

Mr. Speaker, it is in the realm of athletics that OIT most recently demonstrated its championship mettle when the men's basketball team won the NAIA Division II National Title. Seeded 16th, the OIT Hustlin' Owls were not favored to win, but when the final buzzer sounded they had proven themselves to be the best team in the nation among NAIA Division II teams. Their series of upset victories may have surprised some sportscasters, but it was no surprise to the fans of OIT who have come to expect great things from the Hustlin' Owls under the phenomenal coaching of Danny Miles.

Coach Danny Miles, a NAIA Hall of Fame coach, took over a losing basketball program at OIT thirty-three years ago and never looked back. Racking up 734 career wins, Danny ranks 17th on the all-time career victory list. It is no surprise that this year he was named NAIA Coach of the Year, an honor that he shares with his able staff: Mike Pisan, Doug Kintzinger, Jarrod Davis, Milijia Mitrovic, and Aristide Agnimele.

Although Coach Miles is proud to have won the national championship, he is even more proud of the fact that he, his staff, his team, and the OIT fans won the James Naismith Award for sportsmanship. This was not just a victory of superior athleticism and coaching; it was a victory of strong character.

I join the OIT family in my pride over senior Kevin Baker's winning the tournament's Most Valuable Player award. Baker was also joined by teammates Florian Houget and Todd Matthews on the All-Tournament team. It goes without saying that a championship performance involves every team member, so I also want to share with you my pride in Hustlin' Owls Michael Nunes, Jared Hall, Levell Hesia, Joe Billings, David Michaelis, Matt Johnson, Elijah Page, and Alex Carlson, each of whom contributed so much to their team's winning effort.

Mr. Speaker, for those who are familiar with the story of the Klamath Basin in my district, you know the story of a strong, proud people who live their lives with heart and determination. It is no surprise that the bond between OIT and the Klamath community is so strong. They share the character of winners who never, ever give up. We can all find inspiration from OIT's achievements, many more of which I expect to recognize in the future.

TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS MARQUIS ANTOINE
WHITAKER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay special tribute to one of our nation's many heroes, Army Pfc. Marquis Antoine Whitaker. Pfc. Whitaker lost his life April 27 while serving his country in Iraq. He was only twenty years old.

A beloved son and brother, a proud American and a devoted Christian, Marquis loved football, music, his GMC Jimmy and his girlfriend, Tarai, who misses him very much. He graduated from Kendrick High School in 2002 and joined the Army only months later, to give back to his country and put his career on a responsible path.

He began basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and eventually became a motor transport operator assigned to the Regimental Headquarters Troop, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Pfc. Whitaker was deployed to Iraq in July 2003. Although his family expected him home April 14, his tour was extended due to the increase in insurgent activity in Iraq. Two weeks later a truck crashed into the back of his Humvee, pushing it partially over the side of a bridge. Marquis Whitaker fell while attempting to climb to safety.

Pfc. Whitaker joins 756 American troops who have given their lives to bring freedom to the people of Iraq. We mourn their loss and the promise of their futures, like that of Marquis, were cut all too short.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me in honoring Pfc. Marquis Whitaker. I promise his mother Jacqueline, his father Anthony, his five sisters and two brothers that Marquis will forever remain a hero in the eyes of his country and that we will never forget the sacrifice he made in the name of freedom and democracy.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHIRLEY V.
EDWARDS

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize the achievements of Shirley V. Edwards, a visionary and the principal of EBC High School/Bushwick, Brooklyn in the 12th Congressional District.

After 25 years of blight, Bushwick is experiencing a renaissance. Despite this, it continues to suffer from a high rate of unemployment and poverty. Shirley Edwards, armed with her education specialist background, knew she had a mission to fulfill. She understood that education was the key to breaking the cycle of poverty, and she dedicated herself to the creation of EBC High School for public service and academic excellence.

For the last 10 years, Principal Edwards has called EBC High School/Bushwick her home, serving as a mentor to both students and teachers alike. She is said to have led EBC/Bushwick down the "road not taken," showing many in the community that it was possible to leave an imprint when they had lost all hope. She was instrumental in creating an array of innovative programs, leaving behind an important legacy that forms the foundation of the high school.

Principal Edwards, among her many positive contributions, introduced students to the value of public service and giving back to their community, encouraging them to make a real difference. She witnessed first-hand how drugs, crime and poverty devastated lives, and she made it her mission to empower students and to give them a second chance at earning an education and forging a better path for themselves in the future. Principal Edwards motivated students to become enthusiastic lifelong learners and responsible adults. She truly changed lives—now over 90 percent of her graduating classes are pursuing college degrees.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Shirley V. Edwards, and join with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize her extraordinary work in New York City's public education system.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR F. JAMES
ROHLF

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Professor F. James Rohlf, for his outstanding career as a scientist and professor at Stony Brook University, who was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of the Arts and Sciences in 2001.

Professor Rohlf's current research is concerned with the development, evaluation, and application of new statistical methods for use in geometric morphometrics. Over the last few years he has written papers demonstrating how standard statistical methods such as principal components analysis, canonical variates analysis, multiple regression, and other methods can be adapted for the analysis of shape.

His work also emphasizes the development of interactive computer software to perform the unique computations needed in geometric morphometrics. This software also provides the special interactive graphical displays to enable users to visualize shapes and has made it possible for these new methods to be applied routinely by many biologists.

Due to the unfamiliarity of most biologists with the types of mathematics needed to understand the methods used in geometric morphometrics, many one to two week workshops have been held in cities and universities around the world, which Professor Rohlf has organized or in which he has been the principal lecturer. These programs are to teach the necessary techniques and to give potential users a chance to collect data, learn how to use the software, and to interpret the results.

Professor F. James Rohlf is also author and co-author of many publications. Early in his career he received fellowships from U.S. Public Health Service to conduct predoctoral research in 1959–1962, and a National Science Foundation postdoctoral appointment in 1962. He has received many honors including: W.J. Eckert Visiting Environmental Scientist; IBM T.J. Watson Research Center; Professor Visiting, Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Santa Fe, Argentina; Visiting Professor University of Rome "La Sapienza," Dipartimento di Biologia Animale e dell'Uomo; and the election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Professor Rohlf held positions such as research assistant in 1958–59, teaching assistant in fall of 1959 and research associate in the summer of 1962 at the University of Kansas. He was visiting assistant professor of entomology in the spring of 1965 and associate professor of statistical biology, 1966–69. And, he was an assistant professor of biology at the University of California, Santa Barbara 1962–1966.

Professor F. James Rohlf is interested in and has been involved in the applications of mathematical methods and statistics (especially multivariate statistics) to problems in biology with emphasis on morphometrics and

the theory of systematics. I am proud to recognize and honor Professor F. James Rohlf for his outstanding career as a scientist and professor and for all the many accomplishments and services he has provided to the community of biological science.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 139, 140, and 141 on May 4, 2004. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: Rollcall 139, "yea" on H. Res. 600—Congratulating charter schools; rollcall 140, "yea" on H. Con. Res. 380—Recognizing school-based music education; and rollcall 141, "yea" on H. Res. 599—Congratulating the UConn men's and women's basketball teams.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ITCHE GOLDBERG CELEBRATED ON APRIL 25, 2004

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Itche Goldberg on the occasion of his 100th birthday. Itche is at once a leader, scholar and educator, yet he still remains a student. It is rare to encounter a man who has achieved as much as Itche has, but that is not what truly makes Itche unique. What sets Itche apart from those few who can match his accomplishments is his continued passion to learn, explore and delve further into the subjects he studies. The greatest beneficiary of Itche's work has never been Itche himself, but rather those who have had the pleasure of reading his works and the work he has translated and for the important role he has played in preserving the Yiddish language.

Itche began his path of scholarship in Canada, where he studied philosophy, political economics and German. At the age of twenty, he was already teaching in the Toronto Workmen Circle Folkshul, the first step onto a path of instruction that extended to Philadelphia and New York as well. His lectures have been in both Yiddish and English, covering Jewish culture and literature. From 1970 to 1985, Itche was professor of Yiddish language and literature at Queens College of the City University of New York.

From 1936 to 1951, Itche edited Yungvarg, a Yiddish children's magazine, and others for both parents and teachers. During that time, he wrote many children's stories in Yiddish. Also among Itche's work are numerous Yiddish textbooks he authored, and even more he edited. As Director of the Service Bureau for Jewish Education and the Zhitlowsky Foundation, Itche's mission was to make sure these books were not only produced, but also provided to their target audiences in Jewish secular schools. Itche was also recently awarded the prestigious Raoul Wallenberg medal.

Today, Itche goes to the office every day to ensure that the journal he is editor-in-chief of, Yiddish Kultur, sees continued life. Even after forty years on the job, he remains tirelessly devoted to the endurance of one of the few surviving quality journals published in Yiddish language worldwide.

In a society such as ours, which values hard work, education and culture, Itche Goldberg is priceless. A child wishing to study Yiddish culture can turn to Itche's work at every stage of life; whether it is his children's stories, textbooks, journals or upcoming second volume of essays. Itche is an asset to us all, and I feel privileged to honor him for his profound contributions towards the preservation of Yiddish, and for doing so with such an inspiring passion. Mir shatsn op ayer vunderlekhe arbet l'toyves der yidisher kultur vos hot baraikert dem gontsn Yidishn yishev. (English Translation "We honor your wonderful work for the benefit of Yiddish culture which enriches all of Yiddish heritage.")

RECOGNIZING LALO ALCARAZ

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lalo Alcaraz, a leader and political activist in the Latino community who exemplifies the best in American journalism today.

For almost 10 years, Mr. Alcaraz has touched the lives of millions of newspaper and magazine readers here in the U.S. and in Mexico. Born in San Diego, CA, in 1964, he grew up near the U.S.-Mexico border with his Mexican immigrant parents—each day sharing two different cultures. He began his journalism career as student at San Diego State University by drawing politically and culturally driven editorial cartoons for the university newspaper. As he gained notoriety among readers across campus, Alcaraz also grabbed the attention of top publishing media syndicates in southern California.

An award winning editorial cartoonist, screenwriter, and journalist, Alcaraz continues to entertain his readers today by skillfully capturing the essence of our country's changing cultural and political landscape. He is the creator of nationally syndicated and hardhitting editorial cartoons that depict pressing issues affecting the Latino community. Published in English and Spanish in publications such as the New York and Los Angeles Times, La Opinion, and Hispanic Magazine, his cartoons include the Latino-themed daily strip La Cucaracha, and Migra Mouse, a satire on Latinos and immigration. Alcaraz is also the co-editor of the satirical magazine Pocho and he is the illustrator of the book Latino USA: A Cartoon History.

Throughout his illustrious career, Alcaraz has been honored and recognized for his exceptional journalistic work. He has received four Southern California Journalism Awards for Best Cartoon in Weekly Papers between 1994–1999. He is also the 1998 winner of the Los Angeles Hispanic Public Relations Association's Premio Award for Excellence in Communications; the 2000 Rockefeller Foundation Multi-Media Fellowship; the 2003 Center for the Study of Political Graphics and the Keep

On Crossin' Awards; and, most recently, the 2004 Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace Award.

Lalo Alcaraz is a loving husband, father and a devoted member of the Writers Guild Union, West. I commend him for his numerous contributions to the Latino community through his journalism career and political activism.

THE PASSING OF ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR RALPH DUNN

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Illinois State Senator Ralph Dunn on May 3.

Senator Dunn had a long list of accomplishments during his years as a State Senator, a State Representative and as a member of the Illinois Constitutional Convention—which he described as "the greatest thing I've ever been involved with."

Illinois State Representative Mike Bost said, "He gave me some tremendous advice, even after he left office. He was well-respected and he served his district and his state well. Everybody knew Ralph was a square shooter. I never got in trouble if I followed him."

Du Quoin Mayor John Rednour said, "I always knew the best way to get something done for my town was to call Ralph. He was not only a gentleman, he was a gentle man."

Mayor Rednour, Representative Bost and many others will join together on Friday, May 7th to celebrate the life and legacy of this Southern Illinois giant. There is little doubt that Ralph and his wife Ellen will be watching with their typical mix of pride and humility.

They have earned this moment of recognition as well as our thanks for a lifetime of service to all of us.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF LYNDSEY LEA TELLER, 2004 LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER OF LITCHFIELD, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Lyndsey Lea Teller, winner of the 2004 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is given to young adults who have demonstrated their true commitment to playing an important role in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Lyndsey is being honored for demonstrating the same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Lyndsey is an exceptional student at Litchfield High School. Aside from being at the top of her class academically, she possesses an outstanding record of achievement in high school. She is the Secretary for the National