

performance tri-axial grade carbon fiber to manufacture state of the art snowboards. In addition, Oz Snowboards is committed to maintaining its manufacturing operation here in Colorado.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Oz Snowboards for receiving this prestigious award from the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation. I thank you for your commitment innovation, high standards and quality products.

RECOGNIZING THE JOURNEY HOME

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Journey Home, a veterans homeless shelter in east-central Indiana.

On March 21, 2014, The Journey Home started serving disadvantaged veterans throughout 5 Indiana counties. The program will help veterans overcome challenges such as homelessness, addiction, alcoholism, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The organization functions as a 6-month program in which veterans make a personal commitment to recovery and establish an environment of support for when they leave the shelter.

The Journey Home serves Delaware, Henry, Jay, Randolph, and Wayne Counties. I want to personally recognize Bill Davis, Linda DeHaven, and Mike Kennedy for the tremendous effort each individual contributed to make this project happen. Through passion for our veterans and dedication to seeing a positive change, these three people have helped create an organization that will benefit our veterans, their families, and their neighbors.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in recognizing the incredible potential impact The Journey Home will have on the 5 counties it serves in Indiana. This nonprofit organization demonstrates the great work that can be done when hardworking individuals come together to improve their community and the quality of life of others.

HONORING LAURYN WILLIAMS OF HOUSTON, TEXAS: 3-TIME OLYMPIAN, RECORD-SETTING ATHLETE, AND MENTOR AND ROLE MODEL FOR YOUNG PERSONS THE WORLD OVER

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in order to not only recognize but also honor Ms. Lauryn Williams for her extraordinary Olympic achievements and leadership.

Lauryn Williams is one of the greatest athletes in the history of track and field; a three-time Olympian, the Silver Medalist in the 100 meters at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens and a member of the team that won the Gold Medal in the 4 × 100 meters relay at 2012 Olympic Games in London.

As a collegian at the University of Miami from which she graduated with a B.A. in Fi-

nance, Lauryn Williams won the 100 meters at the 2004 NCAA Championship and followed that performance the next year by winning the Gold Medal in the 100 meters at the 2005 World Championship Games in Helsinki, Finland.

She solidified her place at the top of her sport in 2006 by winning Silver medals in the 60 meters at both the World Indoor Championships and the U.S. Championship.

In 2004, Lauryn Williams ran the fastest legal-wind time and the second fastest time in the world that year. She was named the 2004 Big East Most Outstanding Performer and honored as the 2004 Athlete of the Year by the Sports Council.

In 2007, at the World Championships in Osaka, Lauryn Williams once again showed that she is one the best. Using great form and her will to succeed, she took the Silver medal in one of the closest finishes ever seen in the history of track and field.

Lauryn Williams is one of only five persons in history to medal in both the Summer and Winter Olympic Games.

In December 2013, Lauryn Williams embarked upon the World Cup Race Circuit and won 2 silver and 1 gold medal in the four races.

In January 2014, she was named to the USA Olympic Bobsled Team representing the United States with just six (6) total months of participation in the sport.

Paired with Elana Meyers in the BMW USA-1 sled, Lauryn Williams won the Silver medal at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, missing out on winning the Gold Medal by a mere 0.10 second.

As a three-time Olympian, Lauryn Williams knows the hard work and dedication required to take bobsled to the next level and bring home a medal; she has a work ethic matched by few.

From an early age, her parents stressed the importance of education and the message stuck. While succeeding on the track, she also succeeded and excelled in the classroom.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Miami in 2004, and even gave the commencement address at her own graduation. She also obtained a Florida Real Estate Sale Associate license in 2006.

Additionally, during the 2008 Olympic year, while training full time to make the Olympic team, she also managed to simultaneously work on a Master of Business Administration degree, which she received from the University of Phoenix, AZ in 2009.

Recently, Lauryn Williams was struck with a passion for empowering athletes with financial literacy and stability so she completed the course work for Certified Financial Planning and will soon take the exam for CFP certification.

After Lauryn Williams returned home from the Sochi Olympic Games, she turned her focus to working with Olympians and other athletes to improve their financial literacy and stability in an effort to continue making a difference in the sporting world.

Lauryn's inspiring story of hard work, dedication and perseverance will motivate and inspire people of all ages.

Mr. Speaker, Lauryn Williams has been the recipient of many honors, including: Pennsylvania Sportswoman of the Decade 2009; member Iron Arrow Honor Society, highest

honor attainable at The University of Miami; Jefferson Award for Public Service Dream Team 2009; Miami Alumni Association William R. Butler Community Service Award 2008; Women in Sports Foundation honoree 2007; Visa Humanitarian 2006; Dapper Dan Sports woman of the year 2005; Runner's World-Hero of Running 2005; University of Miami Athletic Department Community Service Award 2002–2003.

Mr. Speaker, as an athlete Lauryn Williams represented our country with skill and grace and excellence and has earned the respect and affection of millions around the world. I take pride in saluting the remarkable achievements of this remarkable woman and world class athlete.

IN TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DOCTOR CHARLES EVERTON THORNHILL

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, the Reverend Doctor, Charles Everton Thornhill will celebrate his 85th birthday on Friday, April 11, 2014. He will be celebrating this special occasion with members of his congregation, colleagues, family and friends. The Reverend Dr. Charles Everton Thornhill is pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Reverend Thornhill said that God chose his mate, Mary Catherine Thornhill, and they have been married for over 56 years.

Dr. Thornhill was born April 9, 1929 in Cambridge, Massachusetts and was educated in the Cambridge Public Schools. He graduated from Zion Bible College in East Providence, Rhode Island, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree and Doctorate of Ministry from St. Martin College & Seminary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and a Doctorate of Divinity Degree from the Urban Bible College in Detroit, Michigan.

