best as he continues to improve the lives around him through his dynamic leadership.

CONGRATULATING MS. KRISTA BARTHEL

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents Ms. Krista Barthel of Littleton, Colorado, who will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. Her outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young woman.

Created in 1956, the People to People Program is an educational travel program dedicated to fostering leadership potential in youth worldwide. People to People has helped more than 200,000 students and professionals develop their leadership skills based upon Dwight D. Eisenhower's belief that ''people can make a difference where governments cannot.'' This unique interaction and exposure will enable Ms. Krista Barthel to gain a greater understanding and insider's perspective of Washington, DC.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Krista Barthel and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL S. LINNINGTON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General Michael S. Linnington originally of Cape May, New Jersey. BG Linnington, who has served as the Assistant Commandant and Deputy Commanding General for the U.S. Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, will soon leave for a new post.

BG Linnington is a graduate of the United States Military Academy. After graduation in 1980, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Infantry. His early assignments included duties as a Platoon Leader, Staff Officer, Aide-de-Camp, and Company Commander at Fort Ord, Fort Riley, and the Berlin Brigade in the divided city of West Berlin. Following successive Company Commands, he attended graduate school at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, and served three years as an Instructor in the Department of Math Sciences at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York.

After Command and General Staff College in 1994, BG Linnington served in the 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) at Fort Campbell, and was selected to command 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry (AASLT) in the Republic of Korea, where he served from 1997–1999. Following command, he served as the 2nd ID G3, from 1999–2000.

In June 2000, BG Linnington returned to the U.S., attending the National War College with a follow-on assignment as Special Assistant to the Army Chief of Staff. In May 2002, he assumed command of the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) in Kandahar, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

From June 2002 through June 2004, BG Linnington commanded the 3d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, both in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He departed command for assignment to the Joint Staff, where he was assigned from June 2004 until July 2006. In July 2006, COL Linnington was assigned as the Assistant Commandant/Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Infantry School/Center at Fort Benning, where he serves today.

In addition to his numerous military accomplishments, BG Linnington is a devoted husband and proud father of two children, Tracy, a senior in college, and Michael, a First Lieutenant assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

I am truly honored to be able to call BG Linnington a constituent. Though I wish Fort Benning and the Second District could continue to benefit from his talents for a while longer, I know he is needed and indeed will be of greater service in his new role. I wish him well in his new position. May his commitment to this country continue to bless our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO DR. THERMAN E. EVANS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Therman E. Evans. Internationally recognized as ''Mr. Inspiration'', Dr. Evans is a rare combination of accomplished physician, ordained pastor, radio personality, academician, and business innovator. His management consultancy firm, Whole Life Associates Inc., has revolutionized health awareness in boardrooms and workplaces across America.

Dr. Evans began his medical studies at Howard University, earning his B.S. in 1966 and his M.D. credentials in 1971. From there he joined the staff of the Health Manpower Development Corporation as a physician, designing programs to expand healthcare access to disadvantaged minorities in the Washington, DC region. Throughout his career, Dr. Evans has always promoted health education and wellbeing through bold, pedagogical methods and initiatives, including a $1 million, 15,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art fitness facility managed by CIGNA.

Today, Dr. Evans serves as the Chairman and CEO of Whole Life Associates Inc., a fount of creative solutions to promote America's health. The center directs a wide variety of educational programs ranging from public lectures to training seminars to consultancy services.

Perhaps Dr. Evans is most well-known for his riveting and inspirational lectures. He is the pastor of the Morning Star Community Christian Center, Inc. of Linden, NJ, a non-denominational parish where more than 800 active members are inspired weekly by sermons promoting physical and spiritual health, protecting the environment, and building enduring human relationships. He also hosts ''Lifeline'', a weekly radio show on WHAT in Philadelphia.

Dr. Evans is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including three honorary doctorate degrees from Rust College in Mississippi, Bethune Cookman College in Florida, and Meharry Medical College in Tennessee. He also received the Distinguished Service Award as the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year in 2003 from Howard University's College of Medicine. In addition, Dr. Evans has graced countless publications with articles on a whole range of medical issues.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Therman E. Evans as a paradigm of community service and dedication.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a man who raises the level of health awareness and healthy living for all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO THE GLADSTONE MAJOR GIRLS ALL-STARS SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a group of young women from my district. The Gladstone Major Girls All-Stars softball team placed third in this year's Little League World Series and, in doing so, brought great pride to Gladstone and to all of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, U.P.

The Gladstone Major Girls softball team went undefeated in the 2007 regular season, before battling their way to be Michigan state champions. After winning the Michigan State championship, the team won the Central League Championship by defeating Poland, Ohio during the Central Regional Championship.

The Gladstone team's demeanor following its win against Poland's team demonstrated the Gladstone girls' dignity and sportsmanship. After winning the game, the Gladstone team began to take a victory lap around the outfield. As they approached the right field, where the Ohio team was gathered with their coaches, the Gladstone team pulled their seated opponents to their feet to participate in their victory lap. While the young women from Gladstone were excited to celebrate their victory, they also made a point of ensuring that their opponents could join in the celebratory run around the outfield.

After clinching their victory in Ohio, the Gladstone Major girls drove from Michigan to St. Louis, where they boarded a plane to fly to Portland, OR. In Portland, they represented the Central Region in the Little League World Series of Softball at Alpenrose Stadium.

The team enjoyed a bye in their first round of the World Series, and for their second game took on the team from Ramstein U.S. Air Force Base in Germany. The Gladstone team continued to exhibit the skill and determination they showed throughout the regular season, winning the game 15–0.

While Gladstone continued to play valiantly, they would lose 2–0 to their next opponent,