

The two judges choices went to Chet Cheesman for his work called "Crossroad," and to Kamila Sutah for her entry entitled "Eternity." Chet is a student at Matheny School in PeaPack and Kamila hails from Morris Knolls High School in Denville.

And Best in Show for this year's arts contest went to Laura Potucek of Boonton High School for her painting called, "Victoria," which will be displayed for one year in the corridor between the Cannon House Office Building and the Capitol alongside winning entries from Congressional districts across the country. I am also hoping she can visit me in Washington for the ceremony and maybe meet the Speaker of the House.

I'd also like to thank our judges William and Kitty Sturm of Budd Lake. Mr. Sturm teaches at Dover High School, operates art studios in Budd Lake and Blairstown, and also oversees the revolving art program in the atrium of the County of Morris Administration Building. Mrs. Sturm runs a specialty arts and frame shop in Budd Lake.

And finally, let me acknowledge our corporate sponsor, Schering-Plough Corporation of Madison, New Jersey. We greatly appreciate them displaying all the art in their offices and hosting the reception.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor and pleasure to represent these students and their families in Congress. It seems that almost every week, another student from the 11th District is winning an award, getting a scholarship, or being nationally recognized for scholastic or academic achievement.

This recognition is the best testament of all that the teachers, schools, parents, and communities in the 11th District are dedicated to the future of New Jersey and to our country. To them and for Congress, I say thank you.

IN HONOR OF THE ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to commend the Arlington County Civic Federation on the occasion of its 80th anniversary celebration.

Founded in 1916 by a coalition of six neighborhood associations which saw the wisdom of working together on issues of common concern, the federation is now comprised of 68 civic organizations. It stands as the oldest countywide organization in Arlington.

As its bylaws indicate, the object of the federation shall be to promote the general welfare of Arlington County and vicinity in nonpartisan, nonsectarian, and nonpolitical manner. Its success speaks for itself. As a review of its records chronicle, practically all major improvements the county enjoys today are the result of actions initiated or supported by the federation.

It is truly the civic voice of Arlington when it debates topics and presents its views to county officials, State legislators and those of us in Congress. The federation also sponsors a candidate and congressional night to keep elected officials accountable to those who elect them. As a participant in Congress Night, I am well aware of the vital role this organization plays in our community.

Scott McGeary, whose interest in public affairs began as a Page in the U.S. Senate, has served as president of the federation for the past 2 years. He has been joined in federation leadership by vice president William F. Nolden, secretary Tommye Morton, treasurer John F. Nicholas, Jr., executive committee chairman Frances Finta, vice chairman Timothy Wise, and members Rohan Samaraweena, Sue Zajac and Larry Zaragoza. Supplemented by a legion of 14 active committees, they have addressed a wide range of local, State and Federal issues this year in keeping with the tradition of effective citizen activism.

For the entirety of its 80-year history, the federation has functioned as a sounding board for all citizens on matters of civic interest. It truly represents the grass roots opinions of its member organizations.

I am pleased, Mr. Speaker, to note the anniversary celebration of the federation and congratulate this valued organization on its many contributions to public affairs.

HONORING THE NAMELESS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Nameless Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer firefighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These firemen must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring the latest in fire fighting tactics, as well as attend seminars where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee Fire Training School in Murfreesboro where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill which has been sponsored by

20 of my Democratic and Republican colleagues that will help to increase the supply of affordable housing for low- and middle-income Americans by promoting common-sense regulatory reform to the Federal manufactured housing program. In short, this legislation would establish a private sector consensus committee to make balanced recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the development, revision and interpretation of the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards.

This committee will allow equal representation for all interested parties, and will be comprised of representatives from the manufacturers; homeowners and consumer representatives; public officials; and others with a general interest in the industry. All costs involved in the conduction of the consensus standards development process will be funded through the use of existing manufacturer-funded label fees.

This bill is supported by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, interested consumer groups including the American Association of Retired Persons [AARP], the manufactured housing industry, and both Democratic and Republican Members of Congress. In fact, this proposal is the only recommendation that was unanimously agreed to in a 1994 Commission, funded by Congress; which was created to examine the Federal manufactured housing program.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this legislation represents a common sense approach to providing regulatory reform to an industry that represents a major source of affordable, unsubsidized housing for a wide range of Americans, including first-time homebuyers, single parents and senior citizens. It represents a positive and reasonable step towards downsizing the Federal Government. At the same time, this consensus process will ensure that high building standards and full consumer protection is maintained. I urge my colleagues to support bipartisan consensus legislation.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, as the National Basketball Association playoffs move into high gear, I would like to pause for a moment to recognize some young basketball players from North Carolina who achieved the ultimate thrill—winning State high school basketball championships. We are particularly thrilled, Mr. Speaker, because all three high schools are located in our part of the State.

North Carolina has long divided its schools into classifications to determine sports champions. This method offers an assurance that schools of equal size can compete fairly. This system also allows more schools the opportunity to compete for titles and trophies. We are proud to say, Mr. Speaker, that the Piedmont Triad is the home of North Carolina's 4-A, 3-A and 2-A champions for 1996. One three high school basketball champions were crowned on March 23 in Chapel Hill, NC.

In the 2-A class, it was an all-Sixth District battle as Southwest Guilford High School defeated Thomasville 64-57. The Cowboys' win capped an outstanding 30-2 season for head coach Robert Kent's talented squad. State championships are nothing new at Southwest Guilford. In just the last few years, boys and girls soccer and girls volleyball all captured North Carolina championships. In the 1994-95 school year, Southwest Guilford was awarded the Wachovia Cup for all-around athletic excellence for 2-A schools. Southwest also has won the last two News & Record Cups for overall excellence among the 14 public high schools in all classifications in Guilford County.

