

coach who graced the hallways—and the gridiron—of some of the finest academic institutions in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Harry W. “Red” Caughron, an All-Conference tackle for the College of William & Mary in the 1940s and longtime head coach and athletic director at Woodberry Forest School in Madison County, VA, died May 28, 2010.

Coach Caughron was described by admirers as “the very best of the principles that should imbue sport.” A native of Sevierville, Tennessee, he played freshman football at William & Mary before serving with the 78th Infantry Division, 2nd Battalion, and the 84th Infantry Division during World War II. After the war, he returned to William & Mary, where he co-captained the squad that defeated Oklahoma State in the 1948 Delta Bowl, and completed both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Caughron coached at James Wood High School in Winchester, Virginia, and at Hammond High School in Alexandria, Virginia, before joining Woodberry Forest in 1960. He became athletic director at Woodberry in 1961.

Over 31 seasons as Woodberry’s head coach, Caughron compiled a record of 217 wins, 56 losses, and seven ties—one of the best among Virginia high school coaches. His teams, eight of which were undefeated, earned 15 conference championships. He was an eight-time Virginia Prep League Coach of the Year, and was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

Caughron was a modest man who, while committed to winning, was even more invested in developing young men of sterling character who played by the rules and exhibited good sportsmanship. It is my privilege to honor the memory of Red Caughron.

RECOGNIZING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PENSACOLA FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the 200th Anniversary of the City of Pensacola’s Fire Department. Pensacola has truly benefited from their 200 years of exceptional service.

Since 1810, Pensacola’s Fire Department has been made up of men and women with the utmost valor and integrity. These individuals have dedicated their lives to the service of protecting the 60,000 residents of Pensacola, Florida. Specializing in fire suppression, fire code enforcement, emergency medical services and public education programs, these first responders have provided vital services that have benefited countless individuals throughout the community.

Determined and dedicated, the city of Pensacola’s brave fire fighters go above and beyond the call of duty every day. Their level of commitment and sacrifice over the last 200 years is truly remarkable and will never be forgotten. Whether is it fighting flames or visiting school campuses, these men and women serve with distinction and as real American heroes.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and the entire northwest

Florida community, I am proud to honor the Pensacola Fire Department on their 200th Anniversary. Their commitment to community and passion to protect will always be remembered. It is an honor to acknowledge this momentous occasion, and I thank the men and women of the department for their two centuries of selfless service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, July 26, 2010 due to flooding in the district. If I were present, I would have voted:

“Yea” on rollcall No. 467, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as amended, H.R. 1320—To amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency and accountability of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes.

“Yea” on rollcall No. 468, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as amended, H. Res. 1504—Recognizing and honoring the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

“Yea” on rollcall No. 469, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as amended, H.R. 3101—Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act.

COLONEL THOMAS C. CHAPMAN

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Thomas C. Chapman as he is completing his post as the 29th District Commander of the Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Col. Chapman was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers in 1984. His initial assignments were at Fort Knox, KY, with the 552nd Engineer Battalion, 194th Armor Brigade and 19th Engineer Battalion as Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer and Battalion Assistant S3. Follow-on assignments included Battalion S4 and Company Commander with the 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell and during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was also Project Manager in the Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Staff Engineer for the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Red Cloud, Korea; and Brigade Operations and Executive Officer at Ford Leonard Wood. Col. Chapman also served as Assistant Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Engineer School.

Col. Chapman commanded the Philadelphia District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from July 2002 to July 2004. Before coming to the Sacramento District in 2007, he also was Assistant Corps Engineer for the NATO Rapid Deployment Corps in Italy, which included serving as Chief Engineer for NATO’s Inter-

national Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

Col. Chapman holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the United States Military Academy and a master of science degree in civil engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger, Airborne and Air Assault courses, the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces where he earned a master of science degree in national resource strategy. He is a registered professional engineer in Virginia.

Through my professional work with Col. Chapman, I found him to be a consummate public servant dedicated to mission of the Corps and to seeing progress on several flood control projects of utmost importance to my congressional district. I am honored to recognize his service and call him my friend. I wish him continued success and happiness in his future.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Colonel Thomas C. Chapman for his efforts and dedication to the Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

RECOGNITION OF SUDHIR PARIKH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh, a resident of New Jersey and honored member of the Indian American community. Dr. Parikh recently received the 2010 Padma Shri award from President Pratibha Patil of India, honoring distinguished Indians and people of Indian origin for their contributions to a wide variety of fields in public life. I applaud Dr. Parikh’s achievements and dedication and recognize his work as it serves as an inspiration to us all.

Dr. Parikh is a nationally acclaimed and respected allergist and immunologist and has used his time, money, and influence to advance the goals of the Indian American and Indian communities. With the Padma Shri award, Dr. Parikh becomes the only Indian American to receive the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, and the Padma Shri. The Ellis Island Medal is the highest civilian honor presented to a U.S. immigrant for community and social service. The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman award is the highest honor the Government of India presents to non-residents.

Publisher of Parikh Worldwide Media, Inc., the largest Indian American publishing group in the United States, Dr. Parikh’s priority is to use the media to empower second-generation Indians assimilating to American society. His work with the media has a dual purpose: to expose mainstream America to the accomplishments and quality of the Indian American community and to encourage young people to pursue the American Dream.

Dr. Parikh has also helped construct an influential Indian American lobbying force in Washington D.C., arranged several high-level meetings between U.S. and Indian lawmakers,

and secured critical votes on multiple Indian issues. Dr. Parikh has worked closely with members of both houses of Congress and the Administration to develop a close, strategic relationship between the United States and India. Under his guidance, the Friends of India Caucus was created in the Senate. Dr. Parikh was also actively involved in the U.S.-India Civilian Nuclear Agreement. He currently serves as founding board member and Vice Chairman of the Indian American Republican Council, President of the Indian American Forum for Political Education and the board of the Federation of Indian Associations.

