

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,664,595,327.64. We've added \$6,111,787,546,414.56 to our debt in 4.5 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING DR. SANDRA CARR
HAYES**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Dr. Sandra Carr Hayes.

Dr. Sandra Carr Hayes, a graduate of Tougaloo College, is the Executive Director of the Tougaloo College Health and Wellness Center and Interim Director for the Tougaloo College Institute for Bio Health and Informatics. In this capacity, Dr. Hayes works with national, state and local organizations to improve health and reduce health disparities. She also serves as the Principal Investigator of four federally funded grants and one state funded grant. Her programs reach as far as the Mississippi Delta.

Her work on health disparities has taken her to Kenya, Africa where she conducted research which resulted in the production of a book entitled, "The State of HIV/AIDS/TB Co-Infections in Kenya: The Impact of Environment, Resource Management and Culture." Her health disparities work has also resulted in the development of a chapter featured in the book entitled "Diabetes in Black America: Public Health and Clinical Solutions to a National Crisis."

Over 10 years, Dr. Hayes has co-authored numerous manuscripts that have explored health disparities related to the development of infectious and chronic diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, TB, diabetes, and asthma. In addition, she serves on the editorial board of the National AHEC Organization Journal and as a peer reviewer for Health Promotion and Practice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Sandra Carr Hayes for her dedication to serving others.

HONORING RETIRED BRIGADIER
GENERAL WALTER SCHELLHASE**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

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Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Brigadier General Walter Schellhase (Retired) for his service to his

country, community and fellow veterans as he retires as the President of the Hill Country Veterans Council.

During his nearly two decades as an officer and member of the Board of Directors of the Hill Country Veterans Council, General Schellhase has worked tirelessly as an advocate for the needs of veterans. In addition to his work with the Veterans Council, General Schellhase has served on the Boards of the Kerrville Economic Development Corporation, the Kerr County Historical Commission, and was named Citizen of the Year by the Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce.

General Schellhase's efforts on behalf of his fellow veterans and citizens are certainly commendable. We thank him for his many years of public service.

HONORING THE CITY OF
RICHMOND**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Richmond, Indiana.

This week, Indiana Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced the city of Richmond, joined by Bedford, Indiana, as the newest Indiana Stellar Community award winners. Launched in 2011, Stellar Communities is a collaboration among multiple State agencies that pool funding sources to assist winning communities in achieving their long-term comprehensive strategic goals for community development.

Richmond's winning proposal included positively enhancing the quality of life for residents through the addition of new senior housing, improved transportation and bike trails, downtown redevelopment, and increased Wi-Fi connectivity.

These grants are an excellent integration of local initiatives and state agency expertise to develop and build stronger communities. I commend the Richmond Mayor, Sally Hutton, and her office's leadership in developing a winning proposal for the City.

I ask the 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the leadership, businesses, and citizens of the city of Richmond for their newest designation as an Indiana Stellar Community.

A FIRST SOFTBALL TITLE FOR
HIGH POINT CHRISTIAN**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, there is a school in the Sixth District of North Carolina that just won its first ever state softball title. I would like to take this time to congratulate all who contributed to this historic achievement.

High Point Christian Academy's softball team has exemplified determination and an exceptional work ethic in its quest for a state title. The HPCA Cougars placed second in the state tournaments of 2011 and 2012. Their continued hard work and perseverance, how-

ever, paid off even more in 2013. The team finished the regular season 20-3, and entered the North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association 3A Championship Tournament in Gastonia as the first seed.

Led by Head Coach Jeremy Cecil, the team defeated Wesleyan Christian Academy 10-8 in an elimination game on Friday, May 17, 2013. The Cougars needed three wins on Saturday to claim the championship, but they were not intimidated in the slightest. They began their Saturday win streak with a 14-4 win over Metrolina Christian. The Cougars then swept second-seeded Hickory Grove in a best-of-three final series to clinch the championship, winning 1-0 and 5-4.

The state champions include Lindsay Cecil, Austen Coats, Maddie Faulkner, Sydney Harris, Kirsten Hart, Ashlyn Kennedy, Abigail Lyle, Sloane McPeak, Rachel Norris, Lindsay Payne, Hannah Self, and Nikki Zittinger. Cecil, McPeak, and Kennedy were also named 2013 All-State Team Members.

It has been an exciting season for the students, faculty, staff, and families of High Point Christian Academy. On behalf of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate HPCA Headmaster Richard Hardee, High School Principal Keith Curlee, Athletic Director Corey Gesell, Head Softball Coach Jeremy Cecil, Assistant Softball Coaches Bryan Coats, Jessica Burcham, Shane Kennedy, and Brad Self. Congratulations to the 2013 softball team on its NCISAA 3A State Championship.

HONORING SISTER SHEILA LYNE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sister Sheila Lyne, RSM, who is retiring after decades of service to Mercy Hospital. She is a recognized leader in the effort to improve the health and wellness of the residents of the city of Chicago.

Sister Sheila was born and raised on the South side of Chicago. She got her MBA from the University of Chicago, and joined the community of Sisters of Mercy in 1953. After earning her Psychiatric Nursing degree, she began her tenure at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center in 1970. In 1976, Sister Sheila assumed the role of President and CEO at Mercy.

In 1991, Sister Sheila was appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley as Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Chicago. Under her leadership as Commissioner of Public Health, the city saw the infant mortality rate decrease by 6% and immunization rates rise to 73% from 27%.

In 2000, she returned to Mercy to resume her former role of President and CEO and face a challenging turnaround effort. Each year over the past 12 years, Mercy has made significant strides forward in serving our community, and now boasts a nationally-recognized Heart & Vascular Center, one of the city's few Certified Stroke Centers, eleven medical satellite centers, and a completely state-of-the-art digital Breast Care Center, all under Sister Sheila's distinguished and direct leadership.

Sister Sheila has been a leading voice for quality health for all people and an inspiration