

IN HONOR OF SOUTH JERSEY
OLYMPIANS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our South Jersey Olympians: Tamika Catchings, basketball; Rachael Dawson, field hockey; Michelle Vittese, field hockey; Jordan Burroughs, wrestling; and Steve Kasprzyk, rowing. They have traveled to London to compete in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games.

These athletes represent the United States on the world stage, affording them the distinct honor of serving as role models for citizens across South Jersey area and the entire nation. Their success, derived through hard work and dedication, and exemplified through athletic competition, is something every American can aspire to as a shining example of the American dream. In the same way our national ethos rewards fortitude and persistence, these athletes earned the opportunity to compete on the Olympic stage through long hours of training and sacrifice.

Part of the Olympic Creed, originating from a speech by Ethelbert Talbot during the 1908 London Games, states: "The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well." One hundred and four years later, as the Olympics return to London, the message rings as true as ever. Through fierce competition amongst the nations of the world, these athletes continually push the limits of human achievement. The resulting bonds of friendship, gained through equally world-class sportsmanship, enrich both these athletes and their nations.

Mr. Speaker, the dedication of these South Jersey Olympians and their teammates to athletics and sportsmanship should not go unrecognized. I join all of South Jersey in expressing our pride in their efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OFFICER
JEFFREY DICK

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Police Officer Jeffrey Dick who is retiring after more than three decades of protecting citizens in the Bay Area.

Throughout his career Officer Dick has gone above and beyond the call of duty to support fellow officers and to serve our community. He began his law enforcement career in 1979 at the Alameda County Sheriff's Department and has been an officer at the San Mateo Police Department since 1984. He has been a law enforcement liaison and board member for the Northern California Chapter of the Concerns of Police Survivors, an organization that provides assistance to the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty and in that capacity he travels around the state to attend funerals of police officers and offer their families support. He makes sure they receive the benefits due to them from the state of California. As a member of the San Mateo Police Officers Association Board of Directors, Officer Dick

held the position of president three times. For 16 years he served as team captain for the San Mateo Critical Incident Stress Management Team, a non-profit organization that offers counseling, mentoring and follow-up for emergency personnel after crises. In 2010 he assisted emergency personnel following the San Bruno fire in spite of his fear of fire.

In March 2003 he received the 2002 Peninsula Lions Club Heroism Award related to the pursuit and capture of two bank robbery suspects.

His interests include Harley Davidson motorcycles and photography. His community volunteerism is noteworthy. He volunteers for the American Heart Association, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, and other non-profit organizations as a photographer, and he has also volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House for more than 22 years.

In his retirement Officer Dick looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Linda Barstow-Dick. Officer Dick has two grown children, Erin Kristine Templin and Brian Joseph Dick. He also has a grandson, Devin James Templin.

Although Officer Dick is retiring from a long and meaningful career, he will continue to play a vital role in our community. Mr. Speaker, Officer Dick has dedicated his life to protecting residents of the Bay Area. I ask that the House of Representatives to join me in commending him for his extraordinary selflessness and service.

HONORING MARIAN CANNON
SCHLESINGER ON HER 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my constituent, Marian Cannon Schlesinger who will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 13, 2012. I am proud to join her legions of friends and admirers, and her loving family, in honoring her.

She was born the fortunate daughter of Dr. Walter Bradford Cannon, an eminent Harvard physiologist, and Cornelia James Cannon, a noted feminist writer. An alumna of Cambridge High and Latin School and Radcliffe College, she is the mother of four children, Andrew, Christina, Stephen and Katharine. Her rich and balanced life has been full of family, politics, painting, writing, and tennis.

A strong Progressive voice and wise chronicler of her times, Marian Schlesinger has been for almost ten decades a force to be reckoned with in the feisty politics of her hometown, Cambridge, Massachusetts. She canvassed for local politicians as a teenager and later campaigned for Adlai Stevenson. With her husband, the historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., she was an active participant in President Kennedy's New Frontier. Still today, she follows political news avidly, committed to democratic principles and Democratic ideals.

Early in her life, she became a landscape and portrait painter of distinction, travelling extensively, painting people and places from China to Guatemala to Manchester, New Hampshire. She wrote and illustrated several children's books. In her 70's she began writing

her memoirs, and she has published two spirited and insightful volumes chronicling a century of notable experiences in Cambridge, as well as her adventures around the world. She attributes her enduring vitality in part to her love of tennis which she played weekly, well into her mid-80s.

With all these achievements, she made no claim to being a "celebrity." She always was and she is today a good citizen. She made her mark with paints and with words, with hard work and political savvy. As Marian Cannon Schlesinger approaches her 100th birthday, she remains an inspiration to us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 95TH
BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LITTON

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a legendary environmental hero on his 95th birthday. Martin Litton is the quintessential take-no-prisoner environmental activist of his era. Thanks to his perseverance and passion, there is no dam in the Grand Canyon and there is no Disney resort next to Sequoia National Park.

Mr. Litton has been fighting for the environment for decades and still has plenty of fight left in him. He grew up in Gardena near Los Angeles and enjoyed hiking in the Southern Sierra as a child and teenager. When he was 18, he wrote a letter to the LA Times denouncing the diversion of water from Mono Lake to the growing population of Los Angeles. His wrote, "The people of the entire state should rise up against the destruction of Mono Lake. Mono Lake is a gem-among California's greatest scenic attractions." It has been with this sentiment and determination that he pursued all battles in life.

In the 1940s, Mr. Litton worked in the circulation department at the LA Times and started writing environmental freelance articles. He caught the attention of David Brower, executive director of the Sierra Club, who in 1952 hired Mr. Litton for a campaign against the construction of two dams in Dinosaur National Monument. Mr. Litton explored the Green and Yampa rivers in a wooden dory and the resulting publicity helped persuade the Congress to vote against the dams in 1956.

This was the first of many campaigns that stopped the building of dams. In 1964, Mr. Litton led a river trip through the Grand Canyon with David Brower, photographer Philip Hyde and writer Francois Leydet which led to the publication of the book *Time* and the River Flowing with photographs by Ansel Adams and Hyde. The Sierra Club then took out full page ads in the New York Times—Mr. Litton's idea—opposing the building of a dam in the Grand Canyon. Public opposition to the project was sealed.

Mr. Litton started his love affair with the Grand Canyon in 1955. He was only the 185th person to float the Colorado River first pioneered by John Wesley Powell. He continued to run the river for decades. In 1971 he founded Grand Canyon Dories and throughout the 1970s and 80s led commercial trips. Other river runners used rubber rafts, but Mr. Litton preferred the small wooden boats that were