

HONORING THE ATHLETIC
ACHIEVEMENT OF JAMES GREEN

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of James Green. A senior wrestler at Willingboro High School, James Green won the 145-pound division of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Wrestling State Championship Meet on Sunday March 6, 2011 at Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall.

James Green is the first wrestler in Willingboro High School history to win a NJSIAA Wrestling State Championship. Only 30 seconds into the championship match, James had his first take-down. He went on to have five more take-downs and a reversal in the second period, which enabled him to achieve this historic victory.

I would like to extend my congratulations to James for his tremendous hard work and discipline. I would also like to congratulate James on finishing his senior year undefeated, with a record of 29–0. James finishes his impressive high school wrestling career with a record of 146–8.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the achievement of James Green in capturing the 2011 NJSIAA Wrestling State Championship and finishing the year undefeated. I ask you to join me in thanking James' coaches and teammates, as well as the teachers and student body of Willingboro High School, members of the Willingboro community and most especially James' family in lending their support to this incredible student-athlete. I wish James continued success in all his future endeavors.

JORDAN NICKS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jordan Nicks for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jordan Nicks is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jordan Nicks is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jordan Nicks for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GEN-
ERAL WALLACE "CHIP"
GREGSON

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

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Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Lieutenant General Wallace "Chip" Gregson, a retired Marine, for his more than forty years of public service. He most recently served as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs since 2009, and will leave this post on April 1, 2011. His contributions to our military's posture in the Asia-Pacific region and leadership on a wide variety of issues will be missed by many.

Before he retired from active duty in 2005, General Gregson served as Commanding General of Marine Corps Forces Pacific and Marine Corps Forces Central Command, where he managed more than 70,000 Marines and Sailors in the Middle East, Afghanistan, East Africa, Asia, and the United States. Prior to his command of Marine Corps Forces in Japan, he was Director of Asia-Pacific Policy in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. He has also served as the Chief Operating Officer for the U.S. Olympics Committee.

General Gregson graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968, and received his first assignment the following year as a reconnaissance battalion officer in the Vietnam conflict. He later earned master's degrees in strategic planning from the U.S. Naval War College and international relations from Salve Regina College. He has also served as a military fellow for the Council on Foreign Relations, and was awarded an honorary doctorate in public service from the University of Maryland.

Throughout his career, the general's exemplary service earned him numerous awards and military decorations—including the Purple Heart. In his recent position with the Department of Defense, General Gregson recognized the strategic importance of Guam, indeed the entire region to our nation's economic and political security. He was a vanguard in leading efforts within the Department of Defense to address the needs of Guam so that the realignment of Marines from the III Marine Expeditionary Force from Okinawa, Japan is successful. He also immediately worked within the Department of Defense to address glaring issues with the realignment roadmap that could have been detrimental to the readiness of U.S. Marines in the Asia-Pacific region.

Further, General Gregson was instrumental in the development of the "Green Guam" concept which aims to conduct the realignment of Marines in an environmental responsible manner. Further it seeks to develop long-term economic and environmental sustainability benefits from this action. I also appreciated his efforts to provide a responsible framework in the most recent Quadrennial Defense Review to address broader training issues for all servicemen and women in the Pacific. I look forward to working with his predecessor and U.S. Pacific Command to continue addressing these matters.

General Gregson distinguished himself as an exceptional leader during his career in the Marines and as an Assistant Secretary of De-

fense. His commitment and dedication will be remembered for many years to come. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in wishing the very best to the good general, his wife Cindy, and their two sons, on their future endeavors.

TRINITY OXFORD CHURCH IN
NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA, PA
CELEBRATING ITS 300TH ANNI-
VERSARY YEAR

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the momentous 300th anniversary of the Trinity Church Oxford, one of the oldest churches in the United States, constructed in 1711 in what is now the Lawncrest neighborhood of Northeast Philadelphia.

The church's congregation pre-dates the building. A marble stone in the west wall of Church states that Church of England services were first held on the site in 1698 in a log meeting house that belonged to the Oxford Society of Friends. The Church still has in its possession the original land conveyance deed dated January 30, 1700. Queen Anne of England presented a solid silver communion chalice to the Church in 1713.

While small in physical dimensions, Trinity Church Oxford carries a rich history of rectors related to some of the most beloved people and institutions in our local and national history, including:

Rev. Aneas Ross (rector 1742–1758), the father-in-law of Betsy Ross and the brother of George Ross, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Rev. Dr. William Smith (rector 1766–1779, 1791–1798), who helped found the University of Pennsylvania

Rev. John Hobart (rector 1798–1801), who became bishop of New York in the new Protestant Episcopal Church formed after Independence and founded Hobart College.

Rev. Edward Buchanan (rector 1854–1882) who was the brother of President James Buchanan. The church school is named in his honor.

Frank Furness, acclaimed American architect who designed additions to the church in the mid-19th Century, decorated with Tiffany windows and elaborate woodwork.

At first tied to the Church to England, after independence Trinity's rectors helped to organize the Diocese of Pennsylvania of the new Protestant Episcopal Church and the church was admitted to its Convention in 1786.

As our nation grew and became more industrialized, Trinity Church Oxford welcomed industrialists and working class families to its congregation. A neighborhood that began as farmland and homes for gentry developed into a residential community for working people. With a parish house added in 1928 and a community center in 1962, Trinity Church Oxford holds true to its religious precepts of service, today housing a childcare center and hosting the Philadelphia Police Athletic League.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the generation of rectors