

Florida in May 2006. Lowe was a leader on the women's basketball team serving as team captain 3 of her 4 years. Following her graduation, she studied in Costa Rica as a Fulbright Scholar. In addition to being a two-time Rhodes scholar finalist, she received numerous awards for her academic and athletics excellence including the Arthur Ashe, Jr. 2006 Female Sport Scholar of the Year.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sonja and Sarah on their achievements and in commending them for their continued commitment to strengthening higher education through their work on the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

#### DAVISON SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2008*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the City of Davison on receiving the Exemplary Source Water Protection Award from the American Water Works Association. Every year the American Water Works Association presents this award to a municipal water system for developing and implementing effective source water protection programs.

This award signifies that the City of Davison has met the highest standards of excellence in their pursuit to supply the residents of Davison with clean, safe water. In July of 2005 Davison's water treatment plant went online and has the capacity to treat up to 2.5 million gallons per day. Working cooperatively with Davison Township and Richfield Township, the City of Davison has implemented a cooperative effort to protect the ground water on which many rely. The new program includes provisions to reduce the number of abandoned wells that pose a serious threat to the health of the aquifers.

The City of Davison, knowing that residents play an important role in protecting the water supply, has worked to reach out to the community in their Source Water Protection Program. In the program Davison encourages residents to be stewards of the water supply by limiting the amount of lawn chemicals and fertilizers that run off and enter the water system. Additionally, Davison has endeavored to educate and inform the community that simple maintenance of septic and home plumbing systems can benefit both the community and the individual by reducing water usage and contamination. The city is assisting residents identify and plug old wells that pose a dangerous risk to the health and safety of the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mayor Fred Fortner, the Davison City Council, the staff, volunteers and residents for receiving this award. Through their commitment to hard work and education they have demonstrated good stewardship of this vital natural resource.

AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION,  
*Denver, CO, March 4, 2008.*

Ms. ANDREA L. SCHROEDER,  
*City of Davison,  
Davison, MI.*

DEAR Ms. SCHROEDER: I am pleased to inform you that your utility has been selected

as the recipient of the Exemplary Source Water Protection Award for medium-sized systems. This award recognizes organizations in North America who have developed and are implementing exemplary source water protection programs.

In recognition of this honor, an award will be presented to you during the Atlanta Annual Conference in June. Details regarding the presentation will be sent to you later by Linda Moody.

The Association's Officers and Directors join me in congratulating you on this honor. Sincerely,

GARY J. ZIMMERMAN,  
*Executive Director.*

#### THE CITY OF DAVISON SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM: PROTECTING YOUR DRINKING WATER RESOURCES

Davison's new \$3.5 million dollar water groundwater treatment plant was put on-line in July 2005. The plant receives water from the City's five groundwater wells and can treat up to 2.5 million gallons per day using filtration, softening and reverse osmosis.

Through cooperative efforts from Davison and Richfield Townships, Davison's Source Water Protection Program identifies and manages threats to the city water supply.

Please call the DPW offices to learn more. Protect drinking water—our future depends on it.

#### HOW DOES GROUNDWATER BECOME CONTAMINATED?

Abandoned wells, leaking underground storage tanks, industrial and transportation activities, dumps and landfills, agricultural activities, and homeowner activities.

How Can I Help?

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2008*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I have been out on medical leave. I have been unable to cast votes; however, I would like the RECORD to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 388, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 389, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 390, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 391, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 392, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 393, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 394, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 395, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 396, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 397, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 398, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 399, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 400, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 401, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 402, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 403, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 404, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 405, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 406, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 407, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 408, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 409, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 410, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 411, I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 412, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 413, I would have voted "aye."

#### HONORING ISRAEL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. THELMA D. DRAKE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2008*

Mrs. DRAKE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the State of Israel and its proud 60 years of existence.

Last month we were celebrating Israel's 60th birthday, and I was proud to vote in favor of a resolution honoring this great achievement. This month, I look forward in wishing Israel another 60 years as a strong and free democracy.

I have always spoken about how my trip to Israel in 2005 was a life changing event. With a young statehood but an ancient history, Israelis are faced with daily and often costly reminders of the price of freedom. I do not believe a day has gone by since Israel's founding where it has not been subject to attack. Yet, through the sheer will of a people fighting for the right of a brighter future for their children, Israel still stands.

Israel's tumultuous existence has lent itself to a very unique identity—one which can only be understood by the citizens who live their everyday lives in range of the missiles and suicide attacks of terrorists. However, these unfortunate consequences of proximity have created a nation of resolve—strengthening its foundation and purpose as a shining beacon of democracy in the Middle East.

Israel is a story of survival and today I honor Israel's perseverance and wish our ally a hopeful future. Best summed up by the words of by Dr. Israel Zoberman, founding rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach:

"The Jewish state's perseverance and fortitude to turn adversity into advantage, never betraying the optimistic essence of its people, are ample testimony to the nobility of the human spirit it has so profoundly enriched and painstakingly guarded."

The determined vigilance of Israel is a sobering reminder to us of what it sometimes takes to stand your ground in the face of adversity; and let us remind Israel that she does not stand alone in that fight.