

participated vigorously in public discussions about improvements to the city. Their successful events, such as the Heritage Festival and The Annual Steak and Lobster Cookout, have brought the community together. They bring great pride and joy to the town and get people involved.

The Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its founding at an event being held September 25, 2009. The theme of the event is based on Marlborough's history in the shoe industry. Throughout the night, videos, vintage pictures and newspapers will be on display. Also during the event, several local businesses will be acknowledged for their support since the 1920s.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce for 85 years of service, and to wish them continued success.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING AUBREY BURNWORTH FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Aubrey Burnworth showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Aubrey Burnworth was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Aubrey Burnworth always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Aubrey Burnworth on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "No" on rollcall vote No. 723, on agreeing to H. Res. 723; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 724, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 765; "No" on rollcall vote No. 725, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 2215; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 726, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3614; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 727, on motion to recommit with instructions H.R. 324; "No" on rollcall vote No. 728, on passage of H.R. 324; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 729, on passage of H. Res. 696; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 730, on motion to adjourn "No" on rollcall vote No. 731, on motion to suspend the rules

and agree to H.R. 3617; "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 732, motion to adjourn; "No" on rollcall vote No. 733, on ordering the previous question; "Yes" on rollcall vote No. 734, on motion to Instruct Conferees for H.R. 2918.

SERVICES FOR ENDING LONG-TERM HOMELESSNESS ACT OF 2009

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Services for Ending Long-Term Homelessness Act of 2009. The reality is that more than a half million Americans do not have a place to call home each night, and half of them are without shelter. This bill will alleviate the wide-spread problem of chronic homelessness across the country.

According to the Department of Children and Families' most recent report, there are 85,907 persons homeless on any given day. At least 2 million people find themselves homeless at some point each year in our country. There isn't nearly enough shelter for these individuals. In 2007, my home state of Florida alone had 48,000 homeless people, with 14,900 of them families and 7,691 of them chronic cases.

Recently, I heard the story of a 25-year-old mother of three in my district, who was running out of options—staying at a hotel in Palm Beach County after fleeing domestic violence in Miami. As she was running out of money, this brave young woman and her young children soon would be homeless. But, they were one of the lucky ones. She was referred to The Lord's Place residence for homeless families, where she now lives with her children. As a leader in my district for chronic homelessness solutions, the Lord's Place is a perfect example of the types of establishments that would benefit immensely from this legislation. In this survivor's words: "I am here. I am working. I am breathing. And I am grateful."

Throughout our country, over 100,000 people have nowhere to call home for years on end. These are the long-term homeless, who all too often also confront mental illness, substance addiction, life-threatening illness or other serious health problems. The good news is: this bill presents us with an opportunity to put an end to this national crisis that hits home for all of us.

In 2003, the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health recommended the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan designed to create 150,000 units of permanent supportive housing for consumers and families who are chronically homeless. Affordable housing alone can't meet the needs for many people with severe mental illness. This bill will establish funding for supportive housing, affordable housing linked to accessible mental health, substance addiction, unemployment, and other support services as necessary. Permanent supportive housing is cost-effective, and is the soundest available investment of public and private resources to end long-term homelessness.

Current programs for funding services in permanent supportive housing, other than

those administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, were not designed to be closely coordinated with housing resources, nor were they designed to meet the multiple needs of people who are chronically homeless. This bill will establish a comprehensive grant program to provide supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and families that they so badly need. Support services will include mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, referrals for medical and dental care, health education, and services designed to help individuals make progress toward self-sufficiency and recovery. Permanent supportive housing can help the chronically homeless stay off the streets, out of hospitals and jails, and ultimately help them achieve the stability they need to lead healthy lives as productive members of their communities.

Madam Speaker, it is time we take a stand to put an end to long-term homelessness in America. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and to support a proven and cost-effective solution to ending chronic homelessness.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ANNE DREHER FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Anne Dreher showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Anne Dreher was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Anne Dreher always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Anne Dreher on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

HONORING WILLIAM McDANIEL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize William McDaniel. William is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1040, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

William has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years William has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, William has earned the Ad Altare Dei emblem, recognizing his development and growth into a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. William has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. William built a delivery ramp for the Grace United