

has always demonstrated a strong commitment to community service. In 1967, when Mr. Ward became the newly-elected president of Ward Trucking, he quickly established a strong presence in Blair County by opening a new Altoona terminal and maintenance hub as well as two new local warehouses. Just two years later, Ward Trucking celebrated the opening of a new general office complex, which made Altoona the official headquarters of the company. Under Mr. Ward's leadership, the trucking company has experienced numerous successes. In 1997, the Ward Trucking Corporation was inducted into the Blair County Business Hall of Fame for being an outstanding corporate citizen and being a "vital component of the continued thrust for the economic development and improved business climate in Blair County." Five years later, that sentiment still holds true today. Mr. Ward has been instrumental in the growth and strength of the Ward Trucking Corporation. During his tenure as President and Chairman of the Board, the company has more than doubled its workforce, grew revenue from \$7 million to more than \$96 million at the end of 2001, and expanded service from two to eleven states.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to being an excellent business advocate for the community of Blair County and surrounding areas, Mr. Ward is also a dedicated volunteer. He is especially involved with a nationally recognized community service organization, the Boy Scouts. He has served in numerous capacities, from a Den Leader to Vice-Chairman of the Camp Development Fund Campaign. Mr. Ward is an excellent role model and is always very generous with his time. Mr. Ward and his family are also very generous with financial contributions. They have a long history of donating, whether personally or through Ward Trucking, to a wide variety of worthy organizations in their community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating G. William Ward for receiving both the Blair County Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Advocacy and the National Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. I encourage Mr. Ward to continue to strive to achieve new business goals and to also remain such an active and caring member of his community. I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS SYRACUSE  
UNIVERSITY

**HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to offer my congratulations to the 2003 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball National Champions, the Orangemen of Syracuse University.

These young men started the season unranked and became the number one team in the nation—marking the first time in college basketball history this impressive feat has been accomplished.

This success would not have been possible if not for the coaching abilities of Jim

Boeheim. For twenty-seven seasons, Coach Boeheim has been a constant in college basketball. From the inaugural Big East Conference season, through two heart-breaking losses in the championship games of 1987 and 1996, and even through prostate cancer surgery last season; Coach Boeheim has remained dedicated to his players. Over the years, Coach Boeheim and his staff have turned upstate New York from a blanket of white snow into a sea of orange and blue the whole state has embraced.

A perfect example of the state-wide support directed towards the Orangemen was embodied at the East Regional Finals held in Albany, NY, where thousands of Syracuse fans from around the state and country flocked to the Capitol Region. Albany gladly allowed them to make the Pepsi Arena their "Dome away from home."

I would like to recognize the individual members of the Syracuse team. The 2003 Orangemen team included: Gerry McNamara, Keith Duany, Hakim Warrick, Billy Edelin, Jeremy McNeil, Josh Pace, Tyrone Albright, Josh Brooks, Xzavier Gaines, Matt Gorman, Gary Hall, Ronneil Herron, and Andrew Kouwe.

There are two members of the team deserving special acknowledgement. The first is Craig Forth, the starting center of the team, who was born and raised in the 20th Congressional District, in East Greenbush, NY. In addition to having one of his best games in the National Championship against Kansas, Craig is also an outstanding student, maintaining a 3.86 GPA and being named a Big East Conference Academic All-Star.

Finally, I would like to recognize the Big East Freshman of the Year, the National Freshman of the Year, and the Final Four MVP, Carmelo Anthony. Carmelo has been one of the most exciting freshmen players in years. I am sure all Syracuse fans, including my colleagues from the NY delegation, would join me in asking Carmelo to consider "One More Year!"

HONORING TEXAS TECH'S MALE  
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR,  
LENNARD CHRISTENSEN

**HON. LARRY COMBEST**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Lennard Christensen, who has been named Male Athlete of the Year of Texas Tech University.

Lennard began playing with the Texas Tech football team in 1999. In the fall of 2000–2001 he was named to the Big Twelve Academic first team. He excelled on special teams and always inspired his teammates with his positive attitude. Even though he was not a starter on defense, Lennard nonetheless earned enough respect from his teammates to receive many votes for Team Captain.

In addition to his dedication to Red Raider football, Lennard served as President of the Texas Tech Student Athlete Advisory Committee and the Big Twelve Student Athlete Advisory Committee. In 2001, he graduated

Summa Cum Laude from Texas Tech with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration and is currently maintaining a 4.0 in Tech's M.B.A. program. As if these accomplishments on the athletic field and in the classroom were not enough, Lennard is currently applying his many talents and work ethic in my office as an intern under the Texas Tech President's Congressional Intern Program for the Spring 2003 semester. He is a valuable asset to me and my staff under this program which enables students to learn firsthand about the legislative process.

It is with great pride and pleasure, Mr. Speaker, that I call to my colleagues' attention the outstanding achievements of this dedicated and motivated young man, who is has brought a great credit to his generation, his school and our fine State. Lennard is truly a born leader, whose future is bright. I am confident that he will continue to set lofty goals, and will not stop working hard to attain them. I congratulate him on this distinct honor and wish him all the best in the future.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
APPROPRIATIONS

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following letter for the RECORD:

Hon. JACK KINGSTON,

*Chairman, Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN KINGSTON: I am writing to ask your support for including H.R. 921, a bill I introduced, as an amendment into the base bill of the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill.

My amendment requires that unused Congressional office funds from Members' Representational Allowances be returned directly to the Treasury at the end of the year for debt reduction. For the last several years, I have introduced this amendment to the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill regarding the use of unspent office funds. Taxpayers for Common Sense, Citizens Against Government Waste, the Concord Coalition, and Citizens for a Sound Economy have all supported this amendment in the past.

I believe that this amendment provides a good incentive for Members to spend taxpayer funds responsibly and lead by example in our efforts to reduce the national debt. Without this amendment, unexpended Members' Representational Allowances can be "reprogrammed" for other budget purposes, frustrating the frugal efforts of many Members. Let's keep practicing sound spending practices and keep us moving towards reducing our enormous national debt.

Since this amendment has continuously passed with strong support, I would like you to consider including it in the base bill. I have enclosed a copy of the amendment for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Brian Sutter on my staff at 5-3561. I look forward to working with you on this issue.

Sincerely,

DAVE CAMP,  
*Member of Congress.*