

Calhoun County Board of Education for two six-year terms. Liz is married to Ronald Decker.

Liz has served countless East Alabamians through the years, assisting them with any number of concerns they may have had, from the grants process to casework focusing on immigration and Social Security. She is known as a kind and genuine public servant, and a joy to have in the Third District family. She will be missed. Thank you, Liz, for your service to the people of the Third District. On behalf of so many East Alabamians you have helped, we wish you well and congratulate you on your retirement.

THE END OF DON'T ASK, DON'T  
TELL

### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2011*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today, we move one step closer towards full equality by ending the immoral and irresponsible practice of discriminating against courageous Americans who want to serve their country. I am proud to have voted again and again for Don't Ask Don't Tell's repeal because I know—and the military has told us—that ending this policy will strengthen our armed forces.

A comprehensive report from the Defense Department found that of the 400,000 service members and 150,000 military spouses, 70 percent of military personnel thought the repeal would be positive, mixed, or no consequence. This is a remarkable finding, and makes the policy seem all the more indefensible for the more than 14,000 service members who have been discharged.

Brave Americans have served and sacrificed in silence for years while the military enforced a discriminatory and harmful policy. Today this policy is officially a thing of the past, a relic of a different time.

The road to equality is long, winding, and will have many bumps along the way. Today, I have the 14,000 discharged service members in my thoughts as we celebrate the end of an era of discrimination. Tomorrow, we will get back to work, fighting for the Employment and Student Non Discrimination Acts, the Safe Schools Improvement Act, and the Respect for Marriage Act that will overturn DOMA.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHCR 90.3 FM PUBLIC ACCESS RADIO, "THE VOICE OF HARLEM"

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2011*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great jubilation to recognize the WHCR 90.3 FM Public Radio Station, also known as The Voice of Harlem, to recognize the station's twenty-five years of broadcasting in New York City. As I speak with profound elation, I ascend to celebrate the hard work and devout

effort of WHCR and the amazing people who have contributed to its success all these years and have truly made it Harlem's Voice. WHCR will commemorate their twenty-five years of broadcasting on Friday, September 16, 2011 at the prestigious Aaron Davis Hall.

In my community of Harlem, WHCR is well known for its service as a non-commercial public radio station. Owned and operated by the City College of New York, WHCR gives both City College students and community members the skills to host and produce music and talk shows. The station seeks to empower its listeners by providing informative, educational and cultural programming that speaks to the diverse populations of Harlem, Upper Manhattan and some sections of the Bronx, Queens, and New Jersey.

People around the world can listen to and watch programming on WHCR online. WHCR offers a mixture of music and talk programming and has 20,000 terrestrial, Internet listeners weekly, and 8,000 Internet viewers. The station has served for twenty-five years as the voice of a community that is greatly underserved by the mainstream media.

On-air personality Dee Ramey, the host and producer of the "I Love Jazz!" show on WHCR, is one of those amazing people who have contributed so much. Her show's mission is to drive demand for jazz music, serve as a cultural resource, and connect an increased number of musicians, music presenters, and listeners to community radio, by providing entertainment and information to the growing listenership of WHCR jazz shows. Her valiant efforts have created a new generation of jazz and music connoisseurs in Harlem.

Dee took the initiative to create the first annual "I Love Jazz" Fan Award in an effort to further promote music and the arts throughout the greater community of Harlem. It is my honor and privilege to present this year's "I Love Jazz" award on behalf of my colleagues in the United States Congress to Kevin Walters, the owner of "Creole Supper Club," located in my District in East Harlem. Kevin is a New Yorker at heart with a strong passion for fine music and art and truly deserving of this recognition.

Dee Ramey's "I Love Jazz" radio show airs biweekly on Wednesdays from 6 pm–8 pm and offers an eclectic mix of musical styles. The show unleashes the passion of the jazz fan by inviting individuals to spread their love for jazz through sharing their personal experiences, favorite music, and unique insight into the world of jazz. Interviews with prominent artists and jazz luminaries are a feature on the show, and to name just a few, have included Gradie Tate, Jimmy Heath, Jimmy Scott, Gloria Lynne, Nat Hentoff, Melba Moore, Thelonious Monk, Jr., Wycliffe Gordon, George Gee, Bobby Sanabria, Loren Schoenberg, Billy Mitchell (Mr. Apollo), and Camille Yarbrough.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting WHCR 90.3 FM Public Access Radio, on their 25th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO THE DIXIE BOYS  
BASEBALL TEAM OF BRUNSWICK  
COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

### HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2011*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to recognize the Dixie Boys baseball team of Brunswick County, North Carolina, for being named National Champions of the 2011 Dixie Boys World Series.

This year, the Brunswick County team won every match against the other states without losing a single game. The team went on to win the 2011 Dixie Youth World Series held in Beaufort, South Carolina, earning the title of National Champions on August 3, 2011. This is the fourth time that a North Carolina team has earned this title since 1956.

In a true feat of excellence, the team from Brunswick scored 80 runs during its seven games, and failed to score in the double digits in only two of those seven games. As a team, Brunswick County had a strong batting average of .450, with team member Kevon Perkins leading with an astounding .750 average. With an outstanding number of 80 runs, this team truly deserves acclaim for their remarkable accomplishment in the Dixie Boys World Series.

This was Brunswick County's third consecutive year as North Carolina's representing team for the Dixie Boys World Series. The Brunswick County Team went undefeated for its seven games of play, and showcased an unwavering mental and physical tenacity throughout the Dixie Boys championship. This is especially true for their victory over the reigning champion of the Dixie Boys championship, the same team which defeated North Carolina in the past championship game of two years ago.

As founder of the Congressional Caucus on Youth Sports, and also as both a long-time little league coach and one who grew up playing baseball in, as well as a charter member of a youth baseball organization, I appreciate the dedication, determination, and teamwork that earned these players the esteemed title of National Champions.

Mr. Speaker, the members of the Brunswick County baseball team deserve acclaim for their skill as well as for being outstanding ambassadors of Southeastern North Carolina, and the State of North Carolina. Their names are Gray Cheers, Dylan Howard, Shakeem Graham, Chris Graham, Hunter Price, Justin Wittkofskey, Kevon Perkins, Blain Hollis, Randy Mac Clark, Jerry Martin, Shelton Perkins, Garrett Scoggins and Dylan Darguzas. Coaches were Bobby Scoggins, Randy Fennell and Jeffrey Hollis.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor and acknowledge accomplishments of not only the Brunswick County team, but also the parents, relatives and citizens who were so supportive of their children's efforts throughout this championship season. Of equal mention are the coaches and assistant coaches who were instrumental in guiding the team to becoming champions of the Dixie Boys World Series; without these coaches, victory would not have been possible.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Brunswick County