

boundaries. It will also provide compensation to those who have been displaced by any closures within the Park or by actions of any Federal agency which interferes with any person legally fishing in Park waters.

Even with commercial fisheries operating in the Park, Glacier Bay National Park was the number one destination in the National Park Service system last year. Commercial fishing poses no threat to the "park experience" and in fact many visitors consider seeing fishing vessels as a positive experience in the Park.

Mr. Speaker, there is no fishery resource problem in the Park and there is no justification for a complete closure of Glacier Bay National Park to commercial or subsistence fishing. This legislation will right a wrong and continue to allow these practices to continue in Glacier Bay National Park in a well managed and sustainable manner.

PRITCHETT HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS
BASKETBALL TEAM HONORED

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pritchett High School girls basketball team on their Class A District 3 Championship.

The Pritchett players, led by Coach Tom Gooden, will now advance to the next level in the state basketball playoffs and their shot at the Colorado State A Championship.

All teams, no matter what the sport, continually strive to find that special and unique combination of teamwork, leadership, skill and effort which unlocks the door to success. Under careful tutelage, hard-working teams not only win games, but also build the confidence necessary to win championships. Clearly, these dedicated hoopsters have found this winning formula and attained the next rung of sporting success.

Greater challenges remain, however, and I wish the Pritchett High School girls basketball team the best of luck in the Colorado A State Championship. No matter what the outcome of the next game, this team has proven it has the heart of a champion, and can take pride in the District 3 Championship.

12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
HIGH SCHOOLS HONORED BY U.S.
NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 1999

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor five high schools within my Congressional district that have been identified as Outstanding High Schools by U.S. News and World Report . . . De La Salle Collegiate in Warren, Henry Ford II in Sterling Heights, Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic in Warren, Troy High School and Troy Athens High School in Troy.

U.S. News & World Report, in conjunction with the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago, reviewed 1,053 high schools in six major metropolitan

areas and singled out examples that can serve as models of excellence for communities across the nation. Ninety six schools were cited as examples of outstanding institutions where students progress steadily toward high academic standards and where every student matters.

The five schools that were honored shared several key traits including high academic standards, a core curriculum, highly qualified teachers, strong mentoring for new teachers, partnerships between parents and schools, administrators and teachers who know each child and high attendance rates.

Each school also demonstrated high academic achievement as defined by the NORC. The NORC's "value-added approach" measured each school's performance only after taking its students' family circumstances into account, thus identifying schools that do an outstanding job with the students they have, regardless of their socio-economic background.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these five schools, De La Salle Collegiate, Henry Ford II, Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic, Troy High School and Troy Athens High School and to congratulate their administrators, faculty, students and parents for their dedication and hard work. I wish them continued success as they continue to take care of our nation's greatest asset, our young people.

TRIBUTE TO HARRY ORR

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 1999

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I inform my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives of the passing of my dear friend, Harry Orr. As I have mentioned in the past, Harry Orr was a dedicated and tireless volunteer of the Democratic Party, a committed union activist of United Auto Workers Local 651, and a proud member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4087 in Davison, Michigan. Due to his unceasing efforts in all three of these forums, our community is a much better place in which to live. He touched many people with his dedication, his humor, and his tenderness.

Mr. Speaker, my feelings, and the feelings of many people who knew Harry, are perhaps best summarized in the letter I have sent his loving wife, Maxine. Due to the press of legislative business, I am unable to attend Harry's funeral, but my letter will be read at the service.

DEAR MAXINE: I would like to express my sincerest sympathy to you and your family. I am so very sorry that I am not able to join you today, but extremely important legislative business involving my own committee requires that I be in Washington, D.C.

I wanted to express my thoughts about a loyal friend, a tireless volunteer, and a great man who has been taken from this Earth. It has been said that "death ends a life, not a relationship," and this is certainly the case for those who have ever come in contact with Harry. Harry's desire was to help people in any way possible and do whatever he could to ensure that a positive environment existed throughout the community. Harry's ability to make a difference was a trait that

you share, Maxine. Harry was not just a constituent or a campaign volunteer, but my very good friend. It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter today, however, it is also with great pride that I do so. We are all inspired by people like Harry, who make it their life's work to improve the quality and dignity of life for all. I will miss Harry a great deal.

Maxine, your love for Harry was so tender and caring, and it was an inspiration to us all. You enriched his life and kept him with us for many years he might never have had were it not for your loving care.

Maxine, please know that I am with you today in spirit and prayer.

Sincerely,

DALE E. KILDEE, M.C.

Mr. Speaker, I and our community will sorely miss my dear friend, Harry Orr. But his spirit lives on through his loving wife, Maxine, and his son, Harry, Jr. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

EAST ASIA AND MISSILE DEFENSE
SYSTEMS

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 1999

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, during this Member visit to several East Asian countries in January, considerable Japanese interest in developing a missile defense system was mentioned in the region's news media as a result of the North Korean missile launch over Japanese territory on its course to the Pacific. Also noted was very substantial public discussion and media coverage of the possibility of a missile defense system in Taiwan because of the Chinese missile firings in the run-up to the last Taiwanese presidential elections and because of the Chinese mainland missile build-up in the Taiwan Strait region.

The following editorial from the February 20, 1999, edition of *The Economist* magazine notes not only the impact on Japan of the North Korean's provocative action and demonstrated advancement of their missile development program, it also suggests that "[w]ith its missile, North Korea was thumbing its nose as much at China as at Japan and America." This Member has long felt that China's influence on North Korea is generally over-estimated, but certainly it has more influence on the isolated, paranoid North Korean regime than any other country. *The Economist* editorial notes what is almost certainly true, that "North Korea felt it could take such missile liberties in part because China has stoutly opposed all international pressure on North Korea to curb its nuclear and missile activities." China is complaining loudly and threateningly against the possible deployment of missile defense systems in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan rather than examining its own culpability in increasing its missile threat against Taiwan and ignoring, to its own danger, the destabilizing missile and nuclear development programs of North Korea. The United States, threatened itself by the North Korean missiles under development, cannot ignore their threat to our allies, the Republic of Korea and Japan, nor its commitment that Taiwan not be forcibly placed under the control of Beijing. As *The Economist* concludes, China "has mostly itself to blame" for any new tilt in East Asia's uneasy balance of power may have been