

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:

An average teenager might have spent 6 hours on a Saturday sleeping, playing infamous video games, or hanging with friends. I spent my 6 hours building a ramp through The Dallas Ramp Project. That morning and afternoon I learned how to construct a ramp so that a 96 year old woman, Lovey, could be freed from her home. I, a teenager, who could have been doing all the things listed above like a "normal" teenager, but I didn't. I decided to make a difference in someone else's life for the better. I learned how important and how valuable time really is. 6 hours to some is 3 movies. 6 hours to another person is giving back a person's freedom. I strive not to be a success but to be a value. I now have a better understanding of life. Not only did I build a ramp, I built relationships with my team members. I encourage you to do something with your 6 hours because you too are able; able to change the world, able to be a blessing to others, and able to make an impact. So the next time you have 6 hours what will you do?

—Madeline Minchillo

IN HONOR OF STAFF SERGEANT
FRANK E. ADAMSKI III

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise today to honor Staff

Sergeant Frank E. Adamski III of Moosup, Connecticut. Staff Sergeant Adamski was killed on March 29, 2011, by small arms fire during combat operations in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. More than a hundred people gathered in Plainfield today to honor him and his service to our nation.

Frank graduated from Plainfield High School in 2002 where he was a well-known and well-liked student athlete who played on the Panthers football team. Following graduation, Frank enlisted in the Army and served a combat tour in Iraq from January 2006 to February 2007. Most recently, he deployed to Afghanistan as a member of the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell in Kentucky.

Friends describe Frank as a bright young man who loved his country and was passionate about serving in the military. Moreover, he was a great family man as husband to Danielle Lee Adamski, also of Plainfield, and a father to Victoria, his one-year-old daughter. Sadly, he would have celebrated his 27th birthday last week as well as his 4th wedding anniversary.

These milestones, as well as the countless memories, make his passing all the more difficult for the family, friends and community who mourn his passing.

Sergeant Frank Adamski served his country bravely, and his dedication and patriotism serve as an inspiration to us all. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family in this difficult time. I ask my colleagues to join me and so many across eastern Connecticut in honoring the service and sacrifice of this young man.

CONGRATULATING THE EAGLES
OF SCHOOLCRAFT HIGH SCHOOL

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Eagles of Schoolcraft High School on their men's basketball state championship title. These outstanding young men

have worked hard for this accomplishment and have made their community very proud. Their 73–59 victory is an achievement that will be remembered forever.

Winning a state championship is a remarkable achievement that few teams ever experience. This championship is a legacy that the 2010–2011 Eagles will remember forever. The Eagles and Coach Randy Small, along with assistant coaches Bob Saxman, Derrick Small, Lee Ingram, Jon Tone, and Aaron Beery, know that success comes through teamwork and dedication. The Eagles' commitment to the game and their drive to go the extra mile, led them to victory.

It is an honor to pay tribute to the entire Eagles squad: Jon Cakmakci, Kody Chandler, Benny Clark, Zac Decker, Tyler Dow, Bryan Jones, Blake Krum, Jonathan Lawrence, Jacob Lenning, Jacob Marshall, Luke Ryskamp, Joe Savage, Cam Schwartz, Jeffrey Scott, and Trent Skippers. We salute all of you.

On behalf of all the residents of southwest Michigan, congratulations again to the Schoolcraft Eagles, Coach Small, and the entire Schoolcraft community—you are an inspiration to us all. Go Eagles!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 31, I attended the service and funeral of my dear friend and mentor, Geraldine Ferraro, and missed rollcall votes Number 205 and 206. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 205, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 658) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014 and 206, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters.