

HONORING DAVEY “WIZ” WHITNEY  
LEGENDARY BASKETBALL COACH

## HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 1, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Davey Whitney, National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Famer and the second winningest coach in HBCU College Basketball.

Davey Whitney was born in Midway, Kentucky in 1930. While in high school, he excelled in basketball, but pursued his first love—baseball—and hoped to play professionally. Whitney graduated from Kentucky State University earning more letters than any other athlete at the university.

Coach Whitney, affectionately known as the “Wiz,” began his sports career as a shortstop with the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro Baseball League from 1952 to 1954 replacing Ernie Banks, who went on to play for the Chicago Cubs. Whitney played on the 1954 All Star Team and with Satchel Paige. Subsequently, he was not offered a contract with the Chicago Cubs and shifted his focus to coaching basketball. Though he never wanted to be a coach or teach, Whitney stated, “I guess I carried the same kind of determination in baseball over to coaching.”

Whitney coached high school basketball in Kentucky during the 1960s and was named “Coach of the Year” in 1961, the same year his team won the National High School Tournament Championship. His team went on to capture three Kentucky State Tournament Championships. Coach Whitney’s first collegiate job was at Texas Southern University from 1964 to 1969. The “Wiz” would go on to spend more than 25 years coaching the Alcorn State University Braves and be named the Southwest Athletic Championships, SWAC, Coach of the Year nine times.

Whitney coached at Alcorn State University from 1969–1988 and again from 1996–2002, bringing the Brave squad back to prominence. During his coaching career, Whitney’s overall record as head coach was 550 wins and 337 defeats; 495 of his career wins were as head coach of the Alcorn State Braves. Under the tutelage of Coach Whitney, the Braves were the first historically black institution to compete in the NCAA playoffs. The Braves dominated the SWAC with 12 SWAC regular season titles—a record four consecutive titles from 1978 to 1982; participated in 12 national postseason tournaments, won five NAIA District Titles and placed second and third in the national tournaments during the 1970s.

In 2010, Legendary Coach Davey “Wiz” Whitney was among eight inducted into the 2010 National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

Again, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting the stellar coaching career of legendary Coach Davey “Wiz” Whitney.

## RECOGNIZING THE 2010–2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—SHEILA CHANDRAHAS

## HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 1, 2011*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council, CYAC, from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the Third District’s young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, “CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces.” I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H.W. Bush once said, “A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization.”

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work. I salute you.

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

I have learned a lot through serving others. I feel as if I have grown as a person and feel better about myself. Helping others is the best way to give yourself satisfaction in life. I love spending time with kids and making a difference in their lives. It makes a difference in my life too as it teaches me to be a caring and kind individual. I plan on taking on the important role of becoming a doctor as I see myself helping kids in an environment just as great as Children’s, so this volunteer placement would definitely fit into my long term career and life plans. As a young teen, I feel that children can connect and relate to us a lot more and feel so much more at ease when they know we care for them just as much. I learned that making a two minute conversation with a stranger can really light up their day. I learned how to be

caring and compassionate for every single person that comes my way, every minute of the day. Being an active member of the community helps you gain a love for where you are from and a sense of compassion.

—Sheila Chandahas.

## TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER CROWE

## HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 1, 2011*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Christopher Crowe, a remarkable public servant and extraordinarily devoted congressional staffer. Chris passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 30, at the youthful age of 29. He was my legislative aide who mastered our budget, tax, and international trade issues. He was still on the payroll as of Wednesday before his abrupt passing.

Most of Texas’s 30th congressional district residents did not know Chris Crowe personally, but I would like them to understand exactly how this dedicated public servant made a real difference in the lives for my constituents and our country. Chris always exceedingly performed his job in the name of the American people with remarkable efficiency, tenacity, pride and integrity. Nearly each and every time I would return to the district for town hall meetings or other business, I would hear from my constituents their gratitude for Chris’s selfless work. Likewise, Chris would always talk about what a great community we had in Dallas—an appreciation that was reflected greatly in his work.

On Capitol Hill, Chris served as an inspiration and an unwavering ally. His work ethic demonstrated for others what personal sacrifice truly meant and redefined the term “public service” for his constituents. His great interest in international events, cultural trends and current events taught others how to be global citizens. He was a person who enjoyed life and always had a smile to share. He never met a stranger.

On behalf of Texas’s 30th congressional district, I extend our heartfelt sympathies to the Crowe family, his friends, and his colleagues. As they honor their beloved son, brother, friend, and neighbor, know that we will always miss his presence.

Mr. Speaker, I add my statement and my staff’s comments about Chris to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and I encourage my colleagues to read them.

“Chris worked in politics to make a difference, he always stood up for what he believed in and always did so with a smile on his face. He was a committed colleague to work with and was always a joy to be around.” J. Collin Chlebak

“Christopher Crowe’s unparalleled commitment to service to our congressional district, our Member, and to the causes he believed in made him a professional role model for me. Yet, his unflinching spirit and vibrant personality are what I will truly miss and carry forever.” Cameron Trimble

“Chris was a young man who had a sincere passion for public service. His commitment and dedication was evident in the approach he took when serving the constituents of the 30th district and the state of Texas. We will dearly miss his upbeat and joyous personality.” Esperanza Worley