

schooling movement means that more and more children are learning together, just not in a traditional classroom. For example, a group of 70 home schooling families living in a Washington suburb organize regular group field trips and extracurricular activities for their home schooled children. They also come together for music lessons, soccer and basketball games and for art classes.

These are all ideas and events planned by parents, not school boards. Students are transported by mom or dad driving mini vans, not school buses. Home cooking beats school cafeteria food any day of the week. Education begins at home and I applaud the parents who recognize that they—not someone else—must take responsibility to assure that their children are well educated. I remind everyone: Whether you school them at home or send them to school, you as a parent have the responsibility to make sure they learn and behave. Teachers and principals may help, but parents are the ones who must accept responsibility.

I congratulate all the parents out there who made a commitment to put their children's education first. These are parents that our Founding Fathers would find worthy of praise.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO AMY ARNAZ

### HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 4, 2006*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Miss Amy Arnaz for her outstanding service to the community of Boulder City as the owner and operator of Dance Etc. Dance Studio. She also serves as the Executive Director of the Boulder City Ballet Company. Miss Amy, as she is known to the community, will retire from her service of Boulder City on May 27, 2006.

Miss Amy began her ballet career at age 7 under the direction of English Ballerina Christina Carson. She attended college at San Diego State University, where she danced with the San Diego Ballet Company. After traveling to New York to study with the Joffrey School Ballet, she returned to Las Vegas and joined the Sulich's Nevada Dance Theater. In 1979, Miss Amy purchased Dance Etc., and she continues to teach ballet, tap, jazz, and exercise to this day.

In 1997, in cooperation with her husband Desi Arnaz Jr., she founded the non-profit Boulder City Ballet Company. While serving as the company's Executive Director, Miss Amy has brought joy to the lives of the children who live in the small town of Boulder City.

Miss Amy has been trained to teach the Royal Academy of Dancing System used by the Royal Academy of England. Her students are also exposed to various types of dance through guest instructors and special workshops. She is certified through the American Council on Exercise, and continues to train in order to remain at the top in her field. Miss Amy and her valuable efforts to bring dance to the community will be very missed by the city of Boulder City; however, she will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Miss Amy Arnaz on the floor of the House. I commend her for her contributions to Boulder City and thank her for her continued service to

the children of southern Nevada. I now yield the remainder of my time.

#### RECOGNIZING CENTRAL MISSOURI EAGLES YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

### HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 4, 2006*

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Central Missouri Eagles Youth Hockey Association for winning one of the Positive Coaching Alliance's 2006 "Honoring the Game" Awards. For those of you not familiar with the Positive Coaching Alliance, they are a partnership of coaches, athletes—both current and retired—and community leaders who are dedicated to improving the quality of youth sports programs by offering training workshops and providing resources to coaches and parents that stress sports fundamentals, positive coaching and good sportsmanship.

The Positive Coaching Alliance presents an Honoring the Game Award to youth sports organizations and schools that demonstrate excellence in coaching, strong organizational culture and the promotion of good values. Award winners receive an all expenses paid trip to San Francisco where they are recognized for their accomplishments. The Central Missouri Eagles Youth Hockey Association was one of three national winners and the only Midwest team to be honored.

The Eagles are composed of 4 coed teams with 60 players, ranging in age from 5 to 18. The Eagles have a motto—"Building Good Athletes and Great Citizens"—and they have certainly lived up to it. Since 2001, all players have participated in a community service project as part of their commitment to the team. This season, the Eagles made numerous outstanding contributions in Mid-Missouri.

The Eagles pee-wee team, which includes 11 and 12 year-olds, gathered 500 stuffed animals and 130 backpacks for abused and neglected children. The high school varsity squad also collected more than 400 stuffed animals for sick children at the University of Missouri's Children's Hospital in Columbia. Finally, the mite and squirt teams, which are 5 and 10 year-olds respectively, collected more than 300 cans of food for those in need.

The involvement of our youth in activities that build character through community service and athletic competition is a positive experience, and it is refreshing to hear of organizations such as the Eagles that not only promote sportsmanship, good coaching, and having fun but also encourage player development outside the rink. This is exemplified in an excerpt from the Eagles mission statement, which reads as follows:

"The community is best served when the Eagles graduate young citizens enriched by meaningful participation in a disciplined team sport, long after the outcomes of distant games have faded from memory."

The Eagles are an outstanding organization and should be commended for all their efforts. The coaches and parents who have made this program a success are also deserving of our praise and recognition. I wish the Eagles continued success both on and off the ice and

again offer my sincere congratulations for their winning an Honoring the Game Award from the Positive Coaching Alliance.

#### RECOGNIZING JOAN STELLA HOLMAN ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 4, 2006*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend Joan Stella Holman of Lakeport, California as she celebrates her 90th birthday and a lifetime of inspiring achievements.

Mr. Speaker, for the past 70 years Joan has been lighting up stages around the world. At an early age, Joan realized she wanted to become an actress. At only 17 years old, this driven and intelligent young woman traveled the world in pursuit of her dreams. She performed in England, South Africa and began her United States acting career in Washington, DC.

Mr. Speaker, Joan was born in England and became a naturalized citizen in 1952. After settling in San Francisco she began working as a journalist for the San Francisco Chronicle and the Oakland Tribune. While working in San Francisco she continued to perform in community theaters around the Bay Area. At age 66, Joan retired from her journalism career and settled in Lakeport, California, however, she could not retire from the stage.

Mr. Speaker, Joan has become an integral and dearly beloved member of our community. She is recognized throughout Lake County for her leadership, heartwarming personality and devotion to the arts. She has bettered our community through her love of acting. She has been cast in numerous community theater plays performing with the Lake County Repertory Theater, Ukiah Playhouse and Lakeport Community Players. In 1994 Joan received the Actress of the Year Award for her portrayal of Miss Daisy in *Driving Miss Daisy*.

Joan is currently co-starring in "The Gin Game" which opens on the eve of her 90th birthday. While she may be in her 90th year she continues to portray characters with as much heart and spirit as someone who is starring in their very first role.

When not on stage, Joan continues to support the arts and our community through her dedication to several art organizations, including the Clearlake Performing Arts Council and the Lake County Arts Council.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate that we take this time to thank and honor my dear friend Joan Stella Holman for all she has done for our community and for the arts. She is an inspiration to us all and on behalf of the United States Congress; I wish to extend our best wishes to her as she celebrates her 90th birthday on April 24, 2006.

#### COMMEMORATING COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK

### HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 4, 2006*

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Cover the Uninsured Week.