

commercials to avoid having to explain to their children the possible side effects of a life-enhancement drug. A parent should never have to be forced to confront these issues with their children during family viewing hours.

These advertisements run frequently during all hours of the day and last year nearly \$400 million dollars was spent on advertising for the three most popular erectile dysfunction drugs: Viagra, Cialis and Levitra. While the pharmaceutical companies will tell you that they run these advertisements during television programs that appeal to the population that they are trying to target, these are the same television programs that parents like to view with their children, including the Super Bowl and college basketball games.

As you may know, the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug benefit will begin covering ED prescription drugs when it starts in 2006. This means that the cost of advertising these ED drugs is going to be passed on directly to American taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind all Members of Congress that it is time for us to do our job and address the concerns of millions of American families who do not want to see these ads during family viewing hours. Corporate profits should never trump family values.

We urge all Members of Congress, from both sides of the aisle, to support the "Families for ED Advertising Decency Act" and restore decency standards to the American airwaves.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN HAMMOND, INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and enthusiasm that I congratulate the First Baptist Church in Hammond, Indiana as they celebrate the grand opening of their new auditorium. They will be celebrating this very momentous and special occasion on Sunday, March 20, 2005.

Allan Hill founded the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana in 1887. The church has since met for services in five different auditoriums. The first auditorium was built in 1888 under Pastor Hewitt, and doubled in size under Pastor Carter in 1900. The third auditorium was constructed in 1913 under Pastor Adams. In 1959, Pastor Hyles became pastor, and under his leadership, in 1964, a new auditorium was constructed seating approximately 2000. The auditorium doubled in 1975.

Throughout the years Pastor Hyles dreamed of building a new auditorium. Sadly, he passed away in 2001. However, the determination of the church proved that although Pastor Hyles was now in heaven, the Lord of the Harvest was still alive and well. Pastor Schaap took the helm in March 2001, and he immediately led First Baptist Church to the next level. With the increased attendance, once again the congregation began to outgrow the auditorium. Ground was broken for the new auditorium on November 3, 2004.

From its modest beginning, First Baptist Church has emerged as a cornerstone of the

community. Under Pastor Schaap's guidance, First Baptist continues to thrive, both in terms of spiritual growth as well as practical improvements. The proud members of the church are thankful for the spiritual and emotional leadership he and the previous pastors have provided during the years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana on the grand opening of its new auditorium. They have provided support and guidance for all those in the community, and will continue to serve their community through their selfless dedication and commitment.

HONORING MT. JULIET HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an extraordinary group of young women from Mt. Juliet High School in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, who are the 2004–2005 Class AAA Girls Basketball State Champions. The Lady Bears capped off their season by winning the state championship on March 12, 2005, finishing the season with a 37–1 overall record. I am proud of these outstanding young athletes for this great accomplishment.

Winning a state championship in any sport not only takes great athletic ability, but also hard work, dedication and hours of practice. I admire these girls for their commitment to their team, their school and their community.

These student-athletes should be honored not only for the feat of winning the Tennessee State Girls Basketball Championship but for being recognized nationally for their remarkable talent and skill. The Lady Bears finished the 2004–2005 season ranked 10th on the USA Today's Super 25 list, making them one of the top girls basketball teams in the entire country. It goes without saying that this is an incredible and well-deserved honor and I am proud that they have represented their hometown and Tennessee so well.

On behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of Tennessee, I extend my heartiest congratulations to the following members of the Mt. Juliet High School girls basketball team: Alysha Clark, Holly Hudson, Christian Gibson, Sarah Muniz, Casey Pigue, Paige McFarlin, Miaca Bowman, Mandy McGee, Kelley Christian Van Atta, Brittany Mehring, Paige Cutright, Kristen Garton, Nicole Defevers, Hailey Holland and Coaches Chris Fryer and John Simms.

I applaud the tremendous achievements of these exceptional young players and wish them well.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HARLANDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER TOMAS URESTI

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedication of Harlandale Independent School District Board Member Tomas Uresti, of my Congressional District for a lifetime of distinguished public service.

