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**GOREVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL TEAM**

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding success of the Goreville High School Baseball Team.

The Goreville Blackcats defeated Dozer Park 17–7 on June 4 to give the school the 2016 Class 1A boys' baseball state title. After finishing second in 2010 and third in 2011, this is the Blackcats' first state title, and it was achieved in record-breaking fashion. Coming to bat trailing 7–3 in the bottom of the fifth inning, Goreville pushed across 14 runs, the most runs in one inning by any team at the state tournament since the IHSA went to its current four-class system. Additionally, Goreville's 17 runs set a new Class 1A record.

I know a great deal of hard work and dedication went into this team victory, and I would like to congratulate boys athletic director Todd Tripp, head coach Shawn Tripp, and assistant coaches Kenton Parmley and Bryan Webb, who worked hard to help Goreville achieve this victory.

Members of the state championship team include: Blaine Dunning, Nolan Vaughn, Jared Vaughn, Logan Verble, Brendon Davis, Caleb Murley, Tyler Pritchett, Brant Glidewell, Braden Webb, Grant Venus, Chance Durringer, Zane Schuetz, Peyton Geyman, Logyn Frassato, Peyton Massey, Connor Johnson, and Brodie Lenon.

I look forward to the continued success of the Goreville baseball team, and I extend my best wishes for another outstanding season next year.

**HONORING MR. LYNN MAURICE
STINSON**

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lynn Maurice Stinson, who is a chairman, leader, and educator.

Lynn Maurice Stinson was born in Grenada, MS in 1947 to Minnie Louise Stinson and Sam Metcalf. He was raised by his maternal grandparents, Willie B. and Susie Stinson. His early education was at Grenada Colored School and Willia Wilson Elementary in Grenada. Stinson graduated from Carrie Dotson High School in Grenada, MS in 1966.

Stinson's desire to continue his education led him to enroll in Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, MS where he earned an Associate of Arts degree. Stinson then chose to attend Jackson State University in Jackson, MS where he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Education. Stinson returned back to his home area and began his career in education at Stone Street Elementary in Greenwood, MS. His first position was teaching the integrated study of the Social Sciences and humanities to promote civic competence to 7th

and 8th grade students. Stinson's passion was to help each student reach their full potential. He always reminded his students to dream big and work even harder.

A few years later, Stinson transferred to Threadgill Elementary, also in Greenwood, MS where he taught Social Studies. He later transferred to Greenwood Middle School and eventually retired in 2003 with 30 years of service. Stinson has been a strong supporter of education and those committed to working in the field of education. He is a past president of the Mississippi Association of Educators (MAE) in Greenwood, MS. Stinson also used his skills to help adults in his hometown, Grenada, by teaching GED night classes for several years.

In Stinson's early years, he was a participant in the Civil Rights Movement as the community worked to secure equal rights for all citizens. The reality of past conditions and his firsthand knowledge of the effort to open doors to African Americans has driven Stinson to continue his service to the community after his retirement.

Stinson presently holds the position of Election Commissioner for the City of Grenada. He has served in this position since 2005 with a top priority of assuring that the election process in Grenada is fair to all, and with the highest level of integrity. Stinson also serves on the Board of Trustees for Holmes Community College where he is the chairperson of the Insurance Committee.

Stinson is a proud member of the 100 Black Men of Grenada, Inc., where he serves as the chairman of the Education Committee. Stinson is involved in supporting youth and young adults as they strive to prepare themselves for their future and the workforce.

Stinson is a dedicated member of Belle Flower Missionary Baptist Church in Grenada, MS, and has served many years on the deacon board. He also serves as chairman of finance for the Grenada Baptist District Association Men's Department.

When he is not volunteering and participating in church activities, he enjoys traveling and playing golf.

He has been married to Queen Brooks Stinson for 43 years. They have one daughter, Monica Stinson, who resides in Brandon, MS.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Lynn M. Stinson, a Chairman, Leader and Educator for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

**IN HONOR OF THE HOLY MONTH
OF RAMADAN**

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to show support for the Muslim community in Georgia, as well as the Muslim community the world over, as they prepare for the month of Ramadan.

