

## HONORING COACH ED STEERS

**HON. MARK SANFORD**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 2014*

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding career and accomplishments of Coach Ed Steers. At the conclusion of this school year, Coach Steers will be retiring as Athletics Director of Porter-Gaud School after nine great years. Under his leadership, Porter-Gaud has consistently had one of the most successful and well-rounded athletics programs in the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA), winning twenty-six state titles, as well as the SCISA President's Cup for three of the past four years.

As much as Coach Steers has done for the Cyclones, many do not know the details about Ed's career prior to his arrival at Porter-Gaud. As a student-athlete at the Citadel (Class of 1968), Coach Steers was a three-time Southern Conference champion in wrestling, never losing in a dual meet. He entered the coaching profession following a brief stint as a tank officer in the Vietnam era, coaching for the Army, then as head coach at William and Mary and later at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He is still the winningest wrestling coach in the history of both programs, and has been named to the Citadel's Athletics Hall of Fame, the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, and the New York Collegiate Wrestling Hall of Fame. He also was named the Citadel's Alumnus of the Year in 2002.

More important than all of these accolades has been Coach Steers' influence on the coaches, athletes, and the entire Porter-Gaud community. Ed models a lifestyle of personal fitness and discipline by squeezing in a run every day. He knows the name and the story of every single athlete and coach—and chokes up in telling the best ones every season at the athletics assemblies. He is present when buses pull out at 5:00 a.m., and he is present on the sidelines of almost every athletics event, whether bantam, junior varsity, or varsity. My boys Marshall, Landon, Bolton, and Blake join me, the Porter-Gaud Athletics Department, and the entire school in thanking Ed for his service and wishing him all the best in his well-deserved retirement. While his leadership and guidance will be sorely missed at Porter-Gaud, his legacy at the school will remain long after he departs and we wish him and his wife Sally all the best as their next journey begins.

## RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE SHEPHERD CENTER OF OAKTON-VIENNA

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the volunteers of the Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna and to thank them for their many contributions to the Northern Virginia community. Organized in 1997, the Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna is a non-profit that provides services to help older adults continue

living independently, and it offers programs that supply opportunities for enrichment, learning, and socialization.

The center works to support older residents who want to age in place in their homes and to engage them in social activities. Every year, approximately 200 volunteers for the Shepherd Center serve as medical drivers, companion drivers, friendly callers and visitors, health and wellness counselors, fundraisers, and grant writers. These volunteers run programs such as Lunch n' Life, Adventures in Learning, trips and outings, special events, and caregivers' support groups. Services are available free of charge to anyone age 50 or older who resides in the local community.

The Shepherd's Center has also been recognized as "One of the Best" 2012–13 by the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington and the 2012 Nonprofit of the Year award from the Vienna-Tyson's Regional Chamber of Commerce. The services and programs offered by this extraordinary organization help to ensure that our seniors stay connected to the community through promotion of active lifestyles, ongoing social integration, and availability of resources for older residents to use their experience, training, and skills in significant roles in society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna for the services which enable older adults in our community to age in place and enjoy their golden years with dignity and independence. I thank the many volunteers who generously dedicate their time and efforts to the welfare of our neighbors. The value of their contributions cannot be overstated and are deserving of our highest praise.

## NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 2014*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National Nurses Week which began on Tuesday, May 6 and ends on Friday, May 9. During the first full week of May each year, we recognize nurses across our country. Nurses represent the largest single component of the health care profession with approximately 3,100,000 registered nurses in the United States.

This year's theme for National Nurses Week is "Nurses Leading the Way." Nurses not only provide essential care to their patients, but they are also health innovators. Nurses are constantly bringing themselves up to speed on the new technologies and new medical research required to effectively serve their patients. We must support our nurse leaders by recognizing and thanking them for their daily work.

With a clear commitment to wellness promotion and illness prevention, the Obama Administration and Congress must support this large contingency of our health care community. There is convincing evidence that the health of our country can be dramatically advanced by deploying our greatest and most trusted national health resource, our nurses. Given a clear leadership role, the dedicated nurses of our country provide key services and preventive guidance for effective health care, not "sick-care."

National Nurses Week is dedicated to recognizing the work that our nation's nurses perform each day. We must also realize the potential that the nursing profession has to become the premier leader in preventive and public health. No matter the certification or registration, each nurse is important each day to each patient. Help me celebrate National Nurses Week by recognizing nurses in your community and nationwide.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 2014*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the many dedicated volunteers of the Washington County Historical Society in my State of Minnesota as the organization celebrates its 80th anniversary. Since its inception in 1934, the Society has played an invaluable role in preserving the history of the county and educating today's citizens about past generations.

Eighty years ago, a local women's group identified the need to protect stories and artifacts from Washington County. Working together with the Stillwater Rotary Club, the group formed and held its inaugural meeting on April 11, 1934 where it elected its first president and received its first donation, a copy of the "History of Washington County and the St. Croix Valley." The Society still has the work in its collection today, in compliance with its policy of permanently keeping all donations.

After first operating out of a single room in the Stillwater Public Library, the Society has steadily grown in size by increasing the number and variety of items and locations in its collection. It purchased the former Stillwater Prison Warden's House from the State for \$100 in 1941 and turned the property into a museum. The Warden's House museum is still in operation today, making it the second oldest house museum in Minnesota.

The Historical Society continues to grow to this day. It recently purchased a 14,000 square foot building in Stillwater, MN, that will be made into a state-of-the-art museum and research facility. The Society currently has about 700 members, operates two interpretive museums, and provides educational, research, and historical preservation opportunities throughout the county.

Mr. Speaker, the valuable efforts of the Washington County Historical Society during the past eight decades are commendable and worthy of recognition. In honor of many people who have built the success of the Washington County Historical Society, it is a privilege to submit this statement in honor of its 80th anniversary.

## CHIEF ROSEMARY CLOUD

**HON. JOHN LEWIS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 2014*

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special woman, Chief Rosemary