

his innovative teaching style. However, he is best known for his perseverance in his teaching; he will not quit trying new methods until his students fully understand a concept. Ralph has served his fellow teachers as the Chair of the Faculty Assembly and he has served his state as the Vocational and Technology Advisor to the State Community Colleges.

Ralph is not only an extraordinary educator but also a pillar of the community. He has been involved in organizing the Arkansas Valley Career Fair, regional FBLA conferences, Kids College, and Phi Beta Lambda. Ralph also coaches recreational sports, sponsors a marching band and is involved in church activities. He is also known as a loving father and husband.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize Ralph for his service to his community and the students whose life he has changed. The diligence and commitment demonstrated by Ralph Newby certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress, and this nation. Ralph's achievements as a teacher serves as a symbol to teachers throughout Colorado, and indeed the entire nation. The honor of OJC teacher of the year is proof that hard work is rewarded. It is people like Ralph who help to ensure that our future generations are guaranteed the opportunity to improve their lives through the resource of education. Congratulations Ralph, and thank you for all of your hard work.

TRIBUTE TO THE CARL AND  
GLESSIE YOUNG COMMUNITY AU-  
DITORIUM

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to recognize the city of Marshfield, Missouri, and the generosity of Carl and Glessie Young on the grand opening of the Carl and Glessie Young Community Auditorium. During a recent visit to Webster County, I attended the grand opening of this facility, which will serve the community and the students in Marshfield for many years to come.

The auditorium was made possible through a local bond issue and a generous donation from Carl and Glessie Young. This facility will be home to community and school plays, musical performances, concerts and speech and debate competitions. It will provide a teaching facility for the nearby schools.

Mr. Speaker, the citizens of Marshfield can be proud of their new 21,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility. I know the Members of the House will join me in congratulating all of Marshfield on completing this fine addition to their community.

HONORING SAILING TEAMS FROM  
TEXAS A&M AT GALVESTON,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND  
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

**HON. NICK LAMPSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the sailing teams from Texas A&M at

Galveston, Texas A&M University, and the University of Texas for their heroism. I am amazed at the selflessness that these young people displayed.

On Saturday, February 23, 2002, Texas A&M University at Galveston was hosting a sailing team-racing regatta. As the sailboats were maneuvering for the start of the race, a mini van carrying a total of six people drove at high speed off a dead-end road and flew approximately 80 feet out over the water and sank. The van landed within 30 feet of the starting line.

Participants from the regatta yelled to shore for someone to call 911 and then swam in the 60-degree water to the van and made repeated dives in an effort to rescue the people trapped inside. The rescuers called for rocks from the shore to smash the windows open and other students began swimming the rocks out to the site. An anchor from the regatta motorboat was also used to smash the windows.

Over a period of ten minutes while the van was submerged the participants successfully rescued the five unconscious occupants, brought them to shore and administered first aid/CPR. The students rescued two adult women and three children, four years old, six years old and seven months old. The driver of the van, who purposely drove the van into the water and escaped on his own, is incarcerated and faces attempted capital murder charges.

Mr. Speaker, these students, many of whom were injured themselves from broken glass, showed astonishing courage. Today, I would like to recognize them on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. These brave sailors are:

Coach Gerard Coleman, Brence Bedwell, Jenipher Cate, Megan Chrostowski, Kelly Cunningham, Capt. Jeffrey Daigle, Kelly Gallop, Kevin Gunn, James Loynes, Chris Noll, Robin Roger, Joseph Richardson, Bill Self, Julie Svaton, Danna Svejkosky, Lloyd Towns, Judkey Reed, Mr. Shannon Galway, Capt. Jake Scott, Jennifer Doreck, John Gross, Spencer Ogden, Mike Curtin, Sarah Lakhani, Varun Idnani, Jennifer Curtin, and Scott Marsden.

On behalf of the city of Galveston, I would like to express my thanks to these courageous sailors who showed no regard for their own safety when it came to rescuing the people trapped inside that van. They make me proud to be a Texan. God bless.

HONORING THE JUNIOR ROTC  
CLASS OF CASS HIGH SCHOOL,  
GEORGIA

**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, at a time when the country remains understandably concerned about national and homeland security, it is reassuring to see a bring young group of students interested not only in becoming part of our military programs, but taking it upon themselves to begin one of their own. High school students who participate in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps learn practical information that teach leadership, foster patriotism, and polish individual character; all traits that can be applied in every professional

arena, whether or not they become part of the U.S. military directly.

I am proud to say that in the 7th District of Georgia, we have a wonderful program at Cass High School in Bartow County. The lengths to which the support system at Cass went in order to start their JROTC program early, is a true testament to their dedicated service. It was quite an ordeal for the students, faculty, and parents of Cass students to get JROTC classes up and running. Under normal conditions it takes five years for the application process to be completed, but in this case the school board was petitioned and the program rushed through.

The rapid implementation of the program can be attributed largely to two determined students: seniors Matt Barnes and Sarah Cavazzini. The two students recognized the need for a course that promoted maturity, discipline, and commitment. Educator Jeannie Buck says she has seen students turn a full circle due to the program. Sara Cavazzini was one of the first girls to be in the JROTC technology program, and became very involved in the engineering efforts of the program as well. She plans to continue here education at Auburn University's Navy ROTC program. Matt Barnes became interested in the military when he joined the Junior Silver Air Patrol in sixth grade. As a result of his success in that organization, he was awarded the Silver Air Patrol Award. Matt's desire to continue his education regarding the armed forces motivated him to initiate the JROTC program at Cass. Matt plans to join the military following graduation in June.

JROTC courses at Cass are under the direction of Brent Bunkley, and are support by a large network of teachers, administrators, parents, and other students. Students are responsible for purchasing their own uniforms, and parental support is the primary means by which the classes are kept afloat. Teens enrolled in JROTC earn class credit, as well as life-long lessons such as discipline, teamwork, and leadership.

The Cass High School JROTC program has made itself available for appearances at parades, and the presentation of colors for athletic events. I would like to commend the JROTC students at Cass for their foresight and dedication, as well as the parents and faculty who supply their own time and money to ensure the best for the future of their students. I hope my fellow members of the House join in applauding the JROTC program and in particular, the program at Cass High School in Bartow County, Georgia.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DARRYL  
FRANCIS

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Mr. Darryl R. Francis of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Darryl Francis passed away Feb. 8, 2002 in the arms of his beloved wife, Sherrian. He was survived by a large group of family and friends who will miss his contributions to their lives dearly.

Born in 1912, Darryl Francis grew up in Ridgeway, Mo. After receiving his bachelor's