

Throughout her long fundraising and volunteer career, her crowning achievement was undoubtedly the City of Mobile's Tricentennial Celebration in 2002. This event, celebrating the 300 year history of Mobile, drew thousands of visitors to this historic center and brought tourists, dignitaries, and media representatives from all across the United States and around the world. The celebration's schedule of concerts, exhibitions, festivals, and sporting events were a tremendous success and required a great deal of financial support. Under her leadership and guidance as chairman of the festival, Senator Bedsole was able to solicit more than \$5 million in private, local, state, and committee funds and in-kind services. Her efforts in organizing and leading this event led to a truly memorable celebration of the history and tradition of Mobile.

Along with her strong involvement in the community, Senator Bedsole is involved in many charitable organizations including serving on the boards of the Cybil Smith Charitable Trust and the J.L. Bedsole Foundation.

Senator Bedsole's efforts in the fields of volunteerism and fundraising have also led to significant recognition in previous years, and she has been honored as First Lady of Mobile in 1972 and Mobilian of the Year in 1993.

Mr. Speaker, there are few individuals more dedicated or more committed to helping their communities than Ann Bedsole, and I would like to offer my congratulations on both the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser award and for her many personal and professional achievements. I know her husband, Palmer Bedsole, and her many family and friends join with me in praising her accomplishments and extending thanks for her many efforts on behalf of Mobile and the state of Alabama.

TRIBUTE TO THE AQUINAS BOYS'
VARSITY SOCCER TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the Aquinas boys' varsity soccer team. The team had an outstanding season with a record of 22 wins, no losses, and two ties. The team rose to become class B State champions, defeating Westhill by a score of four to zero. This was the second time the boys have captured this title in 4 years.

The entire Aquinas lineup was overflowing with speed and skill that the team's opponents could not match. Keith Manscuk, Chris Roland, Steve Fantuzzo, and Frank Iacovangelo all contributed to Aquinas' victory with one goal apiece. Westhill's coach, Ronald Ficken, hailed the team as not only the best in class B, but also the best team in the State in any class.

The team includes Latim Bitek, Connor Burgasser, Sean Connell, Anthony Dambra, Stephen Fantuzzo, Frank Iacovangelo, Adam Kelly, Daniel Kolb, Corey Lown, Keith Manscuk, James Marsala, Chris Nacca, Patrick Nicholas, Jaymes Nowicki, Dominic Pettinari, Joe Pettinari, Chris Roland, Mike Roorda, Brad Torchia, and Cory Wisecup. The team was coached by Joe LaPietra and Tad Valentino. These boys are a source of pride to

our community and should be commended for their hard work and dedication.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID
NOVAK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before you to pay tribute to a remarkable man from my district. David Novak of Pueblo, Colorado passed away recently at the age of seventy-three. David will always be remembered as a devoted family man and educator of his community's youth, and I would like to ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing his amazing life before this body of Congress and this nation today.

David began his career as a special education teacher in Pueblo, Colorado after graduating from Adams State College in 1952. He was an advocate for youth throughout his community, and instrumental in organizing youth baseball leagues. David's passion about youth baseball played an instrumental role in bringing the 1976 Babe Ruth Youth World Series to Pueblo, Colorado. Because of his dedication to the sport, he was inducted into the Greater Pueblo Sports Association Hall of Fame in 1980. He is survived by his wife and best friend, Laurel, their children, Michael, Patrick and Rebecca, eight grandchildren, and two brothers, Tony Novak and Joe Martell.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the inspiring life of David Novak. He was a beloved man who made a tremendous impact on his community through his many years of educational leadership and organizing youth baseball. David's love of family and public service is truly a model for us all. The Pueblo community and the State of Colorado will truly miss David, and my thoughts go out to his family during this difficult time of bereavement.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
WILLIAM C. NIEBERDING

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mr. William C. Nieberding—devoted family man, accomplished scientist, active community leader, and admired friend and mentor.

Mr. Nieberding graduated from John Carroll University with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics in 1957, and attained a Master of Science degree in physics one year later. In 1959, Mr. Nieberding began employment at NASA Glenn Research Center as a research engineer. He was promoted several times throughout his tenure at NASA, and at the time of his retirement in 1995, held the position of Deputy Chief of the Instrumentation and Control Technology Division. Mr. Nieberding's professional life reflects several significant accomplishments and innovations in

the field of aeronautics, space propulsion and space research. He was awarded the NASA Exceptional Service Medal for his outstanding achievement in the development of advanced instrumentation used in aeronautic and space research programs. He was considered the leading national authority regarding this area of study, offering his expertise to aeronautic researchers from around the world. His name is one of a select few stored within a Mars rover that he helped to create.

Beyond his professional work, Mr. Nieberding was deeply dedicated to his community. He served on the Fairview Park Planning Commission, and was an active member of St. Angela Merici Catholic Church, where he served as President of the Parish Council for two years.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and remembrance of Mr. William C. Nieberding, an exceptional man, scientist, and leader whose life reflected accomplishment, caring and joy. I offer my deepest condolences to his beloved wife, Mary Ellen, his beloved children, Timothy, Therese and the memory of Christine; his beloved grandchildren, Emily and Mitchell; and his entire extended family. Mr. Nieberding's brilliant and flawless legacy, both personally and professionally, will be remembered forever by family, friends and colleagues, and will shine for all time across the starry night.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR.
BEN C. STIMPSON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, Mobile County and indeed the entire state of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Mr. Ben C. Stimpson was a devoted family man and dedicated business leader and conservationist throughout his life.

After attending the University of Alabama for a number of years, he left in 1945 to join the United States Army. At the conclusion of his enlistment, Mr. Stimpson returned home to join his brothers in the family timber business, Ben May's Gulf Lumber Company, in Mobile, Alabama. Over the next several years, he and his family built Ben May's into one of the largest sawmills in the State of Alabama, and Mr. Stimpson served as president of the company. Through his work in the timber industry, he had the opportunity to become affiliated with several professional organizations and served in various leadership capacities with these groups. These include serving as a director of the Alabama Forest Products Association, director of the Southern Forest Products Association, and chairman of the board of the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau. As a result of his professional success and industry involvement, Mr. Stimpson was inducted into the Alabama Business Hall of Fame in 2002 at the University of Alabama.

Along with his work in the timber industry, Mr. Stimpson was also actively involved in the conservation and preservation of the wildlife and natural resources of his native State. Between 1971 and 1984, he served as a member of the Conservation Advisory Board for the