

all of these issues mandates a strong commitment to make sure the goals are accomplished. I hope you will help American manufacturing succeed by supporting this important legislation.

COMMENDING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STUDENTS FROM SOUTH TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the students of South Texas High School for Health Professions in Mercedes, Texas for once again excelling in the Health Occupations Students of America state competition. This year 13 Med High students scored first or second among all Texas students in competitions testing their knowledge of subjects ranging from nutrition to personal care to first aid techniques. The hard work of these South Texas high school students is to be commended, as is their involvement with HOSA.

As our Nation struggles to find and train a sufficient number of health care workers to meet the needs of our aging population, HOSA has endeavored to play a leading role in training high school and post-secondary students for futures in health care careers. To date, over 90,000 students have participated in the HOSA program through approximately 2,600 secondary and post-secondary chapters across the country.

By expanding the number of students receiving training and instruction in health care careers, our Nation would be investing in the futures of both our students and our communities. This Congress, I have introduced H.R. 3618, the Safe Schools and Health Care Professional Pipeline Act, to facilitate the expansion of health care and medical education in our secondary and post-secondary institutions. This bill will create a pipeline of trained students into the health professions, where they will be able to provide for the medical needs of their communities. By introducing these students to health care careers at an early age, our high schools and universities will join in our effort to sustain an adequate supply of medical professionals while developing the skills of our young people.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the accomplishments of the students of Med High and in supporting the Safe Schools and Health Care Professional Pipeline Act.

A TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT EMANUEL PICKETT

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Staff Sergeant Emanuel Pickett of Wallace, North Carolina, who lost his life while defending our Nation on April 6 during a mortar attack in Baghdad. In addition

to his service in the North Carolina National Guard, Emanuel served as a captain with the Wallace, North Carolina, Police Department. He shall be remembered by all those whose lives he touched as the finest example of bravery, honor, and public service.

Emanuel lived in Wallace his entire life, and throughout his 34 years, worked selflessly to make a positive difference in his community. Besides working as a captain with the Wallace Police Department, he also worked as a reserve deputy for the Duplin County Sheriff's office, where he led undercover drug investigations in several surrounding counties. Emanuel's giving spirit found many outlets. He also started a crime watch in his own neighborhood, helped to found a program to mentor kids without fathers, and coached youth basketball.

Emanuel will be missed by his family and friends. He was the son of Harry and Merlese Pickett, the youngest of 6 children. He was the loving father of 3 children—2 daughters, ages 17 and 10, and a 14-year-old son. Over his lifetime, Emanuel earned countless friends. Because of his 13 years of service with the police department and his stint of more than 20 years employed at a local butcher shop, Emanuel owned one of the most recognizable faces in his community. He was so admired within his community, in fact, that his family has received condolences from thousands of people, including some that Emanuel helped send to prison.

Emanuel Pickett was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq when his life was taken. His courage will continue to be an inspiration to us all. His life is a strong representation of what can be accomplished through devotion to a community and its people. May God bless his family, and may we always remember the life of Staff Sergeant Emanuel Pickett.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING GERRY JASPER FOR WINNING THE OHIO DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Gerry Jasper showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Gerry Jasper was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Gerry Jasper always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Gerry Jasper on winning the Ohio Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARETE WALDEN

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, this past Sunday, April 27, 2008, Margarete Walden of the 7th Congressional District in Washington State, was announced the national winner of the Student Conservation Association and Mazda North American Operation's Conservation in Action multimedia contest. The contest was designed to create new, practical solutions to our Nation's most urgent environmental issues.

Margarete Walden's winning essay, titled *The Pen Pal Project: A Kyoto Protocol for the Individual Citizen*, develops an action-oriented environmental solution. Implemented on the classroom level, American students would be paired with students from a developing country and would be responsible for lowering their carbon footprint to below per capita 1990 levels by the end of the school year. This pen pal partnership is modeled on the Kyoto Protocol so that the pairs can work together to meet their target while learning about international environmental politics. The project's main goal would be to provide students with a practical opportunity for action on global warming in the short term that would lead to a lifestyle change of great benefit to the environment in the long term.

Today, I am proud to welcome Miss Walden to our Nation's capital where she will receive her cash prize and the 2008 fuel efficient Mazda 3 sedan.

Margarete Walden reminds our Nation that every citizen must be leaders in the incessant challenge to improve old models of conservation.

RECOGNIZING DARRELL R. GREEN AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE CARE AWARD

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Darrell R. Green, an NFL Hall of Famer, seven-time All-Pro defensive back for the Washington Redskins and founder of the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation, upon his receiving the Commonwealth Academy Recognition for Educators, CARE, Award.

Mr. Green is being honored for his visionary leadership in establishing the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation, which provides support services to young people facing challenging life circumstances. Through his foundation, Mr. Green has opened the Youth Life Learning Center in the District of Columbia and affiliate centers in Richmond, Virginia, and Nashville, Tennessee. These centers provide comprehensive after-school and summer programs for at-risk teens and pre-teens. They offer academic enrichment and remedial education in the areas of reading, language arts, mathematics, supplemental services, mentoring and character development. In addition to providing these services, Mr. Green's foundation