

HONORING JONATHAN BYRD

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today with deep sorrow to mark the passing of a true friend of the state of Indiana.

Jonathan Byrd will forever be regarded as a savvy businessman who grew a family-owned cafeteria into the world's largest banquet facility and owned a successful racecar team. But it was his generosity and deep faith that will cast Jonathan Byrd's most lasting legacy.

Jonathan Byrd often told people as a teenager that he would be a millionaire by the age of 25. Operating Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants in central Indiana in the 1970's and 80's, Jonathan did in fact become a millionaire in his first quarter century on Earth.

However, those closest to Jonathan understood that those millions were not for himself, but instead a means in which to carry out the will of the Lord. He funded many Christian schools, financed mission trips, and helped put more than 500 million copies of Scripture in the hands of people around the world.

Millions of people have dined at Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria since it opened in 1988, but this enterprise wasn't the only business venture Jonathan Byrd found success in.

He Founded Byrd Enterprises of Arizona—their products include Intercontinental, Hilton and Marriott Hotels. Jonathan Byrd's Rare Books and Bibles quickly became the nation's largest dealer, importer, and restorer of ancient Bibles and theology books under his stewardship.

Like many Hoosiers, Jonathan had a passion for auto racing that led him to form his own race team. True to form, Jonathan applied his business sense to his race team and of the 16 cars that he entered in the Indianapolis 500, he is credited with 7 top-ten finishes.

He was also blessed with a wonderful family: wife Virginia of 35 years; two sons, Jonathan and David; and many grandchildren. My prayers will be with them in the days and weeks ahead. Though Jonathan Byrd is no longer with us, we can all take comfort knowing that the Byrd legacy will live on because of the example he leaves behind.

Jonathan Byrd personified the American Dream. Though he was a well known businessman, Jonathan was guided by strong principles, anchored by his faith and had a servant's heart.

Let that be the standard to which we all aspire.

RECOGNIZING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 556, which recognizes the 75th anniversary of the passage of the Federal Credit Union Act.

Credit unions, not-for-profit financial cooperatives, are a form of economic democ-

racy. Credit unions exist to serve their members, not turn a profit. Earnings beyond operating expenses are returned to members in the form of lower loan rates, higher interest on deposits, and lower fees.

While we are recognizing the 75th anniversary of the passage of the Federal Credit Union Act today, it is important to note that credit unions have been present in the United States since 1909, starting with the chartering of the first credit union in the State of New Hampshire.

As a Representative from Michigan, a State with 341 credit unions serving over 4.3 million members, I can speak to the positive impact of these vital financial institutions.

In Michigan, members of a credit union can expect to see a membership benefit of, on average, \$92 a year by working with a credit union. For the average household, the annual benefit rises to \$175. I know that in my district, \$175 goes a long way toward covering necessary household expenses.

For a member in Michigan, financing a new automobile through their credit union produces an average savings of \$156 per year in interest expense. The Invest in America program, a partnership between GM and Chrysler with credit unions, has helped to spur over 189,000 new vehicle sales. Sales from this program have reinvested over \$3.05 billion in the national economy, crucial support during the current economic downturn.

In addition to the direct financial benefits that credit unions provide to their members, credit unions positively impact their communities in other ways. Credit unions put on financial literacy seminars throughout Michigan in order to educate people about their financial options.

Because of these contributions to our Nation's communities, I am proud to support House Resolution 556.

Congratulations on the 75th anniversary of the Federal Credit Union Act and the first 100 years of credit unions in America.

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this bill.

IN HONOR OF RUTH HYMAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ruth Hyman on the occasion of her 90th birthday celebration. On September 13, we celebrate Ruth Hyman's birthday as well as her many years of service to her local community. Ms. Hyman is certainly deserving of the recognition that she has received over the years for her passionate work.

Ms. Hyman has been a longtime leader in the Jewish community. Her leadership as the president of the Long Branch Hadassah brought fresh ideas and a successful path towards empowering and motivating women in the Jewish community. Also, as a benefactor and board member of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Monmouth County, Ms. Hyman has provided a place where people of all ages have access to programs that improve their health and enrich their lives.

Ms. Hyman has been recognized for her superior support of Jewish causes both in my

district and in Israel. Perhaps the greatest reflection of her commitment is the dedication of the Ruth Hyman Jewish Community Center by the Community Center of Greater Monmouth County. It is appropriate that the center be named after Ms. Hyman considering her years of hard work, generosity and devotion to her fellow members of the community.

As Ms. Hyman celebrates her 90th birthday I am sure she will reflect on her many unique experiences. The world has changed in many ways over these past ninety years. However, our country would not be the great power it is today without the dedication and hard work that citizens like Ms. Hyman put forth over the last 90 years.

Surely these many years have departed on her wisdom and knowledge that few can share. I appreciate the contributions that my constituents make to their communities and Ms. Hyman's have certainly been numerous and valuable.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Ruth Hyman on the occasion of her birthday. Her leadership and dedication will long serve as a shining example of what can be accomplished by the determined human spirit.

CONGRATULATING JACOB COSTELLO FOR HIS CONGRESSIONAL AWARD SILVER MEDAL

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jacob Costello from Wesley, Arkansas for achieving the Congressional Award Silver Medal.

The Congressional Award Silver Medal is achieved after participating in 200 hours of Public Service in the community as well as setting and achieving challenging goals in physical fitness and personal development and expedition/exploration.

Jacob's volunteer service was completed through involvement in the Washington County Historical Society, the Washington County Master Gardeners, and the Boy Scouts of America. He also worked with a local summer camp for children with parents in prison, helping prepare the facilities by painting, hauling gravel and removing fallen leaves. In addition to completing the requirements for the Silver Medal, he's already added 40 hours of volunteer work through his Boy Scout Eagle project which will go towards his Gold Medal aspirations.

To complete the physical fitness portion of the award, Jacob biked, swam, hiked, and backpacked for more than 100 hours. He actually completed more than half of the necessary hours to achieve the Congressional Gold Medal.

For the personal development requirement, Jacob joined the performance for Peter Pan at the Northwest Academy of Fine Arts. Playing his violin, he attended rehearsals and practiced on his own time, learning how to play in a group setting. He attended a Fiddle Workshop at the Ozark Folk Center and traveled to New York City to play with the North Arkansas Youth Orchestra at Carnegie Hall. Once there,

he practiced under Conductor Myron Flippin to prepare for the orchestra.

Jacob had the unique opportunity to attend Philmont Boy Scout camp for his Expedition. To prepare for this, he worked toward his Physical Fitness goal of carrying 55 pounds in his backpack for a distance of 12 miles over two days by planning mini-hikes with his pack and cross-training in the pool and on the track.

Among all of these achievements, Jacob is also involved in the White River Fellowship Church as a youth leader and a worship team member. I congratulate Jacob in his achievements and commend him for his aspirations to continue on his path to accomplish the Congressional Gold Medal.

HONORING THOSE WHO COACH US
TO GREATNESS

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, as football season kicks off, I am reminded of the exceptional coaches I've worked with over the years. I have been lucky to learn from great men like Mike Ditka, Johnny Majors, Phillip Fulmer, Now Turner, and my high school football coach Boyce Deitz. During high school, Coach Deitz influenced me more than anyone outside of my immediate family. Of all the coaches I've had before or after, he has had the strongest and most-lasting impact on my life. Most adults still can remember the name or face of one childhood coach who taught them a better way to throw a ball, improve their time, or overcome an obstacle that seemed insurmountable.

Today, we live in a time when young people face serious challenges to their well-being. Childhood obesity has reached record proportions. School drop-out rates approach fifty percent in many urban school districts. Nearly one million minors report association with gang activity. Where these trends are at their worst, coaches often play a critical role in equipping young athletes with the tools to make better choices. Coaches dedicate countless hours of their time helping young people build strong work ethics, communicate effectively, and work as part of a team. The coaches, who have the vital role of parlaying those values to our youth, make up the backbone of youth sports programs.

To recognize the service of youth sports coaches for their tremendous contributions, I have been working with Rep. MIKE MCINTYRE and other Members of the U.S. House to enact the first ever National Coach Appreciation Week. This week can be a time to recruit hundreds of thousands of new coaches, and to honor every youth, JV, and Varsity coach who gives so much to our Nation's next generation of leaders.

