

fortunes and their sacred honor for their country.

In a speech given at Point du Hoc, France, commemorating D-Day in 1984, President Reagan said:

“The men of Normandy had faith that what they were doing was right, faith that they fought for all humanity, faith that a just God would grant them mercy on this beachhead or on the next. It was the deep knowledge—and pray God we have not lost it—that there is a profound moral difference between the use of force for liberation and the use of force for conquest.”

We call on our colleagues and every citizen of America—the land of the free and home of the brave—to continue to strengthen the character of our nation, which has been built through hardships, and the freedom of our nation, which has been ensured through the lives of so many before us, including those brave souls from Winchester and the Shenandoah Valley who fought their way onto the shores and up the bluffs of Omaha Beach.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOSEPH W. BASCUAS, INTERIM PRESIDENT OF BECKER COLLEGE, LEICESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Joseph W. Bascuas for serving as Becker College's interim president and for his promotion of high academic standards.

The Becker College Board of Trustees named Dr. Bascuas as interim president on September 26, 2008. Dr. Bascuas gave his leadership and support to the Becker College community in various ways during his tenure. Specifically, he brought more than 25 years of experience in higher education to Becker College.

During his time at Becker College, Dr. Bascuas strengthened relations with the local community, encouraging the investment of college resources to the benefit of the local community. Specifically, he effectively emphasized new collaborations with the Town of Leicester Public Schools and championed the college's plans to transition part of the landmark Reverend Samuel May House into a visitor center for the town. On a personal note, I appreciate his interest in promoting civil rights and his personal invitation to address students on this important chapter of our nation's history and served as the commencement speaker for the graduating class of 2010.

Becker College is a unique New England college. The institution, which traces its history to 1784, is comprised of two separate campuses only six miles apart, one in Leicester

and the other in Worcester, Massachusetts, each with its own dormitories, library, dining hall and academic facilities. The college serves more than 1,700 students from 18 states and 12 countries, and offers more than 25 diverse, quality bachelor degree programs in unique, high-demand career niches ranging from nursing and equine management to computer game design and a variety of adult learning options.

Prior to serving as interim president at Becker College, Dr. Bascuas served as president of Medaille College, Buffalo, NY, a private institution that offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, from 2002 through 2006. Dr. Bascuas successfully took Medaille through an accreditation and strategic planning; completed a \$2.4 million capital campaign; nearly doubled revenue and undergraduate freshman to sophomore retention; and increased overall and undergraduate enrollment as well as the number of resident students. As founding president of Argosy University Atlanta, GA campus, Bascuas spent 12 years with the Argosy Education Group. During his tenure, the Argosy corporate entity grew from 3 to 13 campuses, offering undergraduate and graduate programs in business, education, and psychology, two law schools, and one technology-focused school. Dr. Bascuas also increased enrollment and revenues at all campuses, introduced new programs at five campuses, and hired presidents at two campuses. Previously, Bascuas has held administrative and teaching positions at the Georgia School of Professional Psychology, Antioch University, Nova/Southeastern University and Salve Regina University. He has held a number of positions with professional boards and associations, most recently as site visit team chair for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, and he has served on the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Presidents Council. Dr. Bascuas has written and co-authored numerous papers on psychological topics and has presented at symposia and conferences. He received a B.A. from LaSalle University and an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Temple University.

Mr. President, I again thank Dr. Joseph W. Bascuas for his great contributions to Becker College and the Town of Leicester. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Joseph W. Bascuas all of the best in his future endeavors.

THIRD TIME IS A CHARM FOR
SOUTHWEST RANDOLPH

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish to extend our congratulations to

the Southwest Randolph High School softball team for winning the North Carolina High School Athletic Association State 3–A softball championship for the third time in four years.

The Southwest Randolph Cougars defeated Crest High School 6–1 on June 5, 2010, at Walnut Creek Softball Complex in Raleigh, North Carolina, to win the title.

The win did not come easily with the Cougars trailing 1–0 after the third inning. After readjusting to the Chargers' pitching style and hitting fewer pop-ups, the Cougars managed to score a run in the fourth inning.

Cougars' pitcher Julia Calicutt was able to stop the Chargers from scoring additional runs in the fifth and sixth innings. Having played two seasons behind Southwest Randolph's four-year starter Anna Maness, Calicutt was finally given her chance to shine.

Calicutt's athleticism and hard work gave the Cougars the opportunity they needed to claim the state title. The Cougars ended the game tacking on three additional runs in the fifth inning and two in the sixth. “It's an awesome feeling,” Calicutt told the Asheboro Courier-Tribune. “There were doubts at the beginning of the season. We had to do this to prove ourselves,” added Calicutt.

The championship team members included: Cythnia Hayes, Hannah Hughes, Erin Billups, Olivia Hickman, Julia Calicutt, Kelsey Hoover, Victoria Hunt, Sydney Hyder, Sloane King, Ashia Nicholson, Kaylee King, Paige Parrish, Hayleigh Clapp, Brooke Hayes, Hagan Kiser, Felicia Brady, Braden Newlin, and Alexandria O'Connell. Assisting Head Coach Ricky Martinez were Brooke Smith, Robert Hayes and Wendell Seawell.

Again, we would like to congratulate Southwest Randolph High School's softball team, faculty, staff, students, and fans for an outstanding championship season.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to participate in a series of votes on the floor of the House of Representatives today.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 337, on a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 1961, the Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act, I would have voted “aye” on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 338, on a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill H. Res. 518, Honoring the life of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, explorer, researcher, and pioneer in the field of marine conservation, I would have voted “aye” on the question.