

the Jackson City Council. Mr. Crisler continued his studies and received a Master of Public Policy and Administration from Jackson State University in spring 2007. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Urban and Regional Planning at Jackson State University and has completed his first year of study.

Mr. Crisler is also actively involved in numerous youth mentoring projects, including a pilot program he initiated and the Excel to Achieve Program which recognizes today's youth for their academic and civic achievements. Mr. Crisler is a member of several noteworthy civic organizations including the Community In Schools (CIS), NAACP, Masonic Order PHA/F&AM, Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc., 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc., the Willowood Developmental Center Board of Directors, the Mississippi Police and Sheriffs Association, and the Hinds County Community College Dropout Recovery Advisory Board and VFV Post 9832.

Mr. Crisler has been married twenty-four years to the former Charlotte Nichols and they have three wonderful children. Mr. Crisler's goal is to contribute to the success of the generations that follow by setting a positive example and staying actively involved in the advancement and refinement of today's youth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Marshand Crisler for his dedication to serving others.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLINICA SIERRA VISTA

##### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and congratulate Clinica Sierra Vista, a comprehensive health care organization, for 40 years of impeccable service to the people of Central California. For four decades, Clinica Sierra Vista has worked to provide all-inclusive, primary care to medically underserved populations, particularly migrant and seasonal farm workers.

Located in California's agriculturally rich San Joaquin Valley, Clinica Sierra Vista's health centers have served the people of the Central Valley since 1971. The health care network includes 23 primary care community health centers (14 in Kern County, 8 in Fresno County, and 1 in Inyo County); six dental centers; one medical mobile clinic; one dental mobile clinic; six behavioral health centers; and three Family Resource Centers. Clinica Sierra Vista has come a long way since its modest beginnings in a storefront warehouse in rural Lamont, California. Today, Clinica Sierra Vista has more than 900 employees and is one of the largest non-profit health organizations in the nation.

Clinica Sierra Vista has a reputation for providing high quality service, while efficiently managing costs. At Clinica Sierra Vista, no one is ever denied service based on their ability to pay and the patient's well-being is always Clinica Sierra Vista's goal. Accomplishing such a task requires innovative thinking and steadfast leadership. The board members, staff, and health care professionals who have contributed to Clinica Sierra Vista's success should be proud of their work, which is reflected in the health of the community.

In addition to providing primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care to Central California's urban and rural communities, Clinica Sierra Vista also provides lifesaving health education and health promotion programs. These initiatives are instrumental in ensuring that the Valley's communities can have healthy and productive futures.

Clinica Sierra Vista's board and staff recognize that obtaining a healthy community means working closely with external partners, including: government agencies, neighborhood groups, elected officials and community leaders. As one of the largest comprehensive community health centers in the state, Clinica Sierra Vista serves as many people as possible, while maintaining a clear and comprehensive understating of their patient's needs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Clinica Sierra Vista as it celebrates its 40th anniversary. The formation and success of Clinica Sierra Vista has been vital to ensuring that members of Central California's urban and rural communities have access to comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health care. By maintaining a steadfast focus on the health and future of the San Joaquin Valley and California, Clinica Sierra Vista has been a leader in health care and an asset to the people of the California's Central Valley.

#### RECOGNIZING JON SCHNEIDER

##### HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Jonathan M. Schneider, my departing Deputy Chief of Staff who was recently appointed the Deputy County Executive for Intergovernmental Affairs for Suffolk County, New York.

Since he became one of my original staffers in 2003, Jon has distinguished himself as a public servant through hard work and dedication to the people of Eastern Long Island. His policy expertise in transportation and environment issues, skill in crafting effective public communications, and perceptive political insights have been invaluable to me over the past nine years.

As district director, Jon led a first-class constituent service program that has assisted thousands of veterans, senior citizens, and others in need of a helping hand. My constituents have also benefited from his skilled advocacy of infrastructure projects including the dredging of Lake Montauk and Shinnecock Inlets and environmental initiatives such as the federal Forge River Study and the Fire Island to Montauk Point Reformulation Study.

Guiding these projects through from conception to completion required close collaboration with officials at all levels of government as well as civic groups and community advocacy organizations. Over the years, Jon has built a sterling reputation for professionalism and collegiality that has aided my efforts to deliver federal solutions for local problems.

Given my first-hand knowledge of Jon's skill as an intergovernmental liaison, I am confident that the people of Suffolk County will benefit tremendously from his service as Deputy

County Executive. I am also pleased that his new role will allow us to continue working together, as my Congressional district is contained entirely within Suffolk County.

I am also pleased that Jon will continue to reside in Port Jefferson Station with his wife, Mary Ellen, precocious daughter Ellie, his son future New York Giants linebacker Benjamin, and Boris, the famous tortoise.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my staff and the people of the First Congressional District of New York, I sincerely thank Jonathan M. Schneider for his efforts to improve the quality of life on Eastern Long Island and his continuing commitment to public service. I wish him and his family continued success, good health and the best of luck for years to come.

#### CONGRATULATING ROBERT GRIFFIN III

##### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

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Recognizing and commending Baylor University quarterback Robert Griffin III for winning the 2011 Heisman Trophy and for his academic and athletic accomplishments.

Whereas Robert Griffin III was born on February 12, 1990, to United States Army Sergeants Robert Jr. and Jacqueline Griffin in Okinawa, Japan;

Whereas Robert Griffin III's mother and father have instilled in him an unparalleled work ethic, outstanding leadership, discipline, and a desire to excel;

Whereas Robert Griffin III graduated No. 7 from Copperas Cove High School, in Copperas Cove, Texas, in 2008;

Whereas Robert Griffin III graduated from the Baylor University with a 3.67 GPA in Political Science in December of 2010;

Whereas Robert Griffin III is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Communication at the Baylor University;

Whereas Robert Griffin III became Baylor University's starting quarterback in 2008;

Whereas the University of Baylor football team finished the regular season with a 9-3 record, its best record since 1986;

Whereas the University of Baylor football team is ranked number twelve in the Bowl Championship Series and fifteen in the Associated Press rankings;

Whereas in 2011 Robert Griffin III completed 267 of 369 passes, for 3,998 yards and 36 touchdowns while throwing only 6 interceptions;

Whereas in 2011 Robert Griffin III lead college football with a 192.3 passing efficiency rating, which would break the single-season record in Football Bowl Subdivision history;

Whereas Robert Griffin III has accounted for 10,071 yards passing and 77 touchdowns, with only 17 interceptions, during his career at Baylor University;

Whereas Robert Griffin III is the Baylor career leader in most offensive categories, including passing yards, passing touchdowns, and rushing touchdowns by a quarterback;

Whereas Robert Griffin III was named the Big 12 Conference Offensive Player of the Year for 2011;

Whereas Robert Griffin III was named Academic All-Big 12, 1st Team for 2011;

Whereas Robert Griffin III received the Davey O'Brien Award for the best of all National Collegiate Athletic Association quarterbacks in 2011; and