

whatever sport you're coaching in that's what you're working for—to try to get your team to win a state championship. So, it's something we wanted to do." This year's Lady Panthers finished their championship season with a record of 29–3. Over the past five basketball seasons, Coach Ralls has guided the Ledford girl hoopsters to a 113–27 record, an 80.7 winning percentage.

Congratulations to Principal Max Cole, Athletic Director Gary Hinkle, the faculty, staff, students, families, and friends of Ledford High School for joining with Lexington High School to make sure that the State's 2–A basketball championship trophies reside within the boundaries of Davidson County.

The third high school in the Sixth District to win a basketball championship this year was T. Wingate Andrews High School of High Point, NC. On March 25, the Red Raiders dominated Wake Forest-Rolesville High School 71–51 to secure the State boys' 3–A basketball championship.

Andrews thoroughly dominated a Rolesville team that entered the title contest on—as its name implies—a roll. The Cougars had won their previous 20 contests this season and have won six State titles over the years. But at the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill this year, the Cougars couldn't even score for the first 4 minutes 40 seconds of the contest against the Red Raiders of Andrews.

"We had a lot of support," Andrews Head Coach Robert Clemons told the Greensboro News & Record, "the kids played hard and we won this thing. I feel relieved. I put a lot of pressure on myself. Our administration, they were very supportive. They didn't put any pressure on me. I did it all myself. And then I just put the responsibility on the kids and they responded well."

That may be the understatement of the year. I am sure that Coach Clemons will be the first to say it was a total team effort, but special mention must be made of championship MVP David Wall who led all scorers with 20 points. Each Red Raider, however, played a vital role in the title drive for Andrews. Congratulations are given to Torrey Bright, Jason Blackwood, Antwan Hilton, Cory Dawkins, Jimmy Mangum, Marcus Wilson, Cardise Reed, Brian Gane, Quincey Dixon, B.J. Rogers, Rico Leach, J.J. McQueen, and Steve Myers for bringing home the trophy.

In addition to Coach Clemons we offer our thanks to assistant coaches Myron Grimes and Dana Conte and scorekeeper Liz Kimbro for their efforts during the run to the top. Congratulations to Principal Jerry Hairston, Athletic Director Sue Shinn, the faculty, staff, students, families and friends of T. Wingate Andrews for capturing the State 3–A boys' basketball championship.

North Carolina is known as a basketball hotbed. Thanks to Lexington, Ledford, and Andrews, those of us who call the Sixth District home can truthfully say that we are at the center of the North Carolina basketball universe.

POSTHUMOUS TRIBUTE TO MR.
DEWEY W. KNIGHT

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 1995

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida and I rise to pay tribute to Dade County's quintessential leader, the late Dewey W. Knight. His untimely demise last Wednesday, June 21, 1995, is indeed a great loss for our community, and for all in south Florida.

Mr. Dewey was indeed a delicately drawn character of honest leadership whose power and influence contributed to the transformation of Dade County into the cultural and racial mosaic that it is. Although he lived within the ambience of power, he did not lose his common touch with the common folks from Miami's Liberty City, teaching them the rudiments of government and personal responsibility.

From the sweat of his brow he subsequently earned the financial wherewithal to live comfortably in suburbia. But he chose to stay put in his innercity abode for more than 36 years. Underneath a tree by his home, he held court for the ordinary folks who came and shared with him their problems and concerns, as well as their hopes and dreams. Virtually, he became the innercity's government-in-action par excellence.

Born in Daytona Beach into a home of accomplished Black professionals, he learned early on the basics of honest living, from his grandfather who became Florida's first Black police officer. In the 1930's his lawyer-uncle served in President Franklin Roosevelt's administration. Another uncle spearheaded the Nation's first Black radio station in Atlanta, while an aunt became New York's first Black woman judge.

The years of segregation burdened by the onerous separate-but-equal doctrine molded his character so deeply. He pursued his college education at Bethune-Cookman College after which he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Air Force. Having given his share of service to the Nation, he sought to get his master's degree in social work due to his immense love and caring for children.

It is this compassionate trait that he brought with him when he came to Miami to live for good. Working through the ranks he succeeded immensely in every endeavor, until he was appointed assistant, then deputy county manager. Subsequently after that, his superiors called upon his wisdom and expertise to serve twice as interim county manager until a permanent successor could be named.

Although he was offered the top job many times, he did not court the pump and glamour that came with it. By then he was already imbued with the more enduring respect and camaraderie from his Liberty City neighbors. He opted to retire in 1989, relishing to serve from time to time as a consultant to both government and business.

While his leadership style charmed the mighty and the powerful in county politics and the business elite, he never lost his common-sense approach to government. He played an

eloquent, memorable role during the 1980 riots in Miami in a manner evoking a calm but forceful leadership that comes once in a lifetime. He always projected the subtle serenity of maintaining the grace and insight of an old pro. He was indeed a class act, and his personality will cast a giant shadow of void among those he left behind. His presence was at once endlessly fascinating and entirely unforgettable.

We have since learned from him that common people convinced of their role in ameliorating the lives of their fellow human beings are in a better position to shift the balance of power-sharing and coalition-building much more so that those who hold the reins of government. Communitality of interests, he advocated, should begin with our doing away with any negative perceptions we have with one another. Any overt or covert suggestion of any form of subtle superiority or inferiority by the one ethnic group over another should never be entertained if we are to bridge the gaps that divide us.

We are touched by his most cogent exhortations during the many community meetings he spearheaded to resolve the ethnic-racial tensions which were then gripping Miami. He would unabashedly state over and over again that living in harmony with each other does not rest in resolutions or promises alone. It ultimately lies in the hearts and minds of common, ordinary folks.

He sought to embolden us into believing that the problems and the opportunities of diversity in any given urban community are not beyond the reach of those who are willing to share the fruits of success won for us by those who came from generations past. He took a bold stand by moving our community to live together in harmony sensitive to our diversity on one hand, and yet strengthened by the power that emanates from it on the other.

"E Pluribus Unum * * *" From many, we are one. This is the American way, he urged us. His enduring legacy to our community is indeed forever etched in our covenant with one another. We shall miss him so. But we are blessed that his noble presence graced our lives.

COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF
LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 1995

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I commend the members of the La Sierra University chapter of Students In Free Enterprise [SIFE] for winning the 1995 International Championship at the SIFE International Exposition in Kansas City, MO, May 19.

The students brought back six giant trophies and \$7,500 for their championship title and for their win in four special competitions: Success 200, Halt the Deficit, G.E. Foundation "Teaching America to Compete," and Best In-Depth Education.

This year's presentation team consists of eight students: Andy Wongworawat, Redlands; John-Patterson (J-P) Grant, Newbury Park; Heidi Serena, Long Beach; Maria Lafser, Escondido; Patria Wise, Calmesa; Tamara Talbot, Redlands; Steve Taggart, Colton; and