

HONORING COAHOMA COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of high school students from the second district of Mississippi on their victory against Baldwin High School Bearcats by the score of 60 to 47 on March 10th to win the State 2A Boys Basketball Championship. The team ended the season with an overall record of 32 and 2.

I would first like to recognize the team beginning with the coaches. They include Head Coach, Derrick Moore and Assistant Coaches, Darryl Moore and Tim Williams; Trainers, Latrentis Murrell and Antwonario Bryant. To the entire coaching staff, your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

The players' teamwork and athletic abilities are also evident with this victory. Waltavious Cockerham, Keion Cosby, Bentavious Galmore, Markevious Holmes, Brandon Hornburger, Jaylin McCray, Derrick Moore, Jr., Markevious Phillips, Alshun Ross, Dewayne Rucker, Timarcus Sacks, Timothy Sacks, Effernee Taylor, Keyshawn Thomas, Jammion Burden, Gregg Johnson, Tykeevius Taylor, Jermaine Fry, and Quenton Wolfe, congratulations on a victorious season.

Derrick Moore, a 1996 graduate of Coahoma County High School and former Assistant Coach under Coach Isaiah Peterson when the Red Panthers won back to back titles in 2005 and 2006, believes a team is a team when everyone has the mindset that they can win and be champions and when each individual knows they are important to the program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating the Coahoma County High School Red Panthers Boys Basketball Championship Team.

RECOGNIZING MR. "BUZ" EDDY,
THE CITY MANAGER OF THE
CITY OF GULF BREEZE

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. "Buz" Eddy, the City Manager of The City of Gulf Breeze, Florida. Mr. Eddy has served the city in this role since 1992. On May 1, 2017, Mr. Eddy is retiring after twenty-five years of dedicated service.

Mr. Eddy has contributed his expertise and guidance in many different capacities. He served on the Board of the Florida City/County Managers Association, and as a member of the Gulf Breeze Sertoma and Gulf Breeze Rotary Clubs. Buz served as President of the Gulf Breeze Rotary Club in 2015-2016. Mr. Eddy also serves as the City's representative on The Santa Rosa County RESTORE Council and is President of Fairpoint Regional Utility System.

As City Manager, Mr. Eddy made structural transformation the cornerstone of his administration. He has put in place the plans, proce-

dures, systems, and controls necessary for accountability and performance to ensure Gulf Breeze will continue to operate under the institutional principles established by his administration long after he leaves the post.

During Mr. Eddy's tenure, Gulf Breeze was impressively recognized as the Number One Most Successful City in Florida over 215 top livable cities, based on national quality-of-life rankings.

Mr. Eddy has contributed to the creation of countless successful projects and programs. He has demonstrated a profound dedication to the concepts of effective and democratic local government. His negotiations on behalf of the City have resulted in the expansion and redevelopment of a variety of enterprises.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Mr. "Buz" Eddy and congratulate him on his retirement. I thank him for his fairness, diligence, encouragement, and trustworthy leadership; and wish him all the best for continued success in the future.

CONGRATULATING THE 2017
CRISPUS ATTUCKS MEDICAL
MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL'S VARSITY
BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the 2017 Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School's Varsity Boys Basketball Team. The Tigers were crowned the Division 3A Indiana State Boys Basketball Champions on March 25, 2017 after a thrilling last second basket to clinch victory over Twin Lakes 73-71 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

The Crispus Attucks basketball program is one of our country's most legendary basketball programs, as it was the first all-black school in the country to win an open state championship in 1955. This year's team was supported by our entire community and especially alumni. NBA Hall of Famer and leader of the 1955 and 1956 championship teams, Oscar Robertson, cheered on the Tigers and following their victory placed the championship medals around the necks of the players, coaches, and support staff.

This is the team's fourth state title, but the first since 1959. The Tigers were led to a 25-4 record by first year Head Coach Chris Hawkins who has inspired the student athletes to excel. Additionally, all Attucks fans and in particular the student body should be recognized for their enthusiasm and pride in this team.

The young men on this team should be proud of their accomplishment. It is an honor to join the entire Indianapolis community in recognizing these outstanding student athletes.

IN RECOGNITION OF MORTON &
PITALO, INC.'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Morton & Pitalo, Inc. as they cele-

brate their 40th Anniversary. As the community and members of Morton & Pitalo gather today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring them and their long history of service to the Sacramento region and beyond.