Tomas Uresti is a long time Harlandale resident, and a former school employee. He has proudly served the Board of Trustees since 2002, and currently serves as Secretary of the Board. Mr. Uresti is a committed servant to the community of Harlandale, and has served as Board President, Building Committee Member, and Policy Committee Member.

Over the last 25 years he has committed his time to coaching the students of the community in softball, basketball, and baseball. He has served as a mentor at Gillette Elementary School, Kingsborough Middle School, and Harlandale High School.

Along with his many accomplishments to the people of Harlandale Independent School District, Tomas Uresti has six children and one granddaughter with his wife Rosemary, three of which are graduates of Harlandale High School.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have had this opportunity to honor Tomas Uresti for his hard work and contributions to the community.

A TRIBUTE TO JUDY S. WONG, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2005

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women during the month of March. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an outstanding woman in my Congressional District, the Honorable Judy S. Wong. For many years, Judy has brought an abounding spirit and energy to her service in the community. Those fortunate enough to meet and work with Judy instantly recognize her dedication and passion for helping others, especially women and children.

Born in Taiwan, Judy moved to the United States in 1977 and to Temple City in 1986. She was an active member of the Temple City Chinese American Association for several years, serving as President for 2 terms. For several years, Ms. Wong has been a member of the Gang Advisory Committee and the Asian Community Advisory Committee for the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, Temple City station. Also a volunteer at the Asian Pacific Family Center, she works with parenting classes.

In 2003, Judy was elected to the City Council of the City of Temple City and is the first

Chinese American member to be elected to that body.

Judy is an advocate of valuing diversity and embracing the richness of all cultures represented in our country. She organized a "Support our Kids" forum to help address common problems faced by people from different ethnic backgrounds. Utilizing her skills in the Chinese language, she volunteers her services as an interpreter to the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, Temple City station, assisting victims of domestic violence. Judy also provides interpretation for many different schools in the San Gabriel Valley area.

In addition to her many civic duties and responsibilities, Judy is the proud mother of Anthony, who attends Arcadia High School, where she is also a volunteer.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Judy S. Wong. The entire community joins me in thanking Judy for her success and continued efforts toward making the 29th Congressional District a more enjoyable place in which to live and work.

**AFFIRMING THE TRUTH ABOUT
THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Ambassador to Armenia, John Evans, in public forums with the Armenian community, recently characterized what President George W. Bush has described as an "appalling tragedy of the 20th century, the massacre of as many as 1.5 million Armenians through forced exile and murder at the end of the Ottoman Empire," as Genocide.

I rise today to join with Ambassador Evans and other public officials who have affirmed the truth and recognize that reconciling with the past is an important first step in creating a better future. Recognition of the Armenian Genocide is widely acknowledged. One hundred and twenty-six Holocaust scholars publicly affirmed the incontestable fact of the Armenian Genocide during the 30th Anniversary of the Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches. And in 1981, former President Ronald Reagan stated: "Like the genocide of the Armenians before it, and the genocide of the Cambodians which followed it—and like too many other such persecutions of too many other peoples—the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten."

In addition, a recent study released by the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) on the use of the term Armenian Genocide and the applicability of the 1948 Genocide Convention to events which occurred during the early twentieth century in Ottoman Turkey, found that "the Events, viewed collectively, can thus be said to include all of the elements of the crime of genocide as defined in the Convention, and legal scholars as well as historians, politicians, journalists and other people would be justified in continuing to so describe them."

As we approach the 90th commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, we must ensure that we do not forget the lessons of the past. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, in the Preface to the Encyclopedia of Genocide, published in 1999 by the Institute on the Holocaust and Genocide in Jerusalem, writes: "It is sadly true what a cynic has said, that we learn from the history that we do not learn from history. And yet it is possible that if the world had been conscious of the genocide that was committed by the Ottoman Turks against the Armenians, the first genocide of the twentieth century, then perhaps humanity might have been more alert to the warning signs that were being given before Hitler's madness was unleashed on an unbelieving world."

