

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR GERALD BRENCE

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Gerald Brence, the Athletic Director for Plano ISD, for thirty-nine years of dedicated service to student athletes in Plano, Texas.

Before earning the title of Athletic Director in 2007, Gerald Brence served as the Head Coach of the Plano Senior High School Football team from 1992 to 2007. During his tenure, the Plano Senior Wildcats secured a state championship title in 1994 and made five trips to the state quarterfinals. One of the most-winning coaches in Plano Senior High's history, Coach Brence has earned the respect and admiration of those around him.

Under his steadfast leadership as Athletic Director, Plano ISD earned state championships in seven different sports including: golf, tennis, baseball, boys basketball, boys soccer, girls soccer, and girls basketball.

Our community is proud of Director Brence's leadership within Plano ISD, and we are grateful for the countless lives he has inspired throughout his career.

Now upon his retirement, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me thanking Director Gerald Brence for his dedication to Plano ISD.

HONORING RYAN OTTO BENNETT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Otto Bennett. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ryan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan Otto Bennett for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE ONE HUNDRETH
SEASON OF ST. BONAVENTURE
UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the one hundredth season of St. Bonaventure University Men's Basketball.

St. Bonaventure University's basketball program is celebrating their one hundredth season this year, marking the beginning of this legendary legacy that started so long ago. The first game took place on December 11, 1919 in Butler Gym.

The once simple team rose to national prominence in the 1950s and 1960s, thanks to All-Americans Tom Stith, Sam Stith and Fred Crawford.

The centennial celebration also marks the fiftieth anniversary of the 1969–70 Final Four Squad. This legendary team finished with a 25–3 record which they are still remembered for today. In 1970, Bob "Big Cat" Lanier led St. Bonaventure to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament. Lanier scored 2,067 points during his basketball career. The entire 1970s team will be recognized on December 7 for their accomplishments.

The Bonnies, throughout their tenure, have brought joy to many fans, gave many students a variety of opportunities on the team and have brought the community together over the fascinating game of basketball. This anniversary is one to be remembered—a great milestone in the history of both the team and the university.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize St. Bonaventure University on their one hundredth season of basketball. Go Bonnies.

HONORING CHUCK SURACK, 2019 INDIANA BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chuck Surack, a distinguished entrepreneur and servant of Indiana. Last month, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce named Mr. Surack as the 2019 Business Leader of the Year.

Mr. Surack is the owner and president of the famous musical instrument and technology online retailer, Sweetwater Sound, Inc. This multimillion-dollar corporation was originally started with a recording studio in the back of

Mr. Surack's VW bus. Sweetwater Sound, Inc. is now one of the largest instrument distributors in the United States.

Committed to his community, Mr. Surack serves on the boards of Easter Seals Arc of Northeast Indiana, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, and Greater Fort Wayne Inc.

Madam Speaker, I offer my congratulations to Chuck Surack on this great achievement. His story is a true testament to the vitality of the American Dream and what a determined entrepreneur can accomplish. My best wishes to Mr. Chuck Surack for continued success in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, on December 3rd, I missed Roll Call vote Nos. 643 and 644. I would have voted YEA on Roll Call 643 on H. Res. 546 disapproving of the Russian Federation's inclusion in future Group of Seven summits until it respects the territorial integrity of its neighbors and adheres to the standards of democratic societies.

I would have voted YEA on Roll 644 related to final passage of the Uighur Intervention and Global Humanitarian Unified Response Act.

HONORING WILLIAM EARL CODAY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize William Earl Coday. William is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

William has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years William has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, William has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending William Earl Coday for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

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