The latest Southwest title squad was led by the starting five, all seniors. Guards Lamont Sides and Chris Davis, forwards Tucker Swindell and Derrick Boger, and center Todd Ashworth were freshmen when Coach Kent took over the team. Southwest had won just 3 games in the previous 2 years, but has won 20 or more games each year since then. This season, the Cowboys lost only two games by a total of six points. The starting five will tell you, however, that this remarkable season was a total team effort. Congratulations must also go to fellow seniors Darius Pickett, Jeff Raber, John Cathey, and Greg Robertson, juniors Jared Wright, Reco Ryals, and Rod Boger, and the lone sophomore on the team Kashun Bynum.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District, we offer our congratulations to the team, Coach Kent, assistant coaches Tim Atwood and Mark Williams, scorekeeper Kristin Bowen, certified trainer Angelique Durocher, student trainer Zachery Womack, and video tape director Levar Lovelace. The Cowboys were cheered on by varsity cheerleaders Heather Bowles, Natalie Richardson, Melody Cadenhead, Allison Brooks, Heather Cooper, Olivia Quick, Martika Harrington, Missy Andrus, Holly Humphrey, Holly Stowe, Landi Coltrain, and cheerleading coach Robin Neal.

To athletic director Rick Kemp, Principal Dennis Quick, the faculty, staff, students, parents and friends of Southwest Guilford High School, we offer our congratulations on winning the North Carolina 2-A state basketball championship.

The North Carolina 3-A championship also went to a Sixth District team on March 23. Walter M. Williams High School of Burlington defeated Hickory 78-58 to capture the 3-A crown. It was the first State title for the Williams basketball team, but the second for

head coach Tommy Cole, who led Graham High School to a championship in 1983. Coach Cole told the News & Record that some of his Graham players called him just before Williams played for the title. "They didn't want Williams to take the limelight," Cole told the Greensboro newspaper, "but I told them not to worry, that I'd never forget them. They were the first. It's just that because this (Burlington) is my hometown and alma mater (Williams), it's a little bit special."

It was definitely special for Williams High School which had waited 46 years to win a basketball crown. Just 2 years ago, when the Bulldogs finished 9-16, it did not look like a championship was in the near future for Williams. This season, however, a senior-dominated squad plowed through an impressive 27-2 record all the way to the title. The one starter who will return next year is guard Alex Spaulding who scored 27 points in the championship game and was named Most Valuable Player.

The other members of the championship Bulldog squad all played key roles throughout the regular season and into the title game. Those players included B.J. Farrington, Craig Miller, Draper Pulliam, Corey Mattison, Lamont Watlington, Brian Fields, Omar Curry, Thomas Burnette, Will Simpson, Joey Schoeneck, and David Crotts. All will savor the fact that they won the first basketball crown for Williams in almost half a century of competition.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District, we offer our congratulations to the team, Head Coach Cole, assistant coach David Wyrick, managers Jay Skeen, James Harris, Trevis Gilliam, and Adam Hall, statisticians Dwight Hall and Blake Cole, scorekeeper Kristy Sharp, video director Joey Edwards, and team physician Dr. Bob Ellington.

To athletic director Tommy Spoon, principal Donald Andrews, the faculty, staff, students, parents and friends of Williams High School of Burlington, we offer our congratulations on capturing the North Carolina 3-A basketball championship. We hope you will not have to wait another 46 years for another title.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the third Piedmont Triad high school to win a state basketball title is not in the Sixth District, but it is close enough that we can share in the pride of their championship, particularly since some of our district attend the school. On March 23, James B. Dudley High School of Greensboro won the State's 4-A basketball crown by defeating Richmond County in a thrilling 79-68 overtime win. Like its 3-A counterpart of Williams, Dud-

ley had to wait many years for its first basketball championship. In fact, it was 35 years ago when the Panthers won their school's last roundball title.

Dudley's win capped an impressive 29-2 season. Head coach David Price told the News & Record that winning the school's first basketball championship in 35 years meant so much to so many people. "Everyone has been coming up hugging us," Price told the Greensboro newspaper, "and it really has been a warm feeling. A lot of them remember the last time Dudley won a State basketball championship."

When Dudley won its last basketball title, North Carolina's high schools were still segregated. Dudley won its 1961 championship while playing against other black high schools in the State. One of the current assistant coaches, Everette James, is a direct link to the last championship squad. James was a sophomore starter on the team which captured the 1961 crown. "This has been good for the school and the community," James told the News & Record. "It's been so long, and a lot of the old fans have come out to say congratulations."

We join in that chorus of congratulations by extending our best wishes to each member of the Dudley Panthers basketball team. The championship squad was led by Parade All-American Vincent Whitt, championship game MVP Braxton Williams, Brendan Haywood, Lennie Jones, Derrick Partee, Charles Goodman, Brett Claywell, Marcus O'Neal, Derrick Hicks, Jemaine Price, Daniel Davis, Kenneth Ferguson, and Marcus Watson.

Everyone connected with the Panthers assisted with the run for the title. They included Head Coach Price, Assistant Coaches James, Gary Copenhaver, Taft Turner, and Brian Seagraves, statistician Shannon Stewart, managers Monica Walker, Joy Underwood, Johnetta Chavis, and Tameka Rowells, trainers Scott Ellis and Phillip Owens and team physician Dr. James Kramer.

To athletic director Roy Turner, principal Larry Lewis, the faculty, staff, students, parents, and friends of the Dudley Panthers basketball team we offer our congratulations on capturing this year's 4-A high school championship.

To all three schools, we again say congratulations on completing outstanding seasons. We are proud that the Piedmont Triad is North Carolina's home of basketball champions.