

Williams, Sebastian Wilson. Football Coach: Jeromey Anderson. Basketball Coach: Kevin Fletcher. Athletic Director: Kevin Jones. Headmaster: James Twardowski.

I wish each of these young men continued success in the classroom and in athletics. Go Bulldogs.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on April 10, 2019 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on April 10th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Moms Allen, Thomas P. Anderson, Juan G. Avendano, Herbert Clifford Barrus, Donald J. Bendis, Richard Bianchi, Anton L. Boeckhold, Josephine M. Bogdanich, Donald K. Borta, Robert R. Brown, Roy Eugene Brown, Robert M. Buckley, Donald A. Burke, Richard V. Butler, Donald J. Carani, Carl R. Carlson, Lawrence A. Carlson, Andrew Carrillo, Marvin E. Causey, Fred Choromanski, Edward A. Clark, Cecil R. Coleman, James L. Conley.

Dominick Frank Corelli, Amelia Cunningham, Herbert E. Davidson, Robert Davis, William C. Devereux, Robert E. Dobis, Victor Drower, Terrence C. Duffy, Donald C. Eageny, Norval J. Edwards, Chester L. Evers, Jr., Samuel C. Farley, Thomas P. Felsenthal, Aldo Filafusi, Blenard R. Franklin, Bernard Friedman, Richard J. Gaskey, Edward Gill, Fred J. Hefner, John I. Hozian.

Edward F. Jamrozik, Joseph J. Johnson, John H. Kawa, John Robert Kemble, Alvin J. Knauf, William F. Kretz, Milton F. Langer, Walter Mannaberg, Philip F. Manning Jr., Douglas J. Martner, Frank V. Masters, Davis McClain, John McGregor, Earl McKay, Vernon A. Meyer, Donald J. Miller, Ronald J. Mitchell, Robert Kern Morgan, Stevenson Mountsier.

Thaddeus M. Murawski, Richard M. Naugle, Bruce F. North, Sr., Thomas J. O'Keefe, Owen R. Owen, Robert C. Parker, James A. Powers, Michael S. Puzzo, James Reuter, Fred Graf-ton Rounds, Charles L. Rush, Frederick J.

Schmelzer, William H. Schmit Jr., Norman R. Sehnoutka, Donald J. Seneker, Thomas G. Sheehan, Herbert Sheriff.

John F. Slown, Robert Smith, Robert A. Sousa, Frederick T. Staron, Donald R. Strahanoski, Harold P. Streicher, James C. Terpstra, Van C. Virva, Jr., George Vlahakis, Carol A. Walters, Edward P. Wilkin, James Williams, Ronald L. Wilson, Edwin Winlechte, Charles J. Yackley, Robert E. Yaeger, Paul Kenneth Young, Ronald P. Zuraski.

IN HONOR OF ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS OF GREATER HOUSTON 50TH ANNI- VERSARY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Greater Houston. For the last half-century, this group has contributed greatly to the construction and advancement of the Greater Houston Area and I thank them for their work in growing our community.

Founded in 1969, the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Greater Houston provides leadership development and craft training for both the commercial and industrial construction industries. The Greater Houston Chapter of ABC is comprised of over 450 locally owned construction and assembly firms, representing thousands of skilled professionals in the Greater Houston Area.

The mission of ABC of Greater Houston is to defend and represent its members' right to work, as well as protecting free enterprise within the construction industry. ABC of Greater Houston is also committed to promoting safe work environments and occupational practices, and leads the country in members active in the Safety Training Evaluation Process (STEP) program—a unique initiative started in 1989 to dramatically improve safety performance in the construction industry.

ABC of Greater Houston is committed to tackling our nation's workforce problem through the Construction and Maintenance Education Foundation (CMEF). This exceptional foundation formulates partnerships between industrial leaders and contractors to tackle the shortage of skilled workers in the construction sector.

Today, the American economy is booming, in no small part because of leadership from outstanding organizations like ABC of Greater Houston. Through their innovative programs that enhance industry partnerships and promote free enterprise, ABC has provided opportunities for economic and educational growth among members, workers, and industry professionals.

This year marks 50 incredible years of industry advancement by ABC of Greater Houston. I am proud to join everyone in our community in celebrating their 50th Anniversary, and thanking them for the work they do for builders and contractors in the Houston area, across Texas, and throughout the country. I am sure their next 50 years will be even more successful.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF DALLAS MAVERICKS LEGEND DIRK NOWITZKI

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, after 21 seasons as the face of the Dallas Mavericks, Dirk Nowitzki played his final game in Dallas. Since he arrived as a 19 year-old from Germany, Dirk has transformed the game of basketball and led the Mavericks to unparalleled success.

He has earned the respect of fans and fellow players alike over the course of his record-setting career. In his early days in the NBA, however, he faced great adversity. But his resilience and determination proved too strong for any negativity. Dirk's leadership and great play culminated in a championship run in 2011. Because of his MVP performance, a championship banner now hangs in the American Airlines Center, which I can see from my District Office in Dallas. This building, which was the setting for many of Dirk's greatest games and most memorable moments, will forever be known as "the house that Dirk built."

His accolades on the court are many—15 appearances in the NBA Playoffs, a 14-time NBA All-Star, a 12-time All-NBA team member, one of only eight players to score 30,000 points, a regular season MVP award, a Finals MVP award, and an NBA Championship. But the true measure of the man is what he has done off the court. For years, he has visited Children's Hospital as "Uncle Dirk" to give ill children and their families fond memories and glimmers of happiness. Never with fanfare, never with TV cameras chronicling his generous deeds, Dirk gave of himself out of the goodness of his heart and character. For as much as we have enjoyed his iconic three-pointers and fade-away jumpers, he has given us so much more. In addition to being one of the greatest athletes to ever play in Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki is one of the best human beings to play in Dallas.

Madam Speaker, no one embodies the big, beautiful, diverse city of Dallas better than Dirk Nowitzki. Like me, he wasn't born in Dallas but made it his home, and we are grateful that he did. As he retires from professional basketball, we are delighted that he will always be a part of what makes Dallas great, and I wish my friend and his family the best in the days and years ahead.

IN HONOR OF ALPHA OMICRON PI, OMEGA CHAPTER CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Omega Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority in celebration of its 100th anniversary. As a proud past President of the chapter, who graduated in 1982, it is my high honor to congratulate the Omega Chapter at Miami University in Oxford,