

threats to their areas; be it from tornadoes, earthquakes, flooding, or other severe weather. Many of the steps necessary to prepare for hurricanes are the same for other hazards. I urge all Americans to develop a disaster plan; assemble an emergency kit, including medications, important documents, and food and water; and become familiar with the evacuation routes and emergency management officials in their areas.

Unsure of what to do to get prepared? There are resources online that can help. In my home state of Indiana, Hoosiers can visit the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's "Get Prepared" site at www.in.gov/dhs/getprepared.htm. Information is also available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.fema.gov. The Department of Homeland Security's Ready program has useful information on ways to get prepared at www.ready.gov. Through this site resources are also available for kids, businesses, and non-English speakers in 12 languages. Information on ways to plan and prepare is also available from the American Red Cross through its "Be Red Cross Ready" module at www.arcbrcr.org.

Severe weather can occur at any time, with little notice. Super Storm Sandy, the tornadoes in Oklahoma, and the recent flooding in my congressional district are proof of the devastation that disasters can have on our nation. The time to prepare is now. Taking some simple steps to prepare yourself, and your family, can make all the difference when disaster strikes.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORIC
MARKER DEDICATION FOR
CUSSETA INDUSTRIAL HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the upcoming Historic Marker dedication ceremony for Cusseta Industrial High School in Cusseta, Georgia. The grounds of this historic edifice will be dedicated Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

The dedication ceremony will serve as tribute to the preservative efforts of dedicated alumni, the Chattahoochee County Historic Preservation Society, and members of the community who saw fit to treasure this jewel of American history.

Beginning in 1912, a beacon of light was shone on the education of African-American students when philanthropist Julius Rosenwald worked with Booker T. Washington and other African-American educators at the Tuskegee Institute to build a number of black schools in the racially segregated rural South. Known as the Rosenwald Fund, these endeavors supported the construction of approximately 5,000 schools in fifteen states—242 of which are located in Georgia.

With the support of the Rosenwald Trust Fund, the neighboring African-American community, and funds from Chattahoochee County, Cusseta Industrial High School served as the only high school in the county to educate students of color. The school was built in 1929–1930 in conformance with standardized plans for efficient new schools for the edu-

cation of African-American students within the county. The Cusseta School is among the best surviving examples of the roughly fifty remaining Rosenwald schools in Georgia. It was placed on the National Historic Register on April 15, 2011.

This "little school on the hill" educated a number of African-American scholars until its closure in 1958. Of the seventeen students in the last graduating class, four have passed away. Echoing the sentiments of the place where "everybody was somebody and Christ was all," a place where Friday worship experiences sourced spiritual renewal, many hold the memory of this vibrant community in the corridors of their hearts.

Since its closure as a public school, the building has served the community as a Country Club, Lion's Club, Kiwanis Club, Boy Scouts meeting place, and a school of dance. Envisioned by alumni, Rev. Andrew L. Thomas, Jr., Dr. Mildred Gardner, and fifteen others as well as three community partners, the dream of establishing a historic marker on the grounds of Old Cusseta Industrial High School has become a reality.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this historic moment as the community of Cusseta, Georgia rises to honor and preserve Old Cusseta Industrial High School, a beloved landmark where many young African-American students were given the opportunity to earn an education.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2014

SPEECH OF

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2217, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I remain firmly committed to the security of the United States and the Department's mission of ensuring our communities are safe and secure from terrorism and other threats. However, I have serious concerns about a provision of this bill that cause me to be unable to support it.

I am disappointed that the House adopted the controversial King amendment. This amendment offered by Representative STEVE KING will prohibit the administration from implementing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Children who were brought to the United States at a young age should not be penalized for the actions of their parents. These individuals, commonly referred to as DREAMers, may only know the United States and speak English. Deporting them to a country they may know nothing of, where they may not speak the language or know any relatives, is counterproductive to the principles that define our nation. I believe we need comprehensive immigration reform which addresses the issue of DREAM Act eligible youth and

develops a framework for ensuring they can maintain a legal status in the United States. That is why, as a member of Congress who voted for the DREAM Act, I cannot support the King Amendment.

While I agree with the necessity of providing adequate resources to the Department of Homeland Security, due to the inclusion of this unnecessary and controversial ban on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, I am unable to support the bill.

RECOGNIZING THE PENSACOLA
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CRU-
SADERS BASEBALL TEAM AS
CLASS 4A FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL
SPORTS ASSOCIATION STATE
CHAMPIONS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the First Congressional District of Florida's Pensacola Catholic High School Crusaders for winning its second-straight Class 4A Florida High School Sports Association Baseball Championship and offer my congratulations to the team members, coaches, trainer, and school principal:

Team members, Tanner Halstead (#3); Gavin Wehby (#4); Drew LaBounty (#5); Zane Gill (#7); Jon Jon Burkett (#8); Clarke Berry (#9); Brandon Wiley (#10); Gregory Ciangiotta (#11); Evans Bozeman (#12); Avery Geyer (#13); Bronson Chancellor (#14); Chandler Burns (#15); Cooper Jones (#16); Cody Henry (#17); Zach Allen (#21); James McGhee (#22); Jacob Knorr (#23); Michael Neal (#31); Brandon Lockridge (#32); Nick Helton (#40); Zach Wyant; Kai Wilson; Hunter Wilson; and Jason Borcz; Coaches, Richard LaBounty; P.J. Smith; Sonny Reedy; Glenn Currie; Keith Haynes; Jak-y Kohr; Christian Macon; and Russell Deason; Trainer, Lexi West; and Principal, Sister Kierstin Martin.

The Catholic Crusaders ended a spectacular season with thirty wins and no losses to clinch this year's state championship. The final game was played against Miami Monsignor Pace High School at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers, Florida, on Tuesday, May 21, with the Crusaders earning an eighth inning victory by a score of seven to five. Many of the exceptional plays leading up to the victory occurred in the eighth inning itself. Junior James McGhee hit a two-run double in the top of the eighth inning, and senior pitcher Cooper Jones handled all three outs himself in the bottom of the eighth, striking two batters out and fielding a ground ball to the pitcher's mound to close out the game.

This extraordinary triumph marks a proud moment in the sports history of Northwest Florida and builds upon its already strong baseball tradition. The Crusader's winning streak has risen to thirty-five, which it was reported has not occurred in the Pensacola area since Escambia High School reached that level in the 1965–1966 season. Perhaps more impressive is the fact that no team in Pensacola history, prior to this one, has ever ended a season undefeated.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the citizens of Northwest Florida, I congratulate the team, students, and faculty of