what really disappoints me is [NFL Commissioner] Roger Goodell, because now I don't have any faith in him. I know Roger Goodell, long before he became commissioner. He's a bright man, he's an educated man, he's a man of conviction. And in this instance, he has no courage. What he's done is gutless.''

Mr. Wilbon continues: ''Let's not mince our words here. Roger Goodell sounds like a fool. He sounds like someone who doesn't have the courage to confront one of his own member-institutions and its owner, Dan Snyder. . . . In the NFL you can do what you want, when you want. You're accountable to nobody.''

Mr. Kornheiser states: ''I'm surprised, because I thought he would go to the owner, Daniel Snyder, and force him to change the name, give him cover by saying 'I'm making you change the name.' '' Mr. Kornheiser, in calling the ''R-word'' a racial epithet, continues: ''It's not even about being politically correct; it's being fair, it's being equitable. I mean, you cannot go to a reservation and say, 'Hi, Redskins.' You cannot do this.''

In a poignant letter directed the owner of the Washington franchise, sports columnist for the ESPN affiliate Grantland, Mr. David Zirin, states: ''You have made it crystal clear that you believe there is nothing wrong with the name of our region's beloved franchise and probably perceive Webster's dictionary to have some politically correct, liberal agenda when it defines redskin as 'usually offensive.' You've never commented on its past use in this country as a term of derision, humiliation, and violence.''

''You [] have not commented on the devastating letter from 10 members of Congress [last] month, including Oklahoma Republican Tom Cole of the Chickasaw Nation, who said that the name was similar to having a team called 'the Washington N-words' and that it 'diminishes feelings of community and worth among the Native American tribes.' ''

''You say the name represents the team's history of great players, but I've never heard you respond to former [Washington] Pro Bowler Tre' Johnson, who said, 'It's an ethnically insensitive moniker that offends an entire race of displaced people. That should be reason enough to change it.' ''

''I know you don't think the name is racist and wrong, and therefore I have to assume that you disagree with Suzan Shown Harjo, a woman of Cheyenne and Muscogee descent who is president of the Morning Star Institute, a national indigenous-rights organization in D.C. Harjo said to me, 'For most Native Americans, there's no more offensive name in English. That non-Native folks think they get to measure or decide what offends us is adding insult to injury.' ''

''People like Suzan Harjo, Tre' Johnson, and Tom Cole talk and you just hear—pardon the expression—white noise. I know you're dug in. What I don't know is whether you realize that this change is going to happen, and soon.''

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope, the hope of Native American citizens everywhere, and now the hope of the national media, that our fellow colleagues and Members of this Chamber stand up against the disparaging name of Washington's NFL franchise.

RECOGNIZING RONALD STARKE III

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Ronald Starke III of Davenport, Florida, on his acceptance to attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. this week.

The People to People Leadership Ambassadors program brings together middle and high school students from over 140 countries and offers unique, hands-on educational experiences that prepare students to assume the mantle of leadership in the future. While in Washington, D.C., students will participate in daily educational activities constructed around a leadership development focused curriculum to assist students in identifying and applying their personal leadership style.

To be selected for a People to People World Leadership Forum, Ronald has demonstrated the requirements of academic excellence, leadership potential and exemplary citizenship. His commitment of his time and dedication to his education and future is outstanding. I wish the best for Ronald as he continues to advance toward even higher pursuits.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I am pleased to congratulate Ronald on his acceptance to a People to People World Leadership Forum this summer. May his hard work and steadfastness inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

IN HONOR OF LES BOWEN DURING NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2013

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, this week we celebrate National Small Business Week, honoring the businessmen and -women whose sacrifices and hard work have helped build our economy from the ground up. I want to take a moment to honor one such entrepreneur, Leslie John Bowen of Concord, Massachusetts, who passed away last November following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Les was a remarkable individual on so many levels. As an expert in the fields of materials, science and business, he held numerous U.S. and foreign patents and he coauthored over 30 publications. Earning his Ph.D. in Materials Science and Ceramics in 1977, Les went on to do postdoctoral research at the Materials Research Laboratory at The Pennsylvania State University, contributing to the development of piezocomposite materials and other acoustic transducer technologies. Following a move to Massachusetts in 1980, Les worked at GTE Laboratories in Waltham, MA, where his research focused on electronic ceramics and devices. In 1984, he became Manager of Ceramics R&D, overseeing research into structural and optical ceramics. In 1991, Les left GTE to found Material Systems Inc. (MSI). Today MSI employs 40 people in my district in Littleton, Massachusetts, and serves as a powerful example of the kind of high-tech research, development and manufacturing that we must continue to foster here at home.

I first met Les as a newly-elected member of Congress. With my background in law and higher education, I was not well-versed in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. Les made a compelling case for the need to enact a long-term reauthorization to provide stability to the innovative companies in Massachusetts and nationwide that use the program to create jobs and provide the Federal Government with the best possible technology. It took multiple years, many short-term extensions, and a number of hard-fought battles, but with Les's diligent engagement of the SBIR community, we were able to enact such a reauthorization in late 2011.

Throughout our friendship, I knew Les as a forceful and thoughtful advocate for small business, one willing to give his time in service to the boards of the Smaller Business Association of New England, SBANE, and the National Small Business Association, and to the President's Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration, PECSEA. Les took seriously his role in advocating for American small businesses and in mentoring others. For his work, he was recognized by his peers with multiple awards, including being named the NSBA's Champion of Small Business Innovation in February 2012 for his tireless efforts on SBIR.

Although he hailed originally from England, he was deeply committed to advancing our nation's competitiveness by encouraging innovation in the small growth companies that are the backbone of our economy.

Les was a beloved husband to his wife Carol, and father to his daughters, Stephanie and Kimberly. Today Carol leads MSI and has continued Les's legacy of service and advocacy. I am grateful to have the privilege of knowing Les and Carol, and Les continues to serve as an inspiration. It is with great appreciation that we honor him today on the Floor of the House of Representatives during National Small Business Week.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK—SULLIVAN'S ADVANCED PAINT AND BODY SHOP

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Small Business Week, a week dedicated to honoring the important contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. Small businesses are what this country was built on; they are what hold our nation together; and they will help get America's economy back on track.

One exemplary small business that stands strong is Sullivan's Advanced Paint and Body Shop in Kingwood, Texas. Operating since 1985, Sullivan's has become a local institution in the Greater Houston area, and it's not difficult to see why. Sullivan's began when Danny Sullivan, who moved to Kingwood in 1977, decided to use his knowledge and skills for auto repair and open up a local body shop. Danny partnered with his brother to make their