

Mr. Speaker, Members of Congressional Black Caucus continue to support the efforts to reform Wall Street.

HONORING DR. JEFF KIMPEL

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor Dr. Jeff Kimpel for his service as the Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL), in Norman, Oklahoma, and for his thirteen years of Federal service.

Dr. Jeff Kimpel has been a lifeline for the NSSL for the last thirteen years; he has led the program to further research opportunities and the results have showed nothing but excellence. Dr. Kimpel has allowed the NSSL to embark upon many programs and technological advancements, saving countless lives and property from the consequences that severe weather can cause. Under the watch of Dr. Kimpel, the NSSL performed the scientific and technological research that upgraded the Next Generation Weather Radar to an open systems operation. Along with this, super resolution capability and designed dual polarization upgrades were added.

The NSSL has been able to upgrade and expand their programs, establishing strong programs and cloud resolving and numerical forecast models, all under the watch of Dr. Kimpel. He was also instrumental in gaining support for new facilities, which sprung the construction of the National Weather Center, which shares space with the National Weather Service and the University of Oklahoma Meteorology Program.

Dr. Kimpel has a perseverance that goes far beyond the field of meteorology. He is dedicated to NSSL but has also achieved so much more, such as serving our nation in Vietnam and being awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his bravery and courage and being named as the Senior Vice President of the Norman Campus of the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Kimpel, I commend and congratulate you on your noteworthy contributions that you have made to our Nation, the state of Oklahoma, the University of Oklahoma and to the field of meteorology.

EAST ROWAN BASEBALL TEAM
WINS IT ALL

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 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 East Rowan baseball team for winning the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's 3-A state championship. The title capped off a record-setting 31–2 season. It was a matter of redemption for many of the players after making deep runs into the playoffs and being knocked out the last two seasons.

The team's resilience mirrors the work ethic of its Head Coach Brian Hightower. East Rowan won the State Championship series by sweeping Wilson Hunt High school two games to none. Coach Hightower focuses on pitching and defense but we are sure he wasn't complaining too much with the 15–10 final of the championship series. Star pitcher William Johnson got the win for the Mustangs and concluded a brilliant postseason record with zero earned runs in 20 innings pitched. Centerfielder Will Sapp was named MVP of the series and had two doubles in the final game.

It took the combined effort of the team, coaches and support from the East Rowan faithful to make this championship dream a reality. The championship team members included: Will Johnson, Parker Gobbel, Thomas Allen, Bradley Robbins, Alex Bost, Curtis Ward, Andy Austin, Justin Morris, Preston Troutman, Noah Holmes, Avery Rogers, Chase Hathcock, Jamey Blalock, Wesley Leroy, Will Sapp, Chris Jacobs, Luke Thomas, Nathan FullBright and Alex Morgan. The coaching staff was led by Head Coach Hightower, with pitching coach Brian Hatley, assistant coaches John McNeil, Matt Miller and statistician Andrew Poston. The East Rowan Athletic Directors Chad Mitchell and Gina Talbert also helped support the championship run. The guidance from school Principals Kelly Sparger, Rick Vanhoy, Debra Murphy and Grayson Hampton also assisted the team.

Again, on behalf of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we would like to congratulate the East Rowan baseball team, the faculty, staff, students, and fans for an outstanding championship season.

DEMOCRACY IS STRENGTHENED
BY CASTING LIGHT ON SPENDING
IN ELECTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5175) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit foreign influence in Federal elections, to prohibit government contractors from making expenditures with respect to such elections, and to establish additional disclosure requirements with respect to spending in such elections, and for other purposes:

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 5175, and strongly believe that the legislation is vital to our democracy.

While I believe that personal speech should be protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, I feel that corporate speech was never meant to be protected and extending Constitutional safeguards to it is corrosive to our democracy. By providing unprecedented transparency, H.R. 5175 goes a long way to hold corporations who participate in U.S. elections accountable to the American people.

At its core, H.R. 5175 protects the constitutional right of voters to know the identity of the organizations spending money to influence their elections and the sources of the money they are spending.

Without the establishment of strong new disclosure rules, the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. FEC* will give corporations incredible power to influence elections. That is why I believe that H.R. 5175 is necessary to ensure that people know who is trying to influence our country's elections.

I also believe that this legislation prevents those who should not interfere in our elections, such as corporations controlled by foreign interests, from doing so.

This legislation strikes the appropriate balance and I urge my colleagues to support this important measure.

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES
LEGRAND LEWIS

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise at this time to honor the life of Charles Legrand Lewis. He was the father of a former Military Fellow in my office and current Army Lieutenant Colonel, Patrick Lewis. His father, Charles Legrand Lewis, at age 69, of Oceanside, California, died peacefully, Sunday, May 2, 2010, at Tri-City Medical Center, Oceanside, California, surrounded by his family.

He was born in Elizabethtown, North Carolina, on March 9, 1941, to the late Charlie Roundtree and Ada Mervell Lewis. Also preceding him in death was his brother, Harold Lewis.

Legrand, as he was known, graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in Baltimore, Maryland class of 1959, where he was an avid trumpet player in the school band. After graduation he attended a printing apprenticeship program at Westinghouse in Baltimore, where he began his 45-year commercial photographer career in the printing industry.

Legrand's career lead him to New York where he met his wife of over 40 years Bernice Lewis, of Wilson, North Carolina. They later moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and then Willingboro, New Jersey, where they raised two children until they moved to Oceanside, California, where they prepared for retirement.

After retirement Legrand enjoyed wearing baseball caps and driving his convertible top down, no matter how cold or hot it was. He enjoyed his family and friends and was affectionately known as "Pop Pop" by his grandchildren. He also enjoyed meeting and sharing life stories with everyone he met. He always told a good story and was a kind and gentle man. He will be missed greatly by his family and everyone who knew him.

Legrand is survived by his wife, Bernice Lewis; brother, Frank Lewis, Baltimore, MD; sister Candy Woingust, Baltimore, MD; four children (two children from previous marriage), son, Andre Whitt, Los Angeles, CA; daughter, Lavern Whitt, Los Angeles, CA; son Patrick Lewis, Lorton, VA; daughter Stephanie Lewis, Philadelphia, PA; seven grandchildren; Jasmine Lewis, Dominique Lewis, Jade Lewis, Taj Whitt, Tyler Whitt, Freedom Lewis, Victorie Lewis; one great grandchild, J'leigh Lewis, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.