Ramadan is a holy month in the religion of Islam dedicated to spiritual meditation and personal reflection. For 30 days, Muslims will refrain from vulgarity, bad behavior and unfavorable habits, along with abstaining from food and drink from sunrise to sunset.

In the wake of national discrimination and intolerance, the Fourth District has been working to build a community that is welcoming and accepting to Muslims and practitioners of all faiths. Recently, Gwinnett County began an outreach initiative called "Building Bridges" that connects government officials to Muslims and other diverse groups. In DeKalb County, local officials have been visiting mosques and meeting with local Muslim leaders in an effort to build a strong, trusting relationship.

Such efforts to build understanding and good will with members of the Muslim community can be seen throughout the various cities of the Fourth District. In 2015, 125 people came together in Stone Mountain for a rally to welcome new refugees—this at a time when refugees were being rejected and attacked in our public discourse, politics, and media. The city of Clarkston has been called a "safe haven" for refugees for years. The leaders and citizens of Clarkston have done an excellent job of integrating refugees into the community, helping them learn to adjust to American culture, and providing access to housing, education, and job opportunities.

I commend my district for its efforts to be inclusive, welcoming, and hospitable, and I fully support and encourage initiatives that help bridge cultural gaps while ensuring a safe, friendly and nurturing community.

For Muslims, this next month is devoted to charity, loved ones, community, peace and faith—values that are universally respected, particularly in the great state of Georgia.

I join my constituents within the Fourth Congressional District in sending the best of regards to the Muslim community during this significant month, and wishing all Muslims a Ramadan Kareem.

**HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY
OF SAN JOAQUIN MEMORIAL
HIGH SCHOOL**

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 70th anniversary of San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno, California—a private Catholic high school located in Fresno, California, in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley.

San Joaquin Memorial High School was founded in 1945, as the only Catholic high school in the greater Fresno area that is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fresno. Named after the men and women of the San Joaquin Valley who gave their lives serving our country during World War II, San Joaquin Memorial is the first Diocesan Catholic High School in the Monterey-Fresno Diocese. Since its founding the school has grown from being a small high school, to serving over 600 students today.

Over the last 70 years, many generations of students have walked the halls of San Joaquin Memorial, and have continued on to become leaders throughout the Central Valley, and beyond. San Joaquin Memorial mission has always been dedicated to developing future citizens and leaders. Memorial promotes a standard of excellence that challenges students through a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, and faith based program. These programs are designed to challenge students to

become active, and engaged members of their communities in order to enhance their learning experience.

In addition to being top academic achievers, students also perform hundreds of hours of community service to the greater Fresno community through San Joaquin Memorial's Service Learning program. Service-learning offers students the opportunity to process what they learn in the classroom, and apply it by serving their community in a variety of ways. Each year, students are required to serve at least twenty hours in their communities, through a variety of local charities. Many students choose to volunteer with many community based organizations that serve the neediest of people in the Central Valley, including serving meals at the Poverello House, Community Food Bank, Catholic Charities, and volunteering on Kids Day to raise money for Valley Children's Hospital.

When young men and women graduate from San Joaquin Memorial, they are prepared to enter college, and ninety-nine percent of all Memorial graduates do attend a four year university upon graduation. Memorial works to inspire their students to become compassionate and conscientious leaders, so that they are equipped to serve their communities in a variety of professions.

San Joaquin Memorial is an inclusive community that embraces diversity and challenges each student to reach their full potential. Many outstanding alumni have walked Memorial's halls and now have established themselves in distinguished careers in law, medicine, business, education, government, technology, the military, sports, and other notable fields. As an alumnus of San Joaquin Memorial, it gives me great pleasure to celebrate this momentous occasion with the students, faculty, staff, and fellow alumni of Memorial.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing San Joaquin Memorial High School of Fresno, as they celebrate its 70th anniversary. I extend my best wishes for the school's continued success in shaping the lives of young students, creating model citizens, and serving our communities throughout the Valley, and our nation.

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HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, almost 3 years have passed since Edward Snowden revealed the extent of surveillance that was occurring on U.S. citizens. Edward Snowden is no patriot. However, the alarming information about the NSA's abuse of power he revealed cannot be ignored.

