

The 50 members of the Central Jersey Club represent and serve both Monmouth and Ocean Counties of New Jersey. They work to improve the social conditions of the community through volunteerism and community involvement. The Central Jersey Club provides resources to promote opportunities for local youth, through academic scholarships, mentoring and tutoring. In this endeavor, its members work closely with area schools, the Sisters Academy in Asbury Park and the Asbury Park location of the Boys and Girls Club of Monmouth County. The Central Jersey Club also serves as a member of Meridian Health's Partners in Health advisory committee for minority health and diversity issues.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating the Central Jersey Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc. on its 50th Anniversary. The Central Jersey Club has paved a successful path for its members and future generations of women in business and continues to provide outstanding service to its community.

HONORING JAY SHEETS

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jay Sheets of Farmington, Missouri. Jay recently was a contestant on the NBC reality show, "The Biggest Loser." Over the course of the four month competition, he lost an astonishing 114 pounds.

Jay was chosen out of more than 250,000 applicants for a spot on The Biggest Loser television series. He certainly made the most of his opportunity. By following a rigorous diet and workout plan, Jay went from 297 pounds to weighing a lean 183 pounds. Jay, the father of two, said his biggest goal was to show his kids to reach for every goal and dream. Undoubtedly, he accomplished this goal.

After finishing "The Biggest Loser", Jay teamed up with The Farmington Civic Center to sponsor a weight loss program called, "Spring into Fitness with Jay Sheets." The program has 113 registrants and focuses on promoting fitness in the community. Jay serves as a tremendous example of what hard work, dedication and a healthy lifestyle can accomplish. It is my privilege to recognize his accomplishments today before the House of Representatives.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RWANDAN GENOCIDE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the terrible tragedies that began on April 7, 1994, and endured for 100 days after, in which Hutu militias ordered the country's Hutu majority to exterminate the Tutsi ethnic group. Neighbors attacked neighbors, teachers killed

students, and in mixed-ethnicity marriages, husbands handed over wives to be killed.

In total, 800,000 people, mostly ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus, died at the hands of Hutu extremists during a 100-day period. 10,000 victims were killed each day—7 per minute on average. To make matters even worse, hundreds of thousands of victims were infected with HIV as Hutu extremists used rape as a tool of violence. The terrible violence only ended when Tutsi rebel forces attacked and retook the country. Even now, the international tribunal created in the wake of these atrocities has delivered only 49 total convictions out of 95 indictments since 1995.

We must remember the victims of this horrific event in world history, honor those that survived the tragedy, and vow to never allow something like this to ever happen again.

We must look to the progress that Rwanda has made 20 years later. Life expectancy has almost doubled and economic growth continues to flourish and improve every year.

We can see hope in Rwanda now where before there was torment. To keep on this path of prosperity, we must dedicate ourselves to peace and work to actively eliminate violent extremism. This event will forever stand as a testament to the horror that can result when human beings give in to the dark side of their nature, and we must learn from this very tragic lesson in history so that it never happens again.

HONORING DALLAS AREA NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize several of the best and brightest students in the Dallas area who have recently received National Merit Scholarships. The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year. Less than 8,000 students are selected as finalists for this prestigious award.

I want to commend these students for their efforts. I also want to comment on the high quality education the students in these school districts and other schools like it are receiving, they can have the opportunity to live the American dream, to do anything they want to do, to go on to a great college or university of their choice, and to pursue any career path that sparks their interest.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to invest in education to help us out-educate, out-innovate, and out-build the rest of the world. We must identify ways to help improve schools like these that provide educational excellence to my community. We must not waver in our commitment to our children, their children, and the future of this country. With encouragement and support from their principals and teachers, the following students are achieving remarkable success:

ARLINGTON

Timberview High School—Justice I. Njoku, National Achievement NMSC Scholarship.

Summit High School—Ireoluwamiwa Olagbami, National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship.

Oakridge School—Olubunmi A. Solano, National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship.

CARROLLTON

Hebron High School—Catherine D. Leigh, National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship.

DALLAS

Richardson High School—Melody Iro, National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship.

Talented and Gifted Magnet School at Townview—Miranda N. McClellan, National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship.

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Science and Engineering Magnet School at Townview—Wesley J. Rannels, Honorary Achievement Scholarship.

FORT WORTH

Paschal High School—Ihoma C. Ow'honda, National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship.

FRISCO

Hockaday School—Dominique Danielle Cooper, National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship.

Heritage High School—Ivie Imhonde, National Achievement Walgreen Co. Scholarship.

Centennial High School—Devon Olivia Lewis, National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship.

GARLAND

Garland High School—Keshawn M. Ivory, National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship.

PLANO

Plano West Senior High—Bradley George Hamilton, National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship.

Plano East Senior High—Michael O. Oluwole, National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship.

RICHARDSON

Richardson High School—Nanette N. Elufa, National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship.

ROWLETT

North Garland High School—Olatunde A. Badejo, National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF TONY COELHO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Tony Coelho. Tony, a former U.S. Congressman, has led a life devoted to public service, and he deserves to be commended for all of his efforts in making the Central Valley as well as our nation a better place.

Tony was born and raised in Merced County. He grew up in a Portuguese immigrant family and learned the value of hard work helping on his family's dairy farm. Obtaining a college education was a priority for Tony, so he moved to Southern California to attend Loyola University of Los Angeles. In 1964, he graduated with a Bachelors of Arts degree. He hoped to study for the priesthood, but his plans were interrupted when he was diagnosed with epilepsy, and canon law in the Catholic Church precluded anyone with epilepsy from entering the priesthood. He ultimately found a new ministry—public service—and it took him to Washington, DC.