

HONORING THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR CREDIT COUNSELING 2008 FINANCIAL LITERACY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the winners of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, NFCC, financial literacy poster contest held among students to raise awareness of financial issues.

The winners include: National winner, Harrison Noh of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; Elementary School winner, Christopher Saker of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; Middle School winner, Levi Travis of U.S. Army Base, Seoul, South Korea; and High School winner, Victoria Guerra of Crowley, Texas.

I applaud the efforts to bring financial literacy to students by engaging them in proactive learning and knowledgeable ideas about how to manage money effectively. The skill of managing money wisely and effectively is something that needs to be taught early in life. The earlier a person knows the importance of good investments, solid savings, and sound purchasing, the better able that person is to successfully manage their money throughout the remainder of their lives.

With the current economic conditions, there is no better time than now to educate our youth on how to be financially savvy. The poster winners exhibited this knowledge in a creative and engaging manner as they articulated the contest's theme of "financial responsibility begins with me."

It is my honor to recognize the financial literacy poster winners for such an outstanding job. Through their artistic abilities, it is obvious that these winners have taken it to heart that financial responsibility truly begins with each of them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on April 8, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my votes for rollcall No. 161–163.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 161—"yea"—Congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial.

Rollcall No. 162—"yea"—The Wakefield Act.

Rollcall No. 163—"yea"—Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS AND INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF 16-YEAR-OLD ALEXIS MONROE IN RAISING FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMBULANCES FOR THE LEBANESE RED CROSS

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, Alexis Monroe, a 16-year-old, student at Glenelg Country School in Ellicott City, MD, raised over \$5,300 to go toward ambulance purchases for the Lebanese Red Cross at her school's annual International Dinner and Fashion Show Fundraiser in 2007 and 2008. I would like to commend Alexis for her efforts as a young leader assisting a humanitarian cause that is supported by the American Red Cross. I would like to thank Alexis for her efforts, and I am submitting Alexis' speeches from 2007 and 2008 for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so that her work can receive recognition as example of U.S. philanthropy to aid those in a far away land who need assistance.

LEBANESE RED CROSS PRESENTATION

(By Alexis Claire Monroe)

One of the great things about Glenelg is the sense of community one feels. When crises occur outside our own community, it's important to help and support the family and friends across the seas—as they are really just an extension of our own community. In planning this event, we learned that there are no less than 8 families of Lebanese descent here at tiny GCS—including 2 faculty—many of whom still have family and friends in Lebanon. We had four generations in our family touched by this crisis.

On July 1, 2006, my great-aunt and uncle visited our family in Lebanon. Great-grandmother Fawaz had turned 97. They were so happy to see how Lebanon had recovered from the civil war and 28 years of occupation. The streets were safe, downtown Beirut had been reconstructed, the hotels and restaurants were filled with tourists.

On July 10th, they left for a short visit to Petra, Jordan to see a 2000 year old temple that is still being excavated by their friends from Brown University. They planned to return to Lebanon on July 14th in time for my great-uncle's birthday celebration which was to be at an elegant restaurant on the harbor near Byblos.

Early July 13th, the Israelis bombed the newly finished Beirut Airport along with more than 60 bridges, all superhighways, and all ports. The combined naval, land and air blockade made travel impossible.

My great-aunt and uncle were stuck in Jordan for 10 days before they could get a flight out leaving most of their belongings behind in Lebanon. During that time, they watched, in horror, the TV broadcast of the destruction of Lebanon's infrastructure and the displacement of 800,000 Lebanese (almost 25% of the population) from their homes, half of those being children; 1,300 Lebanese were killed and 3,200 injured.

The use of force against innocent Lebanese was excessive and prolonged and destroyed over 10 years of reconstruction and re-investment efforts. Many people are still homeless and hungry and need assistance.

One of the primary sources of aid is the Lebanese Red Cross which is a non-partisan humanitarian organization whose volunteers provide medical treatment and relief services. The American Task Force on Lebanon

has a commitment from a private foundation to match contributions dollar for dollar—so GCS' gift will go twice as far.