Until Snowden, most Americans were unaware that their own government was trampling on their Fourth Amendment rights. Most people did not know their every move could be tracked by Big Brother. They trusted that this agency acted purely in the interest of national security to keep us safe. Post 9/11 and with two ongoing wars, many believed that government surveillance—including warrantless searches and seizures—was lim-

ited to foreign nationals, not American citizens. That would be consistent with federal law and the Constitution. But unfortunately, this is not always the case.

In recent years, we have learned that the agency has misused and expanded the intent of Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). NSA uses Section 702 as a means to gather not only data but content and to allow law enforcement to later search this data for information about American citizens without a warrant. Because it gathers and searches content of individual communications, I believe Section 702 is more intrusive than even Section 215 which has garnered significant attention.

FISA permits the collection of such data of a suspected agent of a foreign power, but the federal government is also storing and later searching the content of emails, text messages and phone calls of American citizens—all without a warrant.

In the course of this collection, the data of American citizens, many of which have done nothing wrong or illegal, gets collected. That kind of reverse targeting of American citizens is not what Congress intended, is inconsistent with the Constitution, and it must stop. It's time for Congress to reign in this blatant violation of the Fourth Amendment and stop the warrantless searches of Americans. This issue—protecting the Fourth Amendment—has unified liberals and conservatives. My colleague Congressman LOFGREN and I may not agree on every issue before Congress, but we agree on this 100 percent.

Earlier this year, Congresswoman ZOE LOFGREN (D-CA), Congressman THOMAS MASSIE (R-KY) and I introduced H.R. 2233, the End Warrantless Surveillance of Americans Act. The bill would prohibit warrantless searches of government databases for information that pertains to U.S. citizens. It would also forbid government agencies from mandating or requesting "back doors" into commercial products that can be used for surveillance. The legislation mirrors an amendment we offered to the USA Freedom Act when it came up last year.

Failure to address this gaping loophole in FISA leaves the constitutional rights of millions of Americans vulnerable and unprotected. This bill also ensures that the federal government does not force companies to enable its spying activities. The NSA has and will continue to violate the constitutional protections guaranteed to every American unless Congress intervenes. Until we fix this and make the law clear, citizens can never be sure that their private conversations are safe from the eyes of the government. Last year, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed similar legislation as an amendment to DOD Appropriations and I unanimously passed one provision of this bill as an amendment to the DOJ appropriations bill. Yet, we have still not seen any action on the standalone bill. Why wouldn't Congress move on an issue that has so much bipartisan support?

We need to push this standalone legislation and also push that 702 be significantly reformed when FISA is reauthorized to ensure that information regarding American citizens can NEVER be searched by law enforcement unless it was collected through a search authorized by a warrant. Technology may change but the Constitution does not.

It is our duty to make this right and ensure that the Fourth Amendment rights of the peo-

ple we represent will no longer be trampled on by the NSA. The Fourth amendment right against unlawful search and seizure must be protected in both the physical and digital worlds at all times. Thank you for coming today and I look forward to working together to work towards this goal.

And that is just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes taken Tuesday, June 7, due to it being primary election day in California. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 269 (Passage of H. Con. Res. 129): YES

Roll Call Vote Number 270 (Passage of H.R. 4906): YES

Roll Call Vote Number 271 (Passage of H.R. 4904, the Making Electronic Government Accountable By Yielding Tangible Efficiencies (MEGABYTE) Act of 2016): YES

Roll Call Vote Number 272 (Passage of H.R. 1815, the Eastern Nevada Land Implementation Improvement Act): YES

HONORING HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor His Holiness the Dalai Lama and welcome him to our nation's capital during his upcoming trip. I would like to recognize His Holiness for his outstanding commitments to promoting nonviolence, increasing religious tolerance, and advancing human rights around the world.

For over 50 years, His Holiness has led the effort to preserve the rich and unique cultural, historical, linguistic, and religious heritage of the people of Tibet. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989 and a Congressional Gold Medal in 2007 for his efforts to bring a peaceful resolution to the political situation in Tibet and promote non-violent methods for resolving the conflict.

His advocacy and teachings on religious tolerance, non-violence, and peace are so needed in our current global community. His Holiness' unwavering commitment to preserving and protecting the human rights of marginalized communities around the globe is an example for us all.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize his Holiness the Dalai Lama today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 272, I am not recorded.