. The 2007 roster included Justin Hansen, Kurtis Knudson, Franky Rodriguez, Ehren Ochsenrider, Dan Rakowski, Garrett Coontz, Josh Schulgen, Nick Howell, Derek Lange, Neal Herman, Jesse Olofson, Tyler Hack, Steve Miller, Zach Maravigli, Zeke Saavedra, Chris Marsik, J.J. Balkar, Will Clark, Adam Mullen, Richie Meister, Josh Strauss, Kelly Lorenz, Jeff Waldram, Austin Herman, Angelo Loli, Matt Henry, Louie Olofson, Byron Herman, Jason Hail, Marshall Pearson, John Cramer, Damian Rodriguez, Joey Hack, Alek Taliulu, Matt Santos, Jonathan Perrien, Vince Ortiz, Cameron Hood, Dominic Chavarria, Cody Rogers, Eric Harroun, Kevin Ruiz, Brent Hanes, Humberto Silva, John King, Jimmy Lopez, Marcus Abarquez, Ryan Rubi, Drew Howell, Steve Brass, Luke Papac, Geo Higareda, Mike Gonzalez, Tucker Kill, Phil Smith, Chris Fimbres, Shawn Pimentel, and Jon Castelblanco.

The coaching staff of the Tehachapi High School Warriors helped to lead the team throughout this incredible season. The Warrior head coach is Steve Denman. In the playoffs, Coach Denman claimed the distinction of having the most wins of any head coach in the history of football in Kern County with 223 victories. The Warriors' assistant coaching staff included Bill Carll, Pat Snyder, Dennis Ruggles, and Chris Olofson. Roger Davis and Derek Thompson were the medical staff for the team, and team videos were handled by Larry Campbell.

All of the components of the Tehachapi High School Warriors varsity football team came together in this championship season. Their stellar teamwork, combined with months of physical and mental training, enabled the Warriors to win this Valley Championship. I am sure that this experience will benefit these young men long after their high school graduation.

On behalf of the residents of the 22nd Congressional District, I commend the Tehachapi High School Warriors on winning the 2007 Valley Championship. I know the parents, teachers, neighbors, and fans in our community will remember this season for many years to come.

105TH ANNIVERSARY OF SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, Sandoval County, New Mexico celebrated its 105th anniversary yesterday, March 10, 2008. Please join me in recognizing the historical importance and many achievements and contributions the residents of this county have provided the State of New Mexico.

Sandoval County was a thriving area centuries before Don Francisco de Coronado explored the area and first made camp near present-day Bernalillo in 1540 A.D. Prehistoric artifacts in many areas of the county date back thousands of years, with archaeological finds suggesting that Sandia Man lived and hunted in the area thousands of years ago.

The area, consisting of modern-day Sandoval County, was included in one of two partidos, or districts, created in the New Mexico territory. It became part of Santa Ana County. One of seven political subdivisions created in 1852, Sandoval County was first established as a separate entity on March 10, 1903, nine years before New Mexico's statehood. The area that forms Los Alamos County was separated from Sandoval County in 1949.

Sandoval County boasts historical sites such as Coronado State Park, Bandalier National Monument, the Ceremonial Caves Trail, Jemez Springs, Casa San Ysidro, the historic Delacy House, the Vintage Auto Museum, and the Intel Museum.

Sandoval County is one of the most geographically and culturally diverse areas in the Nation. Congratulations on your 105th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, due to other congressional business, I unfortunately missed recorded votes on the House floor on Wednesday, March 5 and Thursday, March 6, 2008.

I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been able to vote that day, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes Nos. 94, 95, 96, 99, 101, 103, 104, 106, and 107 and "yea" on rollcall votes Nos. 97, 98, 100, 102, and 105.

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION TAX ACT (H.R. 5351)

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the long overdue Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act. The American people have demanded that Congress change our national energy policy; we must prioritize clean energy over greenhouse gas emitting fuels, and support entrepreneurial American energy producers over oil companies posting record profits.

H.R. 5351 extends tax credits for renewable energy production and pays for them by repealing large subsidies for oil and gas corporations. The domestic green energy sector creates thousands of high-paying jobs each year and has seen tremendous growth recently except when Congress has let these incentives expire. Congress must provide this industry the support and consistency it needs to become a major supplier of both energy and jobs.

This legislation also gives a tax break to consumers who purchase a hybrid vehicle and ends the perverse incentive to purchase gas-guzzling SUVs. If our Nation's automakers are to remain competitive, we must end the policies that encourage production of the cars of yesterday—cars that cost more to own and take a higher toll on our planet.