Co-founded by Richard Morton and John Pitalo in 1977, Morton and Pitalo, Inc. is the oldest locally-owned firm in the region. Mr. Morton and Mr. Pitalo have created an organization that provides high-quality civil engineering, land planning, and land surveying to their clients. Providing all of these services via a single firm allows Morton & Pitalo to be closely involved and knowledgeable in entire construction projects, from start to finish. Dedicated to the success of their projects, the highly-talented staff's teamwork is the key to the many accomplishments of Morton & Pitalo's operations. As they commemorate their 40th Anniversary, they can celebrate having successfully completed thousands of projects for the public and private sectors.

Mr. Speaker, as the members and friends of Morton & Pitalo, Inc. celebrate their 40 years of service to the Sacramento region and beyond, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their dedication to their clients and to our community.

HONORING BETHEL COLLEGE
MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH
MIKE LIGHTFOOT ON HIS RE-
'TIREMENT'

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike Lightfoot, who will retire at the end of this season after 30 years as coach of the Bethel College Men's Basketball Team.

The tremendous achievements of the Bethel Pilots Men's Basketball Team are a reflection of Coach Lightfoot's ability to see greatness in his players and inspire the team to be their best. Coach Lightfoot was an inspiration not only to his team, but to the entire Bethel College community. As generations of students, faculty, and fans have gathered at the Wiekamp Athletic Center, committed to the home game excitement and school spirit, Coach Lightfoot has helped foster the team's will to succeed and the institution's faithful turnout.

Coach Lightfoot has led the Bethel Pilots since 1987, and in that time the team secured 796 wins, including four NCCAA National Championships and three NAIA National Championships. His greatest legacy, however, is in helping the countless players he coached grow into strong leaders and dedicated members of their community. He had an amazing ability to connect with these young men, inspiring them to strive for great achievements, as evidenced by the 98 percent graduation rate among Coach Lightfoot's players.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I want to thank Coach Lightfoot for his unconditional dedication to the Pilots, Bethel College, and our entire community. His innovative coaching styles and effective leadership resonates in the team's excellent record as well as in the personal growth and achievement of every player he helped shape. I am grateful for the example he set for the young Hoosiers of Bethel College.

HONORING VELMA JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of high school students from the second District of Mississippi with a special congratulations for winning the State 3A Boys Basketball Championship when they defeated East Side by the score of 46 to 32 on March 10th with an overall record of 27 and 6.

I would first like to recognize the team beginning with the coaches. They include Head Coach, Anthony Carlyle and Assistant Coaches: Bryantae Garrett and Christian Johnson. Their hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

The players' teamwork and athletic abilities are also evident with this victory. The players are Mason Riley, Robert Anderson, Kiryne Jobe, Brandon Weatherspoon, Robert Kendrick, Charles Smith, Travis Brown, Nikolas Weatherspoon, Haven Ousley, Carlton Beamon, Leaveon Griffin, Jamuel Brooks, DeMarion Jones, Andre Lee and Antwain Dixon.

Congratulations Velma Jackson High School Falcon Boys Basketball Championship Team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating Velma Jackson High School Boys Basketball Championship Team.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. MELANY REIS-ABERNATHY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Melany Reis-Abernathy, who sadly passed away on March 18, 2017 after a long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Melany Reis-Abernathy was born in Modesto, California on March 27, 1973. Growing up, Melany was the daughter of a dairyman and a District 5 Dairy Princess. She attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where she graduated in 1996, and went on to work in the agriculture industry with the Farm Credit system and later at Rabobank North America Wholesale as a financial analyst.

An avid adventure seeker, Melany met her husband, Kevin Abernathy, while in a martial arts class in 1999. The two became quick friends due to their active lifestyles and similar upbringings in the dairy community and began dating soon after meeting. Melany and Kevin got married on June 17, 2003 in Kauai, Hawaii at Ship Wreck Beach and made their home in Delhi, California. Kevin and Melany enjoyed water skiing, boating, hiking, running, and snow skiing together. Although the two never had children of their own, Melany was known and loved by her nieces and nephews as the "cool aunt".

Known for her dedicated service, Melany and Kevin began working with disadvantaged children through Aspiring Children for Tomorrow,

an organization of which her husband serves as general manager. The goal of the organization is to assist struggling young people through training and competition in the fighting arts.

Mrs. Reis-Abernathy became a yoga instructor while battling cancer, showing her strength and resolve even in the face of adversity. Melany had the strength to continue fighting this disease and living her life with love and joy, as she always had. She truly lived every moment to the fullest.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Melany Reis-Abernathy. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends during this difficult time.