As a community activist, Dr. Parikh has donated to charitable organizations in both the United States and India. Most notably, he accompanied former President Bill Clinton to Gujarat in 2001 following the devastating earthquake and in 2004 launched a humanitarian program to help tsunami victims. Dr. Parikh has worked to establish trauma centers in India and supports the One Teacher School in tribal regions. Moreover, Dr. Parikh has donated considerably to the Indian Independence Day Parade, the American India Foundation, Share and Care, and the Nargis Dutt Foundation. Dr. Parikh is one of the largest benefactors of both the Vraj Temple and the Vaishnavite Temple.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledgement of the extraordinary contributions of Dr. Sudhir Parikh. He is a greatly valued citizen of the state of New Jersey, and I am honored to recognize him today.

RECOGNIZING THE FORSAN LADY
BUFFS' SOFTBALL 2009 AND 2010
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I proudly congratulate the Lady Buffs softball team of Forsan High School in Forsan, Texas for winning the 2009 and 2010 Texas 1A State Softball Championships.

In their second appearance in the state tournament, the Lady Buffs defended their softball state championship. The Forsan Lady Buffs finished their 2009–2010 season with a 26–4 record, with none of their four losses coming against Class 1A opponents. The impressive record demonstrates the team's strength and ability to work together to achieve success.

Coached by Shanna Roberts, this year's Forsan Lady Buffs successfully proved that their 2009 State Championship was not a fluke, as critics claimed. The team had a strong postseason, outscoring their opponents by 41 runs, 50–9. In the 2010 state championship game, Amanda Longorio pitched a one-hit shutout, leading the Lady Buffs to a 5–0 win over Blue Ridge; this earned her the distinction as the game's Most Valuable Player.

I applaud the Lady Buffs' hard work and tradition of success. With great support from the community, the team proved itself as the best 1A softball team in Texas two years running. The Lady Buffs exemplify the principles of competitive spirit and success both on and off the field, and I congratulate them on their well-deserved state championships.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
MR. STEVEN MORRISON

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and achievements of Mr. Steven Morrison, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison, as he retires from his esteemed position after 27 years of service.

From an early age, Steve displayed a passion for service in the Jewish community. Shortly after joining the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization in his hometown of Elgin, Illinois in 1959, he was elected AZA Grand Aleph Godol—International President. This position was only the beginning of a long career dedicated to improving the world and giving back to his community.

When Steve arrived in Madison in 1984, he immediately began working to strengthen Madison's Jewish community and weave it into the larger fabric of this great city. Under his leadership, Camp Shalom grew from a program serving 150 youngsters to one which now serves almost a thousand children of diverse racial, ethnic, and social backgrounds and abilities every summer. Steve helped enrollment in the Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool and Midrasha Hebrew High School reach record levels. He also assisted in the development of the recreational facilities and programs offered at the Goodman Campus, which are now enjoyed by families throughout the region. Furthermore, as Executive Director of Madison's Jewish Social Services, Steve expanded the agency's outreach to immigrants and refugees in need of support as they adapted to a new home and way of life.

Steve's commitment to the larger Madison community is rooted in the Judaic teachings of education and justice. With humor, tact, keen intellect, compassion, and chutzpah, he brings people to the table and helps guide them toward mutual understanding and growth. Steve is a fierce defender of minority rights, whether speaking against hate crimes or in support of same-sex marriage. As Chair of the Madison Public Schools Human Relations Council for more than two decades, Steve helped teachers and administrators better understand the needs of students who come from a variety of backgrounds. Among the countless awards and honors that Steve received over the years are the Mandelkorn Distinguished Service Award given by the Association of Jewish Community Organization Professionals and Ally of the Year given by OutReach, Madison's LGBT Community Center.

Tikkun olam, or the obligation to repair the world, is a basic tenet of Judaism. Broadly, it is interpreted to suggest that we all have a role to play in giving back and enhancing the world in which we live. There is nobody, in my mind, who personifies this better than Steve. I have no doubt that the impact of his work will continue to benefit individuals in communities here in Wisconsin, across the United States, and far beyond the borders of our great nation. May his unwavering dedication, vision, and lifelong commitment to the highest ethical standards continue to serve as an inspiration for us. I join both the Jewish and greater Madison communities in honoring Mr. Steven

Morrison's achievements and thanking him for his lifetime of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent yesterday afternoon, July 26, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the three votes which occurred yesterday evening, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 1320, rollcall vote No. 467; I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 1504, rollcall vote No. 468; and I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 3101, rollcall vote No. 469.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,252,030,092,034.06.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,613,604,345,740.26 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

THE 29TH CELEBRATION OF LA
PRESENCIA PUERTORRIQUEÑA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I am honored to stand here before you today to commemorate La Presencia Puertorriqueña, or the Puerto Rican Presence, a celebration in honor of Puerto Rican heritage. On July 29, 2010, the patrons of Northwest Indiana will come together in East Chicago to celebrate, learn, and understand one another's differences through festivities of the diverse ethnic heritage. Through the variety of Puerto Rican showcases and spotlights, people will learn the history, heritage, culture, and much more about the commonwealth.

La Presencia Puertorriqueña, which embarks on its 29th celebration, is done in coordination each year with a significant event: Puerto Rico's unification to the United States through a commonwealth, which occurred on July 25, 1952. Each year, as over 5,000 people flock to line the streets of East Chicago, the initiation of Puerto Rico as a part of the United States is celebrated. With this celebration, the entire history and culture of Puerto Rico is presented to the people of Northwest Indiana for a memorable experience.