

the community. Included in that group is a picture of Edgar Holt. I chose him to represent the significance labor and civil rights have had in making Flint a better place to live. His picture is a reminder of the voluntary service the civil rights workers gave to this country to shape a brighter future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in paying homage to these eleven people. The Flint community owes a debt of gratitude for their tenacity to fight on against insurmountable odds. Collectively and individually they never admitted defeat and prevailed in bringing about a better workplace and a better society.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DOUG SHARP

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Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Hoosier who has achieved a truly Olympian feat. Dr. Doug Sharp, of Jeffersonville, Indiana, helped to bring one of America's four-man bobsled teams a bronze medal in the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games. Participating in his first Olympic games, Doug helped give his team a four-heat combined time of 3 minutes 7 seconds. Doug's team, along with the silver medal-winning bobsled team, ended a 46-year medal drought for U.S. men's bobsledding.

A native of Ohio, Doug now lives in Jeffersonville, and went to Purdue University for his undergraduate degree. After graduation, he went on to become a chiropractor, receiving his degree from the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. Doug nar-

rowly missed competing in the 1996 Summer Games in the pole vault by falling just 4 inches short in the U.S. Olympic trials. Doug remains competitive in track and field as an assistant coach of the University of Louisville track and field team.

Doug is no stranger to serving his country. He is a member of the U.S. Army's World Class Athletes Program. The program's mission is to help support and guide world-class athletes to the pinnacle of their chosen sports while maintaining Army careers and representing the U.S. Army before the world. Doug has said that his job, as an Olympic athlete and a representative of the Army, "is to be an ambassador of good will."

It is apparent to me that—with or without the Olympic glory—Doug Sharp has already reached the pinnacle. He has served his country well and with distinction. Hoosiers and Americans everywhere are proud of his achievement. He is a true Olympic hero. On behalf of the citizens of the Ninth District and of the State of Indiana, I want to congratulate Dr. Doug Sharp on a job well done.