IN HONOR OF KATY LUCILLE HENDERSON

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this month, the Houston County Tadmor Community will celebrate the one hundredth birthday of Katy Lucille Henderson, a cherished leader and faithful servant in the community.

On April 24th, 1917, George and Josephine Augusta Stewart Henderson welcomed a new addition to the family, Katy Lucille Henderson, better known as Lucille. In her life, Lucille has witnessed the growth and transformation that took place in the world during the 20th and 21st Centuries. Growing up, Lucille's family used a horse drawn buggy as their primary mode of transportation. She vividly remembers the introduction of many "modern" inventions such as the electric light bulb, refrigeration, and indoor plumbing. However, few modern marvels have had a great impact on Lucille compared to hearing her favorite hymn, How Great Thou Art, or the majestic voice of the great Mahalia Jackson.

After graduating high school in 1936, Lucille married Carl Lester Franklin. While Carl served in the military during World War II, Lucille dedicated her time to working in the community and serving as a cook at the Kennard West Side Schools. For more than 50 years, she has served the Lord as a Stewardess at the Bethel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and as a respected role model in the Tadmor Community.

Together, Lucille and Carl raised five children: Carl E. Franklin, Barbara Franklin, Marva G. Anglin, Charles D. Franklin, and Ronald L. Franklin. Lucille is also blessed with a stepdaughter, Doris Gibson.

Lucille's family continues to grow as she is blessed with twelve grandchildren and ten great-grand children: Byron Franklin, Abria Perry, Brian Franklin, Bobby R. Anglin, George K. Anglin, Kyla N. Franklin, Micha A. Franklin, Diondra I. Franklin, Nichelle R. Franklin, Patrice L. Franklin, Robbyn L. Traylor, and Rosslyn K. Douglas; along with Doris' children: Mitchell, Marcus and Milton; Malkijah Perry, Aniya Perry, Briana M. Franklin, Jayna Franklin, Jordan Anglin, Jayron Anglin, Kennedy Anglin, Reign K. Traylor, Ryleigh M. Traylor, and Cadence K. Douglas.

From her home in the Tadmor Community, Lucille continues to see the world transform

around her; however, she recently joked with her family that she "has never been on an airplane and never will be!"

As she celebrates her 100th birthday, I would like join her family, friends, and the Tadmor Community to wish Lucille a very happy and blessed birthday.

HONORING TWENTY-TWO TEACHERS OF THE GREATER BOCA RATON AREA

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the twenty two outstanding teachers in South Florida who have been awarded the Teacher of the Year Award from the Rotary Club of Boca Raton Sunrise.

For the past 31 years, the Rotary Club of Boca Raton Sunrise has offered this annual distinction to one teacher at each of the twenty-two schools in the greater Boca Raton area. Each awardee is selected by the school's principal. These teachers have dedicated their time to inspiring, empowering, and bettering the next generation of youth in our community. Their passion in this effort is truly worthy of our recognition.

These twenty-two exemplary teachers have made a profound impact on their students through their caring, commitment, and professionalism. They are a cohort defined by integrity, excellence, and the highest marks in all they do. The City of Boca Raton is fortunate to have such outstanding faculty.

Congratulations to Maria Laing, Brad Chapell, Kelly Green, CarolAnn Da Rocha, Meghan Forbush, Mariel Stark, Shari Fareng, Eileen O'Brien, Denise Rudy, Courtney Elkin, Emlyn McAna, Nora Buck, Robin Koota, Sarah Gregory, Jacqueline Grandison, Shelly Devino, Mary Fish, Anna Lillie-Young, Karen Gibson, Amanda Fraga, Lance Blank, and Sharon Gotschall on being nominated for this year's Teacher of the Year Award. I am pleased to honor them, and I thank them, for their continued service.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JAMES DICK

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Captain James Dick for his more than 30 years of faithful and dedicated service to the U.S. Navy and our country.

A 1987 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and 1993 graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School, Captain Dick served as an engineering officer on the USS *San Jacinto* (CG 56) where he completed three deployments to the Persian Gulf. In 2000, he returned to shipboard life aboard the USS *Klackring* (FFG 42) as executive officer. In this tour, he oversaw a crew of more than 200 sailors as they circumnavigated South America as part of their UNITAS XLI exercises with other foreign navies. In 2005, Captain Dick assumed command of the USS *Ramage* (DDG