

TRIBUTE TO PETE REYES

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, Mr. COSTA and I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Pete Reyes, who is being honored this weekend as an Eagle Award winner by the Adelante foundation. Mr. Reyes is an individual of great distinction, and we join with family and friends in honoring his remarkable achievements and expressing great pride in the honor that is to be bestowed on him.

Mr. Reyes has devoted his life to helping students through his chosen profession in education. He has been an incredible resource to the Clovis Unified School District and continues to work every day to improve the school community.

For the past 38 years, Mr. Reyes has dedicated himself to educating the young minds of tomorrow and is currently serving the Fancher Creek Elementary School as Principal. In this capacity, he has been an integral contributor to the management and administration of the school, as well as leading the school to numerous awards in excellence in performance.

Through his tenure as an educator, Mr. Reyes has exhibited kindness, love, humility, and a deep resolve to ameliorate all aspects of community life, so it is only appropriate that he receive this award from Adelante.

We join with family and friends in thanking him for his 38 years of service. He is a symbol of all that is good in his profession and an inspiration to all that know him.

And so, Mr. Speaker, we salute Mr. Pete Reyes. We express admiration in his career and hope that others may recognize his good works in the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF LINCOLN
PARK HIGH SCHOOL**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of Lincoln Park High School, recently selected by Newsweek Magazine as one of America's best high schools.

Lincoln Park High School, formerly named Robert A. Waller High School, has served the students and families of Chicago's North Side for over 100 years. Lincoln Park High School provides its students with exciting opportunities for academic, athletic and artistic growth, while instilling values that will serve its students throughout their lives.

The students at Lincoln Park High School have established an impressive record of academic achievement. Eighty-seven percent of the school's 2004 graduates enrolled in a college or university. Lincoln Park High School currently has 8 National Merit Semi-Finalists in 2005, and has had more National Merit Semi-Finalists over the last 15 years than all other Chicago Public Schools combined.

Students at Lincoln Park High School enjoy the support of strong parent and alumni associations which take an active role in over 60 extra curricular activities and clubs. Commu-

nity partnerships with institutions such as Children's Memorial Hospital, Charlie Trotter's Restaurant and the Lincoln Park Zoo also provide learning opportunities outside of the classroom in a wide range of disciplines.

These activities and experiences teach students the importance of academic achievement while also providing a balanced perspective on life that promotes responsibility, justice and social service.

Mr. Speaker, Lincoln Park High School is a shining example of public education at its best. I am proud of the students, faculty and families of Lincoln Park High School and I wish them continued success in the coming years.

TRIBUTE TO TERIK DALY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

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Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Terik Daly for his prize winning entry in the 56th Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

Last week, over 1,400 pre-college students participated in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix. Students from several countries submitted entries in hopes that they would win a portion of the \$3 million in scholarships, tuition grants, internships and scientific field trips given away. This annual competition awarded six of nine Bay Area students for their entries, three of whom reside in San Jose.

Terik is a 15-year-old student from Oak Grove High School. His project titled, "The Derivation and Interpretation of Geochemical Ratios Generated by Meteoritic Impact" derived meteor composition by examining chemical composition of granite before and after impact. His entry won him a fourth-place prize (\$500) in earth science; \$8,000 tuition scholarship from Office of Naval Research (on behalf of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps).

The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair promote education and creativity in a way that is vital to a youth's development. These types of activities encourage students to explore the fields of science and engineering. This kind of innovation will drive the United State's economy into the future. Being from Silicon Valley, I fully understand the importance and impact that these studies have on America's prosperity.

I am proud to stand here today and recognize Terik for his accomplishments. I urge him and youth alike to continue to take interest in these fields, and lead the United States in its development of science and engineering exploration.

IN HONOR OF MATTHEW W.
FREEMAN**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man, like so many others in our Nation, who were truly American: Matthew Walden Freeman.

Although I did not personally know Midshipman Matthew Freeman, I knew of his valor and patriotism. His passing is somberly remembered by those who knew him best. A senior at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in New York, Matt had shown a dedication to service his entire life. A graduate of Ryan High School in Denton, Matt was honored to be awarded status as an Eagle Scout.

While Midshipman Freeman was not activated, he was a reservist and served as Navy Second Class. During his time at the Academy, Midshipman Freeman devoted time and effort into helping others. The Superintendent of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) issued an Academy Achievement Ribbon for Meritorious Service to Matt for his waterborne rescue and relief efforts following the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. As an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Matt interfaced with the midshipmen volunteers who manned Academy vessels used to ferry firefighters, rescue personnel and emergency equipment throughout New York Harbor in support of the New York City Fire Department's emergency operations. He personally participated in three watch tours and spent over 40 hours on the scene. As an EMT, he provided first-aid services to firefighters working ashore near the disaster and to midshipmen rescue personnel traveling aboard Academy vessels. He also helped manage the EMT watch throughout the Academy's operation and assisted with their blood drive on 9/11.

Along with the 89 other midshipmen participants, he displayed the highest levels of leadership, professionalism and compassion and served as an inspiration to his peers during the difficult days of the rescue and recovery operation. Through his unselfish service, Midshipman Freeman brought great credit to the Regiment of Midshipmen during a time on national crisis and served as role model to his fellow midshipmen, the 4th class in particular. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Regiment of Midshipmen and the USMMA. He received a citation for outstanding performance in support of Operation Guarding Liberty, following the attack on WTC.

Today, we honor Matt Freeman for his commitment to America. I want you to know, on behalf of a grateful Nation, we say, "Thank you." He will always be remembered for his kindness and generosity to others, and may he serve as a role model for others in the future.

TRIBUTE TO COACH JOE SOLTERO

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Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, Mr. COSTA and I rise to pay tribute to Coach Joe Soltero who has coached Little League in Delano, CA for over 37 years. By receiving the Adelante Eagle Award, Coach Soltero is being recognized for his years of selfless service to his community and it gives us great pleasure to acknowledge his years as a coach and mentor to the students of Delano.

Coach Soltero is an exceptional individual who has not only devoted his life to helping the Delano community at-large but has also