

HONORING THE ROCKWALL WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2013*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an invaluable group of selfless women, the Rockwall Women's League, for their 40 years of charitable service in the Rockwall community.

This non-profit organization was chartered in Rockwall, Texas, on November 27, 1973, with a group of 50 women volunteers. The bold vision of these women now is being cultivated with over 125 active and associate members.

The Rockwall Women's League is committed to unite and promote the Rockwall area through community service and through the initiation and support of civic, educational, and social events. Funds for these service projects are raised largely through an annual Charity Ball, which has to-date raised almost 3 million dollars and has become a gala fundraiser due to generous community support.

The League contributes greatly to educational initiatives through its monthly programs, including serving over 35 charitable organizations and awarding scholarships to graduating seniors at all three Rockwall County high schools. Bolstering civic and social life, the Rockwall Women's League has graciously supported and initiated programs such as the

Helping Hands Children's Clinic for low income children, arts in the Rockwall school system, and the annual tree lighting event, co-hosted with the city of Rockwall. These women also provide hands-on service in a myriad of ways from providing hot meals for senior citizens and volunteering in nursing homes, to selling pumpkins in the local pumpkin patch.

The work of this league has not only strengthened the community of Rockwall for the past 40 years, but has also developed enduring friendships among its members. Mr. Speaker, I commend the Rockwall Women's League for their dedicated service to their community and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these remarkable women on the occasion of their 40th anniversary.

COMMENDING MARTIN COUNTY NORTH LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS 2013 FLORIDA STATE LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. PATRICK MURPHY**

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Martin County North Little League All-Stars and their accomplishment in winning the 2013 Florida State Little League Championship.

As a baseball player and former Little Leaguer myself, I am very proud to that my district

is home to this year's state champions. Not only did these athletes compete to make it to the Florida State Tournament; but once there, they bested seven other teams, which is no easy feat. After four rounds of competition, Martin County North made it to the title game on July 29th where they defeated Sarasota American, in a 7-1 victory.

I would like to take this moment to also reflect on the inspiring nature of the team's manager, Mark Rodgers. Coach Rodgers successfully led his team to victory through hard work and dedication as well as a love of the game. He was able to instill in these twelve year-olds that with a supportive community, the goal of winning the Florida State Little League Championship was more than possible. He taught them "pride, passion, and purpose." As the mentors of my youth also did, Coach Rodgers laid the foundation in understanding how these are essential elements of success and how to always go after your dreams.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged today to have this opportunity to recognize Coach Tom Galinis, Blaine Kilbreth, Zach Galinis, Cam Provines, Payton McIntosh, Hunter Wentworth, Tibur Rivero, Richie Pfluger, Wyatt Menendez, Jacob Rader, Dominick Thompson, Justin Altieri, Taylor Higgins, Marcus Mastellone, Coach Andrew Rodgers, and Manager Mark Rodgers on being the Sunshine State's 2013 Little League champions. I am proud that they represent my district and wish them continued success both on and off the field.