

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

April 9, 2008: Rollcall vote 175, on motion to instruct the conferees—H.R. 2419, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act—I would have voted “aye.”

IN MEMORIAM: RICHARD EDWARD
GENSER, 1944–2008

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, distinguished colleagues, I rise today to honor an environmental leader whose work and passion has made the Sonoran Desert truly a better place.

Richard Edward Genser, known as Rich, Rex, and to many of his good friends as Gerónimo, was born in Newark, New Jersey and spent his childhood in South Orange, New Jersey. He served in the Air Force during the Vietnam war.

Rich came to Tucson, Arizona in the late 1980s. Although in the real estate business, his passion was preserving natural areas, protecting wilderness, and ensuring that development was directed away from the most sensitive lands.

Rich was a lifelong member of the Sierra Club and served the organization in several capacities including as chair of its Grand Canyon Chapter as well as its Rincon Group in southern Arizona. He helped to found the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection and was key in the efforts to Save the Scenic Santa Ritas from mining threats, a threat that has not yet been extinguished.

Rich was a good friend to many and there was no one who was more full of life. He loved Arizona, he loved the Earth, and he loved the Sierra Club and all of his many friends there. Rich also loved a good fight (for the environment) and helped with numerous efforts, including a successful effort to promote Pima County's Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan.

Richard Genser passed away on February 27, 2008 at the young age of 63. He is survived by his wife, Claire; father, Lester Genser (Agnes); son, Jordon Genser; sister, Susan Bulger; brother, Jon Genser (Annie); stepdaughters Carol Bailey Stevens (Eloy), Ashley Ronen (Shlomi); four grandchildren, Zaida, Blue, Hailey, and Samantha; three nieces, Laura, Jane, and Courtney, a nephew, Gregg; several great-nieces and nephews, and his ex-wife Jill Genser.

Rich leaves a legacy that cannot be adequately expressed in words, and gives all of us who have known him and worked with him inspiration to follow our passion and know that one person can make a difference for the better.

CONGRATULATING THE REICHER
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOOT-
BALL TEAM ON THEIR STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Reicher Catholic High School Cougars football team on their 41 to 7 victory in the 2007 Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) Division III state championship game. Reicher has a long history of outstanding achievement in the classroom and on the athletic field, and it is a privilege to represent these students, teachers, coaches and their families in Congress.

Winning a state football championship to cap a successful season is an extraordinary accomplishment that is a testament to the dedication of the student athletes, their coaches, and the community as a whole. The Reicher players have demonstrated outstanding commitment to achieving their goals through teamwork and personal sacrifice, traits that will serve them well throughout their lives.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to offer my sincere congratulations to the Reicher Catholic High School Cougars football team on winning the 2007 TAPPS State Football Championship, and I would like to enter the names of the players, coaches, principal and trainers in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as we celebrate their victory and wish them continued success in the future.

Thomas Zamudio, Stephen Harrison, Howie Grieve, Justin Dvorsky, Zach Rimlinger, Nick Fung, Andrew Mocio, Steve Lindloff, Ben Crenwelge, Kenneth Cluley.

Shadowhawk Saldana, Ross Rasner, Jacob Wilson, Nick Castillo, Matt McGinnis, Nick Deaver, Matt Pineda, Jose Luna, Jacob Peter, Joey Bagnasco.

Daniel Vaught, Juan Lizardo, Jonathan Young, Trent Hughes, Ryan Dunlap Jonathan Harper, Austin Wheeler, Brian Horn, Tyler Ellis, Charlie Lashua.

Taylor Madden, Austin Simpson, Jonathan Hoxie, Dalton Morgan, Joe Flores, Robert Gonzales, Lyndon Auclair, Lance Tepe, Dylan Carmody, Josh Wrzesinski, Hunter Tunmire, Justin Dvorsky, Cameron Owen, and Eric Morales.

Athletic Director/Head Football Coach: Assistant Coaches: Mark Waggoner; John Armes, Daniel Balderama, Adam Castillo, Nelson Castro, John Ryan, Steve Smith, David Wrzesinski, David Hurtado; Principal: Arlene Jones; and Trainers: Brianna Crenwelge, Erin Lewie, Haley Sebik, Briana Vasquez, and Morgan Welch.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-
EXTENSION CONFERENCE
CENTERS

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of Univer-

sity of Wisconsin-Extension Conference Centers (ECC). Three conference centers, located on the UW-Madison campus, host tens of thousands of visitors each year. The centers provide meeting spaces, distance education, telecommunications technologies, catering, overnight lodging, and conference planning services to the UW System, state agencies, and other governmental and educational organizations.

Dedicated on April 11, 1958 as the Wisconsin Center for Adult Education, the building that is now known as the Pyle Center was the first constructed in order to provide a “roof for the Wisconsin Idea.” The idea embodies the belief that the benefits of education should not be confined to the halls and classrooms of the university but rather should extend to the boundaries of the state to improve the lives of people across Wisconsin. Early proponents of the Wisconsin Idea, with support from Governor Robert M. La Follette, Sr., assembled faculty experts and state legislators to bring their vision to life and give Wisconsin national notoriety as a place of innovation and progressivism. It was in this tradition of the university's service to the state that the UW Foundation built the first UW-Extension Conference Center.

Today, the Pyle Center is part of an extension system that extends the boundaries of the university even further than the boundaries of the state and expresses the central role of universities in a global economy. Visitors perennially hail from all parts of the world and the center continues to be a model for taking technological, academic, and scientific advancements and making them accessible and relevant to people and institutions everywhere.

To honor ECC's 50-year legacy as the roof for the Wisconsin Idea, a commemorative program will be held at the Pyle Center for the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, stakeholders, and supporters.

For 50 years of dedication and service to communities everywhere, I join Wisconsinites from every corner of the state in recognizing UW-Extension Conference Centers for fulfilling the promise of the Wisconsin Idea. I wish everyone involved many more years of success.

THE WIEN INTERNATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Mr. MARKEY. Madam Speaker, Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, is celebrating a special anniversary this month, April 11–13, 2008.

It was 50 years ago that Massachusetts Senators John F. Kennedy and Leverett Saltonstall and former U.S. Ambassador George Kennan joined University leaders to help inaugurate a unique international exchange program.

The Wien International Scholarship Program, established through a generous gift from philanthropists Lawrence and Mae Wien, was designed to further worldwide understanding by bringing students from around the globe to Brandeis to study in an atmosphere of cooperative learning.

Looking back over the last half-century, it is clear that the program has had an impact on