Reverend Thornhill has been a pastor both preaching and teaching for over 50 years. The first church he pastored was Zion Mission which he led for two years in Hyannis, Massachusetts. This was followed by his leadership at Beulah Temple Church for four years in Louisville, Kentucky. He moved to Milwaukee to join his friend, the late Reverend Kenneth Bowen pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Rev. Bowen was also a native of Cambridge, Massachusetts; Reverend Thornhill served as the Assistant Pastor of Mt. Moriah for 12 years. He left Mt. Moriah to become Pastor of Greater Mount Eagle Baptist Church in Racine, Wisconsin where he served for 24 years. Reverend Thornhill was asked to return to Mt. Moriah Baptist Church and has continued to pastor for nearly 20 years.

Dr. Thornhill is in the midst of a rebuilding and renovation program for their worship facility. In April, 2014, a chapel will be completed where the Mt. Moriah Educational Building once stood. Further, the current church building will be razed and be replaced with a new church building. The chapel constructed in 2014 will then be converted to the fellowship hall.

Dr. Thornhill is in great demand as a speaker around his community, city, and this country. He is an instructor at the National Baptist

Congress of Christian Education and the Wisconsin General Baptist State Congress of Christian Education. He teaches a theology class every Monday night in "Milwaukee to Pastors." He has served on boards of various social, economic, educational and philanthropic organizations. Pastor Thornhill has announced that this is his "Caleb Year" because Caleb was 85 years of age when he and descendants were rewarded by God with their promise. Caleb awaited his promise for 40 years remaining faithful and displaying triumphant faith; like Caleb, time has neither dimmed Reverend Thornhill's faith nor his spiritual vision.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to praise Reverend Dr. Charles Everton Thornhill who is my pastor and my friend. I honor his many accomplishments and life time commitment to the entire Milwaukee Community and the 4th Congressional District.

ZACHARY FOULKE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Zachary Foulke for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Zachary Foulke 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 Zachary Foulke 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 Zachary Foulke 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 of his future accomplishments.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,601,227,291,213.89. We've added \$6,974,350,242,300.81 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the upcoming anniversary of the essential diplomatic relationship between the United States and Taiwan. This enduring partnership is built upon strong cultural ties and the shared values of democracy and the rule of law.

The Taiwan Relations Act (TRA), which was passed by the United States Congress and signed into law on April 10, 1979, serves as the legal basis for relations between United States and Taiwan. 35 years later, the TRA remains the foundation of the continuous bilateral relationship between our two countries and represents the United States' commitment to the people on Taiwan.

I was proud to support US-Taiwan relations in 1979, and I am proud to support US-Taiwan relations today.

The TRA has enabled Taiwan to flourish as a democracy while at the same time achieving miraculous economic growth. The TRA provides the confidence that has allowed Taiwan to govern itself, expand trade with the global marketplace, and engage in cross-Strait negotiations. We, as a Congress, are proud of what we created with the Taiwan Relations Act and will do everything in our power to uphold this law that has proved so fruitful for Taiwan and the United States.

As we commemorate the 35th anniversary of the TRA, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new chief representative of Taiwan to the United States, Ambassador Lyushun Shen. Ambassador Shen is a seasoned diplomat with many years of experience working in Washington, D.C. I am confident that he will continue developing the common interests for our countries, and I look forward to working with him.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER WARHAWKS

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's Warhawks, who won the Division III Basketball National Championship on March 22, 2014. The Warhawks, led by point guard KJ Evans and Head Coach Pat Miller, displayed a tremendous amount of grit, determination, skill, and athleticism throughout their season. In a hard-fought battle, Whitewater beat Williams College 75-73. The victory marked the fourth national title for the Warhawks. They now have the second-most basketball championships of all time in Division III.

The success of UW-Whitewater basketball has made the residents of Wisconsin proud and I salute the entire team: Alex Merg, Patrick Souter, Brian Roedl, Quardell Young, Cody Odegaard, Sean Klemp, KJ Evans,

Reggie Hearn, Eric Bryson, Terrence Bradley, Drew Bryson, Miles Chamberlain, Ryan McBride, Dylan Graf, Steve Egan, Alex LeGault, Clay Stevens, and Cole Van Schyndel.

Winning a national championship is never easy. On behalf of my congressional office and my constituents in Wisconsin's fifth district, I commend the coaches and players at UW-Whitewater for their hard work and dedication, and wish them continued success in the future.

YAMILE HERNANDEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yamile Hernandez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Yamile Hernandez is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge 5-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Yamile Hernandez 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 Yamile Hernandez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING SOEURS CHARMANTES SOCIAL AND CIVIC CLUB

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a group of women who has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve their community, the Les Soeurs Charmantes Social and Civic Club. This Social and Civic Club has served as an informational vehicle in the Warren County community and the State of Mississippi.

The Les Soeurs Charmantes Social and Civic Club was organized at the home of Mrs. Melissa L. Demby on November 3, 1968. The purpose of the organization is to promote service, philanthropic as well as cultural and social interests. Colors selected for the organization are blue and white. The club song was written to the tune of "My Fair Lady" by club member Daisy Bell. In 1970, the club became affiliated with the National Association of Colored Women's Club. Chartered members who are still active with the club today are: Mrs. Gwendolyn Brown, Mrs. Helen Bowman, Mrs. Beverly Gaskin and Mrs. Carolyn Strothers.

The first debutante ball was held in March, 1971 at the Vicksburg City Auditorium and 16 girls were presented to society. The purpose