

Last year, President Bush attempted to roll back Title IX by dramatically reducing the participation and scholarships opportunities for women athletes. Just recently, the Department of Education announced its intention to throw out basic protections against sex discrimination in public schools.

Last week 58 members of Congress joined me in registering our opposition to the proposed changes in Title IX regulations. All Americans need to be aware of this Administration's abysmal education record. This President has adopted a "bait and switch" attitude regarding his support for education programs. He is at it again with a plan to dismantle Title IX. It is time for real educational funding and commitments, not just another hypocritical proposal.

RECOGNIZING MR. STEPHEN G. SHEETZ

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary vision of entrepreneur Stephen G. Sheetz, owner and chairman of Sheetz, Inc. for his "2004 Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Advocacy".

This prestigious award, presented by the Chamber of Commerce of Blair County, Pennsylvania, has been designed to honor an individual who has set the standard of excellence in achievement, both personal and professional.

Steve Sheetz is recognized as a true leader of both his family's business, Sheetz, Inc., as well as, the business community of central Pennsylvania.

He has served as a longtime mentor and visionary for generations of fellow business associates, family members, and employees, as well as, a devoted following of consumers.

He constantly sets an example of selflessness by helping to promote the overall business climate without focusing efforts on his own business or personal gains.

I am pleased to commemorate the excellence in achievement of Stephen G. Sheetz, of Sheetz, Inc.

This honor is appropriately "Made To Order".

TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA MASON-CORLETT

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, it is my extreme pleasure and privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Cynthia Mason-Corlett for being awarded the 2003 Milken National Education Award.

Ms. Corlett began her teaching career in 1988, teaching science and math to middle school students. Currently, she teaches eighth grade at Sierra Middle School in Parker, Colorado. She has excelled at energizing students by using hands-on teaching methods. Students investigate everything from air pressure

to space travel, and share their knowledge by conducting science demonstrations for second graders from neighborhood elementary schools.

The Milken National Educator Award is today one of the largest teacher recognition programs in the United States; one hundred new educators from across the country will receive their awards for excellence in their profession. Ms. Corlett will join 72 previous winners from the state of Colorado to work on strengthening teacher quality, and serving as expert resources for policy makers.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that Cynthia Mason-Corlett is a person who possesses dedication and commitment to her life long pursuit of educating young people. It is not only her devotion, but also her passion for contributing to the betterment of the Colorado community that I wish to recognize before this body. It is my distinct pleasure to honor Cynthia here today, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

WORLD MAGAZINE

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, April 21, I inadvertently failed to give proper attribution to World Magazine during my Case for Life Special Order. I read the following quote and would like to credit World Magazine as its source:

"A native of India, he just does not meet the stereotype, not just the head wrap, the neat beard, the Rollie Fingers-style mustache, but he views abortion as an unalienable right for women in America."

TREE CITY USA

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Tree City USA cities located in the 26th District of Texas: Arlington, Carrollton, Colleyville, Coppell, Denton, Euless, Flower Mound, Fort Worth, Frisco, Grapevine, Keller, Lewisville, McKinney, Plano, Southlake, Trophy Club and Westlake.

The National Arbor Day Foundation is the primary sponsor of the Tree City USA program and works in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry program and state foresters. The Tree City USA program creates a technology-transfer network that involves nearly 3,000 Tree City USAs in all 50 states, Mayors, City Foresters, and concerned citizens throughout the nation.

The Tree City USA designation is awarded to cities that meet four distinct qualifications. To become a Tree City USA, a city must designate responsibility for public tree care to a volunteer board or city department; have a tree-care ordinance in effect; spend at least \$2 per capita annually on community forestry; and proclaim and observe Arbor Day. Cities that fulfill these requirements display a clear dedication to the environment and trees in their community.

I believe that trees and forests are very important national resources. Community forests help to improve the quality of our air and water, reduce runoff and erosion and contribute to important national energy-conservation goals.

So I would like to congratulate the seventeen cities in the 26th District, as well as all of the other cities nationwide, that received the Tree City USA designation. It is my hope that other communities will take note of the model activities in these cities and strive to earn the Tree City USA distinction for their city in the future.