My high school football coach taught me to be both mentally and physically tough. He constantly challenged me to improve myself, including encouraging me to run track to improve my speed on the football field. Coach Deitz warned me early on about excessive media attention and said 'you will never be as good as they make you out to be and you will never be as bad as they make you out to be.' His advice has guided me through the high-

lights and rough patches of my college and NFL career, and in my current role as a Member of Congress. When I was elected to Congress, I knew I had to surround myself with the best staff I could, so Coach Deitz was one of my first hires.

We stand at a crossroads in which all of us must reflect on the qualities that have helped American society thrive and endure. Through National Coach Appreciation Week, our Nation will recognize those such as Coach Deitz who teach values such as teamwork, discipline, and leadership to our Nation's youth. These fundamental life skills are instrumental to ensuring success throughout an individual's educational, family and professional life. I thank the great coaches I've had, and I look forward to National Coach Appreciation Week, a time to honor the coaches who have taught us the life lessons that have made us who we are today, as individuals, as communities, and as a country.

Madam Speaker, for myself and for everyone whose life has been touched by a coach, I rise to thank these most influential and indispensable individuals. I encourage my fellow Members to vote in support of establishing the first ever National Coach Appreciation Week.

RECOGNIZING CHEF JOEL
ROZELLE AND SMOKING JOE'S
BAR-BE-QUE OF ST. LOUIS

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise before you and recognize a new addition to St. Louis' Locust Business District, Smoking Joe's Bar-Be-Que. The Locust Business District, located in the heart of the city, is tasked with spawning a renewed sense of community morale and revitalization. As it sits in the historic Tudor Building on Washington Avenue, Smoking Joe's Bar-Be-Que fits in perfectly with this aim.

Owned and operated by Executive Chef Joel Rozelle, Smoking Joe's has helped bring new business and consumer interests to the Locust Business District. Smoking Joe's truly utilizes the culinary and performing arts to bring St. Louis culture and history alive. Each meal is a taste of St. Louis; from the succulent ribs and chicken dishes, to old-fashioned green beans and potato salad, the diners' already superb experience is enhanced by the soulful sounds of live jazz entertainers who hold steadfast to St. Louis' rich musical customs. This unique atmosphere has earned Smoking Joe's the UrbanSpoons' "Talk of the Town" distinction. Using self-developed dry rubs and staying true to St. Louis-style cooking, Chef Rozelle and his talented staff are to be applauded for their contribution to the neighborhood renewal and their respect of St. Louis culinary traditions.

HONORING IRVING PARK BAPTIST
CHURCH AND 120 YEARS OF COM-
MUNITY SERVICE

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished history of the Irving Park Baptist Church community on the occasion of its 120th Anniversary. Over the past 120 years, Irving Park Baptist Church has provided spiritual guidance to generations of families throughout the Irving Park Community on the northwest side of the City of Chicago.

The Irving Park Baptist Church was originally established in 1889. The church's multi-ethnic and multigenerational character has brought together a community of people to unite in one faith. Irving Park Baptist Church is actively involved with other churches and non-profits in the community. As an active and caring institution, the church is also a founding member of Hands to Help Ministries, which helps to provide housing and services for persons in distress.

Irving Park Baptist Church is a community of people from different cultures and backgrounds who are united in their belief. The community's mission is to faithfully serve God by ministering to each other, to their neighbors, and to the world.

On September 13, 2009 parishioners and friends of the community came together to celebrate this momentous anniversary. The Anniversary Luncheon took place at La Villa Banquets.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, I wish to recognize Irving Park Baptist Church and its 120 Years of Community Service. I wish all the best for its clergy, for its families, and for its success in the future.

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL—
HELEN SNAPP

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise before you today in recognition of Helen Snapp and her distinguished service with the U.S. Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) of WWII. In honor of Mrs. Snapp's sacrifice to our nation, this Congress bestows upon her our highest gesture of appreciation, the Congressional Gold Medal. I am especially proud to serve Helen Snapp in Florida's 23rd district.

Helen grew up in Washington, D.C., where she quickly realized a passion for flight. Helen is one of the spectators who sat on Pennsylvania Avenue, eagerly anticipating the parade in honor of aviation legend Charles Lindbergh. Like many young women, Helen admired female aviation pioneers, Amelia Earhart and Jacqueline Cochran. Helen would follow in their footsteps and go on to earn her license to fly. Jacqueline Cochran would eventually offer a personal invite for Helen to join the ranks of distinguished women pilots. Helen would go on to join the WASP and honor the inroads her heroines had paved.