

contender in the 2012 London Olympics. David has been passionate about BMX since he was eight years old, and received his first factory sponsor in sixth grade. He is currently taking time off from pursuing his college degree in Denver to focus on his Olympic career.

David has been a household name in the world of BMX since he burst onto the scene in 2007. He is known as one of the fastest starters in the sport, and has two World Cup wins under his belt. After placing 22nd in the 2011 World Championships in Copenhagen, David began pushing himself harder and harder toward his dream of joining Team USA in the 2012 Olympics. His hard work and dedication paid off in the 2012 World Championships in England, where he finished fifth to become the first U.S. BMX rider to book his place in London.

David's dedication to his sport is mirrored by his dedication to his family in Colorado. Though he prepares for the Olympics with his coach Greg Romero at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California, David makes sure to divide his time between California and the Denver area.

I extend my deepest congratulations to David Herman for his hard work and perseverance. It is an honor to see a native of Colorado rise to this Olympic level. David embodies the best our country could hope for in the next generation of Americans. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGIA PEANUT COMMISSION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to extend a heartfelt congratulations to the Georgia Peanut Commission as it celebrates 50 years of providing support to Georgia farmers. The Commission will be celebrating this great milestone with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Commission's new location in Tifton, Georgia on Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

The Commission, funded by Georgia peanut growers, began operations in 1961 and has represented farmers through programs in research, promotion, education, and communication. For 50 years, Georgia peanut farmers, through the Commission, have been successful in improving the profitability of peanuts and peanut products by reducing the cost of production through research and by working to promote and increase consumption. The Commission is recognized nationally and internationally by its little red bags of peanuts found in all Georgia Congressional offices on Capitol Hill.

When the Commission was first formed in 1961, farmers harvested 475,000 acres of with an average yield of 1,200 pounds of peanuts per acre. In 2011, farmers harvested 475,000 acres with an average yield of 3,520 pounds per acre, a 300 percent increase and a testament to the hard work on behalf of the Georgia Peanut Commission.

I take much pride in the fact that Georgia leads the Nation in production of peanuts with

nearly 50 percent of the annual peanut crop. Georgia has 14,000 farms with peanuts and about 4,500 active farmers. Approximately 200 businesses in Georgia are peanut-related. Two million bags of peanuts are distributed annually and the industry contributes more than 50,000 jobs and an estimated \$2 billion to the economy of the State of Georgia.

Since George Washington Carver discovered the many uses for the peanut in the early twentieth century, peanuts have become a household food staple and a source of dietary fiber, protein and other healthy nutrients. Although peanuts are produced in other parts of the country, I am a firm believer that no peanuts are of higher quality or more delicious than Georgia peanuts.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Don Koehler, Executive Director of the Georgia Peanut Commission, and the rest of the wonderful staff as well as Chairman Armond Morris and all those who serve on the Board of Directors. Their hard work and dedication has contributed to the success of the Commission in many ways.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, the state of Georgia, and all those nationwide and worldwide who enjoy our tasty Georgia peanuts, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to the Georgia Peanut Commission for their exemplary services and dedicated efforts to support Georgia's 4,500 peanut growers over the past 50 years.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF CARL ADDISON

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to commemorate Mr. Carl Addison on the occasion of his 95th birthday, which he and his loved ones will celebrate on August 8. Mr. Addison has led an incredible life, truly worthy of this distinction.

In 1939, Mr. Addison joined the 6th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Oglethorpe, Georgia. The "Fighting Sixth" became an integral wing of Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army during World War II. Mr. Addison's group landed in France on June 8. This team served as a reconnaissance squad as they moved across Europe, and was there when Gen. Patton made his heroic run to Bastogne to rescue U.S. troops.

At Bastogne, Mr. Addison was wounded from a gunshot wound to the knee and was sent to England for medical treatment. Though scheduled to return to the United States for further treatment, he went back to France to rejoin his group. His superior officer ensured Mr. Addison could stay with the 6th Cavalry, where he remained until the allies claimed victory in Europe.

Mr. Addison returned home to Monroe, LA. in 1945 and married Bea Shamblin in the following year. They have one child together, Carl Addison, Jr.

As his family and friends prepare to join together to honor Mr. Addison, he continues to exemplify a strong character of leadership and dedication. I ask my colleagues to join me in

congratulating Mr. Addison on this truly significant birthday.

MISSY FRANKLIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Missy Franklin for her service to our community.

Missy Franklin, of Aurora, Colorado, will compete in seven events at the 2012 London Olympics and will be the first U.S. female to swim that many races at the games. Missy has been a competitive swimmer since an extremely young age, and qualified for her first Olympic trials at the age of 12.

In 2011, Missy competed at the first long-course World Championships of her career, and won a total of five medals, three of which were gold. Shortly after, Missy won the 100m freestyle and 100m backstroke titles at Nationals. Later in 2011, she broke her first world record at a FINA World Cup meet in Berlin.

Missy consistently impresses those around her with her tireless dedication to her sport. As a 17-year old high school student, Missy is faced with the formidable task of balancing high school life with a world-class athletic career. Her ability to stay grounded and focused in both aspects of her life shows incredible strength and maturity. Missy attributes much of her success to her wonderful parents in Colorado, who encourage her to make education a priority even after an exhausting day in the pool.

I extend my deepest Congratulations to Missy Franklin on your hard work and perseverance. It is an honor to see a native of Colorado rise to this Olympic level. Missy embodies the best our country could hope for in the next generation of Americans. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO BRITTANY WIEBEBECKE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brittany Wiebbecke of Nashua, Iowa for being awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest award that a high school-aged Girl Scout can earn. This is an extremely prestigious honor, as less than 6 percent of all Girl Scouts will attain the Gold Award's rigorous requirements.

To earn a Gold Award, a Girl Scout must complete a minimum of 80 hours towards a community project that is both memorable and lasting. For her project, Brittany assisted a local animal rescue center by providing supplies and learning materials for new pet owners. The work ethic Brittany has shown to earn her Gold Award speaks volumes about her commitment to serving a cause greater than herself and assisting her community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young woman and her supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication