

she assisted the Director, Marine Corps Liaison Office, in gaining the Members' support and trust on critical issues.

Captain Hunter successfully planned, coordinated, and escorted an extensive number of international and domestic trips for Congressional and Staff Delegations. I had the pleasure of attending one such CODEL which Captain Hunter helped organize for the House Democracy Partnership to the Kyrgyz Republic. Her attention to detail and anticipation of requirements allowed our CODEL to focus on fact-finding and learning new information, which helped to guide critical decisions to support the people of the United States.

Through her exceptional personal efforts, Captain Hunter has contributed immeasurably as a member of my staff and also in the Marine Liaison Office here on Capitol Hill. I wish her well in all of her future endeavors. I look forward to hearing of her many future successes.

**OIT HUSTLIN' OWLS—2012 MEN'S BASKETBALL NAIA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2012*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the Oregon Tech Hustlin' Owls men's basketball team for winning the 2012 NAIA Division II national championship.

Combining an impressive defensive performance with a 45-point second half outburst, the No. 2-ranked Hustlin' Owls defeated the top-ranked Northwood University 63–46 on March 13 to take the national title in Point Lookout, Missouri. Oregon Tech set a new school record this year with 34 wins, and by notching their third national championship, they tied Bethel College for the most titles in NAIA Division II men's basketball.

Bobby Hunter scored a game-high 20 points and pulled down nine rebounds en route to earning tournament MVP honors. Jason Gamblin added 16 points on 7-of-10 shooting and David Clarke scored 11 points with five rebounds. Kyle Gomez contributed nine points and six rebounds.

Congratulations to the Hustlin' Owls are never complete without special mention of their legendary head coach, Danny Miles. In a day and age when personal advancement comes before loyalty far too often—especially in the sports world—Coach Miles has spent his entire coaching career at Oregon Tech. That's 42 years and counting. His 971 wins make him the second winningest men's coach in U.S. college basketball history. And his three national championships—in 2004, 2008, and 2012—are further evidence of the standard of excellence he has established at Oregon Tech.

But perhaps the most important statistic is this: 14 out of the last 15 years' teams have all maintained a 3.0 or better GPA in the classroom—and that with a very challenging curriculum of a world-class technical institute. Coach Miles has built one of the finest athletic programs in the country, be it measured on the court or in the classroom. For this, I know I can speak on behalf of the entire Oregon

Tech community and the state of Oregon itself when I say, "Thank you, Coach Miles."

My colleagues, let's recognize the tremendous effort of the Oregon Tech players: Jordan Kiely, Kyle Gomez, David Clarke, Liston Case, Bobby Hunter, Bryant Sentman, Alex Zerbach, Fred Corpening, Kyle Waits, Scott Riddle, Jason Gamblin, Josh Johnson, Braxton Miles, Austen Flint, Mihajlo Matic, Nathan Maddox, and Brandon Bautista.

And, of course, we must congratulate the great coaching staff behind them: Coach Miles, Associate Head Coach Mike Pisan, Associate Coach Jason de Vries, and Associate Coach Paul Poetsch.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Oregon delegation and the House of Representatives, congratulations to the 2012 Hustlin' Owls!

**HONORING ZACHARY MICHAEL P'POOL**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2012*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary Michael P'Pool. Zachary is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zachary has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Zachary has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Zachary has earned the Arrow of Light, 2011 Chieftains Award, Coup of the Long Trail Award and the God and Country Award. Zachary has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Zachary planned, managed and assisted in creation of a walking path 350 yards long, requiring 300 man hours, from Northview Elementary School to the school's nature area nicknamed named Coughlin's Corner.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zachary Michael P'Pool for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. JOHN SULLIVAN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2012*

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I intended to vote No on rollcall vote 159 to H.R. 4089 taken on April 17, 2012. The CONGRESSIONAL RECORD currently lists me as not voting on this amendment. I firmly believe that this amendment, under the guise of permitting hunting, fishing and recreational shooting, in effect guts the bill, and is a vote against sportsmen nationwide.

**HONORING CHARLES "CHUCK" W. OWEN**

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2012*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Charles "Chuck" W. Owen, a former Laredo Morning Times news reporter, Church of Christ Minister and veteran. Mr. Owen's actions in his lifetime resonate with the community as he strived to focus on his faith in his work and his family.

While Mr. Owen was born in Dickson, Tennessee in 1940, his family notes that he was a Laredoan by choice, not birth. By the young age of 19 years old, he joined the Navy and was stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas where he met his wife, Clema Owen. By 1962 they married and raised their daughters while they traveled the world. He was an air traffic controller and instructor during his naval career and was the youngest air traffic controller in the history of the naval air station at Corpus Christi. His career in the Navy led him on three tours of Antarctica.

He retired from the military while in Corpus Christi and became a small business owner with a commercial refrigeration business. After 10 years, he sold his business and ventured into the hotel business, La Quinta Inns where they hired husband-and-wife teams. Working alongside with his wife for 8 years, he then started contributing religious articles to the local newspaper, the Laredo Morning Times.

As active members of the Church, Mr. Owen had established a church in Laredo 12 years ago, even though he was a member of a different congregation. He was devoted to studying the Bible and retired as a pastor from the congregation in June of 2011 due to his health.

Mr. Owen serviced our country as a U.S. Navy lieutenant, delved in the business community as a small business owner, wrote religious contributions to the local paper and served as a minister to his faith. He was faithful, loving and generous in all his work for the community and his family. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had the opportunity to recognize the late Chuck Owen. His devotion to the community has truly impacted many lives.

**A TRIBUTE TO TIM TEBOW**

**HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2012*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Tim Tebow, professional football player and quarterback for the New York Jets, for his superior accomplishments both on and off the field. He is a true leader, a man of character, and a humble servant of God. Throughout his college and professional football career he has been a role model of integrity, providing a beacon of light for Jesus Christ. I would like to recognize him for his athletic achievements, but more importantly for utilizing his special opportunity in the spotlight to provide a Christ-like example to his peers, aspiring young athletes, and our Nation.

Tim was born in the Philippines to American parents, who were serving as Baptist missionaries. He is the youngest of five children, all