

baseball career lasted only one season before he switched sports, becoming a member of the famed Harlem Globetrotters.

A true patriot, Wilson left the Globetrotters to serve in the United States Army, later returning to the team until retiring in 1954.

After retiring from the Harlem Globetrotters, Wilson returned to college where he obtained a teaching degree. He accepted a coaching position at Indianapolis Wood High School where he was named the first African-American coach at an integrated school in Indiana. In his eight seasons as coach, Wood teams won an astounding 139 games and lost 59.

After leaving Indianapolis, Wilson was hired as athletic director and later head basketball coach at Crane Community College in Chicago. The junior college was soon renamed in honor of civil rights figure Malcolm X. Wilson was head coach of Malcolm X basketball for 16 years where his teams won 378 games and lost 135, a .737 record. After retiring in 1989 from Malcolm X, he returned to his hometown of Anderson, where he became assistant coach for Anderson University with good friend, and then head basketball coach and athletic director, Barrett Bates.

Wilson was known as a great ambassador to the community as assistant coach at AU. Wilson was dedicated to his players' success and taught them the importance of working hard, often claiming there is no such thing as a "free lunch." Encouraging players to go to class and get an education was instilled in his coaching philosophy. It was important to him that players were successful both on and off the court. Wilson was respected by other coaches and the people he worked with. He spent four seasons as an AU assistant coach and three years as a volunteer assistant coach at Anderson High School under Ron Hecklinski. After being passed over for a head coach position at Anderson High School more than once, Wilson become head coach for the girls' basketball team. In 2002, he served as an assistant coach to his son, John E. Wilson Jr. at Lock Haven State College in Pennsylvania.

Wilson was recognized consistently over the years for his excellence in athletics. His contributions were so significant, Anderson High School erected a statue in his honor in 2016. He was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1994, the Anderson University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997, and was named Madison County's 100 Greatest Athletes in 2012. Wilson was also honored as one of the Top 50 Athletes of the Century in Indiana and Co-Athlete of the Century by the Herald Bulletin with fellow teammate and AU Hall of Famer Carl Erskine. He won the Humanitarian Award from Malcolm X College and the Black Sports Pioneer Award from Alpha Kappa Sorority. Wilson was the recipient of the Distinguished Service and Citizen Awards from the Boy Scouts of America, the Masons, Black Expo, the City of Anderson and was chosen as a Goodwill Ambassador by the Harlem Globetrotters. Notably, Wilson enjoyed meeting young men and women at the Herald Bulletin's Johnny Wilson Awards annual luncheon, where local multi-sport-student-athletes were honored.

Wilson will be forever missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and the entire Anderson community. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Wilson's son, John E. (Jackie)

Wilson Jr., daughters, Sherri Wilson and Gena Wilson-Stockard, brother, Gene (Mae Helen) Wilson, and his many grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family and friends who mourn his loss. The Anderson and Hoosier community will forever miss his positive attitude, mentorship, and unwillingness to quit.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HAITIAN EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT ACT OF 2019

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, the Haitian Educational Empowerment Act of 2019.

Thought the current occupant of the White House may want to have us believe that all is well in Haiti while, parenthetically, speaking of the country in derogatory and disgusting terms, those of us who truly know this country, those of us who truly care about the country and the Haitian Diaspora, know that Haiti remains on the road to recovery. The rebuilding continues from not only Hurricane Matthew, but the 2010 earthquake and the cholera outbreak, all of which continue to provide roadblocks to Haiti's full recovery. It is imperative that we do all that we can to ensure that the Haitian people receive the assistance they need to realize a vibrant, strong, and healthy democracy.

To that end, the Haitian Educational Empowerment Act of 2019 authorizes the Secretary of State to establish a scholarship program for Haitian students who have had their studies disrupted by the 2010 earthquake or Hurricane Matthew. Such scholarships will ensure that Haiti has access to the future teachers, doctors, lawyers and civil servants it will need to realize its full potential with strong democratic institutions and a strong economy.

Madam Speaker, I invite all of my colleagues to join me in support of this important bill—a bill that will help Haitians help Haiti as the country continues its hard work on its road to recovery.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to make it clear that had a recorded vote on H.J. Res. 28 been recognized and called, I would have voted no.

HONORING THE HARRISBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR EARNING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWN WATCH "ROOKIE OF THE YEAR" AWARD

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the outstanding men

and women of the Harrisburg Police Department on earning the National Association of Town Watch "Rookie of the Year" Award.

On August 7, 2018, 16,780 law enforcement agencies across the Country held local National Night Out events, aimed at promoting police-community partnerships through neighborhood block parties and cookouts with officers. Out of nearly 800 nationwide law enforcement groups who held a National Night Out for the first time, the Harrisburg Police Department was one of only three agencies in Pennsylvania selected for recognition.

Law enforcement officers are heroes, and we must not take their service for granted. They put their lives on the line to keep our neighborhoods, homes, businesses and schools safe and secure. The National Night Out in August was just one more example of the Harrisburg Police Department's cherished charge to protect and defend the people they serve.

I've long appreciated the commitment and self-sacrifice of our law enforcement professionals. On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I commend, congratulate and extend my heartfelt thanks to the Harrisburg Police Department on this great accomplishment, and wish them Godspeed as they continue serving and safeguarding our communities.

OATH CEREMONY ON JANUARY 25, 2019

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on January 25, 2019. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On January 25, 2019, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Julia Sui Nei Mawi, Balida McCraw, Song E. Paik, Bruno Frederic Penteado, Angel Chiang, Maricela Garcilazo, Luis Antonio Huerta, Carmen Navarro Lopez, Tatiana Madon, Jorge Martinez, Lucia Tiscornia, Karina Furlic, Viktoriya Trenkinshu, Ana M. Anguiano, Jose Arturo Jimenez, Nishi Wairimu Muna, Elyahu Harold Herszberg, Tianlin Wang Ford, Tsoelopele Quincy Mukwena, Haneen Abuhasan, Sofia Rebeca Cavazos, Belen Candelario, Ljubica Trajeski, Shing Vucich Chung, Jabrieh Mustafa Issa, Dijana Najdeski, Suthon Somjana, Elena Eshanova, Martin Paul Nowosadzki, and Selenne Serna.