

I want to acknowledge what an accomplishment it is for the Lady Warriors to bring home the championship title on their first year in competition. This feat has not been done since 1975. To reach this, the Webber team first defeated a team from Robert Morris College twice in the semifinals. Advancing from there, the Lady Warriors claimed the championship over the team from McKendree University. The final round ended in a 2–1 victory in a best out of three series.

The team's anchor, Hayley Beavis, was later named the National Tournament MVP. This victory is extra sweet for her because she sprained her ankle a week before the tournament in training and was unsure if she was even going to compete. Teammate Ashley Galante was named as a National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association Honorable Mention All-American for the season. They were both backed by the strong contributions from fellow teammates Yoselin Leon Garcia, Stephanie Martins, Jessica Santiago, Katie Thoronton, and Brittney Mari. The team was coached by Head Coach Randy Stoughton and assistant coaches Joe Slowinski and Del Warren.

The same team later received the Polk County Female Collegiate Team of the Year Award. This is the first team from Webber International University to receive such an award. The Polk County All Sports Award is meant to honor the areas best high school, college, and professional athletes.

Established in 1927, Webber International University hosts just over 600 undergraduate and postgraduate students. Supported by 45 faculty members, this Babson Park institution not only achieves excellence in sport, but their long tradition of superb education.

On behalf of Florida's 12th Congressional District, I wish to congratulate Hayley Beavis, Ashley Galante, and the whole Lady Warriors team.

HONORING MICHELLE STAUFFER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Michelle Stauffer upon her retirement from Wawona School.

Mrs. Michelle Stauffer has spent the past 29 years serving as a teaching principal at Wawona School; a kindergarten through sixth grade, one-room elementary school in Yosemite National Park. Wawona School has been serving the children that live in the park since the late 1800's. Park rangers, firefighters and other National Park Service employees rely on this community school, and Mrs. Stauffer, to educate and nurture their children. During its existence, the school has educated the children of many Yosemite pioneer families, including the Washburn, Bruce and Gordon families.

Mrs. Stauffer is dedicated to providing a solid education for the students. Field trips to Washington D.C., museums, live theater and the San Francisco Opera are part of the curriculum at Wawona School. Mrs. Stauffer believes these field trips are an important part of exposing her students to life outside of the park.

Mrs. Stauffer is an extraordinary person and educator. She is dedicated to the Yosemite community and especially to her students. She is committed to providing her students with the very best education in the most nurturing environment possible.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michelle Stauffer for her dedicated service to the student of Wawona School. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Stauffer many years of continued success.

PREVENTING SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD ACT OF 2010

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Preventing Social Security Fraud Act of 2010." This bill will reduce the Social Security Disability backlog by punishing insurance companies that force policyholders to fraudulently apply for disability benefits.

The initial application backlog for Social Security Disability will be more than 1 million applicants by October. The disability hearing backlog sits at an average of 446 days with 718,000 people waiting for a hearing.

Despite these staggering numbers, a handful of bad actors in the insurance industry force individuals who are capable of working to apply for disability benefits, and when denied, forces them to appeal the decision again and again.

These companies do this because it benefits them financially. Each application in the disability process lowers the company's cash reserve requirement. The companies also know that if one of their policyholders happens to hit the jackpot and receive Social Security benefits, then the insurer can lower its monthly payout to the policyholder by that amount.

Nevermind that these individual policyholders must certify under threat of fine or imprisonment when applying for benefits that their claim is legitimate. The policyholder is forced to take all the risk, while the insurer wins either way.

The legislation I am introducing today requires insurers to certify to the Social Security Administration that a claim is legitimate when it forces a policyholder to apply for Social Security Disability. It is important that we protect the right of all Americans to apply for these benefits and appeal legitimate claims.

This bill in no way threatens that system. For those who apply for disability on their own, nothing changes. For those who are forced by their insurers, I merely ask that the insurer take the same oath required of their policyholder and stand by the claim.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

SUPPORT FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF CYPRUS

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I wish to speak today about an injustice that has been taking place in Cyprus for the last 36 years.

In 1974, when hostilities broke out on the small island, Turkey began its military occupation of more than one-third of Cypriot land.

Nearly ten years later, the Turks declared this land to be the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus". To this day, the only country to recognize this declaration is Turkey, which still illegally occupies the northern part of Cyprus.

Currently there are about 36,000 Turkish troops occupying the North of Cyprus. They stand as a physical manifestation of the barrier Turkey is putting up against Cypriot reunification.

Turkey has made other efforts to discourage reunification. According to the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Turkey has deliberately and continuously modified the demographics of the island, and they have enacted a system of "naturalization" that encourages mainland Turks to move to Cyprus.

This occupation is made all the more tragic by its needlessness. Thirteen million Turkish-Cypriots and Greek-Cypriots have crossed into each others communities without incident. They seek to live together as neighbors in countries to which they have emigrated. There is no reason for these peoples to be divided.

We have reason to be hopeful—Turkish and Greek Cypriot leaders have been engaged in UN-sponsored negotiations since September 2008 to reunify the island.

The United States has an important role to play in the reunification of Cyprus. We must ensure that we are doing all we can to make the island unified once more by working with the European Union, Turkey, and all citizens of Cyprus toward a peaceful and fair resolution of this decades-old conflict.

HONORING ERICA CHALKLEY

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and express gratitude to Erica Chalkley, who dedicated herself in my Washington, D.C. office to serving the people of Oregon's Second Congressional District for nearly three years. In that time, she distinguished herself as a talented young woman who dedicates herself unswervingly to her career, colleagues, and family.

Madam Speaker, it's tough enough to lose the only other Duck in my Washington, D.C. office. But much more than that, Erica brought an enthusiasm and positive attitude every day that will be sorely missed. Countless Oregonians have walked through the doors of my Washington, D.C. office and been greeted first by Erica, who made them feel at home during their visit. I received many exuberant "thank you" notes over the past few years that specifically mentioned how grateful they were for Erica's hospitality and charm.