Mr. Speaker, let us never forget and let us affirm the truth.

**A TRIBUTE TO JACK NICKLAUS'
ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER IN GOLF
AND LIFE**

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jack Nicklaus for his service to our Nation, the game of golf and the Masters Tournament. Few events in the world of sports compare to the beauty and grace of the Masters Tournament in Augusta, GA. There is no one that has won more Masters' titles than Jack Nicklaus. He is the owner of six coveted Green Jackets.

Early in his career, Jack Nicklaus became the role model for an untold number of individuals aspiring to play the game of golf. He has also become a role model for millions of people for his personal values, particularly his dedication to family.

Named the Golfer of the Century and Golfer of the Millennium by every major media outlet, Jack Nicklaus' record stands unparalleled at the top of the golf world. He has collected more than 100 professional victories worldwide. This includes 73 PGA Tour victories and 10 more on the Champions Tour. He has won a record 20 major championships: 6 Masters, 5 PGA Championships, 4 U.S. Open Championships, 3 British Opens, and 2 U.S. Amateur titles. In his career he has been the top money-winner 8 times, number one in scoring 8 times, and has recorded 20 holes in one. Jack Nicklaus has been a member of six Ryder Cup teams, captained two others, and this fall, he will serve for the third time as captain of the U.S. Presidents Cup team.

Many things have been said about Jack Nicklaus. At the 1962 World Series of Golf, Arnold Palmer rose to make the following statement, "Jack Nicklaus is just a youngster and a newcomer to the professional ranks. But you gentlemen saw one of the greatest out there today. He'll be a headliner for a long time and could put together the greatest career the game has ever known. He has everything."

In addition to Jack Nicklaus and his sons/family growing the game of golf by designing close to 300 courses worldwide, the Nicklaus family gathered on June 12, 2003, with sand

wedges instead of shovels, to break ground on the Nicklaus Children's Hospital at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Florida. The hospital officially opened last November. They have also formed the non-profit Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation. This foundation, chaired by Mrs. Barbara Nicklaus, provides charitable support for activities that advance and enhance the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of childhood diseases and disorders. The Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation also supports not-for-profit programs and projects aimed at pediatric health care and health-related services, with the Nicklaus Children's Hospital located at St. Mary's Medical Center as the major focal point.

So. Mr. Speaker, the name of Jack Nicklaus will always be synonymous with the game of golf and his accomplishments, on and off the course, will live forever.

IN HONOR OF DAVID PIERCE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and celebration of David Pierce, Managing Director of the Ulster Bank of Ireland and the President of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, as we welcome him to Cleveland, Ohio, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2005.

For the past twenty-six years, Tim Collins and Thomas Scanlon have organized the St. Patrick's Day Party and Parade, a joyous event that brings people together in the heart of Cleveland. Every year, Euclid Avenue springs to life as a sea of green and the spirited sound of drums and bagpipes are swept along our city streets. This enchanted day promises old friendships renewed, the discovery of new ones, and serves as a living bridge that extends across the blue Atlantic—from the north coast of Cleveland to the shores of the Emerald Isle.

Mr. Pierce is a leader in securing, protecting and enhancing the economic foundation of Ireland, and has established significant ties with leaders in America and around the world. In 2004, he was honored with the Leinster Society Chartered Certified Accountant of the Year Award for the Republic of Ireland. His wife, Jackie, and daughters, Rachel and Elaine are central to his life. Additionally, Mr. Pierce volunteers his time to the people and causes of Ireland. Similarly, Mr. Collins and Mr. Scanlon, distinguished attorneys, continue to preserve and promote the history and culture of their beloved Irish homeland.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Honorable David Pierce of Delgany, County Wicklow, the Republic of Ireland, for joining us in Cleveland as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Please also join me in recognition of Tim Collins and Thomas Scanlon for organizing this wondrous St. Patrick's Day Party this year, as they have for the past twenty-six years. "Ni dheanfaidh smaoineamh an treabhadh duit—You'll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind"—Old Irish Proverb.