

TRIBUTE TO CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL, CALIFORNIA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a school in my congressional district that not only excels in academics but is also distinguished on the football field. On December 19, 2008, The Centennial High School football team won the 2008 California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Division I Championship. In the championship game, Centennial defeated De La Salle, Concord 21 to 16.

The football team is an outstanding example of hard work, determination and perseverance. They were undefeated in the 2008 season and have earned the title "Champions." The members of the winning football team, according to their jersey number, include:

Dion Bass, Geshun Harris, Nick Beasley, Michael Aguon, Taylor Martinez, Michael Arredondo, Vontaze Burfict, Jason Manalili, Lenon Ford, Larry Scott, Trevor Romaine, Demeirtri Beasley, Chris Simpson, Charles Oakley, Cody Baker, Barrington Collins, Michael Eubank, Ricky Marvray, Sam Kadar, Chris Gonzalez, Hayden Gavett, Anthony Goodman, Arthur Burns, KJ Vaifale, Kevin Angulo, Eddie Lopez, Denzel Hawkins, Duran Harris, Jacob Duro, Lee Adams, Anthony Whitlow, Khiry Shabazz, Norman Ford, Brandon Brown, Daniel Contreras, Marques Watson, Damion Smith, Izaac Colunga, Jimmy Munoz, JD Austin, Jaleel Johnson, Daniel Mireles, Frank Jimenez, James Lindsay, Markiece Miller, Casey Winans, Derek Aviles, Brandon Holder, Andrew Torres, Adam Hollick, Eric Rizzo, Steele Frey, David Leon, Jacob Appleton, Daniel Rojas, Cesar Olivares, Jake Amaya, Adam Davila, Adrian Contreras, Kendrick Allen, Luis Rodriguez, Marc Andres, Robbie Bishop, Chad Salcido, Jesus Cacho, Jacob Olsson, Gavin Pascarella, Joseph Lopez, Johnnyray Cabrera, Elijah Perricone, JT Felix, David Mireles, Deji Olijade, Jeremy Fennell, JT Powell, Ahkeel Chambers, Derrick Wilson, Romello Goodman, Isaiah Ashby, Bryan Murillo, Eric Finney, Milo Jordan, Iosefa Gasu, Derrick Ivy, William Sutton, Ben Letcher, Paul Verrette, Adam Uribe, Christian Gonzales, Thomas Amato.

The team is led by Head Coach Matt Logan; Assistant Coaches Ron Guringer, Jeremy Goins, Brian Benz, Noel Hughes, Matt Lance, Mike Nicks, Bill Carter, Kunane Burns, James Hughes, Leo Perez, Dan Herring, Casey Richardson, Trevor Bermudez, Ika Tamelfuna, and Corey Kipp. The team is strongly supported by Principle Sam Buenostro, Athletic Director Bill Gunn and the entire Centennial family.

It is an honor to represent such a fine group of young people with a strong dedication to teamwork and academics. I know each one of them will treasure the memories of their championship season and I commend them, and the entire Centennial High School community, for this truly great achievement.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES (SCORE) FOR THEIR VALUABLE SERVICE TO THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Started in October 5, 1964, Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), known presently as "SCORE Counselors to America's Small Business," is made up of more than 11,200 counselors in nearly 400 offices who provide time and expertise to assist fledgling business owners and prospective entrepreneurs. Today, the organization fulfills the vital role of helping small business owners survive economic challenges, stay in business, and keep Americans working. According to the Small Business Administration (SBA), each year SCORE assistance helps start approximately 20,000 new businesses and creates approximately 25,000 jobs.

In 2008, SCORE reached the impressive milestone of providing eight million clients with mentoring and training since its founding. That year, SCORE's nearly 7,000 business workshops drew in excess of 133,000 attendees and the online workshops attracted 51,000 more. Counselors can provide assistance via e-mail and numerous courses may be taken on line, free of charge.

America's small businesses play a significant role in our economy, accounting for 99.7% of all employer firms and generating more than half of the non-farm private gross domestic product (GDP). SCORE continues to be a well-positioned and valuable resource for these small businesses as they grow and develop.

I commend SCORE's numerous volunteers who share their time and valuable expertise to equip future entrepreneurs with the skills to own and operate successful small businesses. Volunteers from SCORE have demonstrated their commitment to enhancing quality of life, building strong communities, and promoting economic growth. Our communities can take pride in SCORE's good work.

HONORING BOB WILLIAMS FOR HIS EFFORTS SENDING CARE PACKAGES TO OUR SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor American patriot and founder of the "Support Our Troops" organization, Bob Williams.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Bob Williams understands how valuable it is to receive a care package from home. For 27 years, Bob has sent care packages to members of the Armed Forces serving overseas, often using his own funds to cover both the cost of supplies and postage. His organization, Support Our Troops, is the largest of its kind in Florida to send care packages to troops. His group operates out of its own warehouse in Wesley

Chapel, Florida, sending out over 250 packages a week. While Mr. Williams accepts donations, the cost of postage can often exceed \$8,000 a week.

In order to alleviate some of the difficulties incurred by these costs, Representative KATHY CASTOR and I have introduced H.R. 707, which would allow for a monthly voucher providing free postage for small parcels and other correspondence to be distributed to soldiers serving in combat zones overseas to transfer at their own discretion. We have introduced this legislation to recognize not only the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who serve overseas in our Armed Forces, but the sacrifices borne by their loved ones back home. Our hope is that, once passed into law, this bill will also assist generous souls like Bob Williams in his organization's efforts to send our troops a piece of home.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Bob Williams for the many contributions he has made to honor the bravery and selfless sacrifice of our Nation's servicemembers. May God bless our troops and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

THANKING LAKE ALICE SCHOOL

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a gem of western Nebraska, Lake Alice School. The school, which first opened its doors in 1915, will bid its final farewell on Monday.

A Farewell to Lake Alice School will be held with an open house at the school, allowing anyone who is or has been associated with the school to reminisce on its impact to our community and what it has meant to so many people through the years.

Nearly 7,000 students from Scottsbluff and the surrounding area have passed through the school during its 93 years. I'm proud to have known Lake Alice students, teachers, graduates, and faculty throughout my life. The school provided a quality education and served as a point of pride for the community.

Lake Alice will hold a special place in our hearts. I hate to see the doors close, but I know the memories will last forever.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF HUEY ALFRED MACK SR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Robertsdale, Alabama, and all of southwest Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor Huey Alfred Mack Sr. and pay tribute to his memory.

Mr. Mack was born in rural Escambia County and studied pre-med at the University of Alabama. In 1958, he received a degree in mortuary science at Gupton Jones Institute in Dallas, Texas, and just seven years later, he and his family moved from Atmore to Robertsdale and opened Mack Funeral Home.