

AAA state high school baseball champions, who won the West Virginia state championship with a come from behind 7–4 victory over the Nitro Wildcats on June 3, 2012.

From little league to legends, the Princeton “Nine” have stuck together through thick and thin. There’s a lesson in that for all of us. Teamwork is as American as baseball, Chevrolet and apple pie. Every time we have succeeded, we have succeeded together.

And, boy, did the Tigers ever succeed this year.

We all are proud of what they have accomplished together. They have the hearts of true champions, the determination of true all stars, and the talents of true all Americans.

And if you have any questions about that, well then, just ask Josh Wilburn—Coach of the Year—what this team is made of. Congratulations, Coach—way to bring it home—you deserve this honor.

There’s not much I can tell Mercer Countians about baseball—a county where baseball is the county’s pastime—from Little League to the minor league. And we know the value especially of Little League, as only the great Yogi Berra could put it, “Little League baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets.”

Mr. Speaker, all in the Nation’s Capitol, should take notice of what nine young men with grit and gumption can do when a seasoned coach brings out the best in each of them and turns teamwork into triumph.

Congress could use a few doses of Tiger spirit here in the Capitol, as well. Because when one participates in a celebratory parade with this community as I did, you know that it just wasn’t nine guys on the field and their coach by the dugout by themselves in that championship game. It was the whole town rooting with them and for them.

Princeton High School is a special place. The city, Mercer County, the State of West Virginia, and our nation have invested in this community. These students are blessed with many fields and resources other schools can only dream of, and they have more choices in extracurricular activities than many can even imagine.

But, they have your priorities right, too. All nine student athletes graduated before they took to the championship field. Parents, boosters, coaches, teachers, staff and administrators are all fully engaged—day in and out.

The good book tells us that to whom much is given, much is also expected. Everyone should celebrate their well-earned championship today. But for all the tomorrows yet to come they cannot ever forget what this one day means—that hard work, determination, community support and spirit, good leadership and teamwork can produce victories throughout life.

As dependable family members, good neighbors, and fellow citizens there will be many causes to champion. Looking around Princeton High School at the Tigers celebration, I know I am looking at champions—America’s champions—on and off the field.

Congratulations to everyone in Tiger County.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 15, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for one minute and revise and extend my remarks.

I was unavoidably detained on Tuesday, June 5th and for the early afternoon of Wednesday, June 6th. Therefore was not present to be recorded on rollcall votes No. 315 to 324. I ask the RECORD to reflect that had I been present I would have voted as follows:

1. On rollcall No. 315 (McClintock Amendment #3), I would have voted “no” (June 5)

(Reduces the Nuclear Energy account by \$514,391,000, and applies the savings to the spending reduction account.)

2. On rollcall No. 316 (Hirono Amendment), I would have voted “aye” (June 5)

(Reduces the Fossil Energy Research and Development account by \$133,400,000, and increases funds for the Advanced Research Project Agency—Energy (ARPA-E) account by the same amount.)

3. On rollcall No. 317 (McClintock Amendment #5), I would have voted “no” (June 5)

(Zeroes out the Fossil Energy Research and Development account (a cut of \$554 million) and applies the savings to the spending reduction account.)

4. On rollcall No. 318 (Matheson Amendment), I would have voted “aye” (June 5)

(Increases the Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup account by \$9,600,000, and reduces the National Nuclear Security Administration construction and expansion account by the same amount.)

5. On rollcall No. 319 (Rohrabacher Amendment), I would have voted “no” (June 6)

(Prohibits the use of funds to be used for the U.S. China Clean Energy Research Center.)

6. On rollcall No. 320 (First Stearns Amendment), I would have voted “no” (June 6)

(Prohibits the use of funds to be used by the Department of Energy to subordinate any loan obligation to other financing in violation of section 1702 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (the loan guarantee provisions) or to subordinate any Guaranteed Obligation to any loan or other debt obligations in violation of section 609.10 of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations.)

7. On rollcall No. 321 (Shimkus Amendment), I would have voted “no” (June 6)

(Reduces the Department of Energy salary and expenses account by \$10 million and increases the Nuclear Regulatory Commission salaries and expenses account by the same amount to support review of the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository license.)

8. On rollcall No. 322 (Tipton Amendment), I would have voted “aye” (June 6)

(Prohibits agencies funded under the bill from conducting surveys in which money is included or provided for the benefit of the survey responder.)

9. On rollcall No. 323 (Second Luetkemeyer Amendment), I would have voted “no” (June 6)

(Prohibits the use of funds to be used for the study of the Missouri River Projects authorized in section 108 of the FY 2009 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.)

10. On rollcall No. 324 (Fourth Jackson Lee Amendment), I would have voted “aye” (June 6)

(Reduces the amount made available for the “Atomic Energy Defense Activities—National Nuclear Security Administration—Weapons Activities” Account by \$10 million and increases the amount made available for the “Corps of Engineers—Civil—Department of the Army—Construction” Account by the same amount.)

## HONORING THE LIFE OF ARTHUR SHUFFLEBARGER

### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 15, 2012

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Arthur Shufflebarger and to mourn him upon his passing at the age of 60.

Born on May 3, 1952, Arthur graduated in 1970 from Atchison High School in Atchison, Kansas. He attended Benedictine College from 1970 until 1972 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Kansas State University in 1974. In 1977, Arthur received a Masters of Environmental Health Science from the University of Kansas where he earned a Masters in Public Administration in 1983.

After serving as City Manager in Osawatomie, Kansas, Arthur became Village Manager of Milford, Michigan in 1990 where he served until his sudden passing. Mr. Shufflebarger was an active director in the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Michigan Municipal League, a Rotarian and shared his time and talent with many other professional and civic groups.

A member of Milford United Methodist Church, Arthur was known as a calm, gentle and caring man. He possessed an amiable sense of humor. His dedication to Milford will forever be remembered. Arthur loved his community and his community loved him.

Regrettably, on June 11, 2012, Arthur Shufflebarger passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved wife, Kelsey and his daughters Kayla Marie and leasha Nicole. An honorable man, Arthur will be sorely missed. Mr. Speaker, Arthur will be long remembered as a compassionate father, a dedicated husband, a leader, and a friend. Arthur was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Arthur farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to our country and our community.