

RECOGNITION OF MR. COLIN GARRISON'S SPECIAL OLYMPIC WORLD GAMES TITLES

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Colin Garrison's three Olympic victories at the 2019 Special Olympic World Games. The achievement of such a distinguished title takes profound dedication and practice on the part of both the athlete, coaches, and the community. The immense accomplishments of individuals like Mr. Garrison make me proud to represent the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri in the United States Congress.

Out of the 216 athletes competing in the 2019 World Games, Mr. Garrison was one of two participants representing the state of Missouri. Having participated alongside countless talented athletes in Missouri for many years, Mr. Garrison was honored to earn a trip as a top contestant.

Mr. Garrison's awards in bocce ball, both silver and gold, at the 2019 Special Olympic World Games in Abu Dhabi are the culmination of years of hard work. Garrison overcame what might be perceived by others as obstacles in his life and turned them into blessings and triumphs. For the last 13 years, Colin has taken part in the Missouri Special Olympics, taking home titles in a variety of athletic categories. Furthermore, he has competed at the USA Games numerous times, including the 2010 and 2018 USA Games. Not limited to bocce ball, Colin competed in multiple sports such as basketball, softball, bowling, flag football, soccer, and more. Garrison says that he is not done competing and plans to continue training for future events. He hopes to once more join the American team at the 2023 Special Olympic World Games in Berlin.

Through these athletic games and tournaments, Colin Garrison has traveled across the nation from Lincoln, Nebraska to Seattle, Washington, and now, he has expanded globally. Mr. Garrison enjoys visiting new cities and attending professional sporting events; however, his favorite part is meeting new people at each series of events.

When Mr. Garrison is not competing, he is a crucial and beloved member of his family and his community. All those who know him feel blessed to have him in their life. His positive outlook and perseverance are two of his most defining traits. Working hard at two jobs, he always makes time for the rigorous practice schedule in a variety of sports. His coach and father, Mike Garrison, has said that he could not be prouder of his son and all that Colin has accomplished through his hard work and perseverance.

Madam Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in celebrating the accomplishments of Mr. Colin Garrison. I encourage my fellow citizens and constituents to unite together under the same spirit of positivity, resiliency, and determination that Mr. Garrison has carried throughout his long and prestigious career.

HONORING TECHNICAL SERGEANT JUSTIN MARTZ

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to recognize the distinguished service of Technical Sergeant Justin Martz of Jonestown. After 26 years serving Pennsylvania in the Army National Guard and in the Air National Guard, TSgt. Martz is retiring this June.

I have a profound admiration for those individuals who answer the call to serve and dedicate themselves to both country and community. TSgt. Martz's service has earned him the Army Service Ribbon, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and multiple State Service ribbons. Most important, however, TSgt. Martz has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow guardsmen. His service has taken him around Pennsylvania, across the country, and to the furthest reaches of the globe, but no matter what the mission, TSgt. Martz remains an exemplary citizen and soldier.

TSgt. Martz, his wife, Heather, and their family represent the very best in our Citizen Soldiers. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking TSgt. Martz for his dedicated service to the United States and his many contributions to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We wish him the best as he enters this next chapter in life.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRAIRIE CITIES SOCCER LEAGUE

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the Prairie Cities Soccer League (PCSL) of Normal, Illinois, for the celebration of their 40th anniversary.

In 1978, over a friendly cup of coffee, two men developed an idea that would take youth soccer in the Bloomington/Normal area to new heights. Founders, Jack Fowler and Joe Miller worked tirelessly to bring their dream of a fun and safe environment for children to play soccer in their community. Since then, the PCSL has grown immensely. The League now provides the area with far more than a place to play the great game of soccer. PCSL is also where the Bloomington/Normal area youth learn valuable skills, such as teamwork, tenacity, and vision, that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. As a Co-Chair of the Congressional Soccer Caucus, I am incredibly proud of everything that PCSL does for our district.

The Prairie Cities Soccer League is known throughout the area for the services that it has provided for the community over the last 40 years. Today, we celebrate the league for their dedication to serving Bloomington/Normal. I extend my sincere congratulations to the Prai-

rie Cities Soccer League for a successful 40 years, and I wish them even more success going forward.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. C.O. GRINSTEAD AT TRINITY BAPTIST MINISTRIES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th Anniversary of Dr. C.O. Grinstead's ministry at Trinity Baptist Church of Oxford, Alabama.

June 23, 2019 will mark Dr. Grinstead's 50th anniversary at Trinity Baptist Church. Dr. Grinstead is a native of Gary, Indiana, and a graduate of Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He met his wife, Sherry, at a college fellowship in 1957, and they were married June 4, 1960.

Dr. Grinstead came to Trinity in 1969 from Jacksonville, Florida. He bought some radio equipment and began a 15-minute daily radio program of Trinity highlights on WHMA in December of 1969.

In the 1970s, Trinity began Trinity Christian Academy, built the school and the gymnasium. In 1975, Dr. Grinstead left to travel with Evangelist Tom Williams and sent tithes back each month. In 1978, he returned to Trinity and became Associate Pastor with 100 percent vote of the church.

In 1981, he became pastor of Trinity. In 1989, Dr. Grinstead received his Doctorate from Florida Bible College and the next year, he became moderator of the Southwide Baptist Fellowship. In 1994, Truth Radio came on-air and has been running in 24 counties in East Central Alabama and a few counties in West Georgia.

Dr. Grinstead has served as Chaplain of the Calhoun County Republican Party, Oxford Police Department and Assistant Chaplain at Calhoun County Jail.

He and Sherry were blessed with three children and nine grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this milestone for my good friend, Brother Grinstead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, I was absent for the votes listed below due to a tragic school shooting event in my district.

Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call No. 172, YEA; Roll Call No. 173, YEA; Roll Call No. 174, YEA; Roll Call No. 175, YEA; Roll Call No. 176, NO; Roll Call No. 177, NO; Roll Call No. 178, YEA; Roll Call No. 179, YEA; Roll Call No. 180, YEA; Roll Call No. 181, YEA; Roll Call No. 182, YEA; Roll Call No. 183, NO; and Roll Call No. 184, YEA.