

people that life is worth living through adventurous activities without drugs and alcohol.

The fine students who attended this camp climbed and rappelled walls, negotiated high-wires and canoed down the mighty Susquehanna River. They learned through team-building exercises that much can be accomplished if they work together. Our young people need to learn that life is full of amazing and exhilarating adventures. When they learn that there is so much to live for, drugs and alcohol lose their power.

On Thursday, August 10, I had the pleasure of seeing this camp first hand and meeting with the young people who made a choice. They made a life-saving choice not to do drugs and to join with fellow students in something much greater. These young folks should be very proud of themselves for their determination to succeed and not to give into the temptations that lead to poisoned bodies and ruined lives.

America needs more programs like this. Programs where adults demonstrate leadership by doing. This is a vivid example of how children can learn life-lessons by adults guiding them and shaping their lives. Many volunteers made this camp possible. Our thanks go out to them for their service to the community.

I would like to recognize these young people for their determination to achieve success and to refuse drugs and alcohol. They are Juan Alejandro, Jose Aleman, Thomas Barger, Jeremiah Bechtel, Kaleo Billet, Tyler Boehmer, Kaitlyn Brown, Eric Buck, Maggie Boyd, Lindsay Cale, Sara Cale, Brian Davis, Michael Day, Joseph Decembrino, Amanda Ebersole, Amanda Fahnstock, Laura Fahnstock, Dierra Fahnstock, Abby Fosnot, Jenna Gerhardt, Jamie Hall, Alex Hannold, Samuel Hansen, Matthew Hoerner, Lawrence Jack, Dominique Krow, Andrew Mattei, Matthew Mattei, Adam McClucas, Daniel Mullarkey, Ashley Oswald, Brian Pagano, Kelsey Roth, Adam Thomas, Joshua Thomas, Meredith Thomas, Nicholas Vickroy, Richie Vickroy, Jennifer Winters, and Bobbie Wreski.

I am very proud of you all. I know the entire House of Representatives joins me in congratulating this outstanding group of young people from Harrisburg for saying no to drugs and YES to life.

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A TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF RONALD E. HEWETT

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2000*

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sheriff Ronald E. Hewett of Brunswick County in the great state of North Carolina. Sheriff Hewett was recently named Sheriff of the Year for eastern North Carolina. This award was given to him in recognition of his outstanding service to the North Carolina Sheriff's Association on behalf of the citizens of Brunswick County.

Beginning on his twentieth birthday in 1983 when he became the youngest certified Law Enforcement Officer in North Carolina, Sheriff Hewett has dedicated his entire career to protecting and promoting the rights of others. While continuing to work full-time as a law en-

forcement officer in Brunswick County, Sheriff Hewett completed his education at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and graduated in 1985 with a degree in criminal justice. Not long afterwards, he was promoted to uniform Patrol Sergeant in 1987 and rose in the ranks to become a lieutenant in 1990. He was then placed in charge of establishing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program for Brunswick County and was named United States DARE officer of the Year in 1993 for his outstanding leadership.

Since his election as Sheriff in 1994, Sheriff Hewett has fought hard to make Brunswick County a safer place to live and work for those who call it home. He has made combating illegal drugs and domestic violence two of his top priorities. Under his leadership, the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office has arrested over twelve hundred individuals for 2,300 narcotics charges and established the county's first Domestic Violence Unit.

In addition, Sheriff Hewett has also been recognized for his selfless service to the community with the establishment of a volunteer Buddy Program at the Bolivia Elementary School. As a result, the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office was named by Governor Hunt as one of the most outstanding volunteer agencies in the state in 1998.

President John F. Kennedy once said, "For those to whom much is given, much is required. And when at some future date when history judges us, recording whether in our brief span of service we fulfilled our responsibilities to the state, our success or failure, in whatever office we hold, will be measured by the answers to four questions: First, were we truly men of courage . . . Second, were we truly men of judgment . . . Third, were we truly men of integrity . . . Finally, were we truly men of dedication?"

Brunswick County Sheriff Ronald Hewett will truthfully be able to answer each of these questions in the affirmative! He is indeed a man of courage, judgment, integrity, and dedication. Sheriff Hewett, may God's strength, joy, and peace be with you and your family as you continue your service and commitment to your fellow citizens.

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TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN L. WILBERDING

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2000*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Carolyn L. Wilberding, who has recently retired as an elementary school teacher from the 4th Congressional District of Michigan.

It has been said that a teacher effects eternity, she can never tell where her influence ends. These words certainly apply to Carolyn L. Wilberding. For over three decades, Carolyn educated hundreds of Mid-Michigan's elementary school children. Not only was she seen as a leader by her peers but an educator by her students. Her positive impact on her students and their families is truly incalculable.

Mrs. Wilberding retires knowing she achieved that intangible, often elusive goal that haunts the careers of many, she made a difference.

I would like to commend Mrs. Wilberding for her service to her students and congratulate her on her retirement.

Mrs. Wilberding's contribution to education and the community make her an outstanding role model and a respected professional in her field. On behalf of the residents of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored to recognize Mrs. Wilberding and her accomplishments.

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TRIBUTE TO OLYMPIC ATHLETES

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2000*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, It is with great excitement that I rise today to honor four outstanding athletes from California's 17th District, Alvin and Calvin Harrison, Ramiro Corrales, and Ellen Wilson. These young Americans will be representing the United States of America in the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia this September, and I am proud to congratulate them on their achievements.

Seated twelfth and fifteenth when the trials began, twins Alvin and Calvin Harrison beat the odds on Sunday, July 16, 2000, in Sacramento, and came in second and fifth place in the 400 meters, becoming the first twins to reach the Olympics in the same event. Further, it is likely that they will become the first set of twins to run together in the 1600 meter relay. I am pleased that the Harrisons achieved this historic victory on their own, opting not to train with a track club in favor of training together in Salinas, California.

Likewise, another Salinas native, Ramiro Corrales will be representing the United States as a defensive specialist on the United States' Olympic soccer team. Corrales is already extremely accomplished in major league soccer, having played for the San Jose Earthquakes, the Miami Fusion, and the New York Metro Stars. He is also well known in his league for his defensive prowess and talent.

And finally, Ellen Wilson, a three-time medalist at the Pan American Judo Championships and Salinas resident, will compete in Sydney as a member of the United States judo team. Wilson is ranked number one in judo in the United States and was a member of the World Team in judo in 1997 and 1999. She has won 1,500 judo matches in her career, and we anticipate that she will come out victorious in Sydney.

California's 17th District is proud to have these four young athletes representing the United States in this summer's Olympic Games. Salinas is delighted to be one of the only cities of its size to send so many wonderful athletes to the Games. It is truly a tribute to the community and to the families, coaches, and friends, that have supported these athletes to see them competing in such a renowned arena.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to wish these outstanding athletes good luck this September, and I am honored to congratulate them on their outstanding achievements.