

which pop music is played using drums and other musical instruments accompanying the piano. In 2000–2001, the group not only defended their “Show Choir” title, but also won the “Concert Choir” division, playing classical music relying solely on the piano. To win both titles, the Silouettes defeated a total of 47 schools, and were selected as “Grand Champions” by the committee of judges. Due to their success, the Silouettes have produced their first CD, earned two resolutions in the Guam Legislature, and garnered the appreciation and pride of the entire island of Guam. I, therefore, ask that you join me in commending this outstanding group of students for their phenomenal success.

I additionally wish to submit for the RECORD, the names of the members of the Silouettes: Michael Song (Music Director), Troy Taitano (Accompanist), Brian Machie (Drummer), Ray Yoshida (Sound Technician), Charleen Remotigue, Verna Ventura, Karen Ikeno, Kim Solomon, Emily Servino, Tara Atencio, Gwen Nolos, Lucretio San Nicolas, Anselma Reyes, Azusa Hanashima, Sheena Hess, Michelle Ganadam, Krystal Abaya, Lily Tizon, Geneva McCoy, Kris Tiongzen, Eugene Guillermo, Daryl Muya, Calvin Huynh, Jeff Moreno, Steve Terlaje, Robert Brito.

NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH
CHALLENGE PROGRAM

HON. RICHARD H. BAKER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation to provide additional Federal funding for the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program and invite all my colleagues to join me in sponsoring this legislation.

Our Nation is facing an epidemic in juvenile crime and education delinquency of historical proportion. Over 2,806 students drop out of high school each day, while another 17,297 students are expelled. Dropping out of school and failing to identify or working toward achieving personal goals is leading young people down a path of self-destruction. The National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program was created in order to help these young people enhance their life skills, increase their educational levels, improve their employment potential, and provide tools and experience for success.

Since 1993, over 27,800 at-risk youth have graduated from the program, and more than 19,170 of the graduates received their high school diploma or GED. The Youth ChalleNGe Program helps 16 to 18 year-old male and female high school dropouts complete their high school education; prepare for employment, higher education, or a career in the military; and obtain the skills necessary to succeed in life.

All troubled youth should have an opportunity to turn their lives around and realize success. Unfortunately, because of federal funding restraints, only 24 states and Puerto Rico can offer this program. In addition, of the states that offer the program, only 37 percent of interested young adults who have applied have been able to participate because of the lack of funding. Currently, federal law caps federal spending for the Youth ChalleNGe

Program at \$62.5 million. States must share 35 percent of the cost while the federal government assumes 65 percent. By lifting the cap and adjusting the matching requirements, thousands of youths could be given the opportunity to participate in this program annually.

The legislation I have drafted will completely eliminate the \$62.5 million cap on Youth ChalleNGe Program spending, remove the mandate that directs excess Youth ChalleNGe Program funding to JROTC, and adjust the federal/state match from 65/35 to 75/25. I believe this is the right thing to do to help America's at-risk youth. This program is a success, and its performance outshines virtually every other federal program that targets at-risk youth. The benefits are proven and substantial. I invite my colleagues to review my legislation, and I respectfully request their support.

TRIBUTE TO TOM PHILLIPS AND
WILLIAM RUSHER

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, August 4th Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) will hold its National Convention in Newport Beach, California. At this event the organization will honor two fine people. Mr. Tom Phillips, Chairman of Phillips International, will receive the organization's highest award, the Guardian of Freedom. Mr. Phillips has been a strong supporter of YAF and is involved in various other entities engaged in the fight for liberty. As publisher of “Human Events,” he has helped to further a publication steeped in the tradition of freedom. Mr. Phillips has also shown a particular interest in the kind of private preservation activities I so frequently advocate. Rather than leave it to the taxpayers to fund and the federal government to manage, Mr. Phillips has personally helped to fund the preservation of President Reagan's Ranch by the Young America's Foundation so that it might be used as a training ground for young people dedicated to the individual liberty which President Reagan spoke of so often.

Also, at this event, Mr. William Rusher will receive a lifetime achievement award. Mr. Rusher was instrumental in the founding of YAF in 1960 around those set of principles enunciated in the Sharon Statement, a great document explicating the philosophy of freedom. In addition, Mr. Rusher was instrumental in many other important activities such as the Draft Goldwater Committee and the National Review Magazine.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this opportunity to honor YAF as it prepares for its 41st year of training young men and women in the philosophy of freedom and holds its National Convention, as well as to offer my congratulations to these honorees.

HONORING CHAMPION WRESTLER
JOEL EDWARDS

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate

an extremely accomplished high school athlete from my congressional district, in Upper Darby, PA. Joel Edwards, a recent graduate of Upper Darby High School, recently won the Pennsylvania State wrestling championship in his weight class.

Joel Edwards has proven himself to be one of the best, if not the best, wrestler, Upper Darby High has ever had. Joel has a long list of accomplishments: a two-time Sectional champion, two-time District champion, two time Regional champion, and the 2001 State Champion. In addition, Joel recently placed eighth in the nation in the National High School Senior Wrestling Championship, earning him All-American honors. These accomplishments are but a few, but show Joel's remarkable wrestling talent. Numerous honors and awards have been bestowed on Joel for his accomplishments. The Philadelphia Inquirer and the Delaware County Daily Times named him “Wrestler of the Year”, and he was also a three-time All-League and All-County selection. His career record was a phenomenal 116–23.

Joel is now on his way to a great institution of higher learning, Penn State University, where he has been given a full scholarship to pursue his wrestling career for the Nittany Lions. It is my pleasure to represent Joel Edwards in Congress and to see his accomplishments. He has been a great source of community spirit and pride in the entire Upper Darby area. I wish Joel continued success at Penn State and again wish to congratulate him on his remarkable achievements.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM
HAMBRECHT

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a business pioneer, a philanthropist, and a long time friend, Bill Hambrecht. Bill is being inducted into the Bay Area Business Hall of Fame today, Thursday, July 19. I can think of no worthier gentleman to receive such a distinct honor.

William R. Hambrecht is Founder, Chairman, and CEO of WR Hambrecht & Co., an investment banking, entrepreneurial investment firm headquartered in San Francisco. In 1968, he co-founded Hambrecht & Quist which he headed until the late 1990s.

William Hambrecht is a legendary trailblazer in investment banking. Through his “West Coast-style” investing, he has engineered major success stories such as Genentech, Apple Computers, and Amazon.com. By bringing fresh ideas to the financial world such as its innovative auction-style OpenIPOs, WR Hambrecht & Co. has been recognized as a groundbreaking investing company.

His philanthropic work demonstrates his concern for the community and the environment. He serves as a Director of Beacon Education Management, an education management company. He also sits on the board of KQED, San Francisco's public television and radio station and is a trustee of the Sierra Club.

William Hambrecht is dedicated to education and business growth. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Haas School of Business at