On July 22, 2006, my great-grandmother died. My family was unable to bury her in our ancestral home in Joun because the roads and bridges had been destroyed. We hope that some day, she will be able to rest there in peace.

2008 LEBANESE RED CROSS PRESENTATION

(By Alexis Clarie Monroe)

The Lebanese Red Cross is a member of the International Red Cross. It provides the most comprehensive ambulance services in the country—often under very difficult circumstances. Wherever there is a need, the Lebanese Red Cross is visible, transporting victims to hospitals and often treating the wounded on the spot.

The Lebanese Red Cross has 6,000 volunteers and 43 Centers where it administers on-site first aid, provides transport, and training. In 2005 and 2006, the Lebanese Red Cross responded to over 166,000 emergency calls—sometimes even losing some of their own in the process. Unfortunately, crises continue to plague Lebanon.

The Lebanese Red Cross needs to replace old and damaged ambulances in order to be able to respond effectively. Last year, Glenelg Country School raised over \$2,300 which was contributed to the national campaign. The funds were matched by a private foundation so our contribution doubled to \$4,600.

This year, in addition to the foundation match, the American Red Cross has agreed to match donations, so the effect of our charity will be quadrupled: every \$10 becomes \$40; every \$25 becomes \$100; every \$50 becomes \$200.

Although we may have different talents and different abilities and different cultures, in the most basic sense, as humans, we are all equal in our humanity. We are born without knowledge of our faculties, and in this state we are all equal. And this inherent equality never leaves us—we cannot rid ourselves of that intrinsic humanity. Tonight is a time to recognize that equality, to give to others in need regardless of their race or religion, to be not only tolerant, but understanding. Tonight is a time to hope that the warfare, the bloodshed, the violence, in the Middle East will come to an end—tonight is a time to do whatever we can to aid the cause of peace.

HONORING TREVOR KORCHAK

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Trevor Paul Korchak of Kansas City, Missouri. Trevor is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1260, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Trevor has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Trevor has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Trevor Paul Korchak for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of

America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL'S BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Newark High School has displayed incredible dedication to creating well-rounded students; and

Whereas, the Newark High School has been supportive of their athletes; and

Whereas, the Newark High School has broadened the abilities and skills of their athletes in the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, the Newark High School has always promoted sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with their friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the Newark High School on supporting their Boys' Basketball team in winning the Boys' Division I State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous amount of support they have given to their athletes.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LATE CHARLES W. DURHAM OF OMAHA, NEBRASKA

**HON. LEE TERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles W. Durham of Omaha, who died this past weekend at the age of 90.

Charles "Chuck" Durham was one of Omaha's outstanding residents. He was a community leader, visionary, philanthropist, businessman, and family man. He loved the City of Omaha, and all of us in the community loved Chuck and Margre Durham for their humble, genuine ways, in addition to their many gifts to our city.

Chuck Durham was raised in Ames, Iowa and attended Iowa State University, where he acquired two important assets—a degree in engineering and his wife and lifelong companion, Margre Henningson. He joined the Omaha-based engineering firm of Margre's dad and built the firm into one of America's largest engineering firms—HDR Inc.

HDR Inc., under the leadership of Chuck Durham, became an international powerhouse architectural and engineering firm, designing medical, military, and public works projects around the world. One area of expertise of the firm was designing hospitals and medical facilities, and many of our Omaha hospitals, notably Omaha Methodist Hospital were designed by HDR Inc.

The Durham Research Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in midtown Omaha is one of the most advanced medical research centers in the world, but it is just one

of the facilities in Omaha that benefited from the generosity of Chuck and Margre Durham. The Henry Doorly Zoo, the Durham Museum, and the Durham Science Center at the University of Nebraska—Omaha are among many facilities that Chuck Durham brought to reality. Finally, we will always remember the many photos of Chuck with his faithful dog, Tina, at his side—a lasting symbol of his love and concern for animals and their welfare.

