

A tribute to the vitality of her public service, her grandson served as a Congressional Page under the late Congressman Joseph Moakley. Unquestionably, her spirit of public service will be passed on to her daughter, son, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and community.

HONORING MR. JAMES MCVLAIN

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. James McIlvain upon his retirement after 37 years of service to Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Mr. James McIlvain has had a long and distinguished career in academia. Following his graduation from Ohio State University where he developed a love of history, government and politics, James was led to the noble profession of teaching. Beginning his career in 1967 at Adams Junior High School, he taught United States History and Geography contributing to the education of countless students and enriching the lives of the students, families, staff and faculty around him. After advancing excellence in the classroom, James became a guidance counselor where he served as a role model promoting good character and helping students as they made the transition into adulthood. Undoubtedly, the everlasting legacy of James's work can be seen in the community, as he has helped create the future generation of leaders.

His wife, Susan, and his two daughters, Becky and Kelly, should be extremely proud of the undeniable mark he has left on the community. We at home will remember and always benefit from his dedication and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere appreciation to Mr. James McIlvain upon his retirement as a John Glenn High School Guidance Counselor and for his fine service to our country.

CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of Concord, North Carolina as they compete for the 2004 All-America City Award.

It has been my distinct honor to represent the people of Concord since I was first elected to represent the 8th Congressional District of North Carolina. This opportunity is especially dear to me because this is my home town and where much of my family still resides. In fact, my family has called Concord home for decades, and we have had the privilege of watching this community grow. Concord personifies the term, "Southern Hospitality," and is home to some of the most engaging, welcoming, and civically responsible citizens in the state of North Carolina.

Through the close relationships I have forged with the citizens of Concord, and the

pride I have in this community, it is truly an honor for me to highlight this great city today. Because of Concord's hard work, the rest of America is getting to see the positive spirit of accomplishment that I have been fortunate to witness my entire life.

The All-America City Award is a 55-year-old program sponsored by the National Civic League that recognizes civic excellence. The Award is given annually to 10 communities that exemplify and display a positive spirit of grassroots involvement and collaborative problem solving in an effort to better their community.

The current nominees, including Concord, exhibit the American spirit of hard work and cooperation as they seek to identify and correct community-wide challenges. Concord is a community where citizens, businesses, volunteers, and government officials work together to address issues that are vitally important to their citizens. Concord should take pride in the fact that they are in contention for recognition by this national organization for their hard work. Truly, Concord is a great example for other communities to emulate as other communities seek to overcome the many challenges that face all communities, large or small.

To qualify for the All-American City Award, Concord representatives first had to submit a detailed application highlighting the city's three most pressing challenges. They are: addressing the medical needs of the uninsured and underinsured, eliminating substandard housing in the community, and extending the mentoring and civic responsibility of the Boys and Girls Club of Concord. Programs such as the Community Care Plan, Cabarrus Housing Partners, and the Boys and Girls Club of America have been designed and implemented to ensure these aforementioned areas are addressed.

I am pleased to represent such a fine community where the citizens come together to solve problems at a local level rather than waiting on someone else to fix things. A wise man once said that there are three types of people in this world: those who watch what happens, those who make things happen, and those who wonder what happened. Rest assured, the people of my home town, Concord, North Carolina are people who make good things happen. It is my honor and privilege to represent these good folks and I am hopeful the National Civic League will recognize the City of Concord's success by awarding them the All-America City Award.

HONORING THE OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2004

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Class of 2004 graduates of Oceanside High School in Oceanside, CA and to wish the students continued success as they pursue their dreams and goals.

I would like to also extend a special thanks to Superintendent Kenneth Noonan, Principal Kimo Marquardt and to all of the teachers and administrators who contribute to the quality educational experience that students receive

at Oceanside High School. It is through the hard work and caring of these leaders that students are able to graduate from Oceanside High School with the tools they need to become successful members of society and future leaders in our communities. I commend and congratulate you all.

Mr. Speaker, Oceanside High School is a great example of how a public school should work. Students at Oceanside High School have the opportunity to learn a challenging academic curriculum in a positive learning environment that stresses the importance of civic responsibility and cultural diversity. It is important that our future leaders receive a strong education, work ethic, and an awareness of our global society—Oceanside High School has succeeded in providing the students with this knowledge.

The graduates of Oceanside High School have taken an important step forward today as they don their cap and gown and walk across the stage to accept their diplomas. Each student graduating today has the potential to achieve great success and it is up to each one of them to determine how they are going to make a difference in our communities. I congratulate you all for your accomplishment today and encourage you to pursue your goals and continue to build on the knowledge you have learned.

Your accomplishments at Oceanside High School have opened many doors for you. From this point forward, the only limits on your future are those you place on yourself—anyone who says otherwise is wrong. If you have the determination, are equipped with knowledge and you outline a goal, you have the ability to accomplish great things. Again, I congratulate the Class of 2004 and wish you all continued success.

HONORING MRS. BARBARA WHITE

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mrs. Barbara White upon her retirement after nearly 40 years of service to the citizens of the City of Garden City, Michigan and the students of Garden all City Public Schools.

Barbara White began her career in the Garden City Public School District in 1964 where she served as Head Secretary for Memorial, Maplewood, Cambridge, and Marquette Elementary Schools. Over the next 23 years, she contributed to the education of the countless students enriching the lives of the students, families, staff and faculty around her. Following her retirement in 1987, Mrs. White was elected to the Garden City School Board. During her tenure as a Board Member, she served on the Finance, Facilities, and Policy Committees where she helped to create and implement policies that would educate and prepare students to be knowledgeable, responsible, contributing citizens. Serving 16 years on the school board, she tirelessly acted as an advocate for an intellectually alive and meaningful curriculum for all students in Garden City Public Schools.

Her husband, Dwight, and her sons, Glen, Howard, and Noel, should be extremely proud