

HONORING THE CHEERLEADING TEAM FROM THOMAS W. KELLY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the cheerleading team from Thomas W. Kelly High School in Benton, Missouri. At the National Cheerleaders Association Championship this year they took home the first place trophy, earning their first National Championship. They earned this by working hard and setting their eyes on the prize early on. During their practices they focused on quality, not quantity and the team would come together and give it their all to perfect their routines.

Last October, the cheerleading team proudly took home the title of Class 2A Large State Champion, but they did not stop there. They traveled to St. Charles for the National Championship to compete with schools from all over the country.

During the competition, the Kelly High School cheerleading team competed against schools more than ten times the size of their own. This may have seemed daunting to some, but the team came prepared and represented Scott County admirably.

This is the first National Championship trophy for the cheerleaders of Thomas W. Kelly High School, but I do not see it being their last. It is my privilege to recognize their achievements and hard work before the House of Representatives.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST RUSSIAN ORTHODOX GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the parish of Saint John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, located in Little Falls, New Jersey as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary.

The parish of Saint John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church has been an active part of the Little Falls community since its founding in 1915. Through its weekly masses, education center, and cultural celebrations, the church greatly reflects and celebrates its culture which has been rooted in the church by its founders, while still taking on new members in the present day.

Saint John's was the product of two migrations: one from Europe prior to 1915 and one from Pennsylvania about a decade later. The original church was built in 1915 as a place for the Orthodox faithful to embrace their history, culture, and religion. In 1917, the church es-

tablished a Russian School Program for the youth. Over the years, the Orthodox population in the area grew, as did the church itself. In 1952, the architectural firm S.E. Greydanus & Son was hired to construct the new building. The project began on June 24, 1952. During the construction period, services were held at the Signac Public School and the Signac Fire House. Less than one year later, the project was completed and the first service was held in the new building on April 2, 1953. From 1957 through 1970, the church continued to purchase new land and build additions. Its final project, an education-recreation center, was completed on April 17, 1970.

The Parish of Saint John's has been helping the Orthodox community celebrate and practice their religion and beliefs. The church has also done much more; with the construction of its education center it has been able to offer programs such as a youth recreation center Sunday school, and much more to help educate the youth of the Orthodox community. The Sunday school teaches the youth about their religion and what it means to be an Orthodox Christian. Additionally, Saint John the Baptist Church invites all of those who wish to practice and understand their Orthodox beliefs to join them.

For Saint John the Baptist's Centennial Celebration, I commend all of the pastors and committees of the Parish. Since its founding, Saint John's has been supported by the people of Little Falls; this is one of the main reasons why the parish is still a big part of the community. After 100 years of outstanding service to the Township of Little Falls, I commend and congratulate Saint John the Baptist Church for all of its hard work and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Parish of Saint John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICARE DEMONSTRATION OF COVERAGE FOR LOW VISION DEVICES ACT OF 2015

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is estimated that more than 60 million Americans are at risk of serious vision loss—a number expected to increase as the baby boomer generation ages. Along with my colleague Rep. GUS BILIRAKIS, I am proud to reintroduce legislation to support Americans with limited or impaired vision. For someone with a visual impairment, reading a book or crossing the street could be blurred or distorted even with the help of glasses or contact lenses. In many cases a physician can prescribe magnifiers or special optical devices to help an individual remain independent. While there are a wide variety of options to help people with low vision, currently, there is an

exclusion from Medicare coverage for devices that include a lens to aid vision or provide magnification of images for impaired vision. Ultimately, not having these assistance devices could shift more individuals from independent living to care facilities or nursing homes.

To understand the impact of covering these devices for America's seniors, we are introducing the Medicare Demonstration of Coverage for Low Vision Devices Act of 2015. This legislation would create a five-year national demonstration project administered by the Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate the economic impact of allowing reimbursement for certain low vision devices under the Social Security Act. Coverage of such devices could help Medicare beneficiaries with low vision lead healthy, safe, and independent lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for roll call votes 51–53 due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on #51, yes on #52, and yes on #53.

CONGRATULATING DOROTHY KREUTER ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant in my Congressional District, Officer Dorothy Kreuter of the Doylestown Township Police Department. Last month, Officer Kreuter celebrated her retirement after serving 26 years with the department—an accomplishment for which we are all grateful.

Officer Kreuter was the first female officer in the Doylestown Township Police Department. Since joining the force, she faithfully devoted her life to protecting the health, safety and well-being of the constituents in the Central Bucks community. No matter the call, Officer Kreuter carried out her many responsibilities with a sense of skill and professionalism that was critical to the department's success over several decades. The integrity she displayed for her job, and sense of duty is unmatched.

Officer Kreuter is a trusted friend to many on the Police Department, and many in our community. I along with the residents of the 8th Congressional District wish her the best of luck in her retirement, and appreciate her many years of service and unwavering commitment to duty.