Madam Speaker, Chuck's vision, energy, and the sharing of his resources with our community will be a part of Omaha forever. We mourn his passing, as we celebrate his life among us. Robyn and I extend our heartfelt sympathies and prayers to his children, Steve, Sunny, Lindy, and Debby during this time of loss.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, I was unavoidably detained due to a death in the family and thus I missed rollcall votes No. 161 through 163. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On roll vote No. 161, on H.J. Res. 70, congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial, which will be formally celebrated on April 23, 2008, and commemorating the historic contributions of its veterans and continuing contributions of its soldiers to the vital national security interests and homeland defense mission of the United States, I would have voted "yea."

On roll vote No. 162, on H.R. 2464, the Wakefield Act, I would have voted "yea."

On roll vote No. 163, on S. 793, the Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2008, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY CANCER INSTITUTE IN WASHINGTON, DC, IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL GW CANCER INSTITUTE GALA

**HON. CLIFF STEARNS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2008*

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute provides groundbreaking biomedical and clinical research, high quality educational programs, and effective outreach and outstanding patient care to the Washington, DC, area; and

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute seeks to understand why certain cancers disproportionately affect vulnerable populations, and to eliminate cancer disparities among minority citizens in the District; and

Whereas the GW Cancer Institute's Executive Director Dr. Steven Patierno cochaired the AACR-MICR, American Association for Cancer Research and Minorities in Cancer Research, national conference titled, "The

Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial and Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Under-served"; and

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute is working to uncover genetic clues that help explain cancer disparities through a grant awarded by the National Cancer Institute's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities to establish a Genomics of Cancer Disparities Center; and

Whereas the GW Cancer Institute offers an Office of Cancer Prevention and Control, an Office of Cancer Education and Outreach and an Office of Cancer Survivorship;

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute offers resources to citizens in the form of advocacy, support groups, education, outreach and clinical care;

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute leads the Community-by-Community Cancer Control Campaign aimed at decreasing the cancer burden of Washington, DC;

Whereas, nearly 40 area churches participate in the GWCI's congregational cancer wellness initiative;

Whereas, the GWCI served as a founding member and leader of the DC Cancer Consortium;

Whereas the GW Cancer Institute's Dr. Paul Levine cochaired the Early Detection Subcommittee of the DC Cancer Consortium and Dr. Donald Henson serves as cochair of the DC Cancer Consortium;

Whereas the GW Cancer Institute, together with the GW Medical Faculty Associates, operates the GW Mammovan which offers digital mammography to more than 2,500 women per year;

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute partners with local Washington DC based sports teams including the Washington Redskins and Washington Nationals, offering free prostate cancer screenings;

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute works with local, Washington DC media partners, reaching thousands with messages about the importance of getting screened for prostate, breast and colorectal cancer.

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute, working with the GW Medical Faculty Associates, has conducted free prostate cancer screenings for over 2000 men in 18 months, including nearly 700 DC area men at the 15th Annual NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo at the Washington, DC, Convention Center;

Whereas the GW Cancer Institute's Outreach Program works with barbershops in DC's Wards 4, 7 and 8 offering an outreach program in which lay health workers are trained in prostate cancer education and relay information to customers about the importance of early detection;

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute recognizes leaders in the field every year at the annual GW Cancer Institute Gala;

Whereas, past GW Cancer Institute Gala recipients have included Carolyn R. "Bo" Aldige, the American Cancer Society, Lance Armstrong, Ray Michael Bridgewater, Zora Brown, Margaret M. Bush, Sam Donaldson, Andrew C. von Eschenbach, MD, First Lady of the Republic of Panama Vivian Fernandez de Torrijos, Harold P. Freeman, MD, Elmer Huerta, MD, LaSalle D. Leffall Jr., MD, FACS, the Honorable CONNIE MACK and Mrs. Priscilla Mack, Michael Milken, Nueva Vida, and Ellen Sigal, PhD;

Whereas, the GW Cancer Institute will honor Margaret Foti, MD, PhD, Robert Siegel,