

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COACH NORM PERSIN FOR COACHING THE OAK HILL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Coach Norm Persin showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Norm Persin was a leader and mentor for the Oak Hill High School Boys' Basketball Team; and

Whereas, Norm Persin has been a role model for 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 Coach Norm Persin for leading the Oak Hill High School Boys' Basketball Team to winning the Boys' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 Basketball season.

CELEBRATING JUDGE RON HURST'S 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TEXAS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the contributions of Judge Ron Hurst and his 30 years of distinguished service. As a Member of the State Bar of Texas, Judge Hurst has served his community of Highland Village with acute clarity of the law and a stringent application of justice. His reputation is one of impartiality and fairness.

Judge Ron Hurst is an alumnus of Loyola University School of Law. In 1977, he moved to Texas from Louisiana and found his home within the Highland Village community. He accepted the position of Corporate Attorney with the Placid Oil Company of Dallas, Texas and joined the Texas Bar. Judge Hurst claims the distinct honor of being the first judge of the Highland Village Municipal Court. Having served as the presiding judge for the past 30 years, he is the city's longest tenured employee.

Judge Hurst moved to the Highland Village area when it was home to 800 families. As the city grew, Hurst continued to dedicate his time to the development of the community. Aside from being a loving husband and father, he served on the Highland Village Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Ethics and his work as a Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer. Hurst is also involved in his church where he has served as a teacher, youth group facilitator and Financial Committee member.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Judge Ron Hurst for his 30 years of legal service and contributions to the Highland Vil-

lage community. His devotion serves as an example to others and it is an honor to represent him in the 26th Congressional district of Texas.

TRIBUTE TO LCDR JAMES DEMOTT

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent, LCDR James Demott, who will be retiring in June 2009, following a distinguished career serving our country in the United States Navy.

LCDR James E. Demott, whose home of record is Westwood, KS, is a 1989 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He was designated a Naval Flight Officer in August 1991 and reported to Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 140, Whidbey Island, WA, flying the EA-6B on worldwide missions. In January 1997, after receiving an NFO to pilot transition, he was designated a Naval Aviator.

LCDR Demott's flying tours included duty with Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron FOUR, Oklahoma City, OK, from 1997–2000 where he was qualified as an E-6A Aircraft Commander and Deputy for Safety and Training. From 2001–2002 he was assigned to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron THREE as an Aircraft Commander. In 2002, he transferred to Training Squadron TWENTY-SEVEN in Corpus Christi, TX, where he served as an Instructor Pilot, flying the T-34C Mentor, training the finest combat aviators in the world. His leadership helped the squadron garner the prestigious Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award in 2004. From 2005–2007, LCDR Demott was assigned overseas to Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Korea HQ Seoul, South Korea, working Future Plans Operations. In 2007, he moved to Corpus Christi, TX, and was assigned to Training Air Wing FOUR as the Aviation Safety Officer. He has logged over 3000 flight hours in various naval aircraft.

LCDR Demott's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, 2 Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medals, 4 Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and various other unit, campaign and personal awards.

Madam Speaker, LCDR Demott's service to his country reflects the best of America, and we are grateful and are honored to recognize him and his family for the sacrifices made over his 20 years of naval service.

HONORING COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize County College of Morris (CCM) in Randolph Township, Morris County, New Jersey, a distinguished institution of higher education I am proud to represent! On April 24, 2009, the college will celebrate its Fortieth Anniversary.

CCM was founded in 1968 to provide challenging, yet affordable, education opportunities for local students. This ideal is still upheld today, as CCM continues to maintain high academic standards, as well as low tuition costs.

At the time of its inception, CCM had only one building and less than 1,300 students. Under the direction of Dr. Sherman H. Masten, the college's first president, CCM expanded to include an additional five buildings and an enrollment that peaked at 12,012 students in 1982. President Dr. Edward Yaw has continued the expansion and renovation of the campus, and under his guidance, CCM has become the state-of-the-art educational facility it is today.

The college currently offers 87 degree and certificate programs and has over 8,500 students enrolled in undergraduate studies. CCM has a true tradition of excellence which, thanks to its outstanding leadership, superior faculty and staff and motivated students. CCM is one of the foremost community colleges in New Jersey and the nation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the County College of Morris on the celebration of 40 years of service to the State of New Jersey and Morris County.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING RYAN BOGGS FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Ryan Boggs showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Ryan Boggs was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Ryan Boggs 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 Ryan Boggs on winning the Boys' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 basketball season.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THEODORE BURR COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I acknowledge the efforts of the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society as they approach their 50th anniversary.

The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society's mission of promoting interest and active participation in the preservation and restoration of the remaining historical covered bridges in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania serves to ensure that important aspects of our community's rich history remain intact. In doing so