

AWARD WINNING STUDENTS OF
CAESAR RODNEY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 1995

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, on April 29—May 1, 1995, more than 1,200 students from 49 States and the District of Columbia will be in our Nation's Capital to compete in the national finals of the We the People—The Citizen and the Constitution program. I am proud to announce that the class from Caesar Rodney High School will represent Delaware. These young scholars have worked diligently to reach the national finals by winning local competitions in their home state.

The distinguished members of the team representing Delaware are: Ben Alexander, Lori Arellano, Samantha Batista, Andrea Bourey, Jason Cooke, Nick Davenport, Dawn Deakins, Stephen Eggan, Angela Foor, Matt Harker, Jennifer Hitzig, Cindy Houghtaling, Lisa Huang, Barbara Jandasek, Megan Kelly, Danielle Kiefer, Erica Mahar, Molly McGinty, Lisa Moller, Adam Perza, Katie Queen, Robin Reinhard, Alison Robinson, Jayne Ruggles, Kealy Russell, Theresa Siemanowski, Jessica Tenney, Angel Tucker, Matt Welch, Sean Whaley, Hwei Wong, Alison Woodall.

I would also like to recognize their teacher, Bill Windett, who deserves much of the credit for the success of the team. The district coordinator, Diane Courtney, and the State coordinator, Lewis Huffman, also contributed a significant amount of time and effort to help the team reach the national finals.

The We the People—The Citizen and the Constitution program, supported and funded by Congress, is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The 3-day national competition simulates a congressional hearing in which students' oral presentations are judged on the basis of their knowledge of constitutional principles and their ability to apply them to historical and contemporary issues.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People program, now in its 8th academic year, has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels for more than 60,000 teachers, 22,000 schools, and 20 million students nationwide.

The We the People program provides an excellent opportunity for students to gain an informed perspective about the history and principles of our Nation's constitutional government. I wish these young constitutional experts the best of luck and look forward to their future participation in politics and government.

TRIBUTE TO THE KENTUCKY
DERBY

HON. MIKE WARD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 1995

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to pay tribute to one of America's most historic sporting events, the Kentucky Derby.

Last Saturday, the first Saturday in May, the Kentucky Derby, also known as the greatest 2 minutes in sports, made its 121st running at Churchill Downs in Louisville. The Kentucky Derby, dating back to 1875, is rich in American history and intense sporting drama. It may strike many as excessive that so many events, including a fireworks display, a parade, a boat race, a hot air balloon race, and many others, precede an event that only lasts 2 minutes; however, there is no other sporting event like the Kentucky Derby.

The Kentucky Derby, the first leg of the Triple Crown, is the mark by which all other races are judged and this year, as in previous years, it will set the stage for a possible Triple Crown winner.

Over 130,000 people are estimated to have attended this year's running of the Kentucky Derby with nearly 50 million people estimated to have watched the televised coverage, making the Kentucky Derby one of the most watched sporting events in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to pay tribute and draw attention to a truly remarkable program which was in place at last Saturday's running of the Kentucky Derby.

The program, coordinated by the Party Smart Organization, is a designated driver program at Churchill Downs in Louisville, which asked spectators to sign a pledge that they would be a designated driver. Designated drivers, individuals who pledge not to drink alcohol so that they may drive others home safely, have for years played an invaluable role at such sporting functions. It is through their restraint and leadership that many lives have been saved.

Designated driver programs throughout the United States, at parks such as the Astrodome, Candlestick Park, the Meadowlands, and Yankee Stadium, have reminded millions of people of the importance of responsible drinking and have reminded people of the millions of lives that are placed in jeopardy by drinking and driving.

When I attended the Kentucky Derby this year, I left Churchill Downs feeling more secure that my drive home would be safer due in large part to the efforts of these designated driver programs.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everyone to support and participate in their local designated driver programs. Together, we can help end the thousands of senseless deaths caused each year by drunk driving.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER-SPEAKER
FLORENCIO (LARRY) TORRES RAMIREZ

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 1995

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the island of Guam lost one of its premier citizens and public servants on April 12 of this year. The Hon. Florencio Torres Ramirez, a former speaker of the Guam Legislature, was called to his eternal rest at the age of 79.

The passing of former-Speaker Ramirez marks the end of an era. Considered nothing short of legendary by Guam's politicians, Larry Ramirez dedicated more than 63 years in public service. His government service dated back

to 1931 when, during his teenage years, he worked for the Naval Governor of Guam.

Long considered as one of Guam's most popular lawmakers, Larry went on to hold public office longer than any other elected official in the island's history. He first got into politics in 1949 when he was elected as councilman from the village of Yigo. He later went on to serve as a senator in the first 12 Guam Legislatures. After having been elected as Speaker in 1971, he chose to retire after the 12th Guam Legislature.

Having been one of Guam's premier political pioneers, he is considered by many of today's leaders as a fitting role model and a major influence. He is remembered as a man of integrity. Despite countless years of political involvement, not once did he compromise his principles. Never pretentious, he did not let his political successes take the better of him. Amid all the changes that he had been forced to live through, he remained a true islander and an exceptional leader.

The late Hon. Florencio Torres Ramirez left a legacy of service and devotion to the island of Guam, to its people and to the United States as a whole. His distinguished career served as an inspiration to many of us who serve as elected officials of today. His passing is a great loss and his presence will surely be missed. On behalf of the people of Guam, I offer my condolences and join his bereaved children, and grandchildren in mourning the loss of a father, and a fellow servant to the people of Guam.

SALUTE TO MS. DOLORES FAIR
FIELDS

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 1995

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Ms. Dolores Fair Fields on the occasion of her retirement. As a native of South Philadelphia, Mrs. Fields has contributed a great deal to her community throughout her lifetime.

Twenty-nine years ago, Ms. Fields began a Government career with the U.S. Electronics Command. After working there, and at the U.S. Mint, Ms. Fields joined the Head Start Regional Office in Philadelphia in 1970. Throughout her career at Head Start, Ms. Fields was responsible for grants in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Ms. Fields was also responsible for training the new staff at the Head Start Regional Office. As a trainer, Ms. Fields brought many new Head Start Specialists to the Regional Office. Ms. Fields abilities have helped the Head Start Office grow to meet the changing needs of families throughout Pennsylvania.

Ms. Fields has been recognized by the Federal Government for her outstanding public service. She is a recipient of the Federal Executive Board Bronze Medal Certificate of Achievement, the Assistant Secretary's Exceptional Achievement Award, the Assistant Secretary's Certificate of Appreciation and numerous other awards and citations.

In addition to her full time work for the Federal Government, Ms. Fields is the single parent of two sons. Ms. Fields did an admirable