Many on the other side of the aisle have decried this legislation under the false assumption that it will raise gas prices at the pump, that it will discourage domestic exploration and production. They say this even though President Bush—at a time when the cost of oil was half of what it is today—asserted that such subsidies were not necessary to spur domestic oil and gas exploration and production. The record oil prices of over \$100 per barrel—leading to gas prices headed toward \$4 per gallon—are more than enough of an incentive. In fact, these tax breaks for big-oil take money, even failed to lower gas prices when they were implemented, and today serve only to redistribute billions of dollars from hard-working American families to literally five corporations, including Exxon, which recently reported higher profits than any other company in history.

In a time of an uncertain economic outlook, it is more critical than ever that we invest in

the energy sources and industries of tomorrow, and address the realities of climate change, rather than continue down the misguided path of President Bush and the previous Republican Congresses—a path that has led us to an unprecedented dependence on foreign oil, skyrocketing gas prices, and economic recession.

Once again, I urge passage of this legislation—legislation with broad support from industry, the environmental community, and even power companies—and I thank Speaker PELOSI and Chairman RANGEL for making energy security a priority for the 110th Congress.

**PAUL WELLSTONE MENTAL
HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY
ACT OF 2007**

SPEECH OF

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express concerns with H.R. 1424, the “Paul Wellstone Mental Health Addiction and Equity Act of 2007.” First, let me say I am a strong supporter of providing mental health parity and was pleased to support the alternative in the House Education and Labor Committee during mark-up. Senate bill 558 is a reasonable approach that will protect consumers and insurance providers alike and why it passed the Senate under unanimous consent. Unfortunately, the bill under consideration today in the House constitutes a costly employer mandate that has the potential to increase costs, leading to decreased coverage. The Congressional Budget Office estimates H.R. 1424 would impose mandates on private insurance companies totaling \$3 billion annually by 2012. These costs will ultimately hit employers offering health insurance and employees seeking to obtain coverage.

Furthermore, I am concerned with using a substantial increase in the Medicaid prescription drug rebate as one of the offsets to pay for this legislation. This increase raises the basic rebate on innovator brand pharmaceutical companies by 33 percent. Increasing the discounts prescription drug manufacturers already provide the government under Medicaid could stifle innovation in the development of future treatments. My constituents yearn for the latest breakthrough therapies for cancer, Alzheimer’s, diabetes, and so many other diseases. We owe it to them to encourage that innovation and not hinder its development with federal legislation.

These are just two examples of why we should oppose H.R. 1424. I would urge my colleagues to support the reasonable alternative House Republicans will bring to the floor today.

**RALPH TEMPLE TO RECEIVE
ACLU–NCA BARTH AWARD**

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, the American Civil Liberties Union of the National

Capital Area on March 18, 2008, will present to Attorney Ralph J. Temple their Annual Alan and Adrienne Barth Award for exemplary volunteer service. Alan Barth was a founder of the ACLU–NCA, and Adrienne Barth was an ACLU activist in her own right, a regular weekly legal intake volunteer for decades.

Legions of friends, fellow lawyers, past clients and others, who have been so inspired, over the years, by the bold, trailblazing and trend-setting efforts of Ralph Temple are expected to gather at the luncheon. His defense in particular of matters involving the first amendment is noteworthy and typified his tenure with the ACLU and in other venues.

In April 2000 in connection with DC police mass arrests of World Trade protesters, Ralph prepared a series of memoranda presenting a strategy for challenging mass arrests, based on ACLU–NCA’s 1960s and 1970s victories against the mass arrests of anti-Vietnam war protesters. Those memoranda were supportive of litigation culminating in the unprecedented 2004 settlement in *Abbate v. Ramsey*, requiring across the board reform in DC police mass demonstration policies and practices. In December 2003 Ralph wrote the ACLU–NCA’s report, “The Policing of Demonstrations in the Nation’s Capital: A Misconception of Mission and a Failure of Leadership.” On December 17, 2003, his report was presented to the District of Columbia Council along with Ralph’s 1½ hours of testimony as a special witness, and significantly contributed to the council’s enactment of the Police Standards Act of 2004, the Nation’s most profound legislation restricting police conduct during mass demonstrations, legislation that has helped to illuminate the vital importance of free speech to our constitutional Government.

