

I am honored to represent the City of Pasadena, with its rich cultural heritage and world-renowned institutions. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the residents of Pasadena on its 125th anniversary.

FRIDAY THE 13TH BRINGS GOOD  
LUCK FOR GREENSBORO COL-  
LEGE GOLF CHAMPIONS

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I am sure that everyone is familiar with the famous Sunday back nine "fireworks" of the Masters at Augusta National Golf Club, almost as familiar as we are with the superstitions surrounding Friday the 13th. Well, the final round back nine fireworks were anything but an unlucky Friday the 13th for the Greensboro College men's golf team. For this particular Friday the 13th, the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina congratulate the Pride's golf team for being crowned the NCAA Division III National Champions.

On Friday, May 13, 2011, the Greensboro College men's golf team took the course for the final round of the NCAA championships, not on the grounds of Augusta, but those of the East Course at Grandover Resort, located in Greensboro, North Carolina, also in our district. The day began with Greensboro College ahead of the second-place team by three strokes. Pride junior Ben Nihart told the Greensboro News & Record that, "We really wanted to get off to a good start because that puts more pressure on the teams that are behind us to try and catch up." Early in the day, however, it seemed as if Friday the 13th would live up to its billing as an unlucky day for the men of Greensboro College.

The team from Illinois Wesleyan, which eventually ended the tournament as runners-up, came off the first tee playing well, chasing hot on the heels of Greensboro College throughout the front nine, a chase that culminated with Illinois Wesleyan grabbing a one-stroke lead after 14 holes.

That is when the Pride kicked it into high gear, combining for nine birdies on the back nine. Spearheaded by Brock Elder of Greensboro, a graduate of Vandalia Christian School, the Pride roared back from one stroke down, running out to a six-stroke lead over the final four holes to claim the National Championship.

Elder fired a 67, coming in five under par for the day, and finishing tied for fifth overall in the individual championship. The Pride also got solid performances from Ben Nihart, who shot a one under par 71, and Kirk Mitchell, who shot a three over par 75, to help Greensboro College claim the title.

Throughout the season, the Pride benefitted from solid performances by all of their team members. The National Championship squad consisted of Brian Critzer, Tres Currie, Clint Dillon, Brock Elder, Joshua Hudgins, Connor Kennedy, Josh Masterson, Kirk Mitchell, Josh Nichols, Ben Nihart, Gregory Pappas, and Nick Peoples. The head coach guiding this group of young men to the National Championship is Dirk Fennie.

The effort and determination put in by the men of the Greensboro College golf team was

clear; they began the tournament with one goal in mind. Ben Nihart told the News & Record, "I told my coach, and I said, I'm playing to win a national championship. I know everyone on our team was. There was no way we were going to let that slip away."

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District, we honor and commemorate the effort and determination of these young men on a not-so-unlucky Friday the 13th. The back nine fireworks that brought the NCAA Division III National Championship to the golfers of Greensboro College and the Sixth District of North Carolina will be remembered for years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO RUSS HOFFMAN

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Russ Hoffman, a native of Greene County, Iowa who is stepping down after more than 28 years as the Chief Deputy of the Greene County Sheriff's office.

With Russ and his family helping him celebrate retirement, they were joined by present and former Greene County employees, local law enforcement, County supervisors, four officers from the Iowa State Patrol, and law enforcement officers from supportive surrounding counties.

We certainly understand the enormous sacrifices that our officers and their families make to keep our citizens safe. I can't thank Russ and his family enough for their service.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in recognizing Russ Hoffman and thanking him for his service to the State of Iowa and Greene County. I consider it an honor to represent Russ in Congress, and I wish him a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SE-  
CURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT,  
2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2017) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Chair, I rise today to strongly oppose the Gosar and Scalise amendments to the 2012 Homeland Security Appropriations bill.

Not only do these amendments threaten the stability and well-being of our Nation's construction industry, they would seriously undermine the wages and benefits of hard-working construction workers across the United States.

It's no secret that since November 2010, many conservative leaders have sought to crack down on the rights of public sector workers across America. From Wisconsin to Indi-

ana to Ohio, public sector workers like teachers, police officers, firefighters and other middle-class Americans are seeing their right to participate in labor unions and collectively bargain taken away.

However, what is less known is that many conservatives are simultaneously working, through measures like these two amendments, to drive down the wages and benefits of workers in a major private sector section of our economy: construction. The workers who would be severely hurt by these two amendments are not even employed by the federal government, but by private businesses. This means that federal law would be responsible for reducing the wages of private sector employees at a time when they can least afford it.

The Gosar amendment would eliminate important protections guaranteed by the Davis-Bacon Act, one of our Nation's oldest and most important labor laws, which requires payment of local prevailing wages on federal construction projects. The Scalise amendment would prohibit funds from being used to implement Executive Order 13502, a measure which encourages executive agencies to enter into project labor agreements on large-scale federal construction projects. Project labor agreements, like Davis-Bacon, are a cornerstone of the American construction industry and give cost and wage certainty to all parties involved in a construction project. Davis-Bacon and project labor agreements not only help hard-working construction workers make ends meet, they create a more skilled workforce that results in projects being completed with a high degree of quality and safety.

At a time when we face unprecedented threats from abroad and are working hard to create good American jobs, removing these two mainstays of the American construction industry makes no sense at all. The men and women who build our Nation's roads, bridges and buildings have the right to make a decent living instead of facing deliberate attempts to not only undermine their wages and benefits, but drag the entire construction industry into a race to the bottom.

I urge my colleagues to vote no on these two amendments.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF ABE  
BREEHEY

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness that I recently learned of the passing of Abe Breehey. I rise to celebrate and commemorate his life, and to mourn his sudden and tragic death.

I met Abe through his service as a dedicated advocate of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers. He was a tireless presence in support of hardworking Americans, and he undertook his efforts with a passion and commitment that was admirable. At the same time, Abe was a truly genuine person; affable, funny, honest and a general pleasure to be around. He was able to bridge the divides we far too commonly find in politics today, and his intellect and determination will be sorely missed.