

CONGRATULATING JOHN M. CHRISTENSEN, RACHEL L. HAMAKER, RYAN R. INGRAHAM, KATHERINE L. KING, DAVID M. MATHIEU, FREDERICK W. ROWELL, CHRISTOPHER D. SAVELL, AND HOWARD R. WALKER FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor John M. Christensen, Rachel L. Hamaker, Ryan R. Ingraham, Katherine L. King, David M. Mathieu, Frederick W. Rowell, Christopher D. Savell, and Howard R. Walker for recently being named recipients of the National Merit Scholarship.

These students, all from Alabama, were first named semifinalists by their outstanding performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, an exam taken by approximately 1.3 million freshman, sophomore, and junior high school students. They then qualified for the National Merit Scholarship as a result of their high academic performance in rigorous college preparatory coursework, high scores on their college entrance exams, and the recommendation of their high school principal.

John M. Christensen is a graduate of Andalusia High School and plans to attend the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Rachel L. Hamaker, a graduate of Alabama School of Mathematics and Science, will attend Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas.

Ryan R. Ingraham graduated from St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile and will attend Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Katherine L. King of Fairhope High School will attend Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

David M. Mathieu, a graduate of T. R. Miller High School in Brewton, will attend the University of Alabama in the fall.

Frederick W. Rowell of Murphy High School in Mobile will attend the University of Alabama.

Christopher D. Savell is a graduate of Murphy High School and will attend the University of Alabama.

Howard R. Walker graduated from VMS-Wright Preparatory School in Mobile and will attend the University of Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my congratulations to John, Rachel, Ryan, Katie, David, Frederick, Chris, and Howard for their receipt of National Merit Scholarships for the 2005–2006 year and recognize their outstanding academic performance. I trust that my colleagues will join me in commending them on their diligence and commitment to excellence, and I trust we will hear many more good things from these outstanding young men and women in the months and years to come.

HONORING TIM FRIEDMAN

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 24, 2006

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to honor Mr. Tim Friedman on the occasion of his retirement.

Mr. Friedman, I wish many congratulations to you, and please accept my heartfelt thank you for your 30 years of service to the United States Congress.

Over the years, you have been a close witness to some of the greatest reforms, oratories, and achievements in legislative history. We have looked to you for your advice and trusted you completely and unhesitatingly. You have been a confident of legislators, and your sagacity has no match.

I have enjoyed and appreciated your good humor, good judgment, and your leadership in the Democratic Cloakroom. Throughout the early mornings and late nights, your very presence contributed solidity and strength to the proceedings of the day.

Your service to your country will long be remembered by Members such as myself, and we will miss your compassion and your enthusiasm. Your hard work, dedication, and commitment are cherished.

You have earned the respect, the admiration, and the affection of all of us who have worked with you. As you move forward to your next success, I have no doubt that you will make your compatriots proud and continue to fulfill your commitment to public service.

All of my best wishes and blessings to you in your future endeavors.