

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LYNN MARLETT

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor Mrs. Lynn Marlett by entering her name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I honor Mrs. Lynn Marlett for her distinguished and devoted service to her profession and to our community as a registered nurse.

Mrs. Marlett has worked in the Las Vegas area as a Certified Nurse Practitioner since 1999, specializing in gastroenterology. Mrs. Marlett has also closely worked with patients on treatment and collecting data regarding Chronic Hepatitis C.

Mrs. Marlett has extensive knowledge in treating patients with Hepatitis C as well as Cirrhosis and Liver Cancer. Recently, Ms. Marlett has worked with the Health District of Nevada as an Educational Liaison. Her research and knowledge were an invaluable resource for the Health District and her colleagues as a whole. Lynn's professionalism and compassion have earned her the respect of her colleagues and have made her invaluable to her patients.

Mrs. Marlett resides in Las Vegas, Nevada with her husband and two daughters.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Lynn Marlett. Her commitment, passion, and dedication to nursing have improved the lives of countless patients in Las Vegas. I thank her for her dedication and commitment to the community and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HALEY WHATLEY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor a young student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Haley Whatley of North Richland Hills has just been named one of the top two honorees in Texas by The 2008 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia.

Haley, a seventh-grader, was nominated by Smithfield Middle School in North Richland Hills. In honor of this achievement, Haley will receive a \$1,000 reward and an engraved silver medallion. She also won a trip to Washington D.C. this May to join the other top

nominees from around the country. All the honorees will attend several national recognition events and ten of the participants will be named America's top youth volunteers for 2008.

Haley's passion for volunteering began at a young age. When she was six-years-old, Haley saw a television commercial about kids with cancer, and wanted to do something to cheer up the young patients. She began collecting stuffed bunnies during an Easter campaign, and collected 600 bunnies her first year. Since then, she has found several corporate sponsors, spoken to more than 50 civic groups, and enlisted the help of more than 30 "bunny ambassadors" to help collect bunnies from the community each year. Her tireless efforts have yielded more than 13,000 bunnies for sick children in the last 7 years.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past 12 years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, and has honored more than 80,000 young volunteers at the local, state, and national level.

Ms. Whatley should be extremely proud to have been selected from the thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this year's program. I sincerely thank Haley for her initiative in seeking to make her community a better place to live, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. It is an honor to represent such an extraordinary young person in the 26th district of Texas, and I earnestly look forward to seeing the present and future results of her tremendous promise.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mr. HELLER of Nevada. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 243, Motion to Table, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

ZACHARY PATTERSON OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA NAMED BRIGGS & STRATTON DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH REGIONAL CHAMPION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, baseball is the great American pastime, but for twelve-year-old Zachary Patterson of St. Petersburg, baseball provided one of the greatest American lessons.

He learned that with the confidence he gained on the ball field, he could overcome the greatest of obstacles including bullying by his classmates at school. Zachary, a seventh-grader at Admiral Farragut Academy, wrote an essay about his experiences for Briggs and Stratton's "Diamonds in the Rough" competition. The essay was to relate how baseball helped players find the power within to overcome great challenges on and off the baseball field.

Zachary's essay earned him first place in the Tampa Bay region and \$5,000, and a variety of lawn equipment to help the Azalea Little League, in which he has played for eight years. Following my remarks, I will include an article from The St. Petersburg Times about Zachary's experience and also a copy of his winning essay.

Madam Speaker, last October, this House approved legislation with my support calling attention to the serious problem of bullying in our Nation's schools and commending schools for promoting greatest public awareness about bullying and bullying prevention activities. Zachary Patterson has taken his own initiative to call attention to this national problem by reflecting on the impact bullying has had on his life. Please join me in congratulating Zachary for being honored for his efforts and in thanking him for his willingness to tackle this problem head on at the age of twelve.

[From the St. Petersburg Times, April 4, 2008]

BASEBALL CHANGED HIS LIFE

(By Michael Maharrey)

ST. PETERSBURG.—Laughter drifted across the dusty baseball diamond as Zachary Patterson tossed the ball back and forth with a coach. Joy lit up his face, even in the bright afternoon sun.

Baseball has not only provided Zachary with fun times that will one day become fond childhood memories, but life lessons that make him wise beyond his 12 years.

Now his wisdom has translated to much-needed financial help for the cash-strapped Azalea Little League.

Zachary placed first in the Tampa Bay region in the Briggs and Stratton Diamonds in the Rough competition, winning \$5,000 and lawn equipment for his league.

The victory earned him the opportunity to compete against 19 other regional winners for another \$5,000 prize and a trip for four to watch the Yankees play in their final season at Yankee Stadium.

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