

RECOGNIZING COACH REX
BERRYMAN

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a special Mississippian, Coach Rex Berryman of Mooreville, Mississippi.

Coach Berryman has served as an educator and community leader at Mooreville High School for thirty-eight years. In 2004, he was inducted into the Mississippi Associates of Coaches Hall of Fame for his achievements. Throughout his career he has championed over 2,100 victories in all sports. Coach Berryman has led the Mooreville Troopers to win thirteen State Championships, including basketball, slow-pitch softball, and baseball.

I applaud Coach Rex Berryman's achievements and I know he will continue to support the Mooreville Troopers and victoriously represent Mississippi's First District. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Coach Rex Berryman for his commitment and years of service mentoring young students in Mississippi.

CELEBRATION OF MRS. MATTIE
LEE TOMLIN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Mattie Lee Tomlin on the occasion of her 80th birthday and to commend her on 46 years of dedicated service as a school bus driver.

While serving our nation's public school system, Mrs. Tomlin was responsible for providing a safe environment for her students. Each school day for over 40 years, her promptness and dependability allowed her to transport school children from home to school. Her commitment made it possible for countless children to attend public school.

Mrs. Tomlin was born on June 23rd, 1930 in Jeffersonville, Georgia. After graduating from the Twiggs County School System, she served as a public school bus driver for six years. After relocating to Jackson, Michigan, she continued serving her community for a further 40 years. Throughout her years of enthusiastic support to our nation's school children, she has been widely recognized for her punctuality and commitment to safety.

Even in her retirement Mrs. Tomlin has continued her commitment to public service. For the past four years, she has volunteered her time at the Charlie Griswold Senior Center, where she currently serves as a VIP volunteer.

Madam Speaker, distinguished colleagues, it is with great pride that I recognize Mrs. Mattie Lee Tomlin for her years of service to our nation's school children. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional woman on her 80th birthday.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DEBORAH
VERNICE REYNOLDS-HAZEN OF
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

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Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Deborah Vernice Reynolds-Hazen of Fort Worth, Texas.

Debbie danced her way into the lives of her parents, Alverta and Clarence Reynolds on January 12, 1953 in Fort Worth, Texas. She graduated from Our Mother of Mercy Catholic School, Nolan Catholic High School, and Paul Quinn College. Before her college graduation, she attended Tarrant County Junior College, where she was crowned Miss TCJC, and she attended Texas Wesleyan College.

Debbie was one of the first Black finalists for the Miss Texas pageant and one of the first Black models for the Kim Dawson modeling agency. In her work in the Water Quality Protection Division of the Environmental Protection Agency, she served as both a water specialist and the Texas Tribal Outreach Education Coordinator. Debbie also worked for the Corps of Engineers.

Debbie loved Fort Worth and she dedicated her life to helping others through her very active community involvement. Mrs. Reynolds-Hazen was the first African-American chair of the Tarrant County Historical Commission. She also served on the Kupferle Board of the Harris Methodist Hospital system, as well as the boards of the Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society, the Arlington Landmarks Commission, Historic Preservation Council for Tarrant County and Historic Fort Worth.

Debbie was a Fort Worth Assembly debutante and she continued her involvement with the distinguished organization as a general member and as a member of the Executive Board. She was a member of the Fort Worth chapter of the Links. She was a graduate of Leadership Fort Worth and was involved in her church of 57 years, the historic Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Fort Worth's beautiful South Side. It was there that she was a member of St. Anne's Altar Society and had sung with the first OMM Gospel Choir.

Always the life of anyone's party, Debbie was an enthusiastic and great dancer. In her lifetime, she had won many dance contests. It was not uncommon for her to make any floor her dancing arena. Her passion for dancing was infectious. She would pull people on the dance floor and made everyone want to dance with her, including those who were the most shy.

Debbie never met a stranger. She had an unparalleled flair about her. She could sashay into any crowd of people she didn't know and would walk away knowing the majority of them or the majority of people would walk away knowing who Debbie was.

This social butterfly was a very well-rounded person. An avid supporter of visual and performing arts, Debbie was a patron of museums and theatre, she travelled around the world, won many trivia contests, and played classical piano. She even recorded an album showcasing her musical talent.

She is survived by her beloved and devoted husband of 15 years, Robert J. Hazen, step-

daughters Robin Renee Black, UVanna Miller, brother, Clarence Reynolds, Jr., nieces, Judith M. Bell, Shelly Bell, and Jessica Reynolds, cousin (and unofficial younger sister), Glenda Batts Williams and uncles Roscoe Marion Means, Marshall Batts, and Melvin Buckner, and a whole host of loving relatives and dear friends.

Debbie was preceded in death by her parents, Alverta and Clarence, by her sister, Clarece, sister-in-law, Alma, and stepson Wes Hazen. She danced her way back into these beloved relatives' lives on May 14, 2010.

A Wake will be held in Debbie's memory on Friday, May 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church at 1001 Terrell Avenue, in Fort Worth, Texas. The funeral Mass will be held at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, a gift to the National Kidney Foundation be made in Mrs. Reynolds-Hazen's memory.

Madam Speaker, today I rise in remembrance of the very talented, enthusiastic, dedicated and selfless Deborah Vernice Reynolds-Hazen. She has had a profound effect on many, and will be dearly missed.

TRIBUTE TO DREW KELLY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

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Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Coach Drew Kelly of Ames, Iowa, for his induction into the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Drew has one of the most storied and impeccable high school wrestling careers the state of Iowa has ever seen. He is one of the 65 Iowa high school wrestlers of all time to win three career state championships, which he did from 1997 to 1999. As a four-time state qualifier while wrestling at Charles City High School, Drew compiled a 133-10 record, closing out his career winning 110 of his final 111 matches. While at Charles City High School, Drew was also a three time all-state baseball player, a two-time all-state football player and a three-time state track meet qualifier.

After high school, he then went on to wrestle at the University of Northern Iowa. He was an assistant coach for two years in Fort Dodge, Iowa before beginning his current coaching job at Ames High School in 2008.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in congratulating Coach Drew Kelly on his fine wrestling and coaching career, and on his induction into the IHSAA Wrestling Hall of Fame. It is an honor to represent Coach Kelly and his students in Congress, and I wish him the best as he continues to provide a positive impact as a role model and educator at Ames High School.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on roll-call No. 261, I was detained while attempting