

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### A PROCLAMATION HONORING MATT WHEELER FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Matt Wheeler showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Matt Wheeler was a supportive team player; and

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

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Matt Wheeler on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

### HONORING MARSHALL AND MARJORIE BARLOW

#### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marshall and Marjorie Barlow for being selected for the 2009 Angels in Adoption Award. This award is to honor the tremendous and selfless work of two of my constituents that has enriched the lives of foster children and orphans. I believe the Barlow family is truly deserving of this high honor and I want to commend them for their service to our community.

According to most recent data from the Department of Health and Human Services, in 2006, 79,000 children were taken away from their parents in the court systems but only 51,000 were adopted. According to the same data, in 2006, there were a total of 510,000 children in the U.S. foster care system that needed a safe environment to live. These startling facts demonstrate that foster care families, like the Barlows, are so tremendously important for helping and preserving our nation's most valuable investment for the future, our children.

Marshall and Marjorie have gone consistently above and beyond the call of duty by taking on a rather specialized role in the foster care system. In addition to over 400 children who have entered their doors, the Barlow family serves as an assessment family. Assessment families are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in order to ensure that a potential adopting family meets the requirements for providing a safe and caring environment for the children.

The Barlow family also shows their deep and personal dedication to the foster care system through many different aspects of their own lives. For example, their household contains what they call a "virtual store," a collection of clothes, toys, and care items for children of all ages. Another example of their generosity is when Marjorie and Marshall, already parents of three, opened their family to one of their foster children. The first young woman that they took in was pregnant and they helped her give birth to the first child that they adopted into their own family, Taliyah.

Marshall and Marjorie Barlow are truly deserving of this honor and recognition for their dedication to such a noble cause. The Barlow family is a true inspiration to us for touching the lives of so many children that desperately need our help.

### IN HONOR OF DR. BENJAMIN F. PAYTON

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Benjamin F. Payton of Tuskegee, AL. Dr. Payton will retire next year after 28 years as the president of Tuskegee University. During his tenure, he guided the university through unprecedented growth and development.

A native of Orangeburg, SC, Dr. Payton graduated Phi Beta Kappa from South Carolina State University in 1955 with a B.A. in social studies. He went on to receive a B.D. from Harvard in political theology, an M.A. from Columbia in the philosophy of religion, and a Ph.D. in social ethics from Yale.

Prior to joining Tuskegee, Dr. Payton was program officer of Higher Education and Research at the Ford Foundation in New York City (1972–81); president of Benedict College in Columbia, SC (1967–72); executive director of the Commission on Religion and Race at the Department of Social Justice at the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A. (1966–67); director of the Office of Church and Race at the Protestant Council of the City of New York (1965–66); and an assistant professor at Howard University in Washington, DC (1963–65).

Dr. Payton has served Tuskegee since 1981. Among his many accomplishments at the university, he established and developed a number of programs for students in the fields of engineering, health care, bioethics, and business.

Additionally, he has been instrumental in raising funds for various renovation and improvement projects on campus, has helped to increase the endowment almost sevenfold, and has served as a shining example of leadership and moral courage for every student who steps on the Tuskegee University campus.

He has received three Presidential appointments, first by President Ronald Reagan to the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development, by President George H. Bush to lead the Task Force on Agricultural and Economic Development to Zaire, and most recently by President George W. Bush to chair the Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Dr. Benjamin F. Payton on the occasion of his retirement and I commend him for his dedication, outstanding leadership and, above all, thank him for his years of sacrifice, hard work, and service to his community and to the United States.

### RECOGNIZING INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S COMMITMENT TO OUR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

#### HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Speaker, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) has been providing quality, affordable higher educational opportunities to students since 1875.

With over 14,000 students, 1,600 employees, and an annual operating budget of nearly \$250 million, IUP is one of the top economic drivers in Indiana County, and the reason why unemployment rates there fall well below the national and state averages.

In this tough economy, IUP has the largest student enrollment in University history, and has been frequently ranked as a "best value for public colleges and universities."

Madam Speaker, when my grandfather, Charles Ray, graduated from IUP in 1902, there were only twenty-five students in his class. Twenty-five years later, my mother graduated from IUP, and by the time my daughter graduated from IUP the University had over 10,000 students.

Having worked with IUP over the last few decades, I have witnessed both their academic achievements and their strong leadership within our community. University officials work hand-in-hand with our local and state representatives to identify projects that have the greatest academic impact on our students and the greatest economic impact on our community.

The Foundation for IUP is currently working with city and county officials to make a series of main street improvements to downtown Indiana. The Foundation's \$500,000 investment is transforming the city's main thoroughfare and improving the livability of our community.

IUP is near the completion of a multi-phase residential revival program, a \$270 million public-private collaboration that is the largest of its kind in the nation. These new student housing facilities integrate "living-learning" space and are beautifying both the campus and community.

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