

The survival of Africa is at stake. The United States can and should be the leader in generating a global response to this incredible contagion.

Now is the time to act and I urge my colleagues to support this measure in its entirety.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NATHAN J. NAHM ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, today I pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Nathan J. Nahm of Tiffin, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Mr. Speaker, Nathan's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2004. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Nathan brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of West Point cadets. While attending Columbian High School in Tiffin, Nathan has attained a grade point average of 3.64, which places him twenty-first in his class of two hundred sixty-nine students. Nathan is a member of the National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and has earned several Scholar-Athlete awards.

Outside the classroom, Nathan has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, Nathan has earned letters in Varsity Football and Basketball. Nathan was named Captain of the Tiffin Columbian Varsity Basketball team this year. Nathan has also been active in the Tiffin Columbian Boosters Club and the Technology Advisory Council.

West Point has become a home away from home for the Nahm family. With Nathan's appointment, he stands ready to walk the same path as his two older brothers, Blair and Reed, as a West Point cadet.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Nathan J. Nahm. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Nathan will do very well during his career at West Point and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably absent on a matter of critical importance and missed the following votes:

On H. Res. 491, naming a room in the House of Representative wing of the Capitol in honor of G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, introduced by the Gentleman from Indiana, Mr. PEASE, I would have voted "yea."

On H.R. 4251, Congressional Oversight of Nuclear Transfers to North Korea Act of 2000, introduced by the gentleman from New York, Mr. GILMAN, I would have voted "nay."

On H. Con. Res. 309, sense of Congress with regard to in-school personal safety education programs for children, introduced by the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. CASTLE, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 10, and Thursday, May 11, I missed roll-call votes 160-179. On these dates, I was representing the Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property at the opening of the Diplomatic Conference on the Patent Law Treaty in Geneva, Switzerland. As Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, I believe congressional representation at this meeting was important, and I was honored to address the delegates of the conference.

COMMENDING THE ANN ARBOR HURON SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

HON. LYNN N. RIVERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, today I commend the Ann Arbor Huron High School Music Department for being named as a Grammy Award Signature School. Their hard work and commitment to excellence has made this achievement possible and it brings me great pleasure to have the opportunity to share this day with them.

As a former member of the Ann Arbor School Board, I know the special significance of such an achievement for a high school music program and I look forward to future accomplishments from the department.

RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HERRIN, IL

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize one of the towns in my district. On April

17, 2000, The City of Herrin marked the 100th Anniversary of its incorporation, and I thought it appropriate to acknowledge this city's great heritage of farming, coal mining, and industry. I would also like to commend the spirit of its citizens working together for a better community.

The City of Herrin gets its name from its first settler, Isaac Herring, a veteran of the War of 1812. Mr. Herring received a parcel of land, which became Herrin, as a land-grant for his service in the war. Mr. Herring later shortened his name, and that of the town, to Herrin.

Herrin was incorporated as a city in the election of April 17, 1900. At this time Herrin also elected its first mayor, Mr. C.E. Ingraham. Today Herrin is admirably served by Mayor Victor Ritter.

Herrin began as a farming community with cotton being the primary crop. It was later discovered that Herrin was surrounded by vast veins of bituminous coal. The coal helped Herrin to grow rapidly and to develop as a leading community in the region, attracting numerous immigrants seeking work in the coal mines. At one point, thirty coal mines operated within six miles of the city. The coal fields of Herrin were ripe for widespread union organization at this time.

Following World War II, Herrin's leaders and the Chamber of Commerce actively sought new industry for the community. Because of their efforts, Herrin is still one of the area's largest industrial cities, being home over the years to the Norge Division, Borg-Warner Corporation (now Maytag), Smoler Brothers, Inc., International Staple and Machine Company, Allen Industries, Container Stapling Corporation, Dura-Containers, Central Technology, Inc., and National Tape Corporation. Today Herrin continues providing business infrastructure and promoting even more industry, along with a better quality of life for its citizens.

Herrin's first school was a log structure built in 1844. Today Herrin's schools provide quality education to approximately 2,600 students from the greater Herrin area. Southern Illinois Healthcare, owner of Herrin Hospital, provides excellent healthcare for the region, as well as many jobs for the area. Herrin is also a deeply religious community, exemplified by its many churches of differing faiths. These churches, along with other charitable organizations, work together in providing help for those in need, the Herrin Food Pantry being a prime example.

Herrin is also home to the annual Herrin Festa Italiana celebration, which is held over Memorial Day. The festival is known to draw around 60,000 people over the four-day weekend. Home to one of the most popular city parks in the area, Herrin provides seasonal recreation including swimming, fishing, and picnicking. The park is also home to several ballfields used by a variety of school teams and city leagues.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the citizens and leaders of Herrin on their Centennial celebration, and also in wishing the City of Herrin continued prosperity in the new millennium.