

RECOGNITION OF U.S. OLYMPIC
MEDALISTS DELISHA MILTON

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2000

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize DeLisha Milton as a gold medalist in the 2000 Summer Olympics. We should all applaud her hard work and determination in representing our country in the Olympic Games.

DeLisha Milton of Riceboro, Georgia, won the gold medal in the women's Olympic basketball tournament. The defending gold medalists U.S. Women's Basketball Team (8–0) made it look easy when they won the game 76–54 victory over host Australia to finish first in the tournament. The win marked the 34th triumph in 37 Olympic games from the Americans since women's basketball became an Olympic sport in 1976.

Milton was a key member of the United States team that won all nine of its games and captured the gold at the 1998 World Championship. She averaged 7.1 points and 4.2 rebounds per contest in the tournament. The previous year, Milton helped the U.S. triumph at the World University Games.

Milton completed a standout collegiate career in 1997. As a senior, she led Florida to the quarter finals of the NCAA tournament and earned Southeastern Conference Player of the Year honors. Averaging 19.4 points and 8.8 rebounds per game, Milton was a first-team All American selection and also won the Wade Trophy, awarded annually to the Nation's top senior in women's basketball.

Please join me again in applauding DeLisha Milton on earning the gold medal in the 2000 Olympic Games. Through her hard work and determination she has excelled at the game of basketball. She is a fine young woman with high morals. Our society today needs more people like her that work extremely hard to represent our country. This young woman not only achieved an Olympic medal she proved that the American youth are indeed the best!

'STANKY AND THE COAL MINERS'
CELEBRATE 55TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John "Stanky" Stankovic of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, who has been entertaining people of all ages with his polka magic for 55 years. In 1945, at the age of 9, Stanky and some friends landed a job playing polka music at a three-day wedding in Nanticoke.

From that beginning, Stanky and the Coal Miners, as he and his band are known now, have gone on to play all over the world with scores of famous people. He has learned or written more than 500 songs, most of which are featured in the band's 21 albums and six videos.

He learned to play the accordion from his father, Joe Stankovic, a Czech immigrant who came to America at age 16 and went straight to work in the coal mines. When Stanky was

a young man, he was more interested in being a professional baseball player. However, his father wisely made sure he practiced his music one hour a day before going out to play, and audiences around the world have benefited from Stanky's ultimate career choice. For example, in 1988, Stanky and the Coal Miners played to a crowd of a million people in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China.

While the membership of the Coal Miners has changed many times over the years, Stanky's own family now forms the core of the band. Playing regularly with him are his wife, Dottie; his daughters, Kim Bukowski and Debra Horoschock; his son-in-law, Vince Horoschock; and his granddaughters, 3-year-old Alexandra Bukowski and 2-year-old Ashley Horoschock. Other members include drummers Norbert Wisniewski, Tom Novakowski and Dave Burns and trumpeter Mark Steinkircher.

Stanky and Dottie also host and produce the popular "Pennsylvania Polka" program on WVIA, Northeastern Pennsylvania's public television station. The show has aired for 20 years, allowing him to reach a wider audience of fans. While Stanky travels the world, he always remembers the region he calls home and the people who love his music. When he is in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Stanky also devotes one or two days a week to playing concerts at local rest homes.

Mr. Speaker, I send my congratulations to Stanky and the Coal Miners in this, the year of their 55th anniversary, and I also send my best wishes for continued success.

TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVES
THOMAS EWING AND JOHN PORTER

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2000

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to two retiring members of the Illinois Delegation who have faithfully and effectively served their constituents and the citizens of this Nation.

Firstly, Representative THOMAS W. EWING, who spent 17 years in the Illinois General Assembly and rose to the positions of Assistant Republican Leader and Deputy Minority Leader, before he left to come to Congress.

In Congress, Representative EWING has focused much of his attention on issues relating to agriculture, crime prevention, education, economic growth and healthcare. It has been a pleasure working with Representative EWING and I wish him well as he returns to the very pleasant, peaceful and friendly community in and around Pontiac, Illinois.

And now Mr. Speaker, I turn my attention to Representative JOHN EDWARD PORTER, who is completing his 11th term as a member and is very astute, sensitive and effective Chairman of Labor, HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee. He is founder and Co-Chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus. He has been cited many times by various budget watchdog groups and has stood in the vanguard on environmental issues. Representative PORTER has been a strong supporter of biomedical research, a real friend of Community Health Centers and has stood tall against the continuous spread of HIV-AIDS.

The Core Center of Chicago stands today as a model to fight these dreaded diseases. And is a testament to the support which JOHN PORTER gave to its efforts. One of the things that I like best about JOHN is his ability to convey optimism even when the cupboard is practically bare. It's been a pleasure working with Mr. PORTER, I thank him for his sensitivity to the issues facing America and especially my district and wish him well in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE TOM
EWING ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM CONGRESS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute my friend and colleague, Congressman TOM EWING. Like the rest of the Members of the House, I can say that TOM will be sorely missed when he leaves this body.

Before I go any further, I must point out that TOM, myself, and Representative BILL BARETT all bear a resemblance to one another. It is not uncommon for colleagues to confuse us for one another.

Colleagues often say such things as, "Great job in the chair" or "Saw you on television—good job" or some have approached me with an agriculture issue. The thing is, I wasn't even close to the chair, on television, or on a committee that deals with ag issues.

In fact, I have been mistaken for TOM or BILL—and vice versa—so many times that it has become somewhat of an inside joke among the three of us.

Actually, it has gotten so out of hand that people have started confusing whose wife is with whom. Now I've been married to my wife Sandie for 38 years, but TOM and BILL continually have people mistakenly ask them how their "wife" Sandie is.

Of course, these people are making an honest mistake but, naturally, the three of us have only perpetuated it—sometimes when these people ask me how Connie or Elsie are doing, I'll kid around and answer them. And these guys are all too ready to return the favor when people ask them about Sandie.

It's gotten so regular that one time TOM and BILL saw Sandie approaching in one of the hallways and TOM quipped to BILL, "Look BILL, here comes our wife."

Since TOM and BILL are moving on, I won't have anyone to get confused with anymore. I might start to get lonely.

On a more serious note, TOM has been a good friend and a valuable Member of the House of Representatives. His experience—first as a lawmaker in the Illinois State House and then in this body—will be missed. His advice and level perspective will be notably absent.

Sandie and I wish you and Connie health, happiness, and love as you enter the next phase of your lives.