

negative cultural influences that they are challenged with daily by opening the lines of communication between law enforcement and youth and empowering them with confidence and courage to say no to drugs.

I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program in Woodcliff Lake, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship:

Christopher Acciardi, Nicole Alberta, Naseeb Ally, Max Aronson, Maryanna Arundel, Noah Bardach, Albert Barragan, Alexis Bernstein, Zachary Bernstein, Christopher Blake, Nicholas Bonnett, Alexandra Castiel, Marc Castrillon, Karen Choi, Ellen Drennan, Matthew Evans, Mackenzie Evans, Brandon Fazal, Rachel Fisher, Brandon Friedman, Keith Gliksman, Michael Goldstein, Ian Groh, Erica Grunfeld, Alexandria Guo, Karin Hadadan, Ashley Hahn, John Henrich, Gianna Hronich, Ari Jigarjian, Brigitte Josephson, Avantika Joshi, Senyoung Kim, Chelsea Kirnum, Kathryn Klecanda, Katarina Kokkosis, Saniya Kumar, Morgan Landman, Justin Lane, Adam Lefkowitz, Brett Levine, Hanna Levy, Sophia Logothetis, Tomasso Lombardi, Chloe Mann, Brian Marolda, Samantha McGovern, Kayla McGraw, Alexander Meleniak, Celine Mileham, Vernice Miller, Nicole Miller, Daniel Miller, Cole Moran, Melissa Nachbaur, Vicky Patel, Thomas Patire, Jordan Perez, Noah Personette, Alex Pettie, Lianna Port, Austin Rahmin, Richard Rebori, Peter Rubenstein, Rachel Samitt, Mihir Sangoi, Maximilian Sarbu, Devin Sargent, Maya Scharf, Alexa Schecter, Connor Schultz, Kyle Schultz, Shunpei Seki, Isabel Sella, Julia Shin, Jacqueline Skene, Alana Smolinsky, W. Maxwell Song, Margo Spector, Constantine Stavrianidis, Alexander Todfield, Sere Tonuzi, Natalia Torres, Christopher Toto, David VanPelt, Apoorva Vasireddy, Harrison Weinfeld, Noah Winston, Rachel Yannelli, Vincent Yannelli, Josephine Yao, Christopher Zariello.

HONORING JOHN ROGERS' DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Rogers of Rockland, Massachusetts, and to recognize his long and distinguished career in public service.

John has devoted his life to educating young people most notably as a teacher and then during his twenty-three-year tenure as Superintendent of the Rockland Public Schools. In addition, he has worked to improve the quality of life for people of all ages in Rockland through his service as a Selectman and as President of the Rockland Chamber of Commerce. In recent years, he has played an instrumental role in the redevelopment of the South Weymouth Naval Air Station by representing the people of Rockland on the Board of Directors of the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation.

While serving on the Tri-Town board, he helped shape and build consensus on a rede-

velopment master plan that will serve as an engine of economic growth in the surrounding communities. The plan has won accolades from local and national groups as a "smart growth" initiative and a model for future sustainable development projects throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

John will continue his lifelong service to his community as a newly elected member of the Rockland Housing Authority, and as he retires from his position on the Tri-Town Board, I want to him to know that we are forever grateful for all that he has done. We will always appreciate his unwavering leadership, his vision and his tireless commitment to advancing the quality of life for the people of Rockland and the greater South Shore area.

On behalf of a grateful constituency, I rise today to thank John Rogers for all that he has done for our community, and to wish him success in all his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN R. COUTS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Corona, California are exceptional. Corona has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. John Coutts is one of these individuals. On May 17, 2008, John will be recognized at the Corona-Norco Family YMCA's 13th Anniversary Distinguished Service Awards Dinner and will receive the YMCA Distinguished Service Award.

John Coutts is President of Coutts Heating and Cooling, Inc., a mechanical contracting company that has operated in Corona for thirty years. Cents Heating and Cooling, established in 1978, owes its long-standing success to its simple, yet driving business philosophy: honesty, integrity, and putting the best interest of the customer first. Coutts Heating and Cooling, Inc. is a Union Contractor providing heating, ventilating and air-conditioning services in addition to mechanical piping and energy management controls to commercial, industrial, medical and educational facilities.

The story of Coutts Heating and Cooling is a small business success story that began with a team of four family members and a determination to succeed. From their entrepreneurial beginnings, the business has evolved into a major corporation, employing 200 people. A major component of the growth of Coutts Heating and Cooling has been their unwavering commitment to family-owned values.

John's life has been woven into the fabric of the City of Corona for more than three decades. He and his wife, Carolyn, raised and educated two daughters in Corona. For many years both Carolyn and John were active in booster and fundraising activities for cheerleading and athletics, spending countless hours supporting their daughters' endeavors. As their children grew into their own lives,

John's contributions to the community evolved from school and athletic events into community causes.

John currently sits on the Board of the Foundation for Community and Family Healthy were he has been instrumental in spearheading and promoting an annual giving program that will provide long-term funding for the Foundation's countless outreach programs. As a business owner, not only has John been extremely active in industry and trade associations at a local and state level, he has also been a member and active supporter of the Corona Chamber of Commerce. For the past eight months, John has shared his professional expertise as a member of a selectively chosen group of business owners who comprise the Chamber's Legislative Action Committee—monitoring and lobbying to pass legislation that will have a positive impact on Corona businesses. John and Carolyn also support numerous philanthropic causes and give generously to support community programs funded by non-profit agencies.

John's tireless passion for the high quality of his business and community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call John a fellow community member, American and friend. I salute him and thank him for his service as he receives the prestigious YMCA Distinguished Service Award.

CONGRATULATING GRINNELL COLLEGE MEN'S TENNIS TEAM

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 1, 2008

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding results achieved by head coach Andy Hamilton and the Grinnell College men's tennis team this spring. In early May the Pioneers won their first ever NCAA tournament match and their 5th consecutive Midwest Conference title. Grinnell now has an 11th conference championship trophy to add to their case!

I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of the Grinnell men's tennis team, both on and off the court. Three Grinnell College tennis players—Dan LaFountaine, Brij Patnaik, and Pete De Kock—have worked for me and served the people of Iowa's First District. And countless other Grinnellians, including my Legislative Director Mike Goodman, are working in public life to build a stronger, more just Nation.

Arthur Ashe—the great American public intellectual, civil rights advocate, and tennis player—said, "From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life." Grinnell faculty, coaches, students, and alumni understand this truth. The Grinnell men's tennis team had a great season in 2008, and these student athletes are poised to give great things to our communities in the future.