In 1975, he was involved in *A Quaker Action Group v. Morton*, 7-year litigation, that produced five opinions by the U.S. Court of Appeals and culminated in invalidating restrictions the Government tried to impose on demonstrations at the White House. In 1972, he was involved in *Jeannette Rankin Brigade v. Chief of the Capitol Police*, wherein the Court invalidated a statute prohibiting demonstrations at the U.S. Capitol, based on the record established by the ACLU in *U.S. v. Nicholson*. He was involved in *Women Strike for Peace v. Morton*, a case that forced the Government to allow protest activities and displays in Federal parks on the same basis that civic or religious activities and displays are allowed, and in *Sullivan v. Murphy*, another of Ralph’s cases, the Court enjoined prosecution of 14,517 people arrested during anti-Vietnam war protests during May Week 1971, the largest mass arrests in American history, and ordered expungement of arrest records.

In 1971, he was involved in *Dellums v. Powell*, *McCarthy v. Kleindienst*, *Knable v. Wilson* and *Tatum v. Wilson*, wherein the ACLU won a class action jury verdict in *Dellums*, judge verdict in *Tatum*, and obtained settlements in the other cases, recovering over \$5 million in damages for the wrongful arrests in May Week 1971; and in *Washington Mobilization v. Cullinane*, another of Ralph’s cases, a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals reversed an injunction against police sweep arrests, indiscriminate violence, and protracted booking procedures.

Madam Speaker, censorship has never been the best answer to bad speech. The best answer is more speech, good speech, free

speech. Throughout his illustrious career, Ralph Temple has been a steadfast defender of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and especially our First Amendment Freedoms, even when the causes he defended may not have been popular. It is fitting, therefore, that the ACLU of the National Capital Area recognize Ralph with the Barth Award. There are many wonderful things about America.

**CONGRATULATING THE BAKERSFIELD
HIGH SCHOOL DRILLERS
VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM**

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the student athletes and coaches of the Bakersfield High School Drillers varsity football team on winning the 2007 California Interscholastic Federation Central Section Division I title.

On Friday, November 30, 2007, the Drillers defeated Clovis West High School 19–16 in its last game of the season to win the title. This was truly an outstanding achievement to wrap up a near perfect season, a season where the Drillers finished with a record of 13–1. The Driller victory marked the 34th Central Section football championship for Bakersfield High School. Driller football fans, students and the Bakersfield community were treated to an exciting championship game where in the fourth quarter with a tied score and 25 seconds left, the Drillers’ skill, training, hard work, and athleticism paid off with an emotional 43-yard field goal victory.

I want to extend my congratulations to the Bakersfield High School Drillers student athletes for their impressive championship win and 2007 season. The 2007 roster included Tim Etchevery, Emanuel Turner, Matthew Varvel, Alfonso Jackson, Marcus Nelson, Alex Mitchell, George Ming, Craig McMahon, Donovan Littles, Peter Mitchell, Mark Durando, Cooper Damron, Jerek Johnson, James Diaz, Jesus Mora, Emmanuel Ojeriakhi, Vince Van Horne, Demetri Katsantonis, Criston Moore, Irving Gant, Johnny Noorwood, Kenneth Wallace, Anthony Padilla, Sean Andrew, Louie Miranda, Emilio Cantu, Tevin Jackson, Johnny DePina, Kyle Billington, Collin Ellis, Mitch Knoy, Joel Turrubiates, Johnny Ghilarducci, Peter Welsh, Jake Hunt, Vincent Morales, Jacob Miller, Jason Erickson, Blake Pursel, Joe Benyon, Jamaal Littles, Patrick Parker, Saige White, Charles Anderson, Keith Fingers, Christian Selby, Stephen Schroeter, Chris Landa, Gabriel Cardenes, Mark Van Kopp, Joshua Rojas, Max Hefflin, Dakota Velasquez and Jeovany Nunez.

I also want to congratulate the coaching and support staff who helped lead the team to its championship season. The Driller head coach is Paul Golla and his coaching team includes Sean McKeown, Chris Rzewuski, Lance McCullah, Kirk Erickson, Josh Canales, Clint Tobias, Gus Theodore, Pete Mitchell, John Bumerts, Chad Stoner, and Adam Levinson. Supporting the team is Dean of Athletics Jeff Scott, Physical Therapist Kurt Wingate, Dr. Nick Valos, Trainer Big Joe and Trainer Steve Johns.

Participation in athletics is a wonderful component of a high school education because it