

to drive it." Phil replied, "I know how to drive it Grandpa. I just don't know how to stop." Well, Grandpa just loved that. He would appreciate the humor in life.

Grandpa was a man who, in his own humble way, walked with God. When he drove a combine into a new field, he would make the sign of the cross. He is with God now. The monument to Thomas Francis Corcoran is his contribution to our collective spirit, his place in the hearts and minds of the family and friends and neighbors gathered here in prayer. In a world where so many forces work to keep us all apart, memories of him bind us together. What greater legacy from a decent and a fine man.

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Ottawa, IL.

HONORING THREE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAMS

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring to your attention three Georgia high school championship football teams from my district. T.W. Josey High School won the group AAA championship. The Eagles were undefeated, going 15-0 under Coach John Starr. Elbert County High School won the group AA championship. The Blue Devils finished the year 14-1 under Coach Tom McFerrin. Lincoln County High School won the group A championship. The Red Devils were undefeated, going 15-0 under Coach Larry Campbell. I am very proud of the efforts of these young men, their coaches, teachers, and the communities that supported them. They are a credit to the State of Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to herald the accomplishments of these three champions.

SALUTING COACH NEAL QUILLIN AND THE HUMBLE WILDCATS ON ANOTHER GREAT SEASON

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the 1995 football season was yet another outstanding season for the Humble High School Wildcats. The same "experts" who predicted that Humble would finish seventh in their district in 1994—only to see them win the District 21-5A championship—were again proven wrong last year. Humble, predicted to finish fifth in their district in 1995, instead fought their way to a 9-4-2 record, ending their season in a Division II state semi-final game.

Coach Neal Quillin and the members of the Humble Wildcats football team have earned the gratitude of their community and fans, and have earned the respect not only of their opponents, but of high school football "experts" as well. As an Humble native, and a graduate of Humble High School, I want to take a moment to salute the remarkable success of the Humble High School Wildcat football team this past season.

The Wildcats began the 1995 season on a low note—a 24-21 loss to Baytown Sterling,

before recovering to defeat Katy Taylor 27-23. A narrow 21-20 loss to Westfield followed before the Wildcats defeated MacArthur 28-7; defeated Aldine 26-7; tied Spring 24-24; and defeated Kingwood 20-3.

Next, Humble lost to Eisenhower 42-20—putting the Wildcats in a must-win situation to secure a playoff spot. The Wildcats were up to the challenge; in their regular-season finale, they defeated Nimitz 23-7, winning a place in post-season play.

In the playoffs, the Wildcats, and their coaching staff, showed what they were made of. They defeated Baytown Lee 17-14, overcoming the area's number one-ranked offense. Next, they tied Texas City 21-21, before going on to defeat Madison 20-7, and Elkins, 9-5.

While the Wildcats' 17-7 loss to San Antonio Roosevelt was disappointing, Humble's players and coaching staff demonstrated last year what they demonstrated the year before: that the experts' mediocre expectations can be exceeded through hard work, dedication, teamwork and planning.

In addition, to the outstanding record compiled last year by the Wildcats, I want to point out that last year's season also saw Coach Quillin achieve his 100th career victory—a testament to his coaching skills.

In the Wildcats' third-round playoff game against Madison, the 17-5A champions—a game held in Houston Astrodome—Humble quarterback Steve O'Neill showed just how talented he is. In that game, O'Neill passed for 92 yards, rushed for 141 yards, and caught two critical passes. His performance in that game impressed even those who were already familiar with his playing skills earlier in the season.

While those of us who cheer for the Humble Wildcats were disappointed by their loss to San Antonio Roosevelt, we remember that during their five-game playoff run, the Wildcats won bidistrict, area and regional championships. And that's not bad for a team picked to finish fifth in their district!

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to do this little hometown boasting. I know you join with me in congratulating the Humble Wildcats and their coaching staff on a truly remarkable 1995 football season, and in wishing them continued success on an off the field in the years ahead. They have made all of us proud of their accomplishments, and to them we say "thank you."

SMALL BUSINESS EXPORT WORK- ING CAPITAL ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, as a small businessman, I am acutely aware of the fact that small businesses are the engines that drive our Nation's economy. I also recognize that these businesses often need assistance so that they can expand and increase employment.

As part of their efforts to expand, many small businesses have begun to recognize the potential of markets outside of the United States. In fact, the percentage of small firms involved in exporting is projected to increase

from 23 percent to 33 percent by the year 2005. Realizing the potential of foreign markets, delegates to the White House Conference on Small Business recommended that the Federal Government provide export assistance to small businesses, and make export finance more available to these firms through Federal guarantees.

Currently, the Small Business Administration has a short-term financing program for export transactions. The SBA's Export Working Capital Program, which works in conjunction with the Export-Import Bank, provides loan guarantees to finance small business exports. Until last year, the SBA and the Eximbank harmonized their export loan programs to ensure that all borrowers would have the same loan terms. Both provided a 90 percent guarantee rate on loans. Businesses seeking to borrow less than \$750,000 would apply for an SBA guaranty. Those seeking more than \$750,000 would deal with the Eximbank. Unfortunately, the SBA guarantee rate was reduced in small business legislation we enacted last year. As a result, a disparity has been created between the guarantee rate offered to small businesses by the SBA, and the rate offered to larger businesses by the Eximbank. This will likely have a chilling effect on small business lenders who will have to incur greater risk in financing small business exports.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I am introducing legislation today to restore the 90 percent guarantee rate for small businesses who finance their export transactions through the SBA's Export Working Capital Program. My bill will place small businesses back on a level playing field with larger businesses. This is only fair.

Exporting can be a very lucrative business for many of these firms. It's also beneficial for our Nation's economy. The Labor Department Estimates that for every \$1 billion in increased trade, 20,000 manufacturing jobs and 40,000-60,000 service and support jobs are created. Moreover, wages are 22 percent higher on exported goods.

I don't believe anyone in this Chamber would intentionally discriminate against small businesses who wish to export their products. That is why it is important that we restore the 90 percent guaranty rate to the Export Working Capital Program.

The SBA has been invaluable in helping small businesses enter international markets. Nationally, exporters received a total of 1,161 loan from the SBA for more than \$481 million in fiscal year 1994. It is imperative that we continue to help the SBA help on small businesses through the Export Working Capital Program. I urge my colleagues to show their support for small business exports by cosponsoring this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARMSTRONG WORLD INDUSTRIES OF MARIETTA

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, last April, Americans were horrified by the image of a bombed-out courthouse in Oklahoma City. We prayed that the tired heroes working day and night in the rubble would find more victims