

and 2,077 yards and 28 scores for the season. He also hauled in nine receptions for 196 yards and three touchdowns.

Fassnacht recorded 120 tackles and a team-high 12 sacks in the team's 13 games. He and his unyielding defensive teammates held Thomas Dale to 149 total yards and 6 first downs in the title game. They also forced 6 interceptions, tying a record set by 1991 Woodrow Wilson team. The Rams defense came up big in key moments to keep the game firmly in their favor. Quarterback Brian Gulley—who makes up for with heart and leadership what he lacks in size—threw for 2 touchdowns and rushed for another.

"All season long, this team has refused to give anything but their best, and this is the culmination," coach Mark Bendorf—50–10 in his five years heading the program—told a local reporter after the title game. "This is the pinnacle of high school football. I'm so happy for this group because a lot of people doubted them. But this was a team of destiny."

Mr. Speaker, this team of young men, considered underdogs during their run through the regional and state playoffs, epitomized all that is good about high school athletics: perseverance, hard work, shared goals, and character. I am very proud to honor this group of dedicated players and their coaching staff, and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in sending them our congratulations on their significant accomplishment.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND A. YOUNGREN, JR.

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Raymond A. Youngren, Jr., who recently passed away in Beulah, Colorado on January 9, 2002. Raymond, known as Ray, will always be remembered as a dedicated leader and rancher in the community. His passing is a great loss for a community that relied on Ray for his gentle nature and kind disposition.

Ray was a native Coloradan, born on the family ranch in 1933. He attended his local high school, graduated from Pueblo Junior College, and then he went on to serve four years in the United States Air Force. Upon completion of his service in the armed forces, Ray returned to his home and the ranch industry. To complement his western heritage and lifestyle, Ray competed in rodeo with much success for over thirty years. Ray was always ready to serve his fellow residents with compassion and integrity throughout his life. He began his service as a cattle rancher and later went on to serve as postmaster. He was also a member of the County Planning Commission for over twenty years. In this capacity he was responsible for ensuring long range planning and compressive development plans throughout Pueblo County. Ray further dedicated his time and energy as a member of the 2010 County Commission's Task Force, whose mission was to investigate the viability of mixing city and county government.

Mr. Speaker, Raymond A. Youngren, Jr.'s service to his community and his fellow citi-

zens certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress, and this nation. It has always been known that his greatest passion was his love and devotion to his family. Wife Yvonne, sons Jay and Justin, daughter Julie, and four grandchildren survive Ray. It is with a solemn heart that we say goodbye and pay our respects to a patriarch of the Pueblo community. He dedicated his life to the city of Beulah and Pueblo County, and will be greatly missed.

HONORING CANTOR MARK CHILDS

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Cantor Mark Childs who celebrated the 10th anniversary of his investiture as a Cantor on January 11, 2002. In addition, January 11 also marked the 10th anniversary of Cantor Childs' service at the Congregation B'nai B'rith in Santa Barbara, California.

For the last 10 years, the citizens of Santa Barbara have benefited from Cantor Childs love of music. After earning a Bachelor's of Arts degree in music from the University of California, San Diego, and his Master of Sacred Music degree along with an Investiture as Cantor from the Hebrew Union College-School of Sacred Music in New York City, Cantor Childs relocated to Santa Barbara and became Cantor of Congregation B'nai B'rith. Along with his eloquent speaking style, Cantor Childs has shared his extraordinary musical talent with the Congregation and community alike.

As Music Director at B'nai B'rith Cantor Childs is responsible for all liturgical and non-liturgical music in the synagogue. He conducts the adult, teen and youth choirs, and is responsible for music education from pre-school through 10th grades. He also produces full-scale musicals involving the youth of the congregation. Outside the congregation, Cantor Childs has been involved with the San Diego Opera, the Aspen Music Festival Opera, and the Santa Barbara Grand Opera.

Aside from bringing music to B'nai B'rith, Cantor Childs serves the congregation by teaching 6th grade Hebrew and tutors every Bar/Bat Mitzvah student before their services. He additionally leads the weekly service for both Sunday and Wednesday Religious School.

For the last 10 years, Cantor Childs has been an irreplaceable asset not only to Congregation B'nai B'rith but to the Santa Barbara community in general. His talent and warm personality have been appreciated by all and we are so lucky to have him in our midst. I wish to congratulate Cantor Childs on the last ten years of his achievements and thank him once more for sharing his extraordinary talent with the Santa Barbara community.

PROCLAMATION FOR HARRY R. BURGER

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize one of New York's outstanding young students, Harry R. Burger. This young man has received the Eagle Scout honor from his peers in recognition of his achievements.

Since the beginning of this century, the Boy Scouts of America have provided thousands of boys and young men each year with the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

The Eagle Scout award is presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. Becoming an Eagle Scout is an extraordinary award with which only the finest Boy Scouts are honored. To earn the award—the highest advancement rank in Scouting—a Boy Scout must demonstrate proficiency in the rigorous areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; he must earn a minimum of 23 merit badges as well as contribute at least 100 man-hours toward a community oriented service project.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of these awards, as their activities are indeed worthy of praise. Their leadership benefits our community and they serve as role models for their peers.

Also, we must not forget the unsung heroes, who continue to devote a large part of their lives to make all this possible. Therefore, I salute the families, scout leaders, and countless others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of Scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Steven and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young man on his day of recognition, Wednesday, January 9th, 2001. Congratulations to Harry and his family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FREDERICA WARNER

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to a remarkable constituent who has dedicated her life to serving others, Frederica Warner of Newburgh, NY.

Frederica is a living legend in our Hudson Valley for her many contributions to our Orange County communities, especially her outstanding service as founder, Executive Director, and guiding force behind Meals on Wheels of Greater Newburgh, Inc. Under her leadership, Meals on Wheels has served the needs of the Town and City of Newburgh and New Windsor without one dime of government funding for three decades, becoming the personification of the "thousand points of light" alluded to by President George H. W. Bush