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DALLAS TEXANS '85 GIRLS RED
SOCCER TEAM

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dallas Texans '85 Girls Red Soccer Team on winning the 2003 United States Youth Soccer Association Girls Under-18 National Championship on July 27, 2003 in Germantown, Maryland.

The team was formed in the fall of 1995 and includes members from cities throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Over the past eight years of its existence, the team has won numerous nationally recognized tournaments including State Championships in 1997, 1999, 2000 and 2002, and Regional Championships in 1999 and 2000. They qualified this year for the National Championship by winning the State Championship and then winning the Regional Tournament in Greensboro, North Carolina. They are to be commended for their dedication and achievements. I believe the Dallas Texans '85 Girls Red Soccer Team has represented North Texas very well.

Once again, I want to express my congratulations to Dallas Texans '85 Girls Red Soccer Team on a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO NORA KATHERINE
DWIRE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the memory of an outstanding woman from my district. Nora Dwire of New Castle, Colorado leaves behind a large family and a grateful community. It is with a heavy heart that I stand before you today to honor her remarkable life.

Nora lived in the New Castle area her entire life and was an active member of her community. She spent most of her professional career as a columnist for the local newspaper and dedicated a great deal of time to various volunteer and community organizations. Her volunteer activities centered around helping the elderly and women's groups such as the Ladies Aid and Senior Meals. Nora was also involved with her church, Women's Club, and Community Recreational Council. Nora leaves behind a large family consisting of a daughter, two sons, many great-grandchildren, and even a great-great-grandson.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before you today to remember the life of such a caring and compassionate citizen. Nora's gen-

erous spirit will truly be missed in her community, though I know that spirit will live on through the lives she touched. As her family and friends mourn her passing, I would like to recognize the devoted life Nora lived. She will truly be missed.

IN MEMORY OF TYLER MATTHEW
PINCHOT

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Tyler Matthew Pinchot, a 23-year veteran of the Buena Park Police Department.

He was a motorcycle officer and on June 13, 2003, Mr. Pinchot was struck by a car from behind, during a traffic pursuit. His condition had deteriorated rapidly recently, and on Sunday, September 21, he passed away.

Mr. Pinchot was raised in Garden Grove and Orange, and graduated from Golden West College's police program in 1979. Mr. Pinchot won the Officer of the Year Award two years in a row, in 1991 and 1992. He also was a Special Weapons and Tactics team member, Explorer Post adviser, station-house Santa Claus, unofficial department photographer and a tactical officer at Fullerton College's police reserve academy.

It is through the hard work of law enforcement officers like Mr. Pinchot that our communities stay safe and secure. I am honored to join with my colleagues today in paying tribute to one of California's finest.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "GOVERNMENT
NETWORK SECURITY ACT
OF 2003"

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today Congressman HENRY WAXMAN and I are introducing the "Government Network Security Act of 2003." This bill closes a loophole in the Federal Government's efforts to protect the security and privacy of its computers. It requires Federal departments and agencies to take steps to protect government computers and information from the risks posed by the use of peer-to-peer file sharing programs. Peer-to-peer file sharing programs are Internet applications that allow users to download and directly share electronic files from other users on the same network. These programs are surging in popularity with millions of people trading music, images and documents over these networks at any given time.

While most of the news coverage on file sharing focuses on the ability of users to illegally trade copyrighted music, movies, and videos, another less publicized dark side to this technology is the risk it poses to the security of computers and the privacy of electronic information. Few people recognize these risks. At a hearing held by the Committee on Government Reform in May, Members learned about the privacy and security risks created by

these programs. Through a couple of simple searches on one file sharing program, Committee staff easily obtained tax returns, medical records, and confidential legal documents, and business files. Using these programs is similar to giving a complete stranger access to your personal file cabinet.

Needless to say, file sharing programs creates a number of risks for Federal departments and agencies if they are installed on government computers. The Federal Government uses and stores a wide variety of classified and sensitive information, including information vital to national security, defense, law enforcement, economic markets, public health, and the environment. Government computers also contain personal and financial information of U.S. citizens and businesses. Installing these programs on government computers can expose this sensitive information to the public. It also creates the potential for the spread of viruses, worms, and other malicious computer files. The files downloaded using file sharing programs can also consume valuable network resources, which could result in a degradation of network performance.

Both the House of Representatives and Senate have successfully addressed these risks through both technical and non-technical means including firewalls and employee training. This legislation would require the Executive Branch to take similar steps to protect its computers.

File sharing technology is not inherently bad, and it may turn out to have a variety of beneficial applications. However, as our committee has learned, this technology can create serious risks for users. This bill takes a common sense approach to protect the computers and networks of the Federal Government and the valuable information they contain.

HONORING TOMMY REDER

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of the Michigan State Polka Music Hall of Fame to honor Mr. Tommy Reder of Bay City, Michigan for his musical contributions to the Polka music industry. On October 5, 2003 Mr. Tommy Reder will be inducted into the Michigan State Polka Music Hall of Fame.

Tommy Reder was born in Bay City, Michigan on February 2, 1939 to Louis and Frances Reder. He graduated from St. Stanislaus School. In 1962, he graduated from Central Michigan University. Tommy adapted a love for music at an early age. In 1947 at the age of 8, Tommy was awarded first chair in the clarinet section of the St. Stanislaus school band. By fifth grade Tommy had mastered the saxophone and began playing at various social events. His first major performance was with the Ted Dzrewicki Orchestra; it was with this group that Tommy was able to sharpen his vocal, music writing and arranging skills. In 1963 Tommy assumed leadership of the Tommy K'Orchestra, which was later renamed the Polka Towners Orchestra. The group performed at Polka Festivals throughout the country, and was the sponsor of the Polka tours to Hawaii, Toronto, Seven Springs,