

Senior Center and continues to be its treasurer. During Tony's stewardship, Doelger has been a major institution in the city, offering senior programming, space for community events and classes of various types. A good treasurer is essential for any long-time community program and Doelger and its seniors can count on Tony to ensure that the money raised by this volunteer organization is always safe and available to support its programs.

Tony's public service is not limited to Daly City, however. He has also served on numerous boards, committees and clubs, including the board of Bay Meadows and Los Alamitos race tracks, the San Mateo County Treasurer's Advisory Board, the Daly City Police Athletic League and the Daly City Credit Union. There is a theme in Tony's service: Building fiscal and human resources to support the future.

In addition to his long and outstanding public service, Tony is a well-known realtor in Daly City. That job has earned him the trust of residents who refer to him as the "go to guy." He can tell residents the history of nearly every block of Daly City. His stories about Daly City are always entertaining and offer tremendous insights into the evolution of this remarkable community. In his office, Tony proudly displays his collection of memorabilia and toys and will engage anyone in a conversation about city politics, city history or baseball.

Tony grew up in San Francisco's Potrero Hill neighborhood. He attended Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep where his passion for baseball thrived. Known as "Babe" for his skills on the field, he was later inducted into the school's Sports Hall of Fame.

Tony joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in San Francisco during the Korean War. He met the love of his life at a dance at the Presidio. Carole Williams and Tony married in 1956 and raised their beautiful and intelligent daughter Debra in Daly City.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Anthony Zidich, an extraordinary public servant, businessman and humanitarian whose energy, enthusiasm and expertise have enriched the lives of all Daly City residents. He will be greatly missed at City Hall, but if anyone comes to Daly City and wants to play ball, they'd better go see Tony first. He knows all of the players in the city, and he will freely offer game-changing advice to all who seek to build a better future for his beloved community of Daly City.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JASON BLANKENSHIP

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 27, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Jason Blankenship, a constituent who was tragically taken from us last fall.

A Texan by birth, Jason made Albuquerque his home. For over ten years, Jason gave back to the community as a staff member at the University of New Mexico, including several years in Human Resources and scientific research.

A Ph.D. by education, Jason most recently put his talents to work at UNM's Center on Al-

coholism, Substance Abuse and Addictions, where he served as research scientist and member of a team advancing the field of study of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. This was more than just a job to Jason. He was passionate about his research and truly believed in its ability to improve the lives of those suffering from these diseases.

Even though he was engaged in such important work at UNM, Jason always found time to give back to the Albuquerque community, most notably through the Make-a-Wish Foundation where he took great pride in being a "wish granter" to children with tragic illnesses.

He was loved by all for his wonderful personality, his thoughtfulness, his dedication, self-discipline and loyalty. Colleagues and fellow researchers remember Jason as kind, generous and highly skilled. Jason truly believed that the results of his research could positively impact the world around him. At just 43 years old, Jason was taken from us far too soon.

Mr. Speaker, may the life of Dr. Jason Blankenship serve as an inspiration to us all as we work to improve not just ourselves but the community around us.

BATTLING FOR BOBBY—MORE- HEAD WRESTLES ITS WAY TO A STATE CROWN

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 27, 2014

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, in sports, when a team is motivated by some outside cause, it can be difficult to defeat. When that team is determined to reach its goal because of a stricken leader, it can be unstoppable.

That is exactly how to describe the wrestling team at Morehead High School in Rockingham County, North Carolina. I am proud to say that the Morehead Panthers, who call the Sixth District of North Carolina home, recently won the 3A State Dual Team Wrestling Championship.

The Panthers had a theme all season: "Battling for Bobby." The aforementioned Bobby is Bobby Stewart, the former wrestling coach and Morehead's current athletic trainer who was diagnosed with leukemia. Prior to the championship bout, the team unveiled warm-up shirts that read "Battling for Bobby" on the front and "Taking Down Cancer" on the back.

The shirts worked because on February 8, 2014, Morehead defeated Fred T. Foard High School 33-28 to capture the state wrestling championship in the 3A Class. Bobby Stewart's illness focused the team all season as the Panthers compiled a 38-1 season on their way to a state crown. Morehead senior wrestler Payton Mills, who was named the championship's Most Outstanding Wrestler and won the opening match, gives much of the credit to Coach Stewart. "If it weren't for Bobby," Mills told the Reidsville Review, "I wouldn't currently be wrestling at all, let alone winning Most Outstanding Wrestler of the state duals. Mainly, I wanted to do everything I could to help my team win a state championship for Bobby because he's been such a huge influence on how I live my life today."

First-year Head Coach Daniel Bradford also told the Rockingham County newspaper that

the Panthers seemed to be a team of destiny. "This is what we work toward all season," Bradford said, "and it's great to see all of that work pay off like this. I knew coming into this season that we had a very strong lineup, with a lot of great wrestlers. But it was more than that. It was a lot of great men. From the very first tournament of the year, I knew we were going to be tough and the only goal for us was to have a chance to win this title."

Coach Bradford will be the first to tell you that it took the entire team to win the state championship. Members of the squad included Alex Bailey, Gideon Biggs, George Blackstock, Willis Booth, Tyler Bruins, Ben Bullins, Will Dabbs, Tyler Dabbs, Zane Hairston, Tylon Hodges, Steven Holland, Mike Jones, Jordan Jones, Dylan Jones, Jadakiss Jumper, Henrik Kummert, Payton Mills, Marqe Mills, Tyshawn Olverson, John Phillips, William Pryor, Cameron Sanders, Christian Santos, Jordan Servie, Wesley Strader, Dylan Willey, Tim Woods, and Alex Villa.

Aiding Coach Bradford in guiding the Panthers to the top included assistant coaches Marty White, Terry Mason, Chris Higgs, Chris Johnson, David Barker, and Robbie Horton. Team doctors Kevin Howard and John Dabbs, along with team trainers Bobby Stewart and Darrell Carter, made sure the Panthers overcame any injuries or illnesses on the path to glory.

The Morehead Wrestlerettes made sure the Panthers heard the crowd cheering them on to victory. The Wrestlerettes included Hope Booth, Anne Fitts, Rachel Gallardo, Destiny Smith, and Hannah Thompson, along with their sponsors Donna Gallardo and Shiela Thompson, and Booster Club president Carl Booth.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate Principal Al Royster, Jr., Athletic Director Jason Tuggle, and the faculty, staff, and students of Morehead High School for winning the 3A State Dual Team Wrestling Championship. The Panthers said they were "Battling for Bobby" and they lived up to that motto all the way to the top.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. GWENDOLYN LOUISE MCCORD HANKERSON

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 27, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Gwendolyn Louise McCord Hankerson, who sadly passed away on February 13, 2014.

Born in White Springs, Florida to the late William Quinton McCord and the late Allie Mae King McCord, Gwen dedicated her life to giving back to her community. A graduate of Dillard High School's Class of 1949, she went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Education from North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina in 1953.

Gwen taught third grade at Carver Ranches Elementary School and later became the first principal of Dillard High Community School. In addition, she worked at numerous schools throughout the county, such as Lauderdale Manors, Nova Blanche Forman, and Norfolk Elementary.