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The dedication demonstrated by Brittany Fiala is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Brittany Fiala for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her high school career to her college career and future accomplishments.

HONORING ETHAN CLARK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ethan Scott Clark of Blue Springs, Missouri. Ethan 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 1692, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ethan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ethan 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 Ethan Scott Clark for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE LINCOLN WILDCATS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lincoln Wildcats basketball team, winners of the Illinois Elementary School Association's Boys Class 4A State Championship.

This outstanding group of young men from Edwardsville, Illinois, took the State championship in February with a thrilling one point win over Normal Kingsley in the State finals. For the season, they posted a record of 24 wins against only 5 losses. Today I want to recognize coach Dustin Battas and assistant coach Matt Rogers, and the members of the Edwardsville Lincoln Wildcats State championship team: Diarra Cropper, Quincy Morgan, Brendan Colligan, Blake Brown, Casey Thebeau, Maleek Malone, Derek Page, Brian Gifford, Austin Abegg, Tony Miner, Jacob Nolan, Tyler Ogden, Will Suttles, Alex Jackson and Jared Krebs-Carr.

These student-athletes have made our community proud, and have represented Edwardsville with great honor. I congratulate them on bringing home the State title, and wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I missed rollcall vote Nos. 153–160 on April 2 and April 3, 2008. If present, I would have voted:

Rollcall vote No. 153, Approval of the Journal, “nay.”

Rollcall vote No. 154, Previous Question, “nay.”

Rollcall vote No. 155, Rule for H.R. 5501, Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008, “nay.”

Rollcall vote No. 156, Carson Amendment that directs the Coordinator of US Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to expand their plan for strengthening health systems of host countries by allowing for postsecondary educational institutions, particularly in Africa, to collaborate with postsecondary educational institutions and specifically historically black colleges and universities in the United States, “aye.”

Rollcall vote No. 157, Motion to Recommit H.R. 5501, the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008, “aye.”

Rollcall vote No. 158, Final Passage of H.R. 5501, Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008, “nay.”

Rollcall vote No. 159, Motion to Recommit H.R. 4847, the U.S. Fire Administration Reauthorization Act, “aye.”

Rollcall vote No. 160, Final Passage of H.R. 4847, the U.S. Fire Administration Reauthorization Act, “aye.”

KAYOUA CHA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kayoua Cha who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kayoua Cha is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kayoua Cha is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education

and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Kayoua Cha for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her high school career to her college career and future accomplishments.

HONORING DAVID KING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David James King of Kansas City, Missouri. David 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 1900, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years David 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 David James King for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN SUPPORT OF THE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is a shame that the research tax credit expired at the end of 2007. Our failure to re-authorize it is counter to the ideals of the America COMPETES Act, passed into law last summer.

At least nine research tax credit bills have been introduced in this Congress.

Last March, I introduced H.R. 1712, a companion bill to that of Senator BAUCUS, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee. It changes the formula so that the credit is based on a company's research spending instead of gross receipts. It proposes a 20 percent credit for U.S. research expenses exceeding 50 percent of a company's average expenses over the preceding 3 years.

It establishes a more streamlined 80 percent reimbursement rate for all contract research expenses and allows a credit for equity investments in small business innovation companies. Most importantly, the Baucus/Johnson proposal makes the R&D tax credit permanent.

Texas ranks 4th in the Nation for total R&D funding and 3rd for gross State product. Innovation and research are critical for my State.

Again, I strongly support a generous and permanent research tax credit.