TRIBUTE TO HAZARD VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the members and coaches of the 2004 Hazard High School varsity cheerleading squad. This year alone, the squad has cheered their way to four first place victories, an admirable accomplishment for a small-town team competing against much larger schools.

The Hazard cheerleaders began their winning streak in January, when they secured the top spot in the annual WYMT-TV Mountain Classic Cheerleading Competition. In February, the team traveled to Richmond, KY, where they competed with more than 50 cheerleading squads in the Kentucky All "A" State Cheerleading Competition. Their enthusiastic and skillful performance landed the squad with a first place showing. The team also received the coveted Team Spirit Award.

After their impressive showing in Richmond, the cheerleaders finished first at the KAPOS 54th District and KAPOS 14th Regional competitions, and earned the right to compete in the state competition. The squad earned an admirable fourth place finish in the statewide competition, marking the first time a Hazard squad has placed in the top five since they won the state championship in 1970.

It should be noted that the Hazard Cheerleaders accomplish as much during their regular season as they do in competitions. The squad cheers at all football games and basketball games, stirring up school spirit through their energetic routines and skillful stunts. They also have a commitment to community involvement, often volunteering at charitable organizations and local homeless shelters. I am proud of their contributions to Eastern Kentucky, both in cheerleading and their community.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Hazard High School cheerleaders for their tremendous success this year. I ask each of my colleagues to join me in honoring Hazard High School, coaches Cathy Hammonds, Vivian Carter, Lisa Combs, Wayne Noble and Shane Noble, and each and every talented member of the squad: Casey Smith, Lindsey Fields, Sydney Napier, Sarah Johnson, Jennifer Bryant, Jennifer Brock, Ashlei Mullins, Amber Hammonds, Paige Whitaker, Roxanne Whitaker, Marry Simms Carter, Kelly Hoskins, Becky Jo Brotherton, Sarah Hall, Whitney Francis, Brandi Hayes, Katie Hanson, Kayla

Sandlin, Chelsea Combs, Gabriella Woods, Reagan Kilgore and Lauren Delpont.

PERMANENTLY EXTENDING INCREASED STANDARD DEDUCTION, AND 15-PERCENT INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RATE BRACKET EXPANSION, FOR MARRIED TAXPAYERS FILING JOINT RETURNS

SPEECH OF

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today we will be voting on important legislation; legislation that will help roughly 21 million young Americans financially. I am speaking about marriage penalty relief. Thanks to the peculiarities of the tax code, when married couples earn roughly the same salaries, they tend to pay more in taxes than they would if both were single filers. Our previous action to extend this tax relief benefit has encouraged marriage and saved the average married couple \$1,400 a year, allowing them to spend on items that support their families.

This discrepancy financially penalizes couples for doing nothing more than choosing to get married, which creates a strong disincentive for people to build families. With a breakdown of the family and high divorce rates, we need to strengthen marriage not weaken it. As every study shows, children fare best and have the most promising life prospects when they are raised in intact families. Promoting marriage has the potential to significantly decrease poverty and dependence, increase child well-being and adult happiness, and to provide the safest environment for women and children.

Mr. Speaker, letting the tax penalty relief expire would cost families 1,400 a year. The federal government should not be picking pockets of people just because they are married. If we do not extend the marriage penalty tax today, Uncle Sam will not only once again be taking a gift at the wedding reception instead of giving one, but will also be contributing to the breakdown of our basic social institution: marriage.

IN RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY APPRECIATION DAY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support Monterey County's recognition of April 29, 2004 as Public Safety Appreciation Day. The County Supervisors have adopted a resolution on behalf of Monterey County and its residents recognizing the men and women who undertake the difficult and important work demanded of emergency services personnel. I would like to join the residents of Monterey County in thanking these personnel for their professional, heroic response to emergencies.

These men and women do their work to provide a timely, effective first response to un-

predictable, often dangerous circumstances with admirable bravery and commitment. Emergency services personnel include 9-1-1 dispatchers, fire fighters, peace officers and emergency medical personnel, but in fulfilling their responsibility for maintaining public safety their actions often transcend their job descriptions.

I would like to include in this recognition the efforts of the personnel of the Monterey County Emergency Communications Department and Office of Emergency Services, and all those who work to ensure that first responders have the support they need to continue providing effective emergency services to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the Board of Supervisors and the residents of Monterey County in showing my appreciation to the men and women who maintain public safety and work quickly to restore it following an emergency. These same personnel are often mentors and role models even outside their job, and I am pleased to recognize their contribution.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM BOYAN'S SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOSTON

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. CAPUANO. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William Boyan's leadership as Chairman of the Children's Hospital Boston Board of Trustees.

Mr. Boyan has had a long and distinguished business career in my state, culminating as President and Chief Executive Officer of John Hancock Financial Services. No less impressive, however, is his work on behalf of the children of Massachusetts.

Mr. Boyan recently completed a five-year term as Chairman of the Children's Hospital Board. He will remain as a Board member, where he has served with distinction for the past twenty-five years. Under his leadership, Children's Hospital Boston has continued its preeminent work in clinical medicine, research, and training, on behalf of our nation's youngest patients.

As a true public servant, Mr. Boyan has lent his wisdom and expertise to many initiatives throughout Massachusetts. He also currently serves on the Boston School Committee, and his commitment to the city's children and their education is well-known. His passion for excellence and his philanthropic efforts on behalf of the schools have made a real difference in the lives of children in every neighborhood of the city.

Children's Hospital has been a leading voice on behalf of children's health care needs. The hospital's many community service projects touch the lives of children and families throughout the state. Mr. Boyan's dedication has been an essential part of the hospital's success.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I recognize and honor William Boyan's efforts and achievements.

THANK YOU, BILLIE BRIGGS

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my gratitude and appreciation for Billie Briggs who has been named a recipient of the Milken Family Foundation's National Educator Award.

Ms. Briggs teaches math at Cobb Sixth Grade School in Houston, TX and is regarded as the best though she has only been teaching for eight years. I commend Ms. Briggs for her accomplishment and dedication to her students and to education itself.

Ms. Briggs displays her dedication to all students at Cobb Sixth Grade School and throughout HISD by Serving as Sponsor of the Math and Science Club, National Junior Honor Society Advisor, Math Department Chair and by representing secondary-level math on the District Planning and Advisory Committee. In addition, her innovative methods of presenting students with fun projects through which they learn essential skills are praised throughout the education community.

I would like to congratulate Billie Briggs on being named one of our nation's top teachers and extend my thanks for her dedication to students in Houston.

CONGRATULATING FELLOW ALUMNI ON THEIR INDUCTION INTO COLLINGWOOD'S HALL OF FAME

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, as a proud Collinwood High School alumna, I would like to congratulate some of my fellow alumni on their induction into Collinwood's Hall of Fame.

The mission of Collinwood High School, in partnership with parents and community, is to provide a challenging academic and technologically based atmosphere with a commitment to literacy that encourages academic excellence and prepares all students to become productive members of a diverse society. The alumni that I am honoring today certainly reflect the success of this mission.

Ten people will be inducted into the Collinwood High School Alumni Hall of Fame on May 5. They are Francine Bruening, class of 1960, former Lake County domestic relations judge; Joseph Cannavino Jr., 1953, former Ohio State football star and basketball coach; Michael Cannavino, 1945, retired teacher and coach; Primo Del Calzo, 1952, retired speech, hearing and language teacher; Dan DiLiberto, 1966, Eastlake mayor; Dr. Albert Iosue, 1958, doctor and former chief radiologist in a Florida hospital; Milton Schalois, 1949, an insurance executive; Elinor Scricca, 1949, retired teacher, Principal and schools superintendent; Rocco Scotti, 1939, singer, noted for his rendition of the national anthem; and Mildred Teuscher, 1951, former Lake County commissioner. A pre-induction dinner will be at 4 p.m. at Redeemer on the Avenue Hall, 15901 St. Clair Ave., with the induction at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium.