

Elkhart Slocum 61–30 to claim the Class 1–A Division 1 Title in front of a crowd of 3,500 people.

Jordan Barncastle was named Most Valuable Player, and Offensive Most Valuable Player was awarded to Lynzi Williams and Christa Williams. Additionally, state team selections went to Taylor Daniels, Jennifer Tindle and Kim Wilson, and Ashley Tarrant. Cara Chaney, Brittney Perkins, and Hayley Butler also received honorable mention recognition. I would also like to honor Martins Mill Head Coach Doug Barncastle and Assistant Coach Don Tarrant, who were named Coaching Staff of the year.

As the congressional representative of the families, coaches, and supporters of the Martins Mill Lady Mustangs, it is my pleasure to recognize their tremendous victory and outstanding season.

RECOGNIZING BAY OF PIGS VETERANS ASSOCIATION 2506 ASSAULT BRIGADE

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Bay of Pigs Veterans Association 2506 Assault Brigade. On April 15 of this year, this brave group of men will observe two monumental events. They will be commemorating the 45th anniversary of the invasion of the Bay of Pigs and the 43rd anniversary of the liberation of the captured members of the 2506 Brigade. The members of the 2506 Brigade came from all walks of life, ages, and backgrounds. The men range from doctors and farmers to students and priests. The oldest was a highly decorated 52-year-old World War II paratrooper and the youngest a 15-year old who lied about his age in order to be a part of the Bay of Pigs Assault Brigade. The 2506 Brigade trained for months with little supplies in preparing for this assault that they hoped would dethrone a cruel and heartless tyrant. These great patriots risked their lives in hopes of freeing their homeland from the tyrannical grip of a brutal dictator. My parents and I were fortunate enough to escape the oppression and persecution of Castro's regime when I was a young girl. Unfortunately, many have not been as lucky and still live in a country that does not recognize the human rights and personal freedoms that we cherish here in the United States. I applaud the efforts of all those who seek to eliminate the cruel dictatorship in Cuba and in its place instill a foundation for democracy and freedom. I along with the men in this distinguished group look forward to the day when Cuba is a free and sovereign nation. I pray that this day will soon come and that the Cuban people still living

under Castro's oppressive regime will be able to have the freedom and democracy that was so patriotically fought for by the members of the 2506 Brigade.

HONORING SISTER CATHERINE DUNN

HON. JIM NUSSLE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sister Catherine Dunn, President of Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa who will retire on June 30th 2006, after serving in this position for 22 years.

Sister Catherine came to Clarke in 1973 and started her service to Clarke and the Dubuque Community as a member of the education department faculty. In 1979 she became vice president of institutional advancement. On January 27th, 1984, she became Clarke's 14th president.

The first few months for the leader of any organization can be challenging, hectic, and perhaps chaotic at times. Sr. Catherine would face all of that and more, as her strength and fortitude were tested 111 days later, when on May 17th, 1984, fire destroyed one-third of the historic buildings on campus. In the spirit of Sister Mary Frances Clarke who founded the school in 1843, and propelled by students who hung banners proclaiming 'Clarke Lives,' Sr. Catherine oversaw an aggressive rebuilding project. Rising from the ashes were a new library, a chapel, music performance hall, administrative offices and a glassed atrium, which were dedicated in October of 1986. Most importantly, it showed the resilience of a woman who would not let devastation chart a negative destiny for the school or her presidency. Since then the school has had several other additions and expansions including a new sports and recreation complex, an activity center and increased student housing.

For most new presidents that would have been challenge enough, but Sr. Catherine's spirit reached far beyond 1550 Clarke Drive. She has served on the boards of numerous local, regional, and national education and civic organizations. She has served on the executive committee of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) and chaired the organization's tax policy committee. In 1989, she was appointed to the Iowa Transportation Commission, making history in 1994 when she was named chair of the commission. She was the first woman to hold the position in the 81-year history of the commission.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to pay tribute to Clarke College President Sr. Catherine Dunn. The many lives she has touched will never be known, but that work, through others, will live

on. We celebrate, we honor and we will remember Clarke College's 14th president.

HONORING THE VIENNA COMMUNITY CENTER'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th Anniversary of the Vienna Community Center located in Fairfax County, Virginia.

For 40 years, the Vienna Community Center has served as the main location for the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department. Like all aspects of the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, the Vienna Community Center enjoys a rich history of providing quality programs and facilities to the town's citizenry.

Even before the Community Center's construction, it was bringing the Town of Vienna together as a neighborhood. In 1946, the Vienna Lions Club provided the initial donation for the Community Center. In 1964, the opening night performance of the Vienna Theater served as a benefit event kicking off the final leg of the fund raising drive to build the Town's new Community Center. Tickets for the event were available from sponsoring organizations, which included the First National Bank and the Vienna Trust Co. The fund raising goal required to build the Community Center was completed through these community-backed ticket sales as well as direct donations from businesses, organizations, and community residents. Construction of the center began shortly thereafter.

The Community Center opened its doors on Sunday, April 17, 1966. The dedication ceremonies, organized by the Vienna Woman's Club, brought together a variety of area clubs and organizations.

Since those opening ceremonies, The Vienna Community Center has provided facilities for many events serving people of all ages such as fashion shows, bazaars, health fairs, plays, and antique exhibits.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank the Vienna Community Center for 40 years of dedicated service to its community. The activities, classes, programs, camps and trips, which the Vienna Community Center facilitates, enhance the town's sense of community. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the Vienna Community Center's past accomplishments and in wishing the Center continued success in the many years to come.