

Stodolka, Alexander Masotto, Ryan Cheatham, Sam Sitton, Nate Imig, Austin Schneider, Turner Givens, Graham Welch, and Dayton Loyd.

Praise is also extended to reserve Patriots: Cole Clinton, Adam Nelson, Adam Biesiadny, Justin Olivarez, Braden McMahan, Colston Lloyd, Tyler Hollingsworth, Christian Reeves, Ethan Cherry, Max Page, Raby Hampton, Caden Ledbetter, Tyler Johnson, Jeremy Moore, Sam Plotkowski, Patrick Rogers, Joey Gennusa, Brady UsherWood, Cameron Jacobs, and Blake Ross.

Credit is owed not only to the talented athletes, but to the dedicated faculty and staff of the University of Texas at Tyler, including: Brent Porche, Head Coach; Erik Grafton, Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator; Wade Pope, Assistant Coach; Cade Bowen, Pitching Coach; Kody Gautreaux, Assistant Coach; Sam Lane, Assistant Coach; Dalton Smith, Assistant Coach; Connor Green, Strength & Conditioning Coach; Andrew Cage, Athletic Trainer; and Dr. Howard Patterson, Director of Athletics.

Enough cannot be said regarding the support the Patriots received from the entire Tyler community. The love and support from people all around the area surely served as an inspiring force behind this incredible run.

It is also amazingly fitting that the last season Robert and Mary Irwin, the benefactors for whom the team's home field is named, got to experience together before Robert's passing was the team's first national championship.

With the support of coaches, teachers, administrators and their entire east Texas community, these young men bear witness that anything is achievable through hard work and determination.

These are guiding principles that lead to success not only on the field, but will undoubtedly resonate through every endeavor these valiant championship players undertake throughout their lives.

#### HONORING THE PULIDO FAMILY

### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 3, 2018*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pulido family for their contributions to South Texas, both through their musical talents and dedication to civil service. Roberto Pulido, his brother Eloy Pulido, and his son Bobby Pulido have been active participants in the South Texas community since the 1970s when Roberto made his mark as a Tejano musician.

At the age of 12, Roberto began his musical career when he decided to repair his grandfather's old guitar. Roberto grew to become a pioneer of Tejano music. Roberto's brother Eloy also participated in his family's music legacy. In the mid 80's, Eloy began his career as a civil servant, later becoming the 27th Hidalgo County Judge. As County Judge, Eloy lived by a creed of "effectiveness and accountability." He strived to make government more accessible and produce positive results through regional problem solving.

Roberto's son Bobby continued his father's musical legacy by introducing Tejano music to new generations of Mexican-Americans. He

became an idol among the young and old alike and is credited as one of the most influential Tejano recording artists.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to share Roberto, Eloy, and Bobby's contributions to South Texas. Their family's music and public service have had a significant impact on the lives of South Texans. I find it proper and fitting to honor them and the Pulido family today.

#### RETIREMENT OF LEROY MARSH

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 3, 2018*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration and respect that I stand before you today to honor Mr. Leroy Marsh for his outstanding coaching career and to wish him well upon his retirement from his position as the head coach of the Munster High School football team. Leroy's outstanding forty-five year career was driven by his dedication to making a difference in the lives of his students and athletes by building character and setting a good example. Coach Marsh deserves the utmost praise for his lifetime of devotion to the youth of his community as a coach, educator, and leader.

Leroy Marsh grew up in Northwest Indiana and graduated from East Chicago Roosevelt High School in 1986. He went on to further his education, earning a bachelor's degree from Augustana College in 1972 and then a master's degree from Purdue University Calumet in Hammond. Following college, Leroy became an educator and defensive coordinator at Munster High School, and in 1980, he was offered the head coaching position. Coach Marsh has had a noteworthy career, leading his team to five sectional titles, one regional title, and nine conference titles. He leaves the program with an impressive 228-166 record. In addition, he coached fifty-nine first team all-state players and was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. For his remarkable career, Leroy was named "coach of the year" several times by the Indiana Football Coaches Association. During his forty-five years of coaching at Munster, Coach Marsh has served as a tremendous inspiration to numerous students and athletes, and he is worthy of the highest praise.

In addition to coaching, Leroy's philanthropic efforts throughout Northwest Indiana have been a great source of pride. Among his numerous charitable endeavors, Mr. Marsh started the Mustang Toy Roundup, in which the football team helps to collect money for underprivileged children during the Christmas season. Additionally, in honor of their son, Ryan, who tragically passed away, Leroy and his wife, Jamie, created the Ryan Marsh Foundation. The organization helps send children with disabilities to Camp Riley in Indianapolis, an outstanding organization that allows these children to experience and attend summer camp. As you can see, Leroy Marsh is kind and giving and often puts others' needs before his own.

Mr. Marsh's dedication to his community is exceeded only by his devotion to his loving family. His wife, Jamie, runs the press box for football games, while his son, Chris, is a vol-

unteer assistant on the field. In addition, his grandson, Patrick, is an offensive lineman for Wabash College. Football is a passion shared by the Marsh family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Mr. Leroy Marsh for his outstanding career and his lifetime of mentorship to Munster's youth. His impact will be felt for years to come through his countless selfless acts. I wish Leroy well on his retirement and thank him for his lifelong dedication to our community. For his many contributions, he is worthy of our highest gratitude and appreciation.

HONORING THE REMARKABLE LIFE OF JOHNNY HARRIS, JR.: SON, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, PATRIOT, OUTSTANDING AMERICAN, TEACHER, AND COMMUNITY LEADER

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 3, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Johnny Harris, Jr., a great American, who dedicated his life in service to making this great country a better place and educating the next generation of leaders.

Living by the creed that knowledge and education could change your life and perceptions making you a better person, Mr. Johnny Harris Jr. obtained his bachelor's degree in business and two master's degrees in business and education.

During his life he sold insurance and owned his own businesses, but later returned to his passion of educating and coaching the next generation of future leaders.

His love for football extended to him coaching football at Zaragoza Air Base in Spain and later at Estacado High School in Lubbock, Texas.

In addition, he also taught at Lincoln Middle School, Edison Middle School, and Lee Middle School respectively.

In life and work, he was committed to inspiring excellence in all people.

He exuded love, friendship and compassion.

Mr. Johnny Harris Jr. loved mentoring local high school students and founded the non-profit Center for Athletic and Academic Placement (CAAP), of which he was extremely proud, to help high school student athletes improve their academics and obtain scholarships for college.

During the past 20 years, Mr. Johnny Harris Jr. and his wife helped mentor hundreds of students and assisted them into college.

Mr. Johnny Harris Jr. believed no child should suffer and even in his last days sought to empower and enrich causes dedicated to helping eradicate diseases prevalent among children, and terminal diseases generally.

He lived by the quote "God, family, and education" and it was evident in all the he did.

On April 26, 2018, he succumbed to illness, but not without inspiring a new generation of leaders.

As we go forward, it is of the utmost importance to provide experimental treatment to those facing terminal diagnoses.

As we have seen, it can literally mean the difference between life and death or essential comfort during the final days of life.