

by the African American Cultural Complex in Raleigh, NC as a "Woman of Note" for her exemplary leadership.

Mrs. Moore and her husband, Norman, have one adult daughter, Walletha.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Barbara Crockett Moore for her outstanding service to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and our country. She has selflessly given her time and talents to lead a wonderful organization that is really making a difference in America and overseas. I commend her dedication to service, and look forward to seeing her at work in other leadership roles.

PUBLIC RADIO RECOGNITION
MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2008

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support for H. Res. 1002, a resolution that calls for the creation of a "Public Radio Recognition Month" and celebrates public radio's contributions to our communities and civic spirit.

National Public Radio is a nationwide network of more than 800 public radio stations charged with serving the public interest. Since its creation in 1970, NPR has become one of the nation's leading sources for insightful news coverage, high quality music and locally relevant cultural programming.

The local focus of public radio strengthens communities and fosters a sense of local identity. With an average of 85 percent of its funding coming from local sources, public radio remains a homegrown enterprise.

Public radio also provides vital services for our communities. In Minnesota, public radio stations serve as the backbone for our Emergency Alert System and the AMBER Alert system for child abductions.

My district is home to Minnesota Public Radio, a 37-member network that has earned distinction as one of the nation's finest public radio systems. MPR, as it is known to its many members and listeners, serves nearly 800,000 listeners every day and reaches more than 14 million people nationally through its original programming. MPR's humble beginnings as a small radio station in Collegeville, Minnesota in 1967 helped provide the initial leadership that created National Public Radio.

MPR also home to one of the most acclaimed programs in public radio, Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion." Launched in 1974, the variety show has been entertaining audiences for nearly 35 years with Keillor's unique wit and his beloved cast of characters. The show continues to broadcast Saturday nights from its home in St. Paul's Fitzgerald Theater to more than 4 million listeners on MPR and 580 other public radio stations around the world.

Public radio is thriving in Minnesota and nationwide. Since 1993, the national audience for public radio has doubled to 33 million listeners per week. To accommodate this growth, MPR recently completed a \$46 million expansion of its St. Paul headquarters and launched "The Current," a critically acclaimed

service that showcases local talent along with news and classical music.

With public radio poised to grow even more in the next decade, it is important to recognize the history of this important media outlet and encourage its future prosperity. Madam Speaker, as an avid listener of public radio, I look forward to seeing the creation of a "Public Radio Recognition Month" and encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1002.

ON THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF
TITLE IX

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2008

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 36th anniversary of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Title IX was the culmination of the hard work of many women and men who fought for women's rights to equal opportunities within the American education system. Today, we remember their efforts and we celebrate their achievements.

Title IX was the first comprehensive federal law to prohibit sex discrimination against students and employees of educational institutions. Title IX has benefited both males and females, and is at the heart of efforts to create gender equitable schools with equal opportunities and treatment for women. The law requires educational institutions to maintain policies, practices and programs that do not discriminate against anyone based on sex. Under this law, males and females must receive fair and equal treatment in all areas of higher education, such as admissions, educational programs and athletics.

The benefits of Title IX are compelling and throughout these 36 years we have seen women seize the opportunity to thrive within the education system in all areas. High school sports participation for females has risen 903% since the early 70s. In 1970, women earned only 14% of doctoral degrees, but today earn nearly 50%. Over these 36 years, women have entered and thrived in male-dominated fields such as business and science. I'd like to recognize the 92 current female Members of this Congress who have also entered and thrived in another male-dominated field. Many of my distinguished colleagues have been beneficiaries of Title IX. They have rightfully been given an opportunity to be free from sex discrimination and they are continuing to pave the way for women coming after them.

Throughout our recent history, America has seen the growing momentum to achieve the equality enshrined in our Constitution. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was the first giant step, which prohibited discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex and national origin. Then during the decade after the passage of the Civil Rights Act, Congress passed a series of laws extending civil rights protections in federally assisted programs. There was Title IX, then Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which protected those with disabilities, then the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 which prohibited age discrimination, and then the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to pro-

vide education and intervention programs to youth with disabilities.

In the last 44 years we have made great progress towards achieving equality and extraordinary legislation such as Title IX has made this possible. However, despite all this progress, equal rights and opportunities for all have not yet been realized. We continue on the journey to obtain equal opportunities for all Americans, and we acknowledge that there is much more to be done for women and for other historically marginalized groups. But on the 36th anniversary of Title IX, we celebrate our achievements as they give us strength to continue on the path towards equality.

A TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
COLONEL CRAIG GREENE

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2008

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional officer in the United States Army, Lieutenant Colonel Craig Greene, upon his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service. Lieutenant Colonel Greene will retire on September 1, 2008 after having last served as Deputy Chief, Army Senate Liaison Division, Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison.

I had the privilege to work with Lieutenant Colonel Greene during my tenure as the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee's Military Personnel Subcommittee. At that time, he served as the Legislative Liaison Officer for the Army, responsible for directing the Army's Personnel Policy and the Operations and Readiness Portfolios. Lieutenant Colonel Greene provided Members and staff with forthright assessments important to ensuring a full understanding of the challenges facing America's Army. His candor, integrity, and insights were always valued. Recognizing Lieutenant Colonel Greene's proven skills as a liaison officer and leader, the Army selected him to serve as Deputy Chief of the Senate Liaison Division where he continued his important work.

During his 5 years of service as an Army Congressional Liaison, Lieutenant Colonel Greene flawlessly escorted over 50 Congressional delegations worldwide, 12 of which were delegations to Iraq and Afghanistan, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, respectively. Members of Congress knew they could count on Lieutenant Colonel Greene for his sage counsel, professional advice and unwavering integrity.

Lieutenant Colonel Greene's Senate assignment was the capstone to an outstanding career of service to our Nation. Upon graduating from the University of Massachusetts, Lieutenant Colonel Greene served as an Infantry Officer in command and staff positions in a number of infantry units. Prior to Lieutenant Colonel Greene's assignment to the Office of Chief of Legislative Liaison, he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks Hawaii from 2001 to 2003. A soldier's soldier, his awards include the Defense Meritorious Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Accommodation